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November is Kiwanis-Family Month

11/02/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Greetings Ohio Kiwanians!

November is Kiwanis-Family month. I know that our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) are the most significant ongoing service that we provide to the community. We have a unique opportunity to change the lives of students and disabled adults through SLPs. We should celebrate our commitment to SLPs during Kiwanis-Family month. I encourage your Kiwanis Club to organize a joint service project or social with your SLPs. You can rake leaves with Key Clubbers at elderly people's homes, collect books with Builders Club members, or visit residents at a nursing home with K-Kids. Having a social with the SLP groups can also be a great way to get to know other Kiwanis-Family members and foster goodwill about Kiwanis. You can go bowling with Aktion Club members or host a pizza party at a Key Club meeting. Actively engaging SLP members will make your project or social successful and the Kiwanis-Family stronger.



Why are SLPs important to our community? There are so many reasons! For some students, a Kiwanian may be a role model and positive influence. As a Circle K advisor, I listened to students troubles with classes, their triumphs, and stories about their personal lives. I think that I was able to provide a neutral supportive role in their lives as I drove them to projects and events and attended their meetings. For disabled adults, I think Aktion Club provides a safe environment for members to grow their leadership skills and self-esteem. Disabled adults so often have challenges in society. The encouragement that Kiwanians provide to Aktion Club members helps them know their valuable contributions to our community. With K-Kids members, we empower elementary school students to learn about service and its importance in their lives. For Key Club and Builders Club members, students learn to organize projects, motivate other students, and impact their communities through service. This is just a sampling, and I am sure you can add many more reasons why SLPs are amazing.

Kiwanians can also implement other programs to inspire self-improvement in school and leadership development. Bring Up Grades (BUG) recognizes students who raise their grades to an acceptable range and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading

period to the next. Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. Students work with their teacher to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance or schoolwork and to reach their goal during a specific time period. Recognition includes being pinned as a Terrific Kid or placed on a BUG Honor Roll; a pizza, ice cream, or other food-themed party; and/or presentation of certificates and other giveaways. Key Leader is a weekend retreat for teens age 14–18. Workshops, lectures and team-building activities take place over the course of the weekend, providing opportunities to grow in confidence, make new friends and learn skills that can be taken back to the school community.

Kiwanis Clubs have received SLP Sponsorship Forms to share with the Kiwanis Club and SLP Club and to renew your commitment to sponsoring the SLPs. Please obtain the appropriate signatures and return a copy of the form to the District Office by December 1st. It is important for clubs to understand their responsibilities to the SLPs to ensure strong programs.

Happy Kiwanis-Family Month,

Governor Jennifer DeFrance

District Secretary's Notes

11/13/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



The 2012-13 Kiwanis Administrative Year recently concluded and we will soon begin reviewing nomination forms for the various District Awards that will be presented at the 2014 Mid Year Education Day next March. Has your club filed the applicable nomination form for the Distinguished Club Award or for the 2012-13 VIP Interclub and Fellowship Awards. The deadline

for submitting the Interclub Award information is November 15, 2013, but if that date is past please submit the form anyway. Additional information can be found on the District Awards page of our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org. I received a notice from Immediate Past International President Tom DeJulio yesterday that the deadline for submitting the Distinguished Club Nomination form has been extended until December 2, 2014. That form is to be filed online by your Club President or Secretary. If you have trouble finding the form, give me a call in the district office at (888) 827-8196.

Ohio Kiwanis License Plate

The photo you see with my article this month is our new Ohio Kiwanis logo license plate. Last week we approved the design and it should be available for purchase from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles soon. Thanks go to Immediate Past Governor Craig Wallace for his leadership in spearheading this project and to our District Foundation and District Kiwanis Board for working so hard to collect the necessary signatures to make this plate a reality. This plate will not only allow us to show our pride in being Kiwanis members, but it will also provide our District Foundation with a new source of funds that will eventually make their way back to our clubs by way of grants made for worthy projects. Watch for an email announcing that the plate is available for purchase.

