Ohioan Elected Kiwanis International President Elect in Las Vegas!

Alan Penn, of Medina, Ohio, is president elect of Kiwanis International. He was elected in June 2010, at the 95th annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. He previously served as a trustee of Kiwanis International.

Alan is a member and past-distinguished president of the Kiwanis Club of Medina Breakfast in Medina, Ohio, and former member of the Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, Ohio. He is also a charter member and past distinguished president of the All-Ohio eMedina and the Tombstone, Montana, clubs, which meet on the Internet.

He served with honors as governor of the Ohio District in 1999-2000 and was the district’s Key Club administrator for four years. He also serves as the executive director emeritus of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Alan served multiple terms on three international committees before his election to the international board. He is a Diamond-level three George F. Hixson Fellow, Tablet of Honor recipient and Heritage Society member of the Kiwanis International Foundation. He has received the Key Club G. Harold Martin award, is an honorary member of Circle K International and a Mel Osborne Canadian Foundation Fellow.

Alan is a faculty member at the University of Akron. In addition to his Kiwanis involvement, he has served on the Medina City Council and the board of the United Way of Medina County. He has served his community as a Red Cross, Heart Association, Garfield Elementary School and Head Start volunteer and chaired the State of Ohio Governor’s Community Service Council. In 2008, Alan was recognized by the Governor’s Council as the outstanding community volunteer for the State of Ohio.

Alan and his wife, Jeri, are parents of two children, both Kiwanis members, and have two grandsons.

Welcome to Ohio’s Newest Kiwanis Club! North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club

Congratulations to Division 14 for rebuilding a club in your division. We look forward to having the newest members of our Kiwanis Family at upcoming events.

Chartered 8-9-10 Meeting on 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 PM at Emmaus Journey Church, 38079 Center Ridge Rd.
DISTRICT SECRETARY’S REPORT

The 2009-10 Kiwanis year is nearly over and we will soon install a new set of Officers in our clubs and in the Ohio District. Time waits for no one and our communities need us now more than ever. Please think what you can do to make your club stronger and more responsive to the needs of your community. Membership growth must be the top priority of all Ohio District Kiwanians. We cannot wait for others to bring in the new members. We must all do our part to grow what I consider to be the finest community service organization dedicated to “Changing the Children of the World”. I would like to take a moment to update you on a few topics of interest.

**Form 990-N**

As has been published and noted the past three years, all Kiwanis Clubs (who are not required to file a Form 990 or 990-EZ) must file an electronic Form 990-N. The grace period granted to us is now over and failure to file a Form 990-N for the 9/30/10 fiscal year end by the deadline of February 15, 2010 could have disastrous effects for your club. It could result in the loss of your tax exemption for Federal Income Tax! Most Kiwanis Clubs will qualify for the Form 990-N meaning your Gross Receipts are under the amount specified. The form is only filed electronically and if you have specific questions regarding this requirement, please feel free to call me in the District Office. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is that you prepare this report and file it with the Internal Revenue Service.

**Electronic District Newsletter Changes**

Beginning with our next newsletter, we plan to release a true electronic newsletter. Kiwanis International has tested a newsletter template and the Minnesota-Dakotas District has used it to publish their last two newsletters. If you would like to check out their newsletter, just go to their district website and click on the proper link. Their website can be found at [http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/index.aspx](http://www.mndak-kiwanis.org/public_district/index.aspx). To insure that you receive this new publication, please go to our website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org) and click on the link on the left side of the page entitled “E-Newsletter Request”. It is a quick and easy way to subscribe to our district newsletter.

**Mid Year Education Day**

Our 2010 Mid Year Education Day held at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio was a smashing 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. We are pleased to announce that we have contracted with them to hold our Mid Year Education Day at their facility in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Mark your calendars for March 12, 2011 and hold that date for our 2011 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
Message from Governor Don Parker

After twelve months and nearly 15,000 driving miles our year as Ohio District Governor and First Lady has come to a conclusion. What a year it has been! We have traveled to cities and towns all over Ohio making “Official Visits,” attending pancake breakfasts, judging pageants, participating in parades, and attending regular Kiwanis meetings. We now know where Luckey, Muletown, and Hubbard, Ohio are. Our Ohio geography skills have improved. My GPS is nearly worn out.

