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Governor's Report

11/26/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

Greetings to All-What an exciting time for Lee Ann and I! We have visited nearly half of the 27 divisions in the Ohio District. We have been warmly welcomed at each location of our Official Visits. The Lt Governors and club leaders have been excellent hosts and hostesses. Many Kiwanians have made a point to **Reach Out in Fellowship** to us and to others present at the visits. Keep up the great work of making Kiwanis meetings a welcoming place for all to participate.

We have heard reports of a wide variety of services completed in communities throughout the district. From making donations of books, money and clothes to raking leaves, giving out food baskets, and cleaning up parks. All of these service projects are excellent ways to serve others and to **Reach Out in Service** in our communities.



The support for the First Lady's Project to support Pediatric Trauma in the Ohio District and the Eliminate Project in 39 countries in the world has been gratifying. Thank you for the many donations we have received. Many individuals, clubs and divisions have done a great job to **Reach Out in Healing**. Lee Ann and I had a meeting and tour of the Akron Children's Hospital, one of the seven children's hospitals in Ohio. Here we saw firsthand the need for education about pediatric trauma in this tremendous facility. The Eliminate Project has already **ELIMINATED MNT in 5 countries!** What great news! We look forward to collecting and distributing many more donations to support these needs both locally and internationally.

Thanksgiving is special time to give thanks for the many blessing we have- especially our families and friends. Let's take this opportunity to tell those who are special to us that we are thankful for them. Also, let's keep in mind the many people who will benefit from a food basket or a friendly visit provided by Kiwanis Clubs all around the district. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Craig Wallace, Governor

District Secretary's Notes

11/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



The 2011-12 Kiwanis Administrative Year recently concluded and Immediate Past Governor Bill Snellgrove and I are busy reviewing nomination forms for the various District Awards that will be presented at the 2013 Mid Year Education Day next March. Has your club filed the applicable nomination form for the Distinguished Club Award or for the 2011-12 VIP Interclub and Fellowship Awards. The deadline is fast approaching. Please look at the District Awards page of our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org for more information. Please do not let the deadline shown for submitting the nomination for Distinguished Club stop you. We have until December 1st to file our list of Distinguished Clubs with Kiwanis International.

Form 990 Information

I hate to sound like a broken record, but I must continue to remind all club leaders that the Internal Revenue Service requires that all Kiwanis Clubs file an annual tax return by no later than February 15th. Most clubs will only need to file an online, postcard 990-N return due to their total receipts being below a certain threshold. Other clubs will file a more detailed 990EZ or 990 return. If you need help determining which return you need to file, please contact a local accountant or call me in the District Office. Do not neglect this requirement. Last week I received a notice that sixteen (16) of our Ohio Kiwanis Clubs have had their exemption from federal income tax revoked due to the failure to file the appropriate tax return. Please do not take this message lightly!

Annual Club Report

As most of the Club Secretaries should be aware, clubs using the KiwanisOne reporting system no longer need to complete the Annual Club Report. It is compiled automatically from the reports filed each month. During the month of November, this report is available for review on the Secretary Dashboard section of the KiwanisOne Reporting Website. Club Secretaries should review this report for accuracy and should they find errors, they simply need to return to the Monthly Report that included the incorrect information. Once the report is opened, they simply need to correct the information and re-submit the Monthly Report. This should correct the Annual Club Report. If you have any questions, please call me at (888) 827-8196 Extension 201. If your club does not complete monthly reports, you can also complete your annual club report by clicking on the following link: <http://www.kiwanisone.org/annualclubreport/>

Sad News

As I was preparing this message last week, I received word that Lieutenant Governor Bill Adams (10-W) had passed away. Sarah and I had come to know Bill well from his frequent stops in the District Office. He was indeed a true Servant Leader and example for all of us to follow. Just two months ago the local ABC television station named Bill one of their community "Champions". [Click here](#) to view that short news story about our friend and colleague. Kiwanis will miss him dearly, but perhaps more importantly, the children in the near East Side of Columbus that he served will miss him more. God Bless you Bill Adams, we will remember you and your service.

