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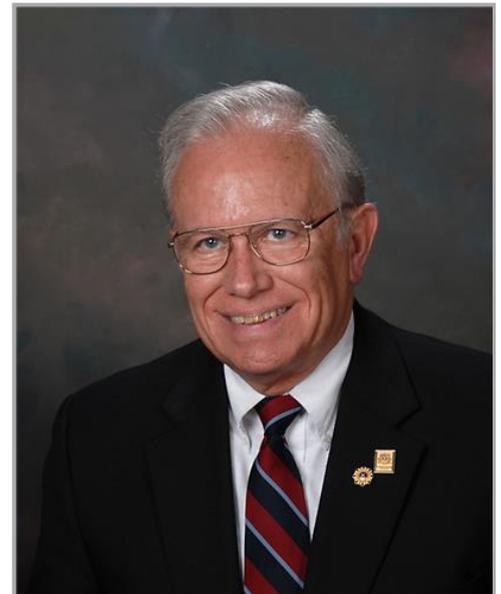
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District Governor's Report

09/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

It's September, the last month of the Kiwanis year. We have made good strides at erasing the "membership deficit". Many clubs and divisions have gone the extra mile to add new members to their clubs. As of August 31st there are 99 clubs and 12 divisions that are "Plus". We are very close to having a "Plus" for the District at the end of the year. Everyone, please try to get new members for the remainder of the month. This will not only end the year in good standing in membership, it will give a good start to next year's team. Ohio is an outstanding District and we know we can do it.



As Wanda and I look over the past year, we are truly thankful. You, the Ohio District, are truly outstanding. By the end of September we will have traveled over 23,000 miles. This does not include the Kiwanis International Convention. You have shown us that the true meaning and purpose of Kiwanis is friendship and service. The warmth and friendship you have shown to us cannot be described. At the beginning of the year I issued the challenge to "Accept the Challenge . . . Be the Miracle". Be the miracle and make things happen. Many of you and your clubs have done just that by getting new members, starting a new service project, or increased activity with your SLP programs.

Our Mid-Year Education Day and the District Convention could not have been better. I have talked with and read about the district events in other districts and our events were much better. Very special at the District Convention was the service project that donated over 16,000 pairs of socks to Hannah's Socks. Thanks to the chairs and the many Kiwanis members who worked to make these events successful. We also thank those who journeyed to the Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland. Those who went had a very enjoyable time and certainly the highlight was the election of Alan Penn to the position of Kiwanis International President. Our wishes to Alan and Jeri are for a very rewarding and special year as they travel on behalf of Kiwanis International.

We also want to say "thank you" for the support and work from the District Officers, Lt. Governors, and the District Office. Your friendship and support was great.

The year has truly been great. Someone recently asked if the year had been what we had expected and if there were any surprises. Yes, many of the tasks and duties were

what we had expected. Yes, there were many surprises. Your warmth, generosity, and service to others make you truly special people. You have touched our lives and hopefully we have touched your lives and together, we have made the world better. Together, let's continue to make the world better. Thank you!

District Secretary's Notes

09/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



The 2010-11 Kiwanis year is nearly over and we will soon install a new set of Officers in our clubs and in the Ohio District. Our communities need Kiwanis servant leaders 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

The deadline and grace period for filing our 990-N tax returns for 2009-10 (or 990/990EZ tax returns if your club qualifies) has now past. I am sorry to say that four clubs in the Ohio District lost their exemption from Federal Income Tax this year because they did not file a return with the IRS. One of those clubs simply chose to cease to exist as a club and the others must do considerably more work to regain their tax exemption. Please make sure your club files the necessary tax return for the 2010-11 Kiwanis Year when it is due on February 15th. That is the deadline for all clubs operating with a September 30th fiscal year end.

Electronic District Newsletter

Our electronic Buckeye Bulletin continues to receive great reviews from our members. Please make sure your members know that it is available for download on our district website at www.ohiokiwans.org and more importantly, that they can also sign up to receive email delivery of the newsletter on our website by clicking on the appropriate link.