Our travels have reinforced what we already knew. Kiwanis clubs all over Ohio are doing good works for our local communities, neighborhoods, schools, seniors, and, of course, the children of the world. We attended charter ceremonies for new Aktion Clubs, we enjoyed conventions with Key Club and Circle K. We attended Key Leader. K-Kids and Builders Clubs have grown in the past year. Kiwanis is important to the local communities served and to the sponsored leadership programs it supports.

We also heard concerns and doubts expressed during our travels. Concerns about the future of individual Kiwanis clubs due to declining membership and the aging of current members was a common thread expressed throughout the district. Lack of leadership was another concern often expressed. The work of many clubs is done by a very small percentage of its members.

It was my observation that those Kiwanis clubs displaying the most optimism for the future and having the most success currently were those who had done the following:

- Implemented specific membership growth efforts; not just asking members to invite new members but actually devising plans and implementing those plans over time.
- Groomed people to take on leadership positions by involving them in project leadership, encouraging and paying for them to attend conventions, conference, and leadership training activities, pairing them up with experienced leaders, and praising the accomplishments of current leaders.
- Engaged in service projects that addressed specifically identified community needs.
- Involved most, if not all, club members in service projects on a frequent basis.
- Repeatedly told their Kiwanis story to local media, local officials, and to each other.
- Celebrated group and individual Kiwanis accomplishments.
- Had fun at every Kiwanis gathering.
- Had active involvement with Sponsored Leadership Programs.
- Maintained a balance between tradition and change.
- Kept the club focus on service, the reason we are in Kiwanis in the first place.

I would be remiss if I did not mention how appreciative First Lady Carol is for the support given throughout the district this year for the First Lady’s Project. Over $25,000 in donations to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation’s Pediatric Trauma Fund have been received. This money goes back out in the form of grants to local Kiwanis clubs in support of projects pertaining to the prevention or treatment of pediatric trauma.

First Lady Carol’s special project pertaining to the prevention of child abuse generated just over $5000 in the form of donations for the special tote bags made available during our travels. This money went to support the Ohio Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers.

Such support is further evidence of how caring Ohio Kiwanians are.

First Lady Carol and I wish to thank all of our Kiwanis friends throughout the Ohio District for the wonderful hospitality we have experienced this year. It has been a great ride and hopefully we have expressed at each of our visits how impressed we are with the quality and quantity of Kiwanis service throughout the Ohio District. We urge each of you to continue to be part of our great service organization and to recruit others to continue our work.
Reveal Your Growth Potential – Walk the Talk

Walk the talk in October by showing your club and division how to lead and grow. Utilize the ideas below to grow your club for more service.

Decide on a creative membership campaign
Based on the interests of your club members, establish a one-day event or ongoing contest to encourage each club member to be part of the growth effort. Promote the campaign heavily and through multiple channels—talk about it at every meeting, include specifics in the newsletters and send reminders via e-mail. Members need to know the goal, the timeline, the reward and each member’s role in growing your club.

Be the first to bring in a new member
Lead by example. Demonstrate the importance of membership growth within your club by inviting and initiating the first member of the 2010-11 year. Then challenge each member to follow your lead. Wear your bronze key lapel pin proudly and encourage every club member to earn at least this level of recognition through the 1-2-3 You Hold the Key program.

Establish a focused timeline
A membership campaign jump-starts a recruiting effort and focuses energy on bringing in guests for an established period of time. Most campaigns run about 30 days, although you may want to factor in a period to promote the campaign. Now is the time to start!

Set a goal and achieve it
Be S.M.A.R.T. in setting campaign goals:
Specific: How many new members would your club like to add and what factors helped you choose this number? Let every member know of the goal and their part in attaining it.
Measurable: How will you track your progress? Update your members at each meeting about where you are in reaching your goal.
Attainable: What steps will you take to reach your goal? You’ve probably heard “a goal without a plan is a dream.” If you want everyone to take part in the campaign, make sure they have the tools they’ll need to promote the Kiwanis mission.
Realistic: Are you willing and able to reach this goal? Club leaders should know what growth your club is capable of and use that knowledge to set a specific and realistic goal.
Time bound: How long should we work toward this goal? The contest should have a set deadline to keep motivation strong.