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 year sixteen (16) of our Ohio Kiwanis Clubs had their exemption from federal income tax revoked due to the failure to file the appropriate tax return. The process to regain their tax exempt status is not easy. 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, simply 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/>

Dave Whiteman
Ohio District Secretary

Great Fall and Winter Activities for Kiwanis Clubs and YC:PO Committees

11/05/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Linda Steinbrunner

As winter approaches, it is a great time to focus on "Healthy Kiwanians: Healthy Communities". The Coldwater Club recently completed two valuable service projects benefitting young children. The club and all of its SLPs worked together on "Walk the Magic Mile" for pediatric trauma. SLP members collected donations from friends and neighbors. Everyone walked one mile together at our school track on Saturday, October 26 in honor of pediatric trauma. One of our Aktion Club members collected over \$200 in donations. She was very, very proud to be a part of this project. Funds collected are sent to the ODKF to be used to benefit "Pediatric Trauma". A tremendous benefit of this project is that our local club can get half of those funds back to support other pediatric service projects we complete. We will use some of those funds to help cover expenses incurred for our second service project which was our annual "Healthy Kids Day" which was held on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Coldwater Schools Auditoria. This major and very rewarding project, which benefits newborns through 4th graders, requires significant collaboration with community organizations and service agencies. The Coldwater Club partners with the Celina Club, the local hospital, and the public school and invites multiple service agencies to help provide a wonderful program which offers health related screenings for young children, fun activities and also provides volumes of health related information to parents and other care givers. Some of the screenings and displays provided included: dental screenings, vision screenings, skin cancer screening, blood pressure checks, pre-school readiness, speech screening, developmental screening, healthy snacks, height and weight measures, bicycle safety, seat belt and car seat safety, etc. Clubs interested in offering a Healthy Kids Day in their community can contact me via the contact information noted below. The Coldwater Club



has been doing a health fair for children for over 10 years, and it has become a signature project for our club. It is a very successful project, and parents and children attending are very appreciative of the program.

Another project to consider is a coat drive as winter approaches. If another local group already does this, look into the possibility of assisting them. You might consider focusing on collecting coats and blankets for infants and children. Many less fortunate are grateful to receive warm coats, hats, gloves and socks as winter approaches. Donating warm winter pajamas for children is also a wonderful project.

Another timely project, considering the recent changes to the food stamp program, is doing a food drive to support a local food pantry. Food pantries are anticipating increased need for services this year because of decreased food stamp benefits. To keep the focus on "Healthy Kiwanians: Healthy Communities", consider collecting high protein foods and hygiene items such as soaps and toothpaste. Nonperishable high protein items include canned meats such as tuna, chicken and salmon; beans such as soy, kidney, white, black and Lima beans; peanut butter; and some cereals such as Special K. You might also consider collecting baby foods.

As District Chair for Young Children: Priority One, please feel free to call me if interested in a presentation at a Division Council Meeting. I can be reached at 419-733-8445 or stnbrnr@hometowncable.net.

Healthy Children Make Healthy Communities

11/07/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

The prevention and treatment of pediatric trauma will contribute to Healthy Communities being promoted by Governor Jennifer. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has provided funding for projects which keep children safe and healthy. Children in Ohio are at risk for injuries from motor vehicles, bicycles, falls, sports injuries, violence, child



abuse, fires and other traumas. Kiwanis clubs help to promote safety for children by providing safety town programs, bicycle rodeos, distributing bicycle helmets and car seats. Treatment of pediatric trauma is improved by the pediatric backboards and inflatable car seats provided by Kiwanis clubs for ambulance squads, CHAD stickers, training for emergency room staff, and trauma dolls to comfort a child in the emergency room. How is your club helping children to be safe and healthy? Support projects all over Ohio by donating to the Pediatric Trauma Fund of your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Donations to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation can be made directly from IRA accounts of members over 70 1/2 years of age. These donations will not count as income and will meet the requirements for mandatory minimum distributions. These gifts have to be made directly from the IRA to Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. To request a distribution under these provisions of the IRS for 2013, contact your IRA administrator. For more information, contact secretary@odkf.org. This is an opportunity to provide support for Kiwanis service all over the state through your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Jean Forbes
Secretary
Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

Membership Growth Comments

11/12/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove

Our members, clubs, and divisions of this district do so much for our communities. Never doubt that you are making a difference – you are! Please keep up the good work – it is important to your community – it is why we are Kiwanians.

As we all know, though, the need for Kiwanis service is greater now than ever. The only way to continue to increase our service is to bring in new members.

Fortunately there are a number of programs to help us. Are you aware of the Family Membership Pilot, the dues reduction for former members of our SLP's (Service Leadership Program), or corporate membership?

These can help you grow. The Family Membership Pilot allows a club to add a 2nd or 3rd family member and KI & district dues will be cut in half and the KI magazine costs will not be charged to the club – a \$42 savings. All that is required is that those members join the same club as the 1st family member, have a relationship and live at the same address. What does your club have to do? Give the new members at least a \$42 reduction in club dues.

