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District Governor's Report

10/22/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

Greetings and Happy New Kiwanis Year! It is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian! In travels throughout the district, I have heard about and seen hands reaching out In Fellowship, In Service and In Healing. Many people are receiving the benefits from Kiwanis members working together to serve others. And that is inspiring.

Looking ahead for the 2012-2013 year, there are many things we hope to accomplish in the Ohio District. Let's make our Kiwanis clubs and service projects places people want to be. We do that by greeting everyone-make them feel welcome with a handshake, a smile and a friendly greeting.

Let's build new clubs and grow our existing clubs. Not merely to add numbers-but to add more hands for service in our communities. All of our communities can use more people working to serve others.

Let's serve others by doing more service projects. Each club is to initiate one new project this year-something which will multiply our service throughout Ohio with over 240 new projects! And let's complete at least one service project each quarter-four projects or more during this year. Each project will have a lasting impact in the communities we serve-the more projects we complete, the greater the impact. By working to serve others and focus on the needs of others-while being happy to serve-Kiwanis will continue to be the Premier Service organization in Ohio!

Let's help children by donating to the First Lady's Project. First Lady Lee Ann and I gave a lot of thought to the project emphasis for this year. And we are excited to be able to focus attention on children in Ohio and throughout the world. All to the First Lady's Project donations will be divided evenly between the Ohio District and the Eliminate Project. The funds directed to Ohio will be used to train medical staff at Ohio's 7 children's hospitals in new ways to treat children suffering from a traumatic event. The funds which will be donated to the Eliminate Project will be used to vaccinate women throughout the world where maternal and neonatal tetanus are a threat to them and their babies. This project will eliminate this deadly disease with the help of Kiwanians throughout the world.



As we look ahead and put into motion our plans-let's have an AWESOME year and let's **REACH OUT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN SERVICE AND IN HEALING!**

Governor Craig Wallace

District Secretary's Notes

10/23/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



The 2011-12 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 been received and the news is not positive. The district lost 375 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 the key to you being able to continue providing much needed service to your community and its children. We are now down to 236 active clubs operating in the Ohio District. This means that those clubs that ceased to exist left their communities without the service of dedicated Kiwanis members. Please realize how important membership growth (and new club building) is to your club and

ultimately to your community!

Ohio Kiwanis Foundation Grants Available

On October 13th, I attended the first Board Meeting for the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. At that meeting it was announced that no Grant applications had been received for consideration as of that date. The deadline for submitting Grant applications is October 31st. You do not have much time to ask for help in funding your youth service and/or pediatric trauma projects. Please look to the foundation website (www.odkf.org) for additional information on how you go about securing a foundation grant for your project.

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. Several clubs in our district have lost their exemption from Federal Income Tax for failing to file the appropriate tax return.

Mid Year Education Day

Our 2010, 2011 and 2012 Mid Year Education Day events held at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio were hugely successful. 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 9, 2013 and hold that date for our 2013 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

Three Winners in New Membership

10/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Lyndon Thomas

“Why should I join Kiwanis?” Have you ever been asked that question when you encourage someone to join your Kiwanis club? Be ready to respond to that question with a message that illustrates how their membership will impact their community, become a plus for their employer, and provide rewards for them personally.

Join Kiwanis and your community is a winner! First and foremost, Kiwanis is a service organization improving our community both local and global. Tell them about your service projects, the SLPs that your club supports, and about the Eliminate Project. Encourage them to join your club and make a difference in our world.

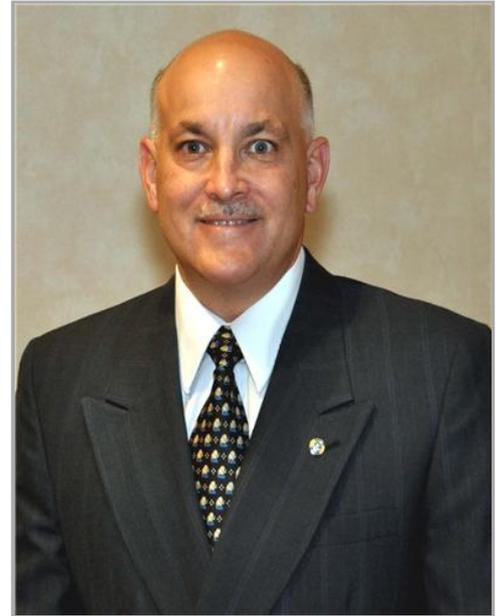
Join Kiwanis and your employer is a winner! Employers want to be good corporate citizens. When their employees participate in and organize service projects within their community, everyone wins. Community service is great PR for the company. Ask them to join Kiwanis and be an advocate for their employer.