Make it fun!
Get creative with your contests. Announce contest winners and recognize their victory with a specific prize or reward. Let prospects see that you have fun at every meeting. Everyone wins in a successful growth campaign!
As the new Kiwanis Year begins, it is time to re-energize and strengthen your Builders Clubs. Here are 10 ways in which this may be accomplished:

- Appoint a committee of Kiwanis members to help the Builders Club Advisor
- Attend Builders Club meetings and events
- Maintain an expense line item in your service account for Builders Club
- Meet with the school principal or facility manager each year
- Ensure all dues and fees are paid
- Make sure club officers receive proper training
- Schedule an annual meeting with Kiwanis and Builders Club leadership
- Host or participate in joint activities
- Invite Builders Club members to attend Kiwanis Meetings
- Ensure Builders Club members are provided training opportunities beyond the club level

Children are always the only future the human race has; Teach Them Well!
- unknown

Upcoming SLP Events:

Fall Rally for Ohio Circle K: October 23-24 at Baldwin-Wallace College. This event combines educational forums, hands on service activities and fellowship. Registration is $35 for early registration and price includes, t-shirt, lunch, late night snacks, overnight at Comfort Inn, Sunday breakfast and service project expenses. This is a great opportunity to jump start your Circle K service year! Additional information may be obtained by contacting Alissa Smith at almsmith09@mail.bw.edu

Fall Rally for Ohio Key Club: November 7 at COSI in Columbus. This event combines educational workshops, hands on service and an opportunity for new advisors to learn more about the organization and resources as well as members to learn about service opportunities beyond their club level. Registration is $18 for early bird and includes lunch and admission to COSI after the event concludes. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Theresa Backscheider at Backscheider.t@norwoodschools.org or by calling 513-336-0857.
Ohio Circle K: Love to Serve, Live to Serve

Courtney Winterberger, Governor

Beginning on October 1, Circle K will be putting into effect a new dues structure. In the past, $25 was collected per member for dues. At the 2008 international house of delegates, it was decided to have a flat rate, club fee based on school enrollment. If a school has less than 1000 students, they will pay $450 to international; if a school has more than 1000 students, they will be responsible for paying a $600 fee. This ensures equality of resources to clubs, encourages member growth (more people, less money per person), and is especially helpful to clubs where a student activities fund is used to pay for international dues.

The Ohio District of Circle K is excited to announce our Fall Rally event, which this year will be October 23-24th at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. The theme is Super Mario Bros. One Life of Service, and will include workshops, speakers, and of course service projects. Our event chair is Alissa Smith, and she can be reached at almsmith09@mail.bw.edu for any questions about the event, as well as to received promotional materials and registration forms for the event.

Kiwanis Clubs and Individuals interested in supporting the Ohio District of Circle K while not directly sponsoring a club may do so by donating to the KICK (Kiwanis Investing in Circle K) Fund via the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. These funds help support our leadership development programs such as Spring Officers Training, District Convention, Leadershape Academy and district scholarships.

A special thank you to the dedicated alumni of the Ohio District Circle K. We appreciate your efforts with re-building our clubs at Bowling Green, John Carroll, Wright State and Kent State. We thank you for helping keep the tradition of service strong for Ohio college students.

**TOPIC: Webinars**

Get expert advice on your favorite Kiwanis topic. Check out these free September webinars.

Kiwanis offers FREE webinars at your convenience. Learn more at www.KiwanisOne.org/webinars. (All times are Eastern Standard Time.)

**September 22, 3 p.m.**

**Innovative membership initiatives**

Kiwanis clubs are not all the same. Learn new and exciting ways to help expand Kiwanis through a flexible range of club options and innovative membership initiatives including some new pilot programs.

**September 29, 3 p.m.**

**Effective board meetings**

The club board of directors has the primary role of providing ongoing general management of the club. Learn how to effectively use the monthly board meetings to manage club operations.

