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Help Kiwanians Save Lives: Donate Your Shoes Today!

05/12/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

A committee of very enthusiastic and dedicated people have been meeting since last fall to plan an exciting 100th Birthday Celebration for the Ohio District at the annual Kiwanis district convention. This year the event will be held in Beachwood, Ohio, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel from August 14-16, 2015. Many surprises are in store for every person who attends. We will have a wonderful Birthday Bash Party Friday evening, interesting forums, our House of Delegates and elections, Governor's Banquet Saturday evening, and a non-denominational church service and Memorial Service on Sunday morning.



The weekend will conclude with a special surprise. We will have a delicious brunch and the installation of Governor Elect Amy Zimmerman and the 2015-16 Board of Directors and District Chairs. This is a weekend that you will not want to miss! Please register early for the best seats in the house!!

As part of our birthday celebration, the service committee has selected the Missions in Motion International Ministries Shoes of H.O.P.E project and the adoption of several homeless shelters in Cleveland as our district service project. The goal of the shoe project is to provide new and used shoes for people that do not have shoes in countries like Haiti and other under-developed nations. Here are some disturbing statistics taken from a 2011 poll.

- Half of the world lives on \$2.50 a day
- 3 billion people cannot afford food, clothing, or housing
- People die every day from diseases contracted from not wearing shoes
- Approximately 2 billion people worldwide suffer with parasitic diseases that could be prevented by wearing shoes

Your generous donation of shoes can make a difference in the lives of people everywhere and can possibly save lives. All donated shoes will be redistributed and used in developing nations for impoverished people to start, maintain, and grow an enterprise to feed, clothe, and house their families.

We need shoes that are in any shape, size, style, or condition. If possible, when you deliver them to the district convention in August, the shoes should be in bags of 25 pairs. Combine shoes with other members of your club so that bags are a uniform 25 pairs. That will help with the collection process.

Prizes will be given to the Kiwanis divisions, Circle K Clubs, Aktion Clubs, and Key Clubs with the greatest participation!

Spring cleaning, rummage sales, garage sales, gyms, and school lost and found boxes are great places to find old, unused shoes. The average woman has 17 pairs of shoes and she wears 3 pairs regularly and the rest sit in her closet! Clean out those closets and donate to the Shoes for H.O.P.E. project in August.

In addition to collecting shoes, all members are encouraged to bring or send a bag of **new socks** of any size, style or color to the convention. They will be distributed to several homeless shelters in Cleveland.

“Kiwanis is a global organization...” Collecting and distributing new clean dry socks and shoes in any condition will show that Kiwanians care about the safety and security of others in need both near and far.

Yours in Kiwanis service,
Governor Diana

K-Kids Plant Seeds of Service

05/12/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jeri Penn



May is a busy month. The end of the school year is fast approaching. There is a lot to be done to finish on a high note! Now is the time to elect and train club officers and to plan for next year. “Graduates” are ready to learn more about Builders Club. The Annual Achievement Report is due to Kiwanis International by June 30.

Spring is the perfect time to complete the Seeds of Service Family Project. The activity can be found in the K-Kids club renewal kit and online at www.k-kids.org. This project is meant to be a reminder to each member that making a difference begins with just one person spreading a seed of service in their home, school or community. It is a fun way to help show our K-Kids/Kiwanis spirit. Once the project is completed, take pictures and report your success!

Congratulations to K-Kids Contest entries! Certificates have been mailed to participants. If your K-Kids did not enter contests this year, encourage them to look ahead and plan for next year!

Thank you to all Kiwanis Clubs for sponsoring K-Kids Clubs! They were fortunate to have you as mentors and advisors. Let’s grow K-Kids programs in Ohio! Visit the Kiwanis International website to learn how your club can become a sponsor. It is an investment that is worth making for the future.

Now to look ahead to the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention! The Service Leadership Programs will again have a “Penny War” at the Builders/K-Kids exhibit tables. Bring your pennies and loose change to participate and support the Eliminate Project!