Dave Whiteman
Ohio District Secretary

Satellite Clubs - What are They?

11/09/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jodee Ward

Satellite Clubs – what are they and why should the clubs be interested? Because it's a start.

A satellite club is a small group of individuals, who become members of an existing Kiwanis (host) club. The satellite club holds its meetings and service activities at a location that can be separate from the host club. Forming a satellite club gives your club an opportunity to have a club in an area that might not be able to have a charter strength club from the start. They do their service and hold their meetings, separate from the host club. This could be done in a small town adjacent to your club or in a large company within your town. There is no minimum number, but consideration still has to be given to the ability to hold meetings and do service. The effort to ensure that the new satellite club succeeds is the same as for a new club. It does take some work.



Like members of the host club, there are dues, but the dues are paid to the host club, who in turn pays them to KI. Who handles the monies for the satellite club can be decided between the clubs, but the bills, payments and deposits need to be approved by the host club Board of Directors. Members of the satellite club may be on the host club's BOD.

And the best part of a satellite club is that with some work by everyone, the club could grow into a chartered club, which would have no adverse affect on the host/sponsoring club and would have the benefit of sponsoring a new club for Distinguished honors.

A Webinar was held on November 13th, which took place before this is published, however, you can go to the KI website to view the past webinars. The title is Club satellites: Why? How? What's next?

Your club could do that, couldn't they? Of course they could. For more information, contact your Membership Growth Chair.

V.I.P Fellowship

11/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kevin Whitlatch

Hello V.I.P program supporters. The 1st year of the VIP program is in the books and we had several clubs that have shown some outstanding results and they will be recognized at our mid-year education day event. I hope everyone is working actively for this Kiwanis year in order to gain recognition at the end of this year. Obviously, recognition is not the reason why your clubs VIP program is important. We, as Kiwanians, are learners and we share our successes in order to help other clubs be more successful. The VIP program is a great conduit for your club to obtain ideas and meet and discuss events that you have done to help serve more individuals within your respective communities AND to have fun interacting with other dedicated Kiwanians. This Kiwanis



year is moving forward quickly and I hope all of you are doing well.

Please remember that there are some special club awards in addition to the Blue, Silver, and Gold banner patch awards and please don't forget these special categories in your end of year reports. I look forward to hearing and reading about your club visits and I would like to spread your clubs memorable VIP visits to other Kiwanians! So, don't stop being a VIP member and please remember the following additional awards that are now available.

V.I.P. Special Club Awards: (certificate/banner patch)

- Kiwanis Club that traveled the farthest within the Ohio district for an interclub (excluding District Convention/Installation/Mid-year).
- Kiwanis Club that traveled and inter-clubbed the farthest to another district (excluding International Convention).
- Kiwanis Club that has participated in the most inter-clubs within the year.
- Kiwanis Club that "hosted" the most inter-clubs.

If I can be of service to you and your club please contact me by phone or email. Become an Inter-clubber and a V.I.P. believer!

Kevin Whitlatch

Interclub and Fellowship Chairman

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Holiday Help

11/09/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ashley Ritz

The Holidays can be an especially stressful time of the year for families with young children. The current economic conditions are certainly not helping with the extra holiday chaos. Many parents want to ensure their children have gifts to open, but struggle with having to choose between having heat in their home or making sure their children have gifts under the tree. As Kiwanians we can help to ensure that these youngsters enjoy an extra special holiday season. We have an obligation to serve the young children in our community, not just now but throughout the year. There are a variety of inexpensive projects that can be done by your club. Here are just a few examples:



- Collect and donate stuffed animals, blankets, books to local shelters and social service agencies.
- Collect and donate baby food, formula, and diapers to local shelters and social service agencies.