**TOPIC: Recruitment tool: Video helps share the Kiwanis mission**

**Show-n-tell: What is Kiwanis?**

Explaining what Kiwanis is all about now comes in a handy and fun to watch visual aid format. Go to the main Discover page on the public site at www.kiwanis.org/discover. The YouTube video at the top of the page dubbed “It starts with ONE” helps explain the many ways Kiwanis engages in service and leadership at every age level and interest. This video is a first-ever experiment with using flash technology to tell the Kiwanis story through animated words and music. The video is around two and a half minutes and can be played full screen for group viewing. There’s no better way to illustrate your club’s potential impact on the community and the power of one making a difference. This is a link you’ll want to share! Check out the video for yourself and then bookmark it as a great recruiting tool or icebreaker.
Kiwanis Division 10-W’s Field of Dreams (for a Night)

Kiwanis Division 10-W took multi-tasking to a new level with their annual Kiwanis Night at the Clippers. This evening is typically an evening of fellowship among local Kiwanians and their families. The Lt. Governors from the 3 10’s are generally introduced from the field and the Kiwanis Governor throws out the symbolic first pitch.

This year, the event was ramped up a bit. First the event was made into a fundraiser for the First Lady’s Project with a bit of friendly competition among the clubs. Preliminary figures indicate that nearly $1,000 was raised to go toward the Prevention of Child Abuse. 10W Lt. Gov. Faith Levine, Governor Don Parker and 10S Lt. Gov. Francis Smith stand on the field with two members of the Miracle League awaiting to toss out the first pitch (right).

Secondly, the Miracle League baseball players and their families were invited to attend as well. These children with disabilities and life threatening illnesses love baseball and the Miracle League with their specially designed fields and a host of volunteers make that a possibility for them. A couple of the young players were recognized on the field and one young man even got to throw out the first pitch (below) with Governor Don encouraging him all the way!

The Kiwanis Division for 10W finally had a display table with information regarding the Kiwanis Mission and membership information for interested attendees. The event was deemed a great success and plans are already in the making for next year.
On August 30th, The Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville celebrated their chartering with a dinner and an induction and installation ceremony. Clubs from Division 13 and 14 were in attendance to help celebrate this new beginning.

The North Ridgeville Club was sponsored by every club in division 14 and officially organized on August 9, 2010. They will meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7:00 PM at the Emmaus Journey Church, 38079 Center Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville.

Clubs are encouraged to interclub and to invite our newest members to service projects where they can learn more about the Kiwanis Family and service opportunities.
Changes in filing Form 990

Relief offered from the IRS to U.S. clubs who missed filing deadlines

U.S. DISTRICTS ONLY - The IRS Filing Relief Voluntary Compliance Program could save your club from having to reapply for not-for-profit status, even if your club missed the Form 990 filing deadlines.

Has your club or district filed your annual Form 990?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a one-time special relief program for small charities that have not filed a return for 2007, 2008 or 2009. These charities have until October 15, 2010 to file the necessary return in order to maintain their not-for-profit status. After October 15, 2010, the IRS will revoke the not-for-profit status of small charities that did not take advantage of the relief program. “Charities,” in this case, includes Kiwanis clubs.

The first type of relief is for organizations with less than $25,000 in average annual receipts. These organizations can visit the IRS website (www.IRS.gov) and complete Form 990-N. The second type of relief is a voluntary compliance program for organizations that file Form 990-EZ. These organizations must file the delinquent returns and pay a compliance fee. Relief is not available to organizations that file Form 990 or Form 990-PF. Additional information regarding this relief program is available on the IRS website, such as a listing, by state, of organizations that have not filed a return.

The IRS issued the guidance on July 26, 2010, noting, “This one-time relief benefits Form 990-N (e-Postcard) and Form 990-EZ filers only. Organizations required to file Form 990 or Form 990-PF are not eligible and are automatically revoked if they fail to file for three consecutive years.” The guidance also specifies that this one-time relief is available to organizations whose returns were due on or after May 17 and before October 15, 2010, and reiterates that nonprofits that do lose tax-exempt status must reapply if they want their exemptions restored.