Mid Year Education Day

Our 2011 Mid Year Education Day held at The Conference Center at NorthPointe in Lewis Center, Ohio was once again 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. 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

Membership Growth Report

09/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Membership Growth Committee

This will probably be the last membership report for 2010-2011. Many clubs have done an outstanding job at being "Plus Clubs". As of the end of August there were 99 clubs that were "Plus Clubs". Our congratulations go out to those clubs. We need to continue the good work with membership. We have approximately two weeks to go and we are very close to having a "Plus" for the District. Everyone please work extremely hard to bring in those new members in September.



There were 12 "Plus Divisions" as of the end of August. Divisions 1N, 1S, 2, 4, 10E, 11N, 11S, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 24 showed positive membership growth. Special recognition needs to be given to Lt. Governor Jane Eaton, Division 1-N, Lt. Governor Cory Briner, Division 1-S, and Lt. Governor Jodee Ward, Division 24. According to my records, these three Lt. Governors have had a "Plus Division" from October 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. Jodee Ward, Division 24, has a "Plus" of 33 members for her division as of August 31st. Let's work hard through the end of the year.

[Click here](#) to view the clubs who have shown positive growth through August 2011.

Governor Designate Remarks

09/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove



I Love Kiwanis – It is a Great organization. Kiwanis is nearly 100 years old and is known for its service and its fellowship. In our clubs, Kiwanians do great service in our communities – from supporting a food bank to blood-pressure screening at a senior center, from a teen talent show to building a new play-ground, from college scholarships to the Service Leadership Programs (SLP); from preventing pediatric trauma in Ohio to eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus in the third world.

What makes this possible are the dedicated Kiwanians who give so generously of their time and talents. Working together, pooling our talents as a club or division or district, we achieve great things. That's why Cheryl and I want this to be a year celebrating our members and our clubs.

This will be a year of opportunities and challenges. Today the need for Kiwanis service is greater than ever. – in both our local community, and in our larger community. Each club has many opportunities to meet the growing need locally in service or SLP.

Additionally, across Ohio between 10,000 and 12,000 children are removed from their homes on an emergency basis for their protection, often without anything but the clothes they are wearing. This is very traumatic for them as they are separated from family, friends, schools and churches. First Lady, in-waiting, Cheryl wants to show these children that someone cares by providing inexpensive backpacks, with personal items, small toys and stuffed animals to these children in all 88 counties of Ohio. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

And we have the opportunity to eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus in 39 countries where a new born suffers and dies every nine minutes. A simple vaccination, nearly universal in the developed world, can protect women and their future children from this

dreadful affliction.

If your club is like mine, and most are, we need more hands to do this. So my challenge to you, and to myself, is to grow our service and grow our club membership. Each supports the other – there is no service without dedicated Kiwanians and there are no Kiwanians without our terrific service. Only we can do that – you and I. Let's do this for ourselves, for our clubs and for our communities.

My Goal For The Year Is That Each Of Our Clubs Ends The Year Stronger – With Even More Dedicated Members Than It Started The Year With. And With The Stronger Membership – Even More Service.

You – Our Members – Are The Key

To Your Club's Service;
To the Service Leadership Programs Your Club Sponsors;
To Your Club's Membership Growth;
To Your Club's Success.

So I Challenge You To Unlock the Possibilities.

Cheryl and I believe in Servant Leadership – your leaders are there to serve the organization. And that is why we are looking forward to serving you and your club this year. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

Bill Snellgrove
Governor Designate

Eliminate Donations Recognized & Culmulative!

08/30/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.

Thanks to the efforts of many Kiwanians, the kickoff of the Eliminate project in the Ohio District was a big success. A total of 24 Zellers were recognized, as well as many club and individual donations. But did you know that your donations are cumulative? That's right, what you give this month and this year, can be added to next year and allow you and your club to recognized for supporting a project that intends to save the lives of 129 million mothers and their children - and ultimately save the family unit!



Thanks to the following individuals for believing in and supporting the cause!
Alan & Jeri Penn, Suzanne & Joe Lemak, John DeVilbiss, Dale Leach, Ted Coons, Cindy Champer, Ted Barrows, Fred Franklin, Preston and Jean Forbes, Joe Germana, Jack Hilborn, Diana Keplinger, Dr. Dennis Lehman, Julia Martin, Bill Snellgrove, Amy Zimmerman, Alyson and Jim Gerwe, Helen Farrington; KI Past Int. Pres. Don Williams; Steve Allen, Dave Kelch, Dr. Kip Crain, Shirley MacDonald, Craig Wallace, Mauri Cron.

