

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

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## District Governor's Report

*10/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove*

Cheryl and I have started our visits to the clubs and divisions in the district, and all we can say is – WOW! The service that our clubs and members do for their communities is truly amazing. 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. That is why Kiwanis International's President, our own Alan Penn, urges that each of our clubs add a service project in their community. And as you can read about elsewhere in this bulletin, we also have two special projects this year. We have the First Lady's project to help 10 – 12,000 children across Ohio who are removed from their homes on an emergency basis for their protection, often without anything but the clothes they are wearing and KI's international project to ELIMINATE maternal and neo-natal tetanus.



For most of our clubs we need more hands to do this. So our challenge, yours and mine, is to grow our service and grow our clubs. Each supports the other. There is no service without dedicated Kiwanians and the purpose for Kiwanis is our terrific service.

So my goals this year are simple. My goals are for your club's success, and the success of our district and international service projects.

I hope that every Club:

- Has 25% of its members become Distinguished Members
- Starts a new project to improve your community
- Supports KI's international project – Eliminate Maternal/Neo-natal Tetanus. This is Ohio's chance to protect 2.3 million young women and their future children
- Supports the First Lady's Project – helping 10 – 12,000 Ohio children each year
- Supports your Service Leadership Programs – or starts one
- Has net growth – we all need more hands doing service
- Interclubs often – to shares fellowship and ideas
- Is visited by their Lt. Governor at least four times
- Is recognized as the premier service club in their community

Cheryl and I are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you.

Governor Bill Snellgrove

## District Secretary's Notes

*10/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*



The 2010-11 Kiwanis year is now over and our clubs are beginning a new year of service to their communities. As I write this column, the final report of our membership count has not been received. It does appear that the district lost in excess of 330 members and several Kiwanis Clubs during the last administrative year. While you may argue that the community service your club performs is what you are most concerned about, membership growth is key to you being able to continue providing much needed service to your community and its children. The Kiwanis International Board will be revoking the charter of five Ohio Kiwanis Clubs this month and those five communities will lose the service of dedicated Kiwanis members. Please realize how important membership growth is to your club and ultimately to your community.

### **Form 990 Information**

I 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. Four clubs in our district lost their exemption from Federal Income Tax for failing to file a return last year.

### **Electronic District Newsletter**

One of the reasons we are most proud of our new "electronic" Buckeye Bulletin is the ability of clubs to submit articles promoting their service activities. The process is very simple and the articles are automatically pulled into the newsletter. [Click here](#) for instructions on uploading club news to our website and be sure to include a photo with your article!

### **Mid Year Education Day**

Our 2010 and 2011 Mid Year Education Day events held at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio were an unqualified success. This center was built to serve as the Corporate Training Facility for Nationwide Insurance and it is especially conducive to educational sessions. Feedback from members who attended the Mid Year was overwhelmingly positive. Mark your calendars for March 10, 2012 and hold that date for our 2012 Mid Year Education Day. We know you will want to join us at the premier Kiwanis education event in the Ohio District. Watch our website (and your mailbox) for additional information to come.

Dave Whiteman  
Ohio District Secretary

# You Are the Key - To Membership Growth

10/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Fil Line

The 2011-12 Membership Growth Team is set. The District is organized in eight regions and each region has a Membership Growth Coordinator. Your Coordinator is responsible for working with your Lt. Governor, Club President and Club Membership Chair to assist in growing our membership in the Great Ohio District. Now that the 2011-12 District Directory is available for your use you can feel free to contact your Membership Coordinator for any advice or assistance you might need.



Governor Bill Snellgrove has asked us to work toward a goal of establishing one new Kiwanis Club in each of the eight regions, so you should work with your Coordinator to begin developing any potential new Club locations in your region.

We have just finalized the criteria for a Membership Growth Contest for this year and will soon be distributing the information that describes how your Club can win a meaningful award for increasing your membership by 10%, 15% or even 20%, NET new members, of course.

Soon we will begin the planning for a series of Membership Growth Summits requested by Governor Bill for the first quarter of 2012.

The service for which we exist requires members to perform the service. Let's all work together this year to serve the children of our communities.

Fil Line  
District Chair  
Membership Growth and New Club Building

## Key Leader Welcomes Students to Recreation Unlimited

10/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer, Chair



In just a few short weeks, students from all over Ohio will gather at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio for another exciting Key Leader event. During the weekend of November 11-13, they will enjoy opportunities to learn about service leadership through many hands-on activities and team-building challenges. It's not too late to get students registered at [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org).

Please consider making a difference in a high-school student's life by offering sponsorship for this life-changing experience. The cost is only \$200 when registered by October 28, and a discount of \$25 is available for Key Club members. Yes, that's right. A student can attend Key Leader for only \$175. They will spend two nights in a cabin, have five meals, snacks, get many takeaway materials and meet all manner of interesting people.

