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Kiwanis Education

05/09/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

One of the four roles of the district is to educate its members about Kiwanis. The Ohio District does this in a variety of ways. We offer workshops at Mid Year and Convention, provide Club Leadership Education sessions (CLEs) in the late Spring, train the Lt. Governors-Elect, and encourage Lt. Governors to have District Chair speakers at division meetings. Kiwanis International supports these efforts by providing materials and resources on www.kiwanis.org. Clubs should educate their members through new member orientations and their officers by attending CLEs.

Often, I hear members say that they don't need officer training or Kiwanis education because they have been in the organization for some time, that nothing has changed. This is simply not true. With advances or changes in technology, Kiwanis International changes their website and reporting module. With changing leadership, awards and major emphasis programs change. With new guidelines, like the Youth Protection Guidelines or dues changes, learning and adapting must occur. Everything changes, and taking a couple of hours to catch up with Kiwanis changes is very beneficial.



I came across a 2-part article on GuideStar, an organization that works to support philanthropic efforts, that is very relevant to Kiwanians from February 2007. The articles are entitled "Volunteers, Part I: What Makes Them Stay?" and "Volunteers, Part II: Why Do They Leave?" The article states, "A new volunteer should be introduced to the organization and its mission. The volunteer can then see how the organization's services fit into the community." I think the idea of how Kiwanis, how my Kiwanis Club, fits into my community is very important to new members. Why would someone join a service organization without being completely convinced it is a good choice for herself and the community?

The GuideStar article also comments that training should "involve communicating how the volunteer's tasks mesh with the organization's goals." This relates well to officer training (CLEs). As a leader in any role, it is essential to understand how one fits into the mission of the organization. The article also highly recommends refresher trainings

(conferences).

May 10th starts the Club Leadership Education training sessions in Ohio. You can find the complete schedule and register for free on www.ohiokiwani.org. These four hour sessions on a Saturday morning are an excellent resource to learn about Kiwanis outside of your club and what your responsibilities are as a leader. If you miss these sessions, there will be a make up session on Friday, August 8th in conjunction with the District Convention in Columbus. (Also, attendance is required for your club to be distinguished.) The live sessions are special because participants can ask questions and share ideas.

If you are not able to attend the live CLE, you can log on to www.kiwanisone.org to have a web-based training. In your account, you can find 6 different training sessions. There are the President and Secretary sessions as well as Committee Chair and Kiwanis Board Member sessions. Membership growth is essential to Kiwanis, so there is a session available entitled Membership Committee. This may be a good presentation to show at a meeting as the program! Also, every club that works with people under the age of 18 needs to be concerned with the Youth Protection Guidelines. Advisors and presidents should take the Youth Protection Guidelines workshop to ensure that they know who needs background checks and many other important guidelines for working with youth. Members can take as many of these workshops as they would like from the comfort of their home for free.

As Kiwanians, we often focus on education for students; let's make sure that we also focus on educating ourselves!

Best,

Governor Jennifer DeFrance

District Secretary's Notes

05/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



As you receive this newsletter, the Kiwanis Year is nearly 2/3 over. Has your club met or exceeded some of the goals set by your club leadership prior to the start of the year? From looking at the Monthly Reports posted online, it is obvious that much good work is being done by Kiwanis Clubs throughout the Ohio District. It is also obvious that membership growth is a major commitment for many clubs. The number of member adds reaching my desk each day far outweighs the number of member deletes. As of April 30th, the Ohio District has increased by 240 members over our membership count on September 30, 2013.

Annual Club Elections

During the month of May, all Kiwanis clubs should be holding club elections to guarantee that the future of the club remains bright. In 2013, less than 1/2 of our Ohio District Clubs filed an official Club Election Report with Kiwanis International. What effect does that have? It makes it very difficult for Kiwanis International to produce a complete International Directory and it adds extra work for our staff in the district office to obtain accurate information for our District Directory as well. Please make sure this does not happen in 2014. Remind your club secretary to file the Club Election Report online or click on the link below to download a hard copy to be

completed and mailed to Kiwanis International or the Ohio District as soon as possible. The deadline for filing is June 1st, but they will be accepted after that date as well.