- Collect hats and gloves to be donated to a local Coats for Christmas collection site
- Contact your local hospital and determine if they have a need for car seats for new parents to provide a safe ride home for their new bundle of joy.
- Volunteer your time wrapping gifts for children residing at shelters.

Offer to make cookies or goodies for holiday Church and agency festivities.

The above mentioned list is just a few projects that any club can do. Look around and learn about your community to determine how your club can make a difference, and change the lives of the infants and toddlers in your neighborhood during the holiday season and throughout the year.

I would love to come visit your club! Please contact me at aritz@openarmsfindlay.org to makes arrangements.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of the children we serve. Happy Holidays!

Ashley Ritz
2012-2013 District Chair
Young Children Priority One

First Lady's Project

11/26/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Lee Ann Wallace



Thank you! You helped save a child's life! Governor Craig and I have had the privilege and honor to visit with many of the clubs throughout our great state. We have been awed and proud to learn how clubs are Reaching Out to be "the hands of Kiwanis" in Service, Fellowship and Healing through club projects in and around their local communities.

We are also so very grateful for the generous gifts to the First Lady's Project. Those gifts will go to the Ohio District Foundation to be divided equally to help educate Emergency Room staff in our seven Ohio Children's hospitals with the remaining half forwarded, on your behalf, to Kiwanis' commitment to the Eliminate Project. Through your generosity to The First Lady's Project, your Reach is even greater and your impact far wider. Imagine being part of something so impactful! Imagine

being a part of changing the world for the better for millions of women and children!

Through your gifts, collectively, you are indeed being the Hands of Healing for Kiwanis here in Ohio and throughout the World, in a way that alone we could never happen. Governor Craig and I feel so blessed to join hands with each of you as we seek to change the world, one child and one community at a time!

Risk Management Update

11/19/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jack Hilborn

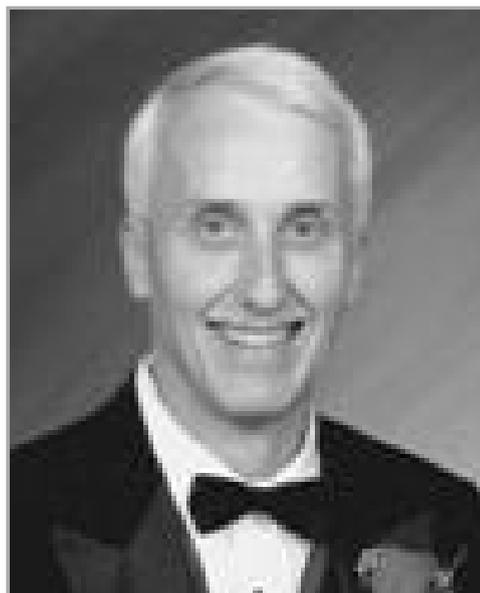
Risk Management for a Kiwanis club. What exactly does that mean? I often get that question and the answer is really very simple...just using good common sense to make sure that projects are safe and to minimize the exposure to potential loss . Each club should have a Safety Coordinator. This person could be the insurance person in your club, or an attorney, or anyone with good business sense. The role of the club Safety Coordinator is spelled out in the Club Insurance Resource Guide from Kiwanis International (KI), a copy of which should be in the hands of every club secretary or, perhaps, already passed on to the club Safety Coordinator.

The insurance resource guide is an invaluable tool with important and useful information that you club use and refer to. Should you club need a copy of this guide, you may either go online to the KiwanisOne website or call KI at 1-800-549-2647, ext. 112 and ask for Lisa Heindricks.

Kiwanis International has an excellent liability insurance program in place offering

automatic protection for districts, divisions, club, members, and volunteers working on behalf of Kiwanis (i.e. a potential new member helping with a service project). The protection extends to all of our service leadership programs.