Recruit a former member of our SLP's (Circle K, Key Club, etc.) and Ki and the district give a dues break for two years. Your club just needs to pass the reduction along to the new member.

And corporate membership? Recruit a bank, retail company or other corporation as a member and their designated employee represents them. If that member is transferred, the corporation can name a new person to be their "member" – with no new KI/district new member add fees.

Make these forms of membership become part of your growth plan. It has been proven that a membership plans that have time limits that are too far in the future do not work. My goal for membership is that each club continuously grows so that it has enough members to continue doing the terrific service we do for our communities. Let's do this for our clubs and our communities.

Want more information. Go to the district website <http://www.ohiokiwani.org/>, then click on Family membership in the index on the left side for Family Membership and <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/resources/file-library/suggested-forms-downloads#.UoBrReKMmAY> – then click on membership initiatives for information on corporate membership.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we should all give thanks for our blessings. As we look around the world, we find that we are truly blessed. Let us all pause and give thanks - and pledge to continue to increase our service through Kiwanis. By joining together as club members, as divisions and as a district, we can give greater service to others. That is the strength of being part of this great organization. Best wishes for a great Thanksgiving.

Bill Snellgrove, Growth Chair
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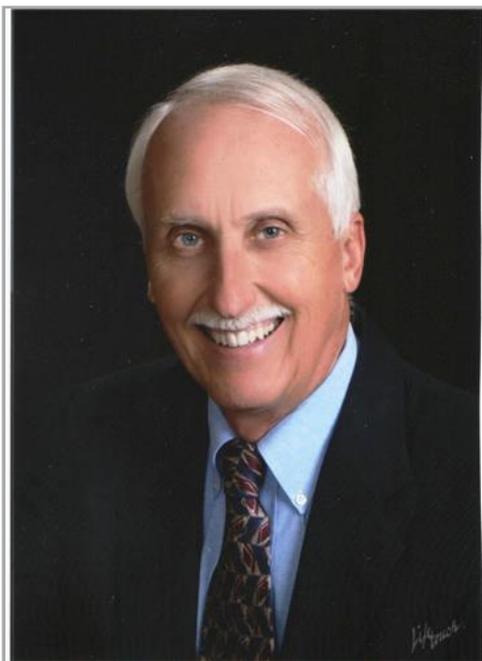


Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

11/08/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jack Hilborn

Why is Directors & Officers (D&O) liability protection so important for your club? Let me answer that question in this article. I recommend that each and every Kiwanis club in the Ohio District seriously consider the purchase of D&O protection. I recently returned from Kiwanis International where I attended a meeting of all district risk managers for North America. The D&O protection available through Kiwanis was discussed and reviewed at length.

As an insurance professional for 40 years, I sell a good bit of non-profit D&O insurance through the agency that I own. I can tell you from experience that the Kiwanis International program is a good one and one worth serious consideration. The cost is \$500 per year for \$1 million of liability protection. Higher limits are available up to \$3



million. I can tell you that the cost is very good, though I realize that it may indeed be a sizeable amount for smaller clubs to pay. Remember, however, that the premium for this coverage can be paid from either the club's Administrative or Service account, or a combination of both. Generally, many clubs have more dollars available in their Service account.

Directors & Officers liability protection essentially covers "wrongful acts." It is important to know that each club and each Kiwanian benefits from the Kiwanis International general insurance program with bodily injury and/or property damage liability protection. The fee each year that each Kiwanian pays for this important protection is just \$12. D&O protection goes beyond the general liability to provide coverage for such things as: mismanagement of funds; conflict of interest; discrimination; harassment; acting beyond authority granted by bylaws; failure to enforce bylaws;

employment situations (wrongful termination for example) and many other situations.

A classic example of where D&O liability protection could come into play would be where a Kiwanis club gives out scholarships to youth. A parent brings suit against the club claiming discrimination against their son or daughter because he/she was not selected. General liability would not respond because very likely there was no bodily injury or property damage. The D&O coverage would respond in such a situation.

An application is available from Kiwanis International either by phoning Lisa Heindricks at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 112 or by going to the KiwanisOne website and downloading the application. Payment must accompany the completed application. Club foundations are covered at no added cost.

Finally, I am available to speak on the Kiwanis insurance program to club meetings and/or division councils. I have an excellent power point presentation to share.

Jack Hilborn
Ohio District Risk Manager

Ohio Eliminate Campaign Report

11/04/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.

Congratulations to our newest Model club - that of Sandusky in Division 12 - for saving so many lives! Sandusky joins 25 other clubs in Ohio who have contributed to our \$1.5 million raised on the way to our \$4.2 million goal.