Please email me at dave@ohiokiwanis.org if you would like a PDF copy of the 2014-15 Club Officer Election Report. Please note that Kiwanis International strongly discourages submitting your election results in any way other than electronically through the Secretary's Dashboard. A hard copy Election Report should only be used if you are absolutely not able to report them online.

International Convention

Time is growing short until we leave for Tokyo and the 2014 Kiwanis International Convention. Registration closes online on May 15th, but you can still register on-site and represent your club as a delegate. We will be electing International Officers and considering amendments to the International Bylaws that will affect every Kiwanis Club. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit Japan and engage in the many activities being planned for our attendees. Don't forget that our own John DeVilbiss will be a candidate for International Trustee at this convention! Please click on the following link for more information: <http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2014>.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

May is an Exciting Time for Elementary Students!

05/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jeri Penn

May is an exciting time of year for elementary students. They have reached another milestone - another school year has been completed!

Many students were fortunate to be a part of one of our Kiwanis Kids programs. They may have been a member of a local club which taught them leadership and community service skills. They may have been recognized as a Terrific Kid or participated in a Bring up Grades program.

Thank you to our Ohio Kiwanis clubs who sponsored one of these programs this school year. You made a difference in the lives of many young children. They were fortunate to have you as mentors and advisors.

Now is the time to plan for the next school year. We have the opportunity to grow our youth programs in Ohio. Every elementary school needs a Kiwanis Kids program.

Visit the Kiwanis International web site to learn how your club can become a sponsor. It is an investment that is worth making for the future of children in your local schools.

If you need help starting a club please feel free to contact me, Jeri Penn, at jeripenn@gmail.com or call 330-725-0971.

Let's grow Kiwanis Kids programs in Ohio!

Jeri Penn
2014-15 Kiwanis Kids District Chair



May is Membership Month!

05/06/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove



Isn't it great that the weather has improved!! It really energizes each of us. It is a time to grow things. That is why KI has designated May as Membership Month.

Why should we grow? Service and membership are intertwined. We cannot have the one without the other. Without growth, our legacy of service to our communities will eventually come to an end. My club celebrated its 85th anniversary last November. Our founding members are no longer with us, but they recruited new members to allow us to carry on our service. Now it is our turn to give forward and recruit more members.

"Although goals are important, having a plan of action is vital to the success of those goals. Having a goal with no plan of action is like wanting to travel to a new destination without having a map." – Steve Maraboli

Growing your Kiwanis Club is a lot like building a new building. You need a plan, resources, and flexibility along the way. There is no magic or instant solution to club growth. Instead, club growth is built one new member at a time just like a building is built one brick at a time.

1. Develop your club's growth plan. What is the goal for your club growth plan? What are the tactics that you will use to achieve that goal?
2. Devote the resources. As you developed your club growth plan, are there any resources that need to be purchased or activities that will need to be funded?
3. Assign the right people. You need to get your club members involved in your membership growth plan working on the tasks that best match the skills they bring to your club.
4. Track progress. Plan your own "membership growth management" meetings where you can track the progress of your membership growth plan.
5. Stay flexible. Even with the best plan, your team has to be flexible and adjust as problems are encountered as you progress.
6. Be sure to include Family Membership in your plans. Over 30 couples have joined together - or only a few months apart - due to this program. It is a great way to make your club very family friendly as it grows.

Bringing in new members has a great additional benefit for each of us. We all know that we make friends in Kiwanis. Many of my friends are fellow Kiwanians. Thus every new member we bring in is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends.

This month is a time to recruit new members – and also to start thinking about retention of existing members. Re-Member some members you have not seen for a while. Invite them back for service. Let them know that we care about them and that they are important to the club and the community. Don't let your dues bill be the next thing they receive from your club.

I encourage you to join us in growth. Only you can do this for your club and your community.

Bill Snellgrove
District Growth chair

Ohio Kiwanians Save One Million Lives!

05/06/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor

As we approach Eliminate Week of May 5-9, it is important to note that not only have

Ohio Kiwanians been busy in saving one million lives, our Service Leadership folks have been also. Overall SLP family leadership has raised \$2.8 million!