Model clubs recognized were Warren, Division 25 and Northwest Columbus, Division 10W. Other giving included Tim Mohr, Faith Levine, Rita Corbin, Tom Keplinger, Michael Becker, Paul Bohman, Christopher Gamble, Anita Gribble, Kimberly Hutter, Michael Keriotis, Leroy Martin, Michael Moran, Nancy Omahan, Brian Shaffer, Bill Flinta, Deborah Stacey; and clubs Hilliard, Fairfield, Medina Breakfast, Lima, Port Clinton, Columbus, Downtown Athens, Gahanna, Tiffin, Wooster, Brookville, Ottawa, Newark, Celina, Athens, Wheelersburg, Hilltop Columbus, West Toledo, Genoa, Delphos, Youngstown, Perrysburg and Stow-Monroe Falls.

Key Leader Changes Lives

09/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer



Every young life needs a good influence. For David, the Kiwanis Key Leader program provided it.

David was young. Quiet. Depressed. He had switched schools over the summer—and started high school without any friends. His grades were dismal.

Then he attended a Key Leader weekend. "From that weekend on, I changed," David says. "It awakened the real me. I was able to gain the self-confidence I never had." That change brought David into the Kiwanis family. His grades now: all A's, with maybe a B or two. "Key Club is now my life," says David, who continued on to serve as Key Club lieutenant governor and currently is a Key Club district chair. He plans to join Circle K and Kiwanis as he progresses up the Kiwanis leadership ladder. "This all came to pass through an amazing program like no other. That program was Key Leader."

Your opportunity to share this experience with a teen like David is here again. Key Leader returns to Ohio during the weekend of November 11-13, 2011. Lead Facilitator, Josh Hiscock will be returning to Ohio for another outstanding weekend. We hope that you will help a teen attend and take advantage of Josh's tremendous energy and enthusiasm for Key Leader. They are sure to come back with changed views on service leadership and improved skills that will benefit their communities. Registration is open at www.key-leader.org. "Like" www.facebook.com/ohiokeyleader on Facebook for updates and info on events.

First Family Project Update

09/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John and Wanda DeVilbiss

The First Family Project was started as a challenge. We wanted to make the world a safer place for young children or at least the transport of young children. Little did we know how successful the program would be. A number of Kiwanis Clubs already had projects for CHAD stickers or car seats for young children. Many clubs that did not have a service project in place worked very hard in starting a First Family Project. We estimate that over 35,000 CHAD stickers have been given out in the Ohio District to help identify children in the case of an accident. In the Columbus area there was a request for 60 of the Pedi-Mate units to allow emergency squad personnel to safely transport young children in the back of the medical units. Other clubs reported that they were able to gain new members to their clubs due to the First Family Project.

We want to thank the Ohio District Foundation for their support and their work in distributing the grant funds for the various projects. When we started the First Family Project a year ago we had no idea the project would be so successful. The response has been beyond our dreams. Please continue to work with the emergency service people in your areas to meet their needs and the needs



of the children. Together we have made, and will make a difference, in the lives of children.

Builders Club

09/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak



This has been a great Kiwanis year for Builders Club in the Ohio District. We have chartered 8 new clubs and 2 more are in the process of being opened. The Cleveland Kiwanis Club will soon be submitting papers for a Community-based Builders Club called "The Builders Club of the Upstage Players of Cleveland". These are students 13-15 years old who belong to an Arts Outreach Program. This is "thinking outside the box" with Builders Club. Community-based Builders Clubs can also be established at churches, libraries, YMCAs, lodges or similar community facilities.

October is the month of the young adolescent

www.nmsa.org/moya/ an annual international

collaborative effort of education, health and youth-oriented organizations like Kiwanis. During October the National Middle School Association brings together a wide range of organizations to focus on the needs of this important age range, ages 10 to 15. October would be a great time to charter a Builders Club, the Kiwanis Service Leadership Program for middle school and junior high students. Learn what makes this group tick and help young adolescents become caring and compassionate citizens through Builders Club. Starting a club is easy: go to www.kiwanis.org/charter

Circle K's Service Partners

09/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Andrew DeFratis, Governor, Ohio District Circle K

Kiwanis, Key Club, and Circle K's service partners are a little different – as Circle K's have been tailored a bit to better fit things important to