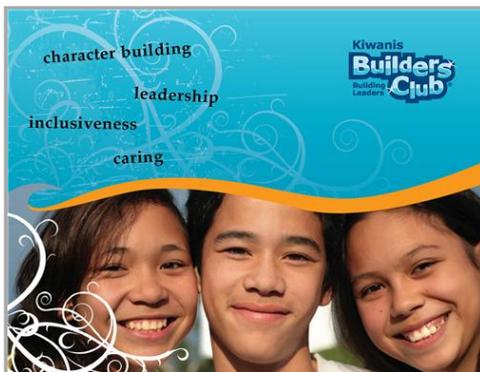
Governor Jennifer continues to encourage every member, club and division to participate, and as such, there are 3 initiatives going on in Ohio to support this.

1. Speakers Bureau - The Kiwanis International Foundation has established a Speakers Bureau to more actively and directly meet with individual members and clubs on the project. Please welcome these individuals if they ask to meet with your club. They are Amy Zimmerman, Alan Penn, Suzanne Lemak, Craig Smith and Cindy Champer.
2. GEMS program - At our October board meeting, the GEMS program was rolled out to SUPPLEMENT international efforts on club recognition. Banner patches will be awarded beginning at Mid Year to clubs reaching the \$5,000, \$10,000, \$20,000 and \$40,000 levels. (In other words, everyone is participating!)
3. Model club contest - All clubs who achieve Model club status between November 1, 2013 and February 28, 2014, will be entered into a drawing to win two registrations to District convention.

Additionally, as we look to the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International which is just 20 months away, we have only 20 months to complete our goal and establish new ones - such as 100 Model clubs in a district, 100% Model clubs in a division, etc. Please let my team and I know how we can help you reach your goal!

Builders Club

11/01/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak



It is November and I hope many Ohio District Builders Clubs participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF on Halloween. Kiwanis is working with UNICEF and all money collected by Kiwanis-family members through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will support **The Eliminate Project** and help save moms and babies by eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT). Please make sure they send in their hard-earned funds by December 31 with a check or money order (payable to the Kiwanis International Foundation) and their completed gift form.

I would like to thank the following Builders Clubs who donated to The Eliminate Project 2012-2013:-

Granville Middle School, Bay Village Middle School, Three Rivers Middle School, Benjamin Logan Middle School, Rocky River Middle School, Blendon Middle School, St. Michael School, Newbury, Grandview Heights Middle School and Upstage Players of Cleveland. You raised \$3165 and saved 1758 women and their future newborns!!!!

Just a reminder that if your Kiwanis Club sponsors a Builders Club, it is time to renew your Builders Club 2013-2014 membership. Renew at the **Builders Club Renewal Center** located on the Builders Club Web site (www.buildersclub.org). If you have any questions, please contact me at suz12317@yahoo.com.

Are You Volleying?

11/12/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cory Briner

If your club has one of the district interclub volleyballs, don't forget to sign the ball and post pictures to the district Facebook page. The volleyballs started at the Lima District Convention in Divisions 2 and 25, and we would like as many clubs as possible to be involved. If your club get one of the volleyballs, make sure to interclub to someone who has not yet gotten it so we can keep it moving.



Don't forget about this year's interclubbing awards. To be eligible for the Bump Award, your club must interclub with all clubs in your home division, one division event, and one district/international event. The Set Award includes visiting all home division clubs, two division events (one must be Governor's visit), and two district/international events. To get the Spike Award, your club must visit all home division clubs, three division events (must include Governor's visit), Mid-Year, District Convention, and International Convention.

It's very easy to get an interclub. It only takes two members if your club is under 20 members, three members for clubs with 21-30 members, and four members if your club has more than 30 members. For clubs over 20 members, one of these members can include any current division, district, or international officer.

Interclubbing is a great way to see how other clubs operate. You can share ideas about service projects and fundraisers that clubs are doing. You get to spend some quality time with your fellow Kiwanians (or SLPers-you can't forget about them). Most importantly, you are having fun!

Bump, set, and spike! Let's volley across this great district!

Cory Briner
Interclub and Fellowship Chair

Aktion Club Update

11/12/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Hobart

We had a successful District Convention held on August 24-25 at Recreation Unlimited where 107 Aktion Club members, Advisors, Caregivers, and Kiwanians attended.

A big thank you goes out to Administrative Secretary Sarah Roush, Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Moylan, Medina County Advisor Paula Majoros, Immediate Past Governor Craig Wallace, Governor Jennifer DeFrance, Governor-Elect Diana Keplinger, Past Governor Sharon O'Neal and Jim O'Neal for all of their help in making this year's event a huge success.