Jeri Penn
2014-2015 K-Kids District Chair

On to 2015 International Convention

05/12/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Karen Hagerman

The engines are started and the green flag waves for the 2015 International Convention and 100th Kiwanis Birthday Celebration in Indianapolis Indiana June 25th-28th.



It's not too late to register for the convention and book your hotel. Ohio's designated hotel is the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Indianapolis. Make your reservations today.

Exciting things are planned as there will be the Educational Round Robins, Monumental Pancake Lunch on the Circle, Opening Celebration: The Kiwanis Century and The Kiwanis Eliminate Project Celebration.

Enjoy free time to explore Indy, the Birthday Bash on Georgia Street, and attend the Kiwanis Fireworks Night at the Ballpark, plus so much more.

Lots of fun, lots to do, and don't forget the important Business Session too.

See you in Indy,

Karen Hagerman
2015 On To International Convention Chair

It's Spring - Time to Strengthen Your Club

05/10/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove



What wonderful weather we are having. It is a great time to be outside – and a great time to think about making your club stronger.

Last year 68 clubs grew stronger – 31 of them had 10 – 50% growth. This year 111 clubs are stronger – 36 with 10 – 50% growth. And 31 of the clubs who have gained this year also did the same last year.

Getting stronger is important and doable. The Lisbon club had fallen to only 10 members by September 2013. They went to work and have strengthened the club to 17 members today. Anderson Hills, Cincinnati had only 7 members when this year started and now are at 11. What a great achievement!

Those clubs who have shown growth over the last few years have several things in common:

1. They have fun in their meetings and on their projects – and those projects resonate in the community;
2. They have a small dedicated group that continuously works on strengthening membership;
3. They have a plan in place as to how they will strengthen the club and how they can retain existing members by meeting the members' needs; and
4. That plan has what actions are to be taken, who is responsible, when it will be done and the expected results.

Members having a meaningful experience – one that meets their needs – love their club. By enthusiastically sharing their experience with others, and living their Kiwanis experience, more people join and our service grows.

Be a member who loves, shares and lives your Kiwanis experience. Do it for your club – do it for your community. This is how we continue our great legacy of community service. Only you can do it. Add your club to the list of clubs growing stronger every day.

It's your Kiwanis club: Love it! Live it! Share it!

Bill Snellgrove, District Chair

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New Key Club Service Year

05/09/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Laura Colagiovanni

Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

My name is Laura Colagiovanni and I am honored to be serving as the next Ohio District Key Club Governor! The past few months have been focused on transitioning the entire District Board into their new positions, as well as forming bonds with one another. I had the opportunity to attend the Governor and Administrator Training Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this past week. While there, I was able to hear from Immediate Past Governors and current International Board members about their experiences and to gain instruction on how to better serve our members. I enjoyed growing close with other Governors and exchanging advice we all wished to bring back to our respective Districts. It was also a pleasure spending time with District Administrator Mr. Eble while traveling and discussing our thrilling year ahead!



There are several goals I have set for this year, one of which is to encourage close Kiwanis relations. The most unique trait about Key Club as a service organization is its connection to all generations through the Kiwanis Family and the positivity it brings. High School students both benefit and appreciate having adult figures to guide them through servant leadership. Knowing that there are community members of all ages with a similar mindset provides them with an accepting space where their service is important and appreciated. Plus, having this experience makes them more likely to want to give the same to younger generations in Builders Club and K-Kids moving up quickly! My hope is that more clubs will aim to collaborate with the branches of Kiwanis by providing them with assistance in establishing and maintaining this relationship. But, this connection must begin somewhere. Please, if your club would like to work with a Key Club, feel free to reach out to them. There are many clubs who are eager to work with you as well, but are not sure how to go about asking. Invite a club to participate in a joint service project or meeting and ask if they would like help at any of their upcoming events. Once this has happened, the relationship between clubs becomes much smoother. You are all outstanding role models for younger generations striving to serve, so please continue to make this impact knowing it does not go unrecognized. Each organization is strong alone, but together we are mighty and can truly make a difference.