Two (2) optional insurance plans are available-- Directors & Officers Liability and Crime. Both are worthwhile to any club and extremely important. Kiwanis International offers a special information guide on these optional insurance plans, a copy of which should be in the hands of each club secretary or safety coordinator. As with the resource guide mentioned previously, should your club not have one of these information pamphlets, please contact KI and request one from Lisa Heindricks.



As Ohio District Risk Manager, I am available to speak to your divisions and/or clubs regarding this topic. My contact information is: Mail: P.O. Box 688, Delaware, OH 43015-
-Email: hilborn@midohio.net: Phone: 740-369-9641.

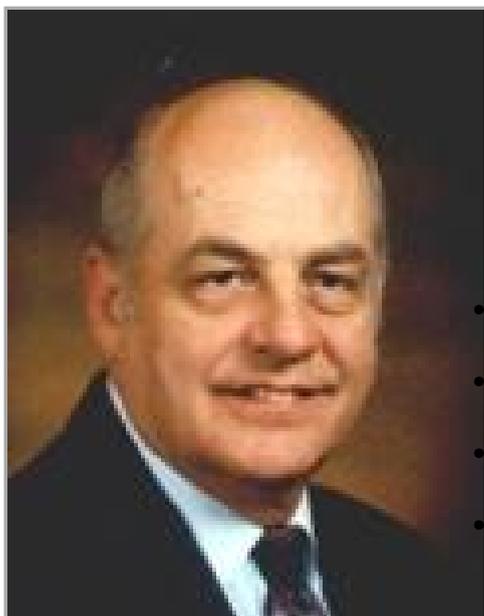
Jack Hilborn, Chairman
Ohio District Risk Management Committee

Community Service: The Name of the Game

11/14/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Al Allender

As Kiwanis is a "SERVICE CLUB" by definition, it seems as though our primary purpose is to do "COMMUNITY SERVICE" projects. Most clubs do a pretty good job of service in their community, but the need is so great that the total needs of most communities are not met.

Governor Craig Wallace has set a two point goal that he would like to see all Ohio Kiwanis Clubs accomplish next year. Part one – do at least one Community Service Project every quarter. Part two – do at least one new Community Service Project this



year. If Ohio District Kiwanis Clubs strive to reach these goals, a great improvement in our local communities will occur.

Accomplishing these goals will require new ideas. Where will we find these new ideas? There are several sources to tap for ideas for new projects.

- Do a Community Survey. Consult the Leadership Guide for more information about a Community Survey.
- Talk to Community Leaders. There are probably few that will not be able to provide ideas.
- Ask your members. Many may have ideas for things they would like to see and would like to work on.
- Visit other clubs. Inter-clubbing is a great way to get new ideas for things that others are accomplishing.

There is still plenty of time to begin planning now to do a Kiwanis One Day project of Community Service on April 20, 2013. This is a day that Kiwanis International is asking clubs all over the world to accomplish a one day community service project. This is a great opportunity to institute a new one day service project in your community and reach one of the goals set by our governor.

As the Ohio District Chair for 2012-13, I am compiling a list of project ideas that I will be glad to share with any club. I would like your help to compile this list. I am interested in including past and current projects being done by local clubs throughout the year as well as for Kiwanis One Day. This list can provide new ideas for clubs looking for something different to do.

Please email the info to me at ajallender@embarqmail.com. I can also be reached by telephone at (740) 392-8471 or cell (740) 507-4274.

Al Allender, Ohio District Community Service
and Kiwanis One Day Chair 2012-13

Ohio Eliminate Project Coordinates Efforts with Ohio Foundation

11/13/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.

OHIO ELIMINATE PROJECT COORDINATES EFFORTS
WITH OHIO FOUNDATION



As I am sure you are aware by now, the Eliminate project is a Kiwanis International Foundation project designed to protect and save the lives of 61 million women and their unborn children. This is being accomplished through a series of 3 immunizations and education as to clean birthing practices.