Join Kiwanis and you are a winner! Plan a service project; hone your project management skills. Give a presentation; learn PowerPoint. Participate in Kiwanis Rose Day; incorporate marketing, logistics, and finance into your personal skill set.

Tell them about the fun they will have at a Kiwanis social event. Tell them about the educational opportunities and how Kiwanis provides excellent leadership training and webinars on many topics. Tell them about how Kiwanis clubs provides an opportunity to meet new people and network with other leaders in the community. Invite them to join your club and enrich their own life as they serve others.

The Ohio District has a membership growth goal for this year of plus two for each club in the district. To accomplish this goal, we need to ask others to join us. I challenge you to ask someone you meet this week to join Kiwanis. And, when they ask, “Why should I join Kiwanis?” Tell them of the three winners with their new Kiwanis membership.

Lyndon Thomas
2012-13 District Chair
Membership Growth



Key Leader is coming soon

10/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer

Key Leader is just around the corner. It is time to get students registered. In fact, the early registration discount is only valid until October 26, 2012. We have ample space for



your students. We hope that you will work in partnership with local schools, youth groups, churches, scout groups, Boys Clubs and Girls Clubs, home school associations, etc. to identify deserving students. Students of all backgrounds are welcome to attend Key Leader if they are of high school age. It's easy to go online at www.key-leader.org and register a student. We can change lives by offering this opportunity to students who are ready to become leaders in their schools and communities.

It is highly recommended that Kiwanis Clubs participate by offering sponsorship to one or more students who wish to attend Key Leader. One further suggestion is for students to contribute a part of their registration fee so that they have some ownership.

If Kiwanis Clubs are unable to fully sponsor a student, they should consider a donation to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation earmarked for Key Leader. With these funds, multiple donations can be used to sponsor a student who is not otherwise served by Kiwanis. Please consider your commitment to Key Leader. Email ohiokeyleader@gmail.com for additional information.

Kelly Shaffer

On to Convention Vancouver

10/14/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Frank Walker

Vancouver BC is welcoming all Kiwanis members to the 98th International Convention. Make your plans now to join your Ohio District leaders and Kiwanis friends in the cool, friendly laid-back city of Vancouver, home to a seemingly endless playground with activities and adventure for everyone. Visitors experience a modern, cosmopolitan city that blends culture and landscape.

The Ohio District is assigned to the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel, which is six blocks from the Vancouver Convention Center. Vancouver is a gateway to the Canadian Rockies, the United States Northwest through Seattle and the great state of Alaska. For information about the Kiwanis Cruise to Alaska call 1-800-999-3543 for information.

Registration is now open. Please join us for this great convention. If you have any questions, please call me 614 901-9935 or email me at frw1937@yahoo.com. Go to the Kiwanis web site www.KiwanisOne.org/convention for more information.

Frank Walker
On to Convention Vancouver, District Chair



First Lady's Project



This is truly an amazing and awe inspiring time to be a Kiwanian. Across America and throughout the world, Kiwanis clubs are making a difference. Through Kiwanis' national and international reach we each have the ability to change the world in a way that individually we would never be able. Governor Craig has asked us to Reach Out, to be the hands of Kiwanis in Fellowship, In Service and In Healing. Since 2003 the focus of the Ohio District Kiwanis First Lady Project has been the prevention and treatment of Pediatric Trauma. Funds collected through the project are used for grants for Kiwanis-sponsored projects around Pediatric Trauma. Ohio statistics show that at some point, all of us will be touched by Pediatric trauma in some way. Each year thousands of Ohio children will experience a catastrophic event and the care of these ill, injured, or traumatized children is carried out by special people