Yours in Service,

Laura Colagiovanni
Ohio District Key Club Governor
2015-2016

Ohio District Circle K Update, Governor Introduction

05/13/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Tyler Milburn

Hello, my name is Tyler Milburn and I am serving as the Ohio District Governor of Circle K this year. I'm excited to be serving in this position as I work with Circle K members and other K-Family organizations throughout my term. Over the first month of my term, I've already been busy planning events, working and visiting with clubs, and planning for the year, and I'd like to share some information about the Ohio District of Circle K and where we are headed.

At the end of March, we had 444 dues-paid members over 19 clubs, but just chartered another club (Washington State Community College) and are expecting a couple more charters soon. At the beginning of April, I attended my Governor Training (GATC). A week later held our first District event, our Spring Officers Training (SpOT) for training new club officers. And just this past weekend, we held our District Board Trainer as our Board prepared for our positions for this coming year and started planning our goals and



events. After our Trainer, our Board is almost completely full and is well prepared to truly make a difference this year.

Our goals this year include: reaching 500 members and 25 clubs, every club having innerclubs and Kiwanis Family Relations, \$3.60 raised for Eliminate per member, 15 service hours per member, and to increase attendance and club representation at our District Events. As Kiwanis clubs, I urge you to work closely with Circle K clubs near you, raising money for Eliminate and working at different service events. If you need help finding a Circle K club to work with, please don't hesitate to ask me. As you work with these clubs, explain to them the significance of District Events and work to interest them in attending these events. You have lived and served in K-Family organizations for many years and may better understand how meaningful

these events can be.

As we continue planning our year over the summer, I'll be looking forward to working with Circle K clubs in the District, as well as Kiwanis groups. You can follow our progress throughout the year and get updates by viewing our website at <http://ohiocki.org>. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and I'll be happy to assist you in any way I can!

In Service,

Governor Tyler Milburn
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YCPO: Assuring a Safe Summer for Our Children

The summer months are rapidly approaching. That provides wonderful opportunities for Kiwanians everywhere to focus on the safety and security of our little ones, primarily those from newborn to 5 years old.



Young Children: Priority One is a signature project of Kiwanis International. KI encourages every Kiwanis Club to conduct a minimum of two projects annually focused on issues related to our youngest citizens. The service chairs of the Ohio District have developed a project guide focused on "Safe and Secure" that offers a magnitude of ideas Kiwanis clubs can implement to help enhance the safety and security in their own communities. The guide is available on the district website. If your club is not already conducting two or more YC:PO projects, access the guide for easy to implement ideas.

According to the CDC, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of disability for children in the United States. Simply improving the safety of the environment and enhancing the knowledge of caregivers can have a significant impact on the lives of our youngsters. Consider sponsoring public service announcements regarding seasonal safety concerns, or possibly developing a brochure addressing major safety concerns and distributing it through day care centers or churches. Following are some of the major safety concerns for the summer season.

Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional death among children 1 to 4 years old. Children can drown in very small amounts of water. Be proactive and take the following precautions:

1. NEVER leave small children unsupervised in the bathtub;
2. Keep toilet seats down and bathroom doors closed if there are small children in the house;
3. Empty swimming/wading pools when finished playing and turn them upside down for storage;
4. Empty all buckets and turn them over when finished using them;
5. Lock inside doors leading to a pool and install childproof doorknobs on these doors.

Motor vehicle traffic is the leading cause of death for Ohio children aged 4 – 7 years. During the summer months, many children spend time with grandparents, cousins, etc. and may travel without appropriate safety seats. Be certain you have approved seats for every child traveling in your vehicle. In 2007 Ohio's booster seat use rate for children 4 – 8 years was only 18%, one of the lowest in the country. Current legislation requires children less than 4 years old or 40 pounds must use a child safety seat meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards and children less than 8 years old, unless they are at least 4 feet , 9 inches, tall must use a booster seat.

