

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

Ohio District of Kiwanis International

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## Governor's Message

*10/19/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Amy Zimmerman*

Welcome to the 2015-16 Kiwanis year Ohio District of Kiwanis! It is an exciting time to be part of the best service organization in the world! Our organization turned 100 this year and just this month, Cleveland Kiwanis, the #2 club in the world, celebrated 100 years of service with carousel rides at the Crawford Auto Museum in Cleveland!



And just a few weeks ago, UNICEF and Kiwanis International announced the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus in Cambodia where just 6 months ago I was visiting with the young mothers and their children.

As you start your Kiwanis year, as you begin to plan for the upcoming holiday season, and as we look to complete our Eliminate Campaign pledge, I ask that you remember the women and children that were not fortunate enough to be born here in the US with access to the tetanus vaccination. They need your help. Now is the time to take action and be part of something that is truly improving the world one child and one community at a time.

There will be lots of wonderful things that will happen this year, I am truly optimistic for the future of Ohio Kiwanis! And it will all be possible because of the actions you take today in your local community with your Kiwanis family, your personal family and the families in your local community.

### Services A to Z

Amy Zimmerman  
2015-16 Ohio District Governor

## District Secretary's Notes

*10/19/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*

As we begin a new Kiwanis year of service, the Ohio District has much to be thankful for. Several clubs, led by the Cleveland club last weekend, will be celebrating 100 years of service during the coming year. We also know that the communities in which four new



Kiwanis clubs were built last year will enjoy the benefit of eager members ready to begin serving those communities. We wish them the best of luck and hope that they are around to see 100 years of service!

### **District Newsletter**

Please note that this will very likely be the last Buckeye Bulletin in this format. This template is tied directly to our district website and we will be getting a new website in the very near future that will allow it to be more easily used on mobile devices! Perhaps our new district newsletter will be issued on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis and it may be published with more content to help you serve your club and communities better. The final decision about this has not yet been finalized. Watch for the changes to come!

### **Club Awards**

I would like to remind you of a few items pertaining to club awards for work done in the 2014-15 Kiwanis year. On our current district website you will find a page titled District Awards. On that page you will find out information about the District Interclub (Banner Patch) and the Community Service Award (Safe & Secure Banner Patch). Both of these awards must be applied for and how you do that can be found on our website. Finally, later this week the Distinguished Club Award nomination form will be available on the Kiwanis International website ([www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)) and you will have until November 30th to send in your club's nomination form (online only) to Kiwanis International. Please make sure your club receives all the honors and awards that they are due.

Dave Whiteman

## **The Formula - Strengthen Your Club**

*10/16/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove*

What a great new year we are starting. I am proud to be in an organization that has such a wonderful legacy of service to our children and our communities. The service our members do truly makes a difference. Always remember how important your club is.

Be proud of what you do!

Our challenge, yours and mine, is to grow our service and strengthen our clubs. Each supports the other. There is no service without dedicated Kiwanians and the purpose for Kiwanis is our terrific service.

Last year 69 clubs grew stronger – and their service greater. This year I want your club to be one of those clubs.

To do this, I ask you to do three things:

1. Make sure your members have fun on projects and in meetings.
2. Make sure your club's membership committee is dedicated to strengthening your club. Even better – join that committee.
3. Have an action plan with who is responsible and when it will be done.



Our committee has club counselors in every division. If you would like to have them assist in your efforts, let us know. They are there to support you.

Let the rest of the world know how essential and important your club really is. Share the excitement with someone. Show them how belonging can meet their needs and invite them to join your club. Do it today – it is the only way to continue your club’s wonderful legacy of service to your community!!!!

Love Your Club! Share Your Kiwanis Experience! Live Kiwanis Out Loud!

Bill Snellgrove, District Chair  
Governor\_Bill@columbus.rr.com

## 2015 Key Leader Event

*10/16/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer*



It's Baaaaccckkk!!!!

That's right. Key Leader is back another exciting weekend. Coming to Recreation Unlimited the weekend of November 13-15, Key Leader is sure to inspire the future leaders in your community. Teens from all over

Ohio will come together under the leadership of Josh Hiscock. Making his third appearance, Josh is one of the most dynamic Lead Facilitators in Key Leader. He will accompany our high-school-aged students through a weekend of discovery and adventure. Students will discover their inner leaders and explore topics related to servant leadership. For only \$250 (\$225 for Key Club members) you can sponsor a student's journey to excellence. Please reach out to local students today and encourage them to attend.