Statistically, the project has raised \$51.5 million overall of its \$110 million goal, meaning that the lives of 28,500,000 lives have been saved. Those lives have been saved in such countries as Iraq, Turkey, Cameroon, Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, East Timor, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Liberia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Senegal, South Afrida and Zambia - to name just some! However, MNT still exists in such countries as Afghanistan, Haiti, Cambodia, Indonesia, Sudan, south Sudan, Niger, Somalia, Ethiopic, Guinea and our most recent area of work which is Kenya.



In Kenya, field visits have been continuing with mothers wanting immunization walking 5-6 hours through field and mud, to get to a clinic where they wait another 5-6 hours for their immunizations, and then return home through a very long route. The efforts here have been urged on through the deaths of 3 women last year, whose children are now being raised by other families in the village.

What to do? 1. Recognize your mother or someone in your family with a Mothers Day Zeller and save 690 lives; 2. Short on funds? Save 100 Babies for only \$180; 3. Contribute your age in birthday dollars; 4. Start a new fundraiser that will continue for your club long after the Eliminate project is completed. And remember, the Eliminate project is still a great way to promote both your local and global membership!

Cindy Champer
Ohio District Eliminate Coordinator

Assessing Your Progress: No Better Time

05/06/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Linda Steinbrunner, District Chair, YCPO



Nearly nine months ago, at the Ohio District Convention, Governor Jennifer DeFrance introduced her theme "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" to all clubs in the Ohio District. She challenged every club to make a difference in the overall health of their communities. Now it's time to ask how you and your club are doing. Are you making a measurable

difference? Are the members of your club and the citizens in your communities taking steps to become healthier than they were when this project was introduced?

Governor DeFrance's data specifically addressed the topic of obesity, noting that one in three children in America is overweight or obese. The research also finds that nearly two thirds of the adults in the United States are overweight or obese. These trends must not continue. As Kiwanians, who strive to make a difference one child and one community at a time, we should be taking positive actions to change this situation. The easiest way to make a difference in those statistics is to help citizens learn how to improve their diets and to incorporate exercise and/or physical activity into their daily routines.

It was 80 degrees today for the first time since last October. I am certainly hoping that is a sign that spring has clearly arrived and will stay for awhile. There is no better time

to improve the quality of our diets and to add exercise to our routines than during the spring and summer months. It is during these months that fresh fruits and vegetables are in abundance and are usually at the lowest prices offered throughout the entire year. It is up to us, the adults, to lead by example and to help our children, from a very early age, acquire a taste for fresh fruits and vegetables. They eat what we give them. If we provide a lot of high fat, high sugar foods, that will become their preference. If they are accustomed to getting fresh fruits and vegetables as snacks, that will be their preference. The time is now to make a difference in helping yourself, your families and your communities to improve upon their health.

You don't have to be perfect, and you certainly don't have to eliminate foods that you enjoy in order to have a healthy diet. You will find that small changes over time can have a huge impact on your overall health and that of your community. Your long term goal is to feel good, have more energy, and reduce your risk of cancer and other diseases. Following are some ideas to help you make a difference.