What should you do if your club missed a 2010 filing deadline?

Start by checking the IRS list of organizations at risk of revocation [http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=225889,00.html]. If you find your club on the list and its gross receipts are less than $25,000, an officer from your club should file Form 990-N [http://epostcard.form990.org]. If your organization’s revenues are $25,000 or greater, determine whether your club qualifies [http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=184445,00.html] to file a Form 990-EZ. If it does, follow the instructions [http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=225704,00.html] to participate in the Filing Relief Voluntary Compliance Program. You will be required to pay a fee of $100, $200 or $500, depending on the amount of your 2009 gross annual revenues. If your organization is required to file Form 990 or Form 990-PF and has missed the deadline for filing your 2009 return, you cannot participate in the Filing Relief Voluntary Compliance Program. You must reapply to the IRS if you wish to regain your exemption.

Watch for more information about this program on www.KiwanisOne.org and in future issues of KIWANIS magazine.

Club Renewal and Rosters now active!

The Kiwanis Club Roster Updating section is now “live” on line under the Secretary’s dashboard at Kiwanis One. The ability to update your club information quickly and without having to make copies should make the billing process less painful.

Also active are the areas for updating Key Club and Circle K rosters, club advisors or officers should have been sent their passwords and be able to also update their information. Kiwanis Clubs can also renew their sponsorship of programs such as K-Kids, Builders Clubs and Aktion Clubs.
Memphis on their Minds.....

In July, 1,400 Key Clubbers, including 44 from Ohio, attended the Key Club International Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. For several days the Key Clubbers participated in elections for their international officers, spent long hours in election caucuses for candidates, and learned about Key Club.

Ohio spent most of the first day getting to know each other and our Lakefront Lines bus on the trip from Ohio to Tennessee. Multiple stops were made along the way to pick up all Tour members and then we were off to arrive in Memphis Wednesday night in time to register and head of to the get acquainted concert with the other Key Clubbers and Reliant K, a Canton, Ohio originated band.

The next day brought opening general session for the convention with Keynote speakers and education sessions. The Key Clubbers, including some of our own Ohio members presented on topics ranging from fund raising to school service projects, to charity drives. Workshops are always a great learning experience and send many ideas home for use in the member’s home clubs.

Another part of convention is the service fair where all districts present projects that are done in their districts and share ideas that can be taken home to clubs and districts. Service fair is often a festive atmosphere with presenting groups in costumes and operating games to draw in attendees to hear about their projects.

A Long day starting at 8am and ending around 10pm after a break for the general session was held for caucuses and the presentation from a long list of candidates for office. Key Clubbers heard speeches and asked questions of candidates for trustee, vice president and president.

After the morning session, the nominating conference was held and the number of candidates reduced. Then a final caucus session was held again and voting for candidates took place.

An early morning charity walk in downtown Memphis was held to help save the Gorilla’s in their natural habitat. Gorilla’s are in danger of extinction due to poaching and other issues in the rain forest. Key Clubbers raised funds through a charity walk and celebrated with a post walk breakfast where they heard from as speaker from the Save the Gorilla’s project.

The close of the convention came with the excitement of announcing the winning candidates for the coming year. A closing dance was held for all the key clubbers.

The last day in Memphis for Ohio included a tour of the National Civil Rights museum, housed in the original Lorraine Motel where Martin Luther King was assassinated. We also got to visit Graceland, the famous home of Elvis Presley, where we saw his many awards and learned about the life of the King.

The last day of the tour was spent on the bus heading home, reminiscing about the fun of the tour and shedding tears with each group that got off at each stop and promises to keep in touch and be friends for ever.

The tour was a great Key Club learning experience, and exercise in democracy, and a little bit of friendship and fun in the home of the Blues.
Circle K International Convention Recap

By Natalie Szemetylo, PR & Membership Development Chair and Editor Chair

The Ohio District experienced an exciting International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri sporting our ridiculous outfits for the Opening Session to show our Ohio spirit. Ohio’s own Jason Stewart was the outgoing International President. Jason served CKI wholeheartedly. I do not know anyone with a greater love for serving others and for the Kiwanis Family. CKI will miss him and I hope he will continue to support the Ohio District of Circle K International with his knowledge and passion. CKI’s new President, Amanda Marfisi of the Texas-Oklahoma District, has some big shoes to fill.