There are many students in need of sponsorship all over Ohio. If you cannot locate a student or are unable to afford a sponsorship, please consider a contribution to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation designated for Key Leader. We will combine donations and create scholarships for students without sponsors.

Event information and registration can be found at [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org) or by emailing [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com).

Brian and Kelly Shaffer  
Ohio District Key Leader Chairs

## Great Progress Being Made on Eliminate

*08/06/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: CindyChamper*

By now you are probably aware of the great Eliminate news that came back with us from the International convention. Thanks to pledges from the Government of Canada and \$3 million pledged by Key club International, we've raised \$91 million globally.

That includes great efforts by clubs like yourself, including new additions to the family of supporters - Stow Monroe Falls, Oxford and Fremont, all pledging



Bronze.

Additionally many of our clubs like Warren (our first Model club) and Washington Court House, have already met their pledge commitment and become Legacy clubs. And other clubs are raising their club commitments - including Northwest Columbus (our second Model club) going from Model to Gold; Columbus - the 3rd largest contributor internationally to MNT - going to Platinum; and Cincinnati going to Diamond Level. THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE!

We obviously have much to celebrate, but we can't forget that we are still \$19 million from our goal internationally, and approximately \$2 million in Ohio (that's saving over 1.1 million lives!). It would be so sad if we had a mother who had walked eight hours to get her shot and become educated as to clean birthing practices - and then we say "Sorry, we just ran out of vaccine because we got tired."

So please remember that the Centennial award will be available through December 31, 2015, and a way to save 833 lives. Also if you are not yet a Model club or you want to raise your current pledge, the 20% matching monies are still available.

Let us all continue to row in the same direction and work to finish Eliminate strong!

Cindy Champer  
District Coordinator  
The Eliminate Project

## Key Club Report

*10/14/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Laura Colagiovanni*



Hello Ohio District Kiwanis,

Key Club board members recently held our fall board meeting in Dublin, Ohio. There, our main focus was to finalize planning for our first district event, Fall Rally.

Fall Rally will be held on Sunday, November 1st at The Ohio State University Student Union. Registration will take place at 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and the event will end at 3:00 p.m. Hundreds of Key Club members will gather for an Americana themed day of service, educational workshops, and plenty of interactive activities that will allow attendees to connect with one another. Our general sessions will include a spirit rally to stimulate excitement amongst attendees and a talent show from auditioned entries. In breakout sessions, attendees will rotate among three forums; the Service Fair, "Elemonate", and Let's Talk About It. The Service Fair will feature vendors from several nonprofit organizations

such as March of Dimes, the Thirst Project, etc. Members can learn more about these organizations for the purposes of planning service and fundraising projects. They will also help to make dog toys for the APL, no-slip socks for a children's hospital, fleece blankets for homeless shelters, and writing letters for soldiers. During the "Elemonate" forum, attendees will discover more about The Eliminate Project and participate in the "Elemonate Challenge", in which they will eat a quarter of a lemon in order to raise awareness of the project. Funds will be raised for The Eliminate Project through raffle basket sales, all designed by board members. The third forum, Let's Talk About It, is

designed to allow attendees to focus on developing leadership skills in a casual setting. Board members will lead meaningful icebreaker activities and then help participants to analyze their performance.

Kiwanis members are more than welcome to visit us at Fall Rally, so we can see even more Kiwanis Family representation! We call on all Kiwanis clubs to promote Key Club attendance at Fall Rally, as the success of our event is influenced by you. If you are interested in discovering more about Fall Rally or the Ohio District of Key Club, check out our new website at [ohkc.org](http://ohkc.org).

Yours in Service,  
Laura Colagiovanni  
Ohio District Key Club Governor  
2015-2016

## Youth Services Message

*10/19/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kevin Brusk*

A simple service project can mean a lot to a young child. I recently heard from a club that had put together coloring packets to give to a local hospital. The club's connection to the hospital was through a dedicated member and nurse, whose job is to prepare patients for surgery. Shortly after these packets were given to the hospital, a mother waited anxiously with her son who was being prepared for his surgery. As is common in hospitals, the surgery was delayed causing the young boy to grow more and more restless. When the nurse came in with one of the coloring packets, he gave a smile and an enthusiastic "yes" when she asked if he would like to color while he waited. The staff has found these packets useful in easing the minds of parents while preoccupying the child who is waiting for surgery with a calm and joyful activity.