- Find and frequent a farmer's market in your community. Or help to establish one if none is available. This is a great opportunity to purchase a large selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Once purchased, be sure to clean produce and have it ready to eat in your refrigerator or you will find yourself reaching for unhealthy foods when hungry. Make it easy to get a healthy snack. Freeze extras for use at a later time.
- Consider growing some of your own produce in a flower-bed if you don't have space for a garden. I was amazed at the quantity of tomatoes produced from one plant in my flower-bed. I blanched, peeled, diced and froze those tomatoes for use during the winter. They made wonderful chili soup and lasagna with NO added salt or preservatives. You can do the same with one or two green pepper plants. Or consider planting a selection of herbs.
- Berries of all kinds have great nutritional value and there is no better time to get them at a reasonable cost. Purchase in volumes when on sale, wash them and freeze them for use in the winter months.
- Include a fresh salad in at least one meal daily. Besides a selection of greens, include tomatoes, peppers of all colors, mushrooms, carrots, fruit, etc.
- Drink water (with lemon if preferred) with meals instead of soft drinks or fruit juice.
- Serve fresh fruit for dessert instead of a processed or high sugar/fat food. If you need something sweeter, add a tablespoon of light or fat-free whipped topping.
- Eat more whole grains. Look for the words "whole grain" or "100% whole wheat" at the beginning of the list of ingredients. Whole grain pastas tend to be drier than refined pasta. Mix the two kinds together when cooking and you will notice very little difference.
- Summer is a great time to make tacos/tortillas with lots of fresh vegetables. Use a whole grain tortilla shell. They are generally lower in calories and are very high in fiber.
- If you love ice-cream, order a small serving instead of large – or limit yourself to a treat once a week or every other week.
- Look for fun family activities to do that keep you physically active and can get other family members and friends involved. Summer is full of ample opportunities if you avail yourself to them. Some to consider include: 1) Walk or run a 5K or longer race. Often times they are in support of wonderful service organizations so you do double the benefit; 2) Bicycle – look for paved bicycle paths located in many communities. Even younger children can ride then as you are not dealing with road traffic; 3) Swim – access to pools and lakes, ponds, etc. is available in warm summer months. Swim aerobics or water volleyball is also a great physical workout; 4) Get involved in a volleyball league; 5) Golf – walk the course instead of driving a cart; 6) Canoe a river; 7) Walk at your school track or simply around town; 8) Consider learning to ride a horse.
- And, of course, remember to use ample amounts of sunscreen when outdoors

during daytime hours; reapply often. Also, keep yourself well hydrated with fresh water.

Healthy life styles don't just happen by chance. It requires proper planning and preparation. Start slow and make changes over time, and you can definitely set yourself, and your family, up for success. In the long run you will agree that it is well worth the effort.

Enjoy your summer! Here's to your good health and that of your family and community.

Linda Steinbrunner
Young Children: Priority One District Chair

Key Club Governor's Report

05/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Clayton Brown

Hello Ohio District!

My name is Clayton Brown and I am the new Ohio District Governor of Key Club International. I am very excited for the coming year and cannot wait to cooperate with you all! This has been a very new experience for me; jumping from president of a Key Club to Governor of an entire District is a very difficult transition. I am still in the process of learning how to run the District as a whole, but everything seems to be working out. I will be attending Governors and Administrators Training from May 17th-19th in Indianapolis, so that will help tremendously.



I have many plans for Ohio District Key Club in the next year. My ultimate goal is to grow membership and unite members. I want more high school students across the state to share the same experience that I have had. . Key Clubbers are, by nature, leaders who are constantly searching for ways to make a difference in their communities or help someone in need. Volunteering and serving others opens doors to countless opportunities. Not only could you change someone's life, but someone that you're helping could change yours! That is the thing I love most about Key Club: the chain reaction that starts when you do something great for someone other than yourself. If more people see how amazing service is, then more students will be motivated to join Key Club and serve more often. With the help of K Kids, Circle K, and Kiwanis, I know that I will be able to achieve this goal for the year. Completing this goal will start a chain reaction for years to come!

I can't wait to see what the next year has in store for us all. I look forward to working with everyone.

Clayton Brown
2014-15 Ohio District Key Club Governor

Tokyo Chiba Kiwanis Convention, July 17-20, 2014

05/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Anne Cornelius

Fellow Ohio District Kiwanians,

Convention will take place July 17–20, 2014. The exhibits, education and general



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sessions will be held at the Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex, located 2-1, Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba-city, 261-0023, Japan. Due to the convention center's close proximity to all official hotels, no shuttle service will be available

Register for the 99th annual Kiwanis International Convention by **May 15, 2014**, for the ease of online access and to get the lowest rates. Ticketed events are going fast, so visit the convention website and make your choices. Then prepare for your trip when you:

- Follow the convention blog.
- Learn about candidates and proposed amendments.
- Fold origami cranes to exchange with your new friends in Japan.
- Sign up for Convention email updates if you have not already done so.