The Ohio District also took home awards during International Convention. The Ohio District was earned the distinction of Distinguished District. Toby Markham received a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Award and Natalie Szemetylo was named a Distinguished District Secretary. The University of Akron CKI was awarded first place in the club achievement category in the bronze division and Capital University was awarded fourth place in the GEM Awards in the ruby division. District Administrator Sarah Roush and Immediate Past District Governor Chad Gardner were awarded International President Support Awards. Kathryn Seevers also received the Opal Award from President Stewart. Overall, International Convention in St. Louis was success for the Ohio District of Circle K.

YCPO service bulletins on parenting and child abuse recently updated

Serve children by supporting parents

Looking for a way to serve families in your community? Check out the updated service bulletin for the Young Children: Priority One initiative, all focusing on parenting education and support programs. Use the information in these bulletins to work with other agencies in your area to educate the public about Parents Anonymous, Shaken Baby Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. With your club behind these efforts, you can reduce parents’ stress, improve children’s health and even save lives. Visit the Resources section at KiwanisOne.org.
Sept 3, 2010 was the 3rd Annual Walter G. Sellers Memorial High School Game in which the winner of the Bellbrook/Xenia H.S. Football Game received the Walter G. Sellers Memorial Football Trophy.

The Xenia High School Key Club & Bellbrook Lions Club co-sponsored the trophy. It was a thriller game this year went into triple overtime where Xenia won 27-21. Xenia lead the series 2-1.

A girl came to Key Leader in the Fall of 2009 and had a very difficult time fully engaging in the activities, especially low-ropes challenges. She was often found sitting in the back of the room alone or watching challenges from the sidelines, though she found ways to participate in some. As Spring 2010 approached, we got word that she had applied to be a Student Facilitator, a leadership role, for the event. With some hesitation, the committee accepted her application.

The young woman who arrived at Key Leader on Friday afternoon of the Spring 2010 event was a completely changed person. She not only took her leadership role seriously, but was fully participating in every activity. She surprised us all by running to be the first in line to take part in the Trust Fall, an activity that she refused to get near at the previous opportunity. While this may seem to be a small victory, for this young woman, it was huge. Key Leader played a part in giving her the confidence she was lacking and helped to make her a leader!

Your Kiwanis Club can have this impact, too. The next opportunity for you to change a life and inspire a leader is November 12-14, 2010 at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio (north of Columbus, minutes from I-71). The cost is only $200 ($175 for Key Club members) for the entire weekend if students are registered by 10/30. Please begin recruiting high school students from your area. Contact ohiokeyleader@gmail.com or on Facebook at Kiwanis Key Leader - Ohio if you need more information or have questions.

Walter G. Sellers Memorial Game Winners

Kiwanian Jo Carman, Kiwanian Irene Sellers (widow of Walter G. Sellers) and Bellbrook Lions Club President George Simmons presenting the Walter G. Sellers Memorial Football Trophy to the winning Xenia Bucs players!!!
2010 Ohio Aktion Club Convention – SUCCESS!

Over 200 Aktion Club members and advisors attended the 2010 Ohio Aktion Convention, Saturday, August 28 and 29 at Recreation Unlimited.

During the convention, members voted on representatives for the first ever Ohio Aktion Council. Seven members were elected to serve a one year term. In order to be eligible, candidates were endorsed by their clubs, campaigned during the opening hour at convention and gave a one minute speech about why they should be elected to Council.

Members of the Ohio Aktion Council met with advisors during the advisor session to begin planning service projects for the upcoming year as well as next year’s convention.

During the Awards Meeting at the end of the day, Past Distinguished Kiwanis Governor Tom Crawford, Mary Lou and family presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for outstanding Aktion Club Service Project for 2009-10.

1st place – Westlake Aktion Club for their Special Olympics Day
2nd place – Knox County Aktion Club for their adoption of a Christmas family
3rd place – Hancock County Aktion Club for planning and working a successful Silent Auction which raised $2400 for Special Olympics of Hancock County.