The packet consisted of 6 coloring pages, easily downloaded from one of the many online websites that offer them free of charge, a pack of 6 crayons, and a hand written note from a club member offering the patient warm wishes. Stickers with smiley faces are also another idea to put in the packet. Coloring pages can be aimed at many ages and used in many places besides hospitals such as elementary schools and daycares. You can have them themed as planes, cars, flowers, or almost anything imaginable (the variety online is amazing). A fun idea for the packet could be the letters of the alphabet and of course the letter K would stand for KIWANIS. You could also incorporate a picture of a tricycle or Amtryke for the letter T. Some of the biggest gifts you can give a young child can come out of a simple service project.

Kevin Brusk  
2015-16 Youth Services District Chair

## New Club Opening Update

*10/13/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kathleen Moylan*

Welcome to the new Kiwanis Year!

The Ohio District is proud to welcome new clubs in Madison, Shelby, and Upper



Sandusky. Many thanks to the Lt. Governors and Formula leaders that made this happen. We also partnered with the KY-TN District and opened a new club in Boone County, KY.

Kudos to those involved:

Boone County: Mike Sweeney

Madison: John Bodmer, Rich Levine, Ted Clutter

Shelby: Karen Hagerman, Brian Moore, Diana Keplinger

Upper Sandusky: Rich Ulmes, Dick Brulotte, Jack Hilborn, Bill Snellgrove & Diana Keplinger

Thanks to Immediate Past Governor, Diana Keplinger, for "walking the walk" in new club opening

We have momentum for two potential new clubs in N. Baltimore and Leetonia.

Is there a community you think that might prosper from a new Kiwanis Club? Partner with your Lt. Governors, or....

Contact me!

Kathleen Moylan

New Club Chair, Ohio District

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## Save the Date for Toronto Convention!

*10/16/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Joe Germana*

Fellow Ohio Kiwanians:

Save the dates from June 23rd to 26th and plan on attending the International Convention in Toronto Canada! The convention has the potential to be one of the best attended by the Ohio District as it is so close. It is easily drivable by much of the state and the Toronto airport is the busiest, yet most convenient airport in all of Canada.

Toronto is one of the cleanest, safest, and most peaceful large cosmopolitan cities in the world. It is the largest city in Canada and the fifth largest city in North America after Mexico City, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. It is an exciting and beautiful multicultural city. Toronto's restaurants offer cuisines from every corner of the globe. There is no shortage of shopping options, attractions, historical sites and activities.



As it is across the border, please start now to get a passport or check to see if your current passport needs to be renewed. And don't forget to get your red shirt. It is so impressive to see that "sea of red" of Ohio shirts sitting together at the convention delegate sessions. The Official Ohio District Red shirt order form is available in the Downloadable Documents section of our district website at [www.OhioKiwanis.org](http://www.OhioKiwanis.org).

Come support our International Trustee John DeVilbiss and Governor Amy Zimmerman at this wonderful Kiwanis Event. More information will be coming in January when registration opens, but until then check out [Kiwanis.org/Toronto](http://Kiwanis.org/Toronto). See you in Toronto!

Joe Germana  
On to Toronto International Convention Chair

## Ohio District Circle K Update

*10/16/2015 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Tyler Milburn*

Hello Ohio Kiwanians! Just a couple weekends ago, we held our Fall Rally at the University of Cincinnati, hosted by their club and put together by our Fall Rally chair Ayushi Jain, the UC Circle K vice president. We had about seven clubs represented at the event, including members from all the way up in Cleveland. Our Fall Rally consisted of themed social activities and team building Friday night, breakfast Saturday donated by the Cincinnati Kiwanis club and its president Brian Yacucci, workshops to build our own individual strengths and skills, and a service project where we worked together to 'Keep Cincinnati Beautiful' by cleaning outdoor stairs through a wooded area that students use to walk to class.