Once the deadline date of May 15, 2014 has passed, registration dollar amount increases and all registrations and delegate forms will need to take place onsite. Highly recommend you do it on or before the stated deadline date.

Pocket Wi-Fi

When you're in Japan, you can stay connected without paying a lot for Internet service in your hotel room. The personal pocket Wi-Fi works all over Japan, so you can stay connected with family and friends and with people in the office. You can download forms on the website to sign up ahead of time or onsite. Your choice.

Please remember that our great Ohio District has a Candidate for Trustee, John DeVilbiss. John is counting on your official votes in order to achieve a successful election to Trustee. I have included the official Convention schedule for your viewing taken directly from the KI website for your review below. Please note that the Delegate Session is Friday, July 18, 2 to 5 PM. Cast your votes for John DeVilbiss, Trustee!

Convention Schedule

All events subject to change

Wednesday, July 16

Registration, delegate certification, Kiwanis store
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Thursday, July 17

Registration, delegate certification, Kiwanis store, Asia-Pacific districts fair, information centers

9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Opening session

9–11 a.m.

The Eliminate Project and the Kiwanis International Foundation Honors luncheon, \$55 and receive a special edition collector's pin. Simultaneous interpretation into Japanese will be available during the luncheon. Interpretation into additional languages may be available based on registration numbers per language.

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Japan culture fair

1–5 p.m.

ASPAC delegate session

1:30–4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 18

Registration, delegate certification, Kiwanis store, Asia-Pacific districts fair, Japan culture fair, information centers

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Walk to Eliminate MNT, \$30

7–8 a.m.

Delegate session

2–5 p.m.

International Fellowship dinner, \$75 and receive a special edition collector's pin (Karaoke and dancing with hundreds of Kiwanians and guests from around the world)

7–10 p.m.

Saturday, July 19

Registration

9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Kiwanis store

9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Closing session

9–11 a.m.

So, safe travels back and forth for all those traveling to the Kiwanis International Convention. There will be so much to talk about upon returning home and share with those of us unable to attend this time around. Don't forget to take some pics and maybe even send updates while in Tokyo, Chiba to the rest of us back home in Ohio District.

Anne Cornelius

2014-15 District Chair

On to International Convention

District Convention Registration Opening Soon

05/09/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Eric Bush

97th Annual Convention Registration Opening Soon

It is time to start making your plans to be in Columbus for the 97th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Convention. The dates are August 8-10, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus.

Registration packets will be sent out to clubs soon and online registration will open near the beginning of June. **First time attenders...** we want you at the convention and we're prepared to make it worth your while. If this will be your first Ohio District Kiwanis Convention (even if you have been to a Mid Year event in the past), there will be a

special incentive pricing option for you. We want you in Columbus for this event and for years to come.

Governor Jennifer has set an attendance goal to increase attendance at the convention. *Can you help us reach that goal?*

August 8, Friday - The convention will kick off on Friday with fun activities and sessions beginning in the afternoon. We are trying some new things this year like a walk for Eliminate and a Photo walking tour. The Friday Evening Fun Night will be sure to get you engaged and pumped for a great weekend at the Convention.

August 9, Saturday - Represent your club and division at all the activities starting at 7:30am on Saturday. Mike Frailey, Past Governor of Pennsylvania, will be our Keynote Speaker for breakfast. Elizabeth Tezza, our International Trustee, will share her insights with us during the lunch session. You will want to be part of some wonderful educational sessions, learn from other Kiwanians, and meet service minded people from across Ohio. Elect the leadership at the House of Delegates Session that will serve Ohio Kiwanis for the 100th year of Kiwanis service in Ohio. The evening finishes with the Governor's Banquet. The banquet is a celebration of the Governor and her class of Lt. Governor's year serving The Great Ohio District. As a member of Kiwanis you are part of something special in Ohio. Come and be a part of this celebration.

August 10, Sunday - Our convention concludes with a non-denominational worship service and memorial service for those Kiwanians who have passed on during this year.