Every year, US children die of heat stroke after being trapped in vehicles, often due to simple forgetfulness by loving and well-meaning parents. The bodies of small children heat up 3 to 5 times faster than the body of an adult, putting children at high risk for heat stroke. On a sunny day, the temperature in a car increases 3.2 degrees Fahrenheit every 5 minutes. Even when the outdoor temperature was 72 degrees F, the internal temperature reached 117 degrees F., and leaving the windows cracked did not significantly slow the process. Also, community members need to be aware of the need to lock unattended vehicles so children cannot get into them. 30% of the children who died from heat stroke between 1998 and 2013 were playing in an unattended vehicle unknown to their caregivers.

Though we are often tempted to consider taking a shortcut to save time in our busy lives, when it comes to our children, do not short change them. Always put their welfare

first. Safety is a top priority. Should there be a tragedy you could have prevented, you will never be able to forgive yourself.

Have a wonderful summer, and do all you can to assure a safe summer for the children in your community.

Linda Steinbrunner
2014-15 District Chair
Young Children: Priority One Committee

"100 Years of Service"---Ohio District Convention

05/15/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dennis Lehman



Save the dates of August 14-16, 2015 for the Ohio District Convention. The convention will be held in Beachwood on the east side of Cleveland at the Double Tree Hotel. This is our annual meeting to do Ohio Kiwanis business and elect our officers for the coming year.

This year Kiwanis International is celebrating 100 years as an organization. Ohio is also celebrating "100 years of service" as the Cleveland Kiwanis Club was the number two club organized in 1915. Cleveland also held the first Kiwanis Convention in 1916. Be sure to come to the convention and help celebrate.

We will be having our 100th birthday party on Friday night August 14 at the Double Tree Hotel. We will have plenty of food, games, music, special entertainment, and great Kiwanis fellowship. Be sure to join us Friday night and start your convention celebrating with fellow Kiwanians. Governor Diana Keplinger extends her personal invitation to join her and husband Tom on Friday.

After a night of celebration we will spend Saturday back to Kiwanis business. The "Basket Room" will once again be brimming with treasures to purchase. Your money spent will assist the Kiwanis Foundations and their projects. You will meet the Ohio District KI counselor, attend informative forums, and do Kiwanis business at our Delegate Session. Saturday will be highlighted by Governor Diana's banquet in the evening.

On Sunday we will have an ecumenical church service and honor our Kiwanians who passed since our last convention in a "Memorial Service". You will then want to stay for Brunch which will include the installation of Amy Zimmerman as Governor for 2015-16 along with her officers, board, and committee chairs. Amy will appreciate your support as she looks forward to October 1 and the start of her administrative year.

Another highlight of this convention will be the collection of pairs of shoes of any condition for Missions in Motion. Ohio Kiwanis will receive \$.10 per pound for the shoes. In this way people in poor countries receive shoes and Kiwanis earns money for Eliminate. We will also be collecting "new" socks for the homeless folks in the Cleveland area. More information is available from your Lt. Governors and club Presidents.

Come and join us at your Ohio District Convention in August!

Dr. Dennis E. Lehman
2015 District Convention Chairman

Every Dollar Counts for Eliminate

05/07/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS FOR ELIMINATE!

Many thanks go out to the following dedicated to Eliminate clubs - specifically Northwest Columbus who pledged to move their Model club pledge to Gold, thereby saving an additional 5,000 lives; and our newest Model clubs in Cambridge, Zanesville, and Grove City.



We also want to thank the Hilliard Kiwanis and Hilliard-Davidson K-Kids, Builders and Key club who held their first ever Eliminate walk on Saturday May 2, and raised \$1,000, thereby saving over 500 lives!