Josh Hiscock will be returning to Ohio as our Lead Facilitator for the weekend. He will keep students involved and teach them how to use their skills to make a difference in their communities and the world.

Hurry over to registration before it is full. Please remember to use valid email addresses so that students will be able to receive the three forms they need to bring to check-in on November 11. Questions can be addressed to [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com).

## **Eliminate Project Heads into 2011-2012**

*09/27/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coord.*

### **ELIMINATE PROJECT HEADS INTO NEW KIWANIS YEAR OF 2011-2012**



While the present Kiwanis year is rapidly drawing to a close, our work on the Eliminate Project - specifically Eliminating Maternal and Neonatal tetanus - has only just begun. This is Kiwanis International's second foray into an international service project that will attempt to raise \$4.2 million in Ohio and save the lives of 129 million mothers and their unborn children. That goal will be achieved through the simple raising of \$2 to save each life with a series of 3 immunizations and also provide life-saving education and clean birthing practices.

But Eliminate is more than an international project. It is a project that has a face of women - women who are being empowered to take care of their health, and that of their unborn children, through the series of 3 immunizations. Fathers also have a face in this project in encouraging mothers to do this, for without mothers and children, the family unit as we know it ceases to exist.

And Eliminate also has a face for all Kiwanians. This is a wonderful opportunity to build membership, showcasing not only your local service projects but also the fact that you are an international organization with a very life-changing program. And Eliminate also gives us an opportunity to increase our fundraising activities through new projects, projects which will remain with us after Eliminate has been successfully completed.

So get involved. Become educated, grow your membership and support Eliminate both personally and through your club's website. For more information, go to: [www.TheEliminateProject.org](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org); or contact district coordinator Cindy Champer @ 419/350-0477; or [CindyChamper@aol.com](mailto:CindyChamper@aol.com).

## **First Lady's Project**

*10/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cheryl Snellgrove*

The First Lady's Project traditionally, and appropriately, deals with children. Since the focus of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF) is pediatric trauma, that is an area I would like to stress. There are many kinds of pediatric trauma - some are physical, but some also are emotional in nature.

Each year, Children's Services Departments in every county in Ohio have to remove children from their homes on an emergency basis. This is a very traumatic, emotional event for these confused children. Many times a few personal belongings are gathered only in garbage bags, but sometimes there is not even time to gather anything.

As First Lady, I want to do something to help these children. My plan, which I have named "Project Backpack", is to provide, at no cost, inexpensive backpacks to all eighty-eight of Ohio's county Children's Services Departments. We may be able to fill them with personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, comfort bears or small blankets, and maybe some basic clothing items, depending on the needs of each county. These



backpacks would stay with the children even if they are relocated by the county department, which often happens.

The success of this project will depend largely on you, as club leaders, to promote and encourage your club to participate as generously as they can. Additionally, a great way to honor a club member is to give them a Past International President Award (PIP) through ODKF. The foundation has in the past donated half of the \$500 cost for this to the First Lady's Project. The district foundation has approved continuing this practice. There will be a form on the ODKF website for submitting this donation.

For questions, please contact me at: 614-433-9131 or [csnellgr@columbus.rr.com](mailto:csnellgr@columbus.rr.com).

Cheryl Snellgrove  
2011-12 First Lady  
Ohio District of Kiwanis International

## The New Year Challenge for KIF

*10/12/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams*

It's a New Year for your Kiwanis International Foundation filled with the dual challenges of The Annual Gift Campaign and The Eliminate Project. Both are an integral part of fulfilling the mission of helping the children of the world.



Last year our Annual Gift Campaign reached a new high of \$23,075. While this is really great, and we thank all of those who contributed, it still represents an average gift of just \$2.61. Our neighbors in Pennsylvania averaged \$4.18 and in Michigan \$3.92. We'll do even better this year and now is the time to either make your commitment. It would be great if we could have 100% participation at some level. The target is \$5 per member. If you have a club of 50 members this is only \$250. I would be surprised if many of you could not meet that modest goal. Perhaps you could do a project designated to KIF Gift Campaign, place this in your annual budget, or just pass the hat. Whatever choice you make, please consider doing something.

It is important that we provide the funding for the numerous worldwide projects that KIF underwrites. Call me, 330-465-4690, e-mail me at [lhachfc@yahoo.com](mailto:lhachfc@yahoo.com) or check out our web site, [www.kiwanis.org/kif](http://www.kiwanis.org/kif) for more information or with your questions. Together we can reach the 100% goal and the result will be even more support for your foundation.