Ready to join us? You can book your rooms at the Crowne Plaza and ask for the Kiwanis Group Rate. Ask you club officers about receiving the convention materials and be ready. Stay tuned to the Ohio District Kiwanis website for all the exciting news as the convention nears.

We are looking forward to hosting you in Columbus in August.

In Kiwanis Service,

Eric Bush
District Convention Chair

Circle K and Kiwanis Working Together

05/07/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Molly Baumann

Hello Kiwanians!

My name is Molly Baumann and I am honored to be serving as the Circle K Governor for the 2014-2015 year. I am excited for the year ahead. We wrapped up our year with a great DCON and a great planning and training session at Spring Officer Training! There is a great group of officers coming in that are ready to increase membership, increase service hours, and increase Kiwanis Family Relations throughout the district! With a Kiwanis Family Relations Chair on the district board, we are set up to increase club





participation between Circle K, Kiwanis, Key Club, Aktion Club, Builders Club, and K-Kids. I have truly enjoyed my Kiwanis Family experience and hope to be able to create a similar experience this year for all members. For this to be successful, we need your help! Please, reach out to the Circle K clubs in your area. Many clubs want to work with Kiwanis, but aren't sure how to get started. Let your counterparts in Circle K know about the projects you have coming up. They may be able to send a couple of members to help at your events. In return, reach out to them and ask what events they need help with. Once you've worked together on a few projects, you can plan an event together. You can all team up to fight MNT or to host a pancake breakfast. Together we can make a difference. I look forward to our year full of service together.

In Service,

Molly Baumann
2014-15 Ohio District Circle K Governor

Club News

Canton Member receives 60 Year Legion of Honor Award

05/15/2014 - Club: Canton - Submitted by: Wanda Young

In April Dr. W. Robert (Bob) Morrison received the Legion of Honor from Kiwanis International and the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation for 60 years of service. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Canton in Ohio, Bob has been a member since 1953. An excellent musician, he still leads our club in song.

Bob is the Organist/Director at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Before that he served 45 years as Organist/Director at the Church of the Savior. This United Methodist Church is located in downtown Canton and the church where President William McKinley worshiped.



Born in Baltimore, MD, Morrison holds degrees from Johns Hopkins, Peabody Conservatory, and Westminster Choir College as well as the American Guild of Organists F.A.G.O. and ChM.

He and his late wife Kathleen have a son who is retired as a Navy jet fighter pilot.

Flower Basket Sale for Mothers and Children of Domestic Violence

05/11/2014 - Club: Granville - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis



The Granville Kiwanis sponsored a Mother's Day flower basket sale on Saturday, May 10 in downtown Granville, during the "Great Granville Yard Sale" and on Sunday morning, May 11 on Mother's Day, in front of Ross' Granville Market. Club members collected baskets to reuse and planted flowers to fill the baskets. The baskets were sold to raise funds for the non-profit organization ACTION Ohio, an Ohio-wide organization serving battered women and their children, and supporting services for victims, survivors and witnesses of domestic violence and abuse. Thanks to baskets and pots donated from the community and collected at Granville Milling Co., from McPeck-Hoekstra Funeral Home and purchased from local thrift stores, the committee recycled many handsome flower baskets, purchased wholesale flowers and created each unique basket by hand. Some flower baskets were sold in the rainy sale downtown Granville on Saturday, however most of the baskets were sold on Sunday morning, many to sons and daughters purchasing lunch and dinner items for mom, in need of a last minute gift! The committee raised almost \$2000 from the sale this year, which is only the second year of the sale. The committee will host Flo's Garden Party, another fundraiser and awareness event at Robinson-Hunter Museum on July 20th from 2-5pm. If you are interested in participating in the ice cream social, please contact the Kiwanis Club at info@granvillekiwanisclub.org or

phone 740-485-2040. Sponsorships with accompanying tickets or individual tickets at \$25 each may be purchased. The event includes a nurse speaking on the topic of abuse from the Licking Memorial Hospital. Thank you to Flo Gibson and the Granville-based Action Ohio/Flo's Garden Party committee and the Kiwanis Club of Granville for helping raise funds and awareness for this group and its service project.