Time to Submit Annual K.I.S.S. Award Information

Kiwanis Interclubbing is Something Special. This award recognizes clubs that have completed different levels of social interaction within the division, district and International. Patches are awarded to club depending on their level of participation: **Blue Level** is presented to clubs who have interclubbed with every club in their division and at least one Division Council Meeting. **Silver Level** is presented to clubs who have visited each club in their division, as well as at least 2 division council meetings, and two division events and one District Event (Midyear, Convention, International President’s Visit or District Golf Outing). **Gold Level** is presented to each club who have interclubs at each clubs within their division, at Midyear Education Day, each Division Council Meeting, District Convention and the Governor’s Official Division Visit.

An interclub consists of at least 4 people for clubs of 30 members of more. For clubs of 20-30 members, you need 3 Kiwanians to complete an interclub and for clubs of less than 20 members, you need two members.

Clubs that have completed their interclubs need to send their information including which level of interclubbing your club has completed to:

**Glenda Phillabaum**
711 N. Vineyard Circle
Port Clinton, 43452

**glendaphilly@gmail.com**
419-573-9043
Welcome! North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club!
Chartered 8-9-10 Meeting on 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 PM at Emmaus Journey Church, 38079 Center Ridge Rd.

New Service Leadership Clubs
Assumption Academy K-Kids
Chartered 9/9/10 50 members
Sponsored by Broadview Hts. Area Kiwanis

Boys & Girls Club of Columbus Key Club
Chartered 8/31/10 Sponsored by Columbus Kiwanis
8 Members

Fairfield Co. Aktion Club
Chartered 8/19/10 8 Members
Sponsored by Lancaster Kiwanis

Milford Exempted Village Schools Builders Club
Chartered on 7/22/10 50 Members
Sponsored by Milford Kiwanis

West Broad Elementary K-Kids 20 Members
Chartered 7/29/10 Sponsored By Hilltop Kiwanis

In Memoriam
Name         Div.     Club
Bo Bolinger  6       White Oaks Montfort Hts.
Hank Brecht  16      West Akron
Lowell Fifer 16      West Akron
John Fox     5        Mason
Dwight Harris 10S     Berwick
Michael Kallai 16     Barberton
Leonard Keith 21     Austintown
Richard Massey 24     North Royalton
Jack Meyer   6       White Oaks Montfort Hts.
David Purdom 4       Xenia
Harry Rumble  6       Riverfront
Bert Stamp   20      Kent
Ben Todorov  5        Mason
Sharon Walker 18     Cambridge

Deadline Extended!
Prices offered for the InContra Tour to Switzerland have been extended to November 15!
Don’t miss the opportunity to attend the Kiwanis International Convention with an experienced travel company assisting you with your adventures!

New Foundation Board Planning for the Future
New members and new officers for the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation were elected on August 14. The members of the Foundation which includes all Ohio Kiwanis members, elected Susan Denning (Division 17), Doug Huth (Division 14), Kathryn Karpus (Division 13) and Walt Maki (Division 10S) to three years terms on the Board of Directors. The members of the Board then elected Randy Beard of Warren as President, Bob Williams of Olmsted Falls as Vice-President and Jean Forbes of Wooster as Secretary/Treasurer. Appointments by the Governor will add Rosalie Beers (Division 4) and Cory Briner (Division 2) to the Board. Bill Flinta (Division 20) and Faith Levine (Division 10W) have been appointed to fill vacancies on the board from resignations.

The first meeting of the board will be Saturday, October 2. The agenda includes beginning to develop strategies for the future of the Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to raise, manage, and distribute funds to support programs of Ohio District Kiwanis family organizations for the improvement of lives of individuals. The Foundation is here to serve you and your club. Let us know how we can help you.
At the Geneva Convention our own A. Alan Penn will be ushered in as the 2011-2012 Kiwanis International President. It is important that we have a large delegation of Ohio Kiwanians there to support him as this great event occurs.