with special skills! The nurses and physicians on the front lines in Ohio's Seven Pediatric Hospitals must stay abreast of the latest evidenced-based practices to insure they can most effectively treat children that come to our pediatric emergency rooms. In today's challenging healthcare economic environment, education and training are often the first items to be eliminated or reduced. As a Nursing Administrator, I see every day the challenges of maintaining highly skilled staff with fewer and fewer available dollars for education and training. Through part of this years' First Lady Project funds, Ohio Kiwanis will provide funding for grants to enable Ohio's Pediatric Hospitals to offer advanced pediatric training and education for physicians and nurses. Through our gifts, they will be the hands of healing and service for Kiwanis in Ohio.

It is not often that we get to be a part of something that not only changes our community but will change the world, that will change the world for millions of women and children, that will eliminate a cruel and horrifying disease from the face of the Earth! Kiwanis' partnership with UNICEF to ELIMINATE maternal and neonatal tetanus is an opportunity like no other, an opportunity to be the hands of healing for Kiwanis, not just in Ohio but also in faraway places. To ELIMINATE MNT, more than 50 million women and their future babies must be protected through a \$1.80 vaccination. Kiwanis' part of that miracle is to raise \$110 million by 2015! Our work on ELIMINATE will have an historic impact, an impact that each of us must be a part of to make that miracle happen. "After all, there are times when something as simple as a mother's touch requires a group effort." I have spent my entire nursing career working to save the lives of our most fragile and vulnerable patients, through the healing hands of the nurses and doctors. I have been profoundly moved and touched by the ELIMINATE project and see it as an opportunity to extend the reach of our First Lady Project. Thus for each dollar raised toward the First Lady's Project, the Ohio District Foundation will forward 50 cents of that dollar to ELIMINATE.

I hope you will join Craig and me in supporting the Ohio District First Lady's Project, to build a better future for the children of Ohio and around the world. Together, our hands for healing will reach so much farther and accomplish so much more.

First Lady Lee Ann Wallace

Circle K says, "Thank you for supporting KICK."

10/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Alex Bour

Circle K is quickly moving through our year. We hosted our Fall Rally Training Event at Josina Lott in Toledo this past weekend. Students from across Ohio came together to do service, learn about additional service opportunities and how to strengthen our clubs and to have some fun.



We would like to thank all of those Kiwanis Clubs that have offered their support to Circle K through KICK or by supporting district events via financial or in-kind contributions. Your donations are part of what helps make our yearly programming a success.

With only a few short months until our annual District Convention, we look forward to honoring those clubs and Kiwanians who support Circle K. Contest forms and registration documents have been sent to clubs so they can share their successes throughout the year. Recognizing outstanding effort is always such a huge part of the excitement at our convention! Our District Convention is going to be held on Friday, February 28- Sunday, March 2 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. Registration for the event is due prior to January 25th and the forms can be found at our Ohio Circle K website www.odcki.org. If your club would like to recognize an individual, a club or to even advertise your business, we have program ads available for a modest price. If you want to go big time – we are looking for sponsors for our dance, the senior gifts and the presidents mementos. Information, again is available on our district web site under district events.

Thank you again for all that you do for us, you have given us a tremendous opportunity to serve through your sponsorship of the Ohio District Circle K.

-Alex Bour, ODCKI Governor

Key Club : Upcoming Fall Rally

10/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Moriah Saer



The Ohio District Board of Key Club International recently had a Board Meeting September 22 and 23. A big goal of the September Board Meeting was to get a jump start on the planning of Fall Rally and District Convention. The 2012 Fall Rally will be November 4th at Cosi in Columbus. For this big top event, Cirque De Service is the theme. There will be carnival games, hands on service projects, workshops, and more! Please encourage your Key Clubs to join as it will be a great success! Visit www.ohiokeyclub.org for more

information. Thank you for your support!

Moriah Saer
2012-13 Governor
Ohio District Key Club

How Are You Participating in the Eliminate Project?