Aktion Club Takes Part in Craft Fair and Flea Market As Fund Raiser

05/10/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club took part in an event at the Rocky River Adult Center in Rocky River, OH. The Event was called "The Spring Thing" was craft and flea market event. The club gathered flea market type items and purchased a table at the event. They made \$106.55 for their club coffers. These funds go toward many of their projects such as planting flowers in the community, providing meals at Ronald McDonald House, buying tee shirts for the club, defraying cost of the member attending conventions etc. They worked in shifts from 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.



Teacher Appreciation Week

05/08/2014 - Club: Bellevue - Submitted by: Joan Cmar



This week the Bellevue High School Key Club sponsored a Teacher Appreciation Week for the Bellevue High School teachers. All teachers and faculty received a box full treats to show how much they are appreciated. The Key Club would like to say thank you to all teachers.

March For Life

05/08/2014 - Club: Bellevue - Submitted by: Joan Cmar

On May, 4, the National Honors Society of the Bellevue High School planned a March for Life honoring Mitch Roeser, who battles with leukemia. The Bellevue High School Key Club helped by running a stand to play corn hole. Together with the Key Club, NHS, and fifteen other teams, \$5,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society.



Learn To Fish Event for Youth

05/04/2014 - Club: Granville - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis



Granville celebrated "Turn Your Screen Off Week" with many activities for all ages co-sponsored by the Granville Public Library, the Granville Recreation District and local non-profit groups including the Kiwanis Club of Granville. The Club hosted a Learn To Fish event on Sunday, May 4 from 1-4 PM, followed by a canoe around the lake at Infirmary Mound Park. The Parks and Recreation District sponsored a Geocache'ing and nature walk, and local outdoor groups including the horse club and bee clubs were on site giving demonstrations. The Granville Recreation District was awarded a grant to purchase 30 fishing poles and local Kiwanians helped instruct youth and their families at different stations. Photographed is Kiwanis member Mike Birkmeyer with a youth of Granville. The club also hosted a BINGO night on Friday, May 9 from 6-9pm at the Welsh Hills School sponsored a free "Game Night" of board games and activities for the entire family. For Bingo, the club donated the tent, table and chairs and borrowed the Bingo equipment from the GRD to run the event. Youth won small toy prizes donated from the

library. The Taco Sherpa Korean BBQ food truck was on site for dinner and free popcorn and water were offered. Facepainting was also a highlight! Refer to facebook for more information and photos about the week long event, #unplugville.

Builders Club Receives Charter

05/03/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

The Builders Club of South Science Technology Magnet K-8 was officially chartered on April 30. Past District Governor Bill Snellgrove attended the event. During this administrative year the club sponsored a family fun night, a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, and an 8th grade dance. The club is collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald Charities, and will participate in a walk for the American Heart Association and a Farm Day at the school by the end of May.



Lima Senior Key Club has Dance Marathon

04/20/2014 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The Key Club of Lima Senior High School netted \$3,724 from its first dance marathon on Saturday April 19. The event benefited The Children's Miracle Network and Mercy Hospital in Toledo. It lasted from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and had approximately 40 dancers.

Kiwanians Help Referee Dodge Ball Tournament for Project Eliminate

04/17/2014 - Club: Medina Breakfast - Submitted by: Quinn Behler

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club helped Medina High School by refereeing a dodgeball tournament with local K-Kids, Builders Clubs, and Key Clubs to help raise money for

Project Eliminate. The Key Club surpassed their \$500 goal by raising \$925! Bekah Knaggs from Medina High School was the organizer of this successful event. Pictured is the team from the Medina Country Career Center.



Westlake Kiwanis Adapt Toys

04/16/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis had a work project instead of a their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. They partnered with "Replay for Kids" adapting new and gently used kids for children with disabilities who would not otherwise be able to use these toys because of various disabilities. They worked with Natalie Wardega Director of Operations for Replay for Kids. Natalie gave a short overview of their program. She than gave a quick overview on how to adapt toys with various bypass switches which makes the toys operational in many different ways. Some toys can now be operated by blowing into them or by the touch of the side of the head or use or other body parts without having to maneuver intricate switches.