We also need a good delegate presence to vote on matters presented at the House of Delegates. At the 2010 Convention, several issues were defeated on the delegate floor that were not wanted by the Kiwanians in the U.S. It is rumored that some of these items may be re-introduced at the Geneva Convention when the European Kiwanians that like these items are likely to have a greater delegate attendance that may be enough to swing the vote their way.

Next year provides not only a great opportunity for Ohio Kiwanians to provide the needed support in Geneva, but also a great opportunity for a once in a lifetime European vacation. Kiwanis International is not offering a package with transportation to and from the convention. As a result, Ohio Kiwanis and six other Districts have partnered with Incontra-Tumlare to provide all-inclusive packages for the convention and additional pre and post convention tours to other parts of Europe. Incontra has provided packages for the Ohio Delegation previously for the 2005 Honolulu and the 2001 Taiwan Conventions.

Packages are available that include air transportation, four nights hotel (includes breakfast), arrival and departure transfers between the airport and hotel, shuttle service to the convention center, and comprehensive sightseeing in and around Geneva. Prices vary according to the hotel category. Prices range from $2099-2495 per person sharing a room or $2399-2995 per person in a single room. A discount of $100 is offered if a credit card is NOT used. This price does NOT include government (taxes) fees and airline fuel surcharges as they are not known. These are ESTIMATED to be in the $450-475 range. Departure can be from Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, or Dayton. THESE PRICES ARE GUARANTEED ONLY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010. Prices may increase after that date. A reservation application and a $500 deposit will lock in that rate for you. The balance is due by December 31, 2010. Convention registration is not included in the package as it is not yet available through Kiwanis International.

Pre and Post convention tours ranging from 4 days/3 nights to 11 days/10 night are available to London, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, etc. Italy/Mediterranean and Scandanavian/Russia cruises (8 days/7 nights) are also available. Detailed information is available at www.geneva2011.com

Another option is to arrange your own transportation and use a Kiwanis International offered hotel. These can be found on the KI website kiwanisone.org and clicking on the convention icon. Rates are listed in Swiss Francs which have an exchange rate close to $0.95-1.00. A free tour to Annecy, France is offered with rooms booked with KI.

Another option may be to use frequent flyer miles or to use Travelocity, Orbitz, Expedia, etc. to book travel and lodging.

We don't care which option you choose for travel and lodging, we just want you to be there to represent OHIO Kiwanis at the Geneva Convention. If you have questions or need more information or forms, contact the above web sites or contact me directly.

Al Allender, On To Geneva Ohio District Chair 740 392-8471 or cell 740 507-4274
Grants Awarded by Foundation

In August the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation awarded 6 grants for a total of $13,161.50. Proceeds from First Lady Carol Parker’s tote bag sales provided a grant of $5,000 to the Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Councils. All counties of the state will benefit from these funds for training to prevent child abuse.

The Kiwanis Club of Lima received a grant to purchase bicycle helmets. The Foundation grant matches funds already raised by this club in their effort to provide 360 bicycle helmets to children of Allen County. They will be attending health fairs to educate families on the importance of wearing helmets as they provide helmets to families in need.

The Kiwanis Club of Western Mahoning County’s grant will enable them to increase the number of Thanksgiving food baskets they provide for families in the inner city schools of Youngstown.

Magic City Kiwanians went to work replacing the stage of the Magical Theatre Company which produces plays for children from 22 counties. Their labor and funds were increased by the grant they received from the Foundation.

Kiwanians from the North Akron club have provided donations and volunteers for the after school tutoring program of Urban Vision. The grant provided for this program will purchase more Rosetta Stone software to teach English to children resettled in their area from Myanmar.

West Geauga Kiwanians have worked for several years to provide athletic fields that now serve soccer and baseball games. A Foundation grant will improve the dugouts and electricity for the fields.

Grant Deadline Approaches

Expand your service to your community by adding a new project with the support of your Foundation. The next deadline for grant applications is October 31, 2010. The Board of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will be approving grants at their meeting in December.

Funds from the First Lady’s Project are available for projects which address the prevention or treatment of pediatric trauma. Funds from the growth of the Foundation’s endowment are available for other projects which benefit children in local communities. The Board prioritizes projects in which Kiwanis clubs are involved through their labor or their financial resources.

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