Have you ever gotten up in the morning and realized that you saved lives simply by donating to the Eliminate project? You can do this with the Save a Baby A Day program, which asks you to pledge \$1.80 per day, per year (or over two years). Think about it - you are responsible for giving life!

I recently went to two Kiwanis club meetings, one of whom gave me \$5 for Eliminate and another who donated \$10. Upon returning home, I went to the nearest grocery and made out two money orders for these clubs to send to the Eliminate project. You may ask why bother with small amounts of money? The answer is very simply that these two actions saved eight (8) lives! So the bottom line is please do not sit on money in your club treasury for Eliminate. Make a plan to send it in monthly. The funds are sent monthly or as available to the UNICEF fund which in turn puts this out into the field for more immunizations. Particularly as we ramp up to International convention, let us save more lives!

Cindy Champer
District Coordinator
The Eliminate Project

District Secretary's Notes

05/18/2015 - 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 223 members over our membership count on September 30, 2014. Please keep working on membership throughout the year to make up for the expected losses in September!

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 2014, 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 2015. Remind your club secretary to file the Club Election Report online immediately following your club elections!

International Convention

Time is growing short until we leave for Indianapolis and the 2015 Kiwanis International Convention. Registration closed 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 (including a proposed dues increase) that will affect every Kiwanis Club. Come and join your fellow Kiwanis members as we celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis Service and don't forget that our own John DeVilbiss will be a candidate for International Trustee at this convention!

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

Club News

Circle K Wins Baldwin Wallace University Outstanding Student Organization

05/15/2015 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Robin Gagnow

Members from the Baldwin Wallace University Circle K attended the 2014-15 Student Life and Leadership Awards on April 29, 2015.

Prior to the event, student organizations can submit nominations for the 2014-15 awards. Seven student organization awards and nine student leader awards were handed out at the reception. Student and staff judges decided who should be given the awards based on an application form, which include the breakdown of the nominee's service projects, activities and an essay written describing the nominee qualification for the award. This year's BW Chapter brought back five Leadership and Student Organization Awards, more than any other student organization this year.



Individual Leadership Awards include: Outstanding BW Volunteer of the Year Award – Maureen Giardina, Emerging Male Leader of the Year – Sam Trapp and Outstanding Advisor Award – Karen Munroe.

Student Organization Awards include: Yellow Jacket Organization Spirit Award - Circle K, Student Organization of the Year - Circle K. Two other awards, in which CKI was a co-sponsor with Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC), receive the following two awards: Service Program of the Year and Innovative Program of the Year.

The highlight of the evening was when CKI was selected as the Outstanding Student Organization for the 2014-15 academic year for the fourth time in the past five years.

Helping Hands At The Hospice

05/09/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski



The Westlake Kiwanis Day One Project was a clean up at Ames Hospice For The Western Reserve. We cleaned up the walking trails moving fallen limbs, trimming protruding bushes, picking up trash, raking leaves. Shown here L-R, Vic Rutkoski, Bob Clancy, Rick Grane and Al Smith.

Aktion Club Feeds Runners and Walkers

05/09/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club manned the post race tables to distribute water, oranges and bananas at the "Emily's Run" for Rainbow Babies Hospital pediatric cancer research fund. It was titled the "Last Run" in memory of Emily Lewis who passed away of pediatric cancer and would have been a graduating senior at Westlake High School this year. Emily participated in the first two runs while going through treatment for cancer.



Kiwanis Work So Children May Play

05/09/2015 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis help a workshop in partnership with Replay For Kids to adapt toys.



The Kiwanis adapted various toys making them able to be used by children with disabilities. The toys were disassembled and fitted with special switches which made the toys able to be operated by touching with the side of the head or blowing into a tube as two examples.

K-Kids of Heritage Bowl for Big Brothers-Bis Sisters

04/24/2015 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

The K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School in Lima collected \$274 for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon on April 18 at Westgate Lanes.