Please encourage all of your Aktion Clubs to pay their \$5 per member dues to Kiwanis International. If any of the clubs are having issues using the Membership Update Center, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at rhobart@limitedbrands.com for assistance.

Please note that there will be a dues increase in 2014 to \$8, but this year's dues are still



\$5 per member.

If you are interested in starting an Aktion Club in your area, please contact me directly for more information.

Bob Hobart
Aktion Club Administrator

Club News

K-Kids Make Thank You Cards for Veterans

11/09/2013 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

15 members of the K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School in Lima, Ohio, made 83 "Thank you for your service" cards for patients in the VA Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.



Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Continues Support of Feeding Medina County

10/31/2013 - Club: Medina Breakfast - Submitted by: Quinn Behler

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club partners with Feeding Medina County once a month to help sort and pass out food to members of our community in need. The food is donated from the Akron Regional Food Bank and there are, on average, 100 families that benefit from this service. Club members attend Feeding Medina County the third Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30am.



Feed the Creek

10/30/2013 - Club: Beaver creek - Submitted by: Bill Pees

The new Kiwanis Club of Beaver creek worked last weekend sorting and staging food for the Beaver creek School District. Members Marge Hess, Jaime Ferguson, Rafi Rodriguez, Benita Shea, Bob Buescher, and Bill Pees along with Rosa Rodriguez participated. This food will be put in bags and given to needy children in the Beaver creek area. 267 orders were completed. The club was chartered on September 26th, 2013



Newton Falls Kiwanis Raises Funds for Senior Citizen Van

10/23/2013 - Club: Newton Falls - Submitted by: Bob Wujcik



The 24th annual Newton Falls Kiwanis Club Labor Day Run & Walk raised \$6202.74 for the Newton Falls Senior Citizen Van Fund. The program is funded by grants and donations, so this year's money was greatly appreciated. They just spent over \$4000.00 on transmission work. The club set a new record in the amount raised. We were honored to have Ohio District Governor-Elect Jennifer DeFrance participate in the race. The presentation of the check took place at our weekly meeting at Covered Bridge Inn Restaurant on

October 22, 2013. The giant check will be posted at NF Community Center, where senior citizens have their lunches. We are looking forward to our 25th race next year.

In the photo left to right: Karen Carr, van fund treasurer; one of our race directors, Vonda Vencel; Newton Falls Mayor Lyle Waddell, Newton Falls Kiwanis President Bob Wujcik, and Division 25 Lt. Governor Jim Wilkins.

Kiwanis Family Clubs Volunteer at Soup Kitchen

10/23/2013 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

On Saturday October 19 five members of the Kiwanis Club of Lima, five members of the Builders Club of North Middle School, and 13 members of the K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School volunteered at New Life Church International's soup kitchen. Members of the club purchased and prepared the meal and members of the SLP clubs served the 73 individuals who enjoyed the lunch.



Breast Cancer Walk 2013

10/21/2013 - Club: Wilmington, Clinton County, OH - Submitted by: Vermon Dillon



Despite the rain, the Bell Brook & Clinton Massie High School Key Clubs want to Make a Difference by passing out water and cheering the walkers and survivors for the 2013 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Dayton on Sat, Oct 19, 2013.

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Left to Right Bellbrook H.S. Key Club Members Ali Contestable, Dalia Alkhawaga, Alyssa Burritt, Melissa Wahl, Shelby Bowers, Torie Weslow, Lauren Kemper, Marshall Macclellan, Shukun Patel, Clinton Massie H. S Key Club members Kenzie Wilson, Alayna Rice & Kiwanian Vermon L. Dillon (Not Shown) Rev. Godfrey Day of Glory Ministries Church

Wilmington Kiwanis Club sponsored Football Awards for Cancer Awareness

10/17/2013 - Club: Wilmington, Clinton County, OH - Submitted by: Vermon Dillon

Wilmington Kiwanis Club Passed out & Sponsored Football Awards for both teams for the Cancer Awareness High School Football Game between Wilmington H.S. against Ross High School on Friday, Oct 11, 2013 at Wilmington.

Picture is Club President Mack Fife giving out the Walter G. Sellers Leadership Award, In Honor of 1997-98 Past International President Walter G. Sellers who died of Cancer in 2008. The Leadership Award went to Wilmington # 62 Charlie Walker and Ross #48 Luke Walker

Ross won over Wilmington 34 to 9.