Len Abrams  
District Chair  
Kiwanis International Foundation

## Builders Club

*10/13/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak*



Under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland, the Upstage Players, a children's theater company, has become a Builders Club. These young students plan to build activities centered on the arts. They will bring their drama and acting skills to the community. According to Jerry Seppelt, a member of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Advisor to the Builders Club, the Upstage Players Builders Club will use their talent in the

form of one act plays to senior citizens in nursing homes, retirement communities and other venues. Now, this is unique and creative!!! For more information about Upstage Players go to [www.upstageplayers.com](http://www.upstageplayers.com).

### **Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF**

By teaming up with UNICEF, Builders Club is helping to raise money for The Eliminate Project. With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). If your Builders Club would like to participate this year, please order a free Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF kit from Kiwanis International by calling Kiwanis member service representatives at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411.

Suzanne Lemak  
District Chair  
Builders Club

## **What changes do we need for Key Club to be Successful ?**

*10/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: jeff eble*

Well, here I am writing another article for the Bulletin about Key Club. Will anyone read it? Will it matter? In many years of writing articles, and I have missed many, of those that I did complete, never have I heard any feedback.

I have suggested Kiwanis member recruitment through an inexpensive cookout with Key Clubbers and their parents; I have suggested involvement with Key Clubs in their projects and including Key Clubbers in Kiwanis projects. I have suggested steps to take in promoting and electing District Board positions, I have suggested community activities and school activities for clubs; I have suggested ways to assist Faculty Advisors to be a little less stressed and provide effective guidance for clubs.



What have these suggestions resulted in?? Not much that I know of. Perhaps lots of things are happening and suggestions being used or modified that I do not know of. I know of one club that does the parent cookout recruitment idea, but they were doing it before I wrote about it. They do get Kiwanis members out of it, but I'm not aware of anyone else trying it (including my own home club). Seems this would be a pool of 3,000 to 5,000 or more NEW possible Kiwanians each year. Seems like a viable option to maintain membership.

I sometimes get calls or emails about assistance of what to do to start a Key Club, and maybe, once a year get contacted about ideas to rejuvenate or sustain Key Clubs, and I talk about the things I have talked about in my article, not sure too many happen.

I guess I am feeling a little low. Key Club is probably no different than many programs (Kiwanis or otherwise) It takes interested adults, at the local club level, to make the clubs and the District Board representatives motivated and successful. Today's high schoolers are spread very thin between clubs, sports, theatre, music, testing, and of school jobs. The time available for Key Club becomes less annually and with school funding and liability issues becomes more and more difficult.

How can we as Kiwanis change for the future? To be more effective in assisting our Key Clubbers to have good experiences (not necessarily always successes!!!) that will help them grow and be leaders for the future? Kiwanis itself is spread over many programs and everyone is not interested in every program. We have difficulty getting Kiwanis sponsors in some cases for Key Clubs. Some clubs have had to start Kiwanis Clubs to get a sponsor.

I and the Zone Administrators are all listed on email on [www.ohiokeyclub.org](http://www.ohiokeyclub.org). We welcome any thoughts for change or any offers of involvement in the program. Probably I have said some things that may make some folks think about the future.....if my article is read. Maybe I will hear some feedback from Kiwanians that want to help Key Club move forward and continue to be one of Kiwanis most worthwhile programs. If not, I have spent another Sunday afternoon at my computer filling up space.

Jeff Eble  
District Administrator  
Ohio District Key Club

## Important Insurance Protection For Clubs

*10/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jack Hilborn*

 At a recent board meeting of my club, a member asked about benefits of our club associating with Kiwanis International. I responded with a number of important benefits, but one of the most important is insurance coverage for clubs and club activities. Kiwanis International provides an outstanding insurance program that is automatic, by that I mean a portion of our dues pays for general liability insurance protection. In addition, Kiwanis International (KI) has expanded it's offerings of insurance programs to clubs: directors & officers liability; club crime insurance; and club accident insurance protection. I would encourage every Ohio Kiwanis club to investigate and consider these additional insurance offerings from KI.

KI has come out with an excellent coverage presentation kit entitled "Optional Insurance Resource Guide." This brochure explains the coverages, provides cost figures, and includes application forms. To download this important information go first to the [KiwanisOne.org](http://KiwanisOne.org) website. After logging in, click on Club Leader Tools, then click on Secretary. Next, click on Risk Management and finally click on Optional Insurance Guide 2011-12. Or, you may simply phone the Risk Services Dept. at KI at 1-800-529-2647 `begin_of_the_skype_highlighting` 1-800-529-2647 `end_of_the_skype_highlighting`, ext. 210 or 112.

Please note that the club accident insurance coverage has a coverage period that begins November 1st.

Very briefly, D&O liability provides protection for directors, officers, committee chairs and members for liability arising out of the performance of their duties that may result in claims. This coverage also protects the personal assets of a club director/officer and the club's assets. The Crime insurance protects the club from theft of funds and dishonest volunteers, members, officers, or employees. The Club Accident plan offers protection for members, volunteers and guests for injuries suffered while in the course of conducting/participating in a club event.