This year, in an attempt to support both the Eliminate project and pediatric trauma efforts, First Lady Lee Ann is asking that clubs make their donations to the Ohio District Foundation. For each \$1 donated, the amount will be split, with \$.50 going to Eliminate and \$.50 to pediatric trauma.

Obviously, however, the Ohio Eliminate goal of vaccinating 2.3 million young women

cannot be met simply through supplementation by district foundation funds. Thus, I ask and encourage you to donate to Eliminate each year - as a personal donation, a Hixson, a Zeller or in supporting your pledge as a Model club. All checks for the Eliminate project should be made payable to Kiwanis International Foundation, memo line Eliminate, and sent to: The Eliminate Project, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis In 46268.

And if you can, please also consider a donation to the Kiwanis International Foundation and its annual club gift. This is a separate item but helps support many worthwhile projects including disaster relief and the KIF grants project.

Cindy Champer
District Coordinator
Eliminate MNT Project

ODKF Liason Program Continues

11/12/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Levine



The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Liaison Program was implemented last year to meet one of our strategic goals - "Improved communication from and education of the Foundation to Lt. Gov's, Ohio District Divisions and individual clubs. During our first Board Meeting in October, it was the general consensus that the inaugural year of the program was a success, particularly with CLE training. So this program is now considered as on-going. Each Ohio division will have an elected Board Member who will serve the role of a liaison with the Foundation. Your division liaison is willing and happy to be a division/club speaker to provide information about Grant opportunities,

Fundraising options and the Club Advised Fund program. Specific liaison assignments will be emailed shortly to Division Lt. Gov's and Club Presidents and Secretaries. Or you can request the name of your liaison to info@odkf.org or faith.kiwanis@gmail.com.

Faith Levine
Publicity Committee Chair
Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

PS: Are you interested in being an elected Board Member for the ODKF? It's a great opportunity to find another way to "change the world one child and one community at a time". Elected terms run for three years. Nomination forms are due by March 31 and the nominations are confirmed by the board in May. Please contact Bill Snellgrove, Nominations Chair, at wsnellgr@columbus.rr.com for the nomination forms.

Club News

Kiwanis Club of Kirtland Celebrates Deepwood Aktion

Club Charter

11/09/2012 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: Bill Pastor

The Kiwanis Club of Kirtland celebrated the chartering of an Aktion Club in recognition of their achievement as an official club of Kiwanis International. Kirtland Kiwanis sponsored the Aktion club at the Lake County Board of D/D Deepwood and worked along with Deepwood advisors throughout this past spring and summer to enable official organization on September 4, 2012.



This historic Kirtland Kiwanis event took place on Monday, November 5, with the celebration held at the Kirtlander Party Center at which time the new club was presented with their Charter, Bell and Gavel as well as their Aktion Club Banner. Ohio District 2011-2012 Governor William Snellgrove was on hand to install the new club members, officers and advisors. A group of 88 individuals including Kiwanis Members from West Geauga, Geneva and Kirtland, members of the Lake County Aktion Club and the Metzenbaum Aktion Club joined a number of public officials in welcoming the new members, their families, friends and care givers into the organization.

The new Aktion Clubbers inducted were Kevin Hutchins, President; Michael Leske, Vice President; Judy Koprivnik, Secretary; Danielle Null, Treasurer along with members Brandon Carlisle, Josh Carlisle, Lani Engle, Kelleen Kinnaird, Sam Anzells, Megan Leyland, Cade Lewis, Laura Little, and Charlie Schulz. The Deepwood Advisors are Dottie Croyle, Melissa Griffith, Ann Mahler, Carle Rossi, Angela Watson and the Kiwanis advisors are John Bodmer and Rick Fox.

The Aktion Club has already held two fund raisers and is presently planning to donate food baskets this Thanksgiving. If you are interested in more information about the Deepwood Aktion Club please call 440-479-8983.