Overall, the event was very successful and everyone in attendance really enjoyed meeting new Circle K members. As we look ahead to our next event, we are now planning our own District Convention and hope to see many more Circle K members there. Please continue to reach out to your nearby Circle K clubs and urge them to register for our DCON as we release the registration information early next month. You all know how amazing District events can be for both Circle K and Kiwanis members, so I hope that you will be able to share your experiences with them.

With your year just starting for new officers, I want to wish good luck to both new and returning officers. I hope that you all feel comfortable reaching out to me about serving with Circle K clubs throughout the year and strengthening our bonds within the K-Family. Together, we can work to make this a truly great year.

In Service,  
Governor Tyler Milburn

## Club News

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### Celebrating 50 Years of Service

*10/16/2015 - Club: Barberton - Submitted by: Leroy Martin*

The Kiwanis Club of Barberton has 4 members who are celebrating 50 years of service with our club and the Barberton Community. Three of the members are pictured: L to R Robert Nettle, Kenneth Hilbert and Dr. John McAnlis. Not in the picture is Kenneth Cox. John McAnlis and Kenneth Hilbert each have 50 years of perfect attendance.

Both Robert Nettle and Kenneth Cox served the State of Ohio in the State Legislature while they served Kiwanis.

We are proud of these great Kiwanians who have dedicated their lives to the service of others.



## 2015-2016 Wilmington Kiwanis Club Officers

10/13/2015 - Club: Wilmington, Clinton County, OH - Submitted by: Vernon Dillon

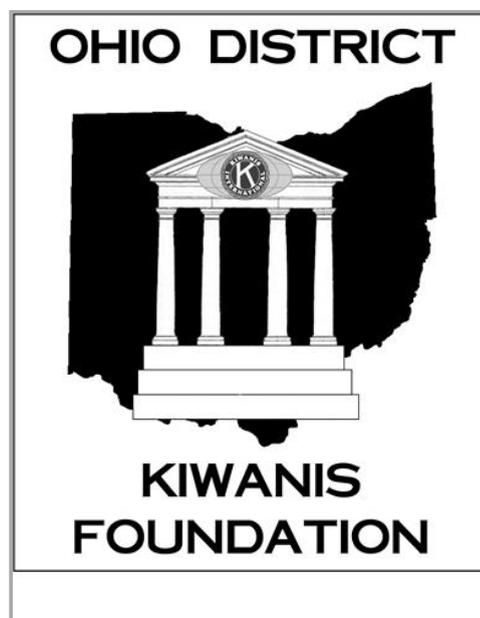


Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Larry Warner recently installed the 2015-16 Wilmington Kiwanis Officers. Left to Right in the photo are Treasurer Ron Johnson, Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Larry Warner, President Elect Ruth Curtis, Past President Kim Hiatt, President Vernon L. Dillon, and Secretary Terri Thobaben.

## Grant from Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

10/08/2015 - Club: Chillicothe - Submitted by: Jean Forbes

Chillicothe Kiwanis Club received a grant from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to help with their project for a new playground in their community. Other clubs are encouraged to submit applications by the deadlines of October 31, March 31 or June 30.



## Baldwin Wallace Circle K Volunteers at the 12th Annual "Into The Light Walk" at the Cleveland Zoo

10/04/2015 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Robin Gagnow



On October 4th 2015, Baldwin Wallace University Circle K members and friends volunteered at the Cleveland Zoo for the SPEA "Into The Light Walk" for Suicide Prevention.

Eighteen BW volunteers held flashlights to light the way for 800+ walkers during the evening walk around the zoo. In addition, a number of Berea Kiwanian were involved in organizing and helping out at the event. It was such a fun night to support a great cause! LifeAct delivers lifesaving suicide prevention educational program to schools in Northeast Ohio.

## **Lima Senior Key Club Nominated for Community Service Award**

10/02/2015 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

Lima Senior High School hosted this year's Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) Northwest Region Fall Conference on Thursday, Oct. 1. Lima Senior's Key Club was nominated for a Community Service Award for its Dance Marathon. The event, first held at Lima Senior, in 2014 and repeated in 2015 raised over \$10,000 for the Children's Miracle Network, a favored Kiwanis charity. Adviser Meridith Seech and members Gabby Livchak and Destiny Burk represented the club. Also pictured are Alison Van Gorder, Principal, and Jill Ackerman, Superintendent.