10/14/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Elim Coor

As you have no doubt heard, Ohio and the Eliminate project internationally have been doing extremely well in saving the lives of thousands of women and children.

Last year, thanks to your help, we saved the lives of over 566,000 women and children; and during 2012-13, we plan to save over 833,000 lives.



So just how are you getting involved? Perhaps one of the best ways would be to establish a partnership with your local hospital. You could first ask the hospital to partner with you in doing a Wellness Fair at which the Eliminate project would be presented, along with other community groups who have similar interests (i.e. health department immunizations, well baby clinics, diaper collections, etc.) Then you could also ask a physician at the hospital to speak to your club about maternal and neonatal tetanus. This could give you a buy-in from the hospital, in that they might be willing to either support your fundraising efforts by providing facilities and personnel; or they might even consider a financial donation.

Talking about donations, just what is a Model club? It is a group/club of Kiwanians who are willing to donate \$.51 per day or \$13 per month for this designation, and for the opportunity to save the lives of thousands of women and children. That's what we call "A Kiwanis Moment"!

New Club Building Team

10/14/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kathleen Moylan



Welcome to the new Kiwanis year. Kiwanis International has tasked the Districts this year with splitting the emphasis on Membership Growth and New Club Building.

Your Ohio New Club Building Team of: Jody Forman, Mike Sweeney, Lori Lee, Rich Ulmes, Randy Rucker, Tim Mohr and Bob Williams are stepping up to introduce and mentor this new venture. Please join us on this journey. You will be amazed at the energy involved in building and mentoring a new club in your division!

Governor Craig has tasked us with building 6 new clubs, but why stop there? We have the expertise (with the help of the Ohio District resources) and commitment to make this happen.

We will be contacting your Lt. Governors in the next few weeks to ascertain potential new club sites, and find out where we can help. We will help with site surveys/community analysis formats; will help you connect with local leaders; and will mentor you and your new club through your progression. Let us help you connect with a community where there is a need for a new Kiwanis Club!

Do you have a potential new club site? Would you like a New Club Building Representative to visit your meeting? Do you have questions? What are you waiting for?

Please contact me at: kathleenmoylan@bellsouth.net - Cell: 828 467-0761

Kathleen Moylan
2012-13 District Chair
New Club Building

Club News

Mt. Gilead Hosts Holiday Home Tour to Benefit Eliminate

10/24/2012 - Club: Mount Gilead - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

The Kiwanis Club of Mount Gilead will sponsor a Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 1 to 5 p.m. in Mount Gilead. The event is part of the Holiday Christmas Festival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Four historic homes will be decorated for Christmas and open for the tour. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Morrow County Emergency Services Office, 140 S. Main St., the day of the tour or can be ordered by contacting Diana Keplinger, Home Tour Chair, at keplingerdiana@yahoo.com or 419-566-5903.

Great Teamwork - Salem Kiwanis and Salem Key Club in Service to the Community

10/23/2012 - Club: Salem - Submitted by: Wendy Saltsman



On October 13, the Salem Kiwanis and Salem High School Key Club jointly participated to clean up the community as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. This service project has been ongoing for many years. The adults and youth team up twice a year, spring and fall, to pick up debris along one of the highways coming into the city.

Downtown Athens Club Participates in First Lady's Project

10/23/2012 - Club: Downtown Athens - Submitted by: Cliff Houk

Cliff Houk, 2011-2012 President of the Downtown Athens Kiwanis Club is shown presenting one of the 50 backpacks supplied by First Lady Cheryl Snellgroves project to Catherine Miller, Director of Athens County Childrens Services. In addition, a box of personal needs items for children, also from the First Lady's project, was presented.



Aktion Club of Allen County Awarded a George F. Hixson Fellowship

10/22/2012 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The Aktion Club of Allen County, a member of the Kiwanis family of clubs, was awarded a George F. Hixson Fellowship by the Kiwanis International Foundation on October 11, 2012 in recognition of the club's service to the community. Bev Beery, co-chair for Project Eliminate of the Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio, made the presentation to Aktion Club president Everett Ward.