Jack Hilborn  
Risk Manager  
Ohio District of Kiwanis International

## Club News

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### Newark Kiwanis Presents Pedimate Restraints

*10/18/2011 - Club: Newark - Submitted by: Bob Cullen*

At its weekly meeting on October 17th, Sam Kiner, 2010-11 President of the Newark Kiwanis Club, presented five Pedimate Child Transport Safety systems to Alan Ashcraft, of the Newark City Fire Department, and one to Joe Krouse, of the Newark Township Fire Department. These presentations will help to insure that pediatric patients are transported safely in local emergency units.



Matching funds to cover the cost of the equipment were secured in a Grant from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Safe Pediatric Transport was one of the items stressed by our 2010-11 Ohio Kiwanis First Lady Wanda DeVilbiss in her First Family Project. To find out more information about the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, go to [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org) and checkout their website.

### Children's Transportation Safety Equipment Gratefully Received

*10/18/2011 - Club: Northern Columbus - Submitted by: Craig Slack*



The Worthington Fire Department was thankful to receive two "Pedi-mate" pediatric stretcher safety restraint systems. Donated by the Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club, President Frank Henderson, a former firefighter, recognized the value of these restraints which will work in conjunction with the equipment the fire department currently has. The restraints are designed to hold a smaller person in place while being transported from the scene of an accident or fire, ensuring the child will not be sliding around on an emergency cot designed for a full sized adult.

They demonstrated how these systems will be used at the Worthington Fire Department's Open House.

L to R: President of Northern Columbus Kiwanis Frank Henderson, EMT Chris Dawson, Dr. Craig Slack, Volunteer "patient" Matthew Forsythe, WFD Chief Scott Highley, EMT Joe Graham, Howard Pfannenstein and Northern Kiwanis Treasurer Bob Thompson.

## **Warren Club Distributes \$12,000**

*10/07/2011 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn*

The Warren Kiwanis Club has distributed \$12,000 in proceeds from its 2010-2011 fundraising events, including last year's annual Turkey Trot, the club's largest yearly fundraiser. Receiving checks were representatives from the following organizations:



- Kent State University Trumbull Campus
- YMCA
- Greater Western Reserve Council of Boy Scouts of America
- First Book-Trumbull County
- Camelot Center
- Trumbull County 4-H
- Inspiring Minds
- Children's Rehabilitation Center
- Summer Enrichment Program of Trumbull County
- Valley Counseling
- Cortland Area Cares
- YWCA (\$250)
- Champion Robotics Team

Warren Kiwanis Immediate Past President Howard Agueda said, "We are grateful to our community for its continuing support of our fundraising efforts, especially the annual Warren Kiwanis Turkey Trot race/walk. Proceeds allow us to make these significant financial contributions amounting to over \$12,000 to local organizations to continue their good works."

"Kiwanians have a stake in their local community, and it is incumbent upon us to support groups that offer needed services to a wide variety of individuals, especially young children. We applaud the work of our recipients, and are very proud to be a part of their service to others."

The photo attached shows representatives from each recipient group.

Pictured (back row l-r): Nicolette Darkangelo (Camelot Center), Jim Ritter (KSU Trumbull Campus), Chuck Joseph (Inspiring Minds), Tom James (Boy Scouts), Rocco

Maiorca (Summer Enrichment), Bob Foster (Children's Rehabilitation Center), and Patrick McFall (Warren Kiwanis President). Front row l-r: Jody Klase (Valley Counseling), Jonathan Boyd (Champion Robotics), Danette Palmer (YWCA), Ellen Finan (First Book), Debbie King (Cortland Area Cares), Paulette Edington (YMCA), and Michelle Adkins (4-H).

## **Kiwanians, Rain, and the Little Brown Jug, Oh My!**

*09/23/2011 - Club: Delaware County - Submitted by: Tim Adams*



Both Kiwanis Clubs in Delaware County have served the community by selling tickets at the Delaware County Fair for many years. In fact, one of the Kiwanians (Bob) that co-chairs this event (and makes sure we have all the volunteers we need) turned 81 this year!

The Kiwanis club gets paid an hourly amount for every volunteer and those dollars go right back to the community in the form of a project or direct donation that supports the youth specifically in Delaware County.

This year the Noon club purchased aprons that would show-off our Kiwanis logo and help get the word out about Kiwanis as we really want to focus on adding new members. We will be talking with the fair board about doing some more signage for next as well.

The fair week has had its share of rain (and that means lots of mud too!), but Kiwanis is thankful for the opportunity to serve and greet every fair-comer with a smile rains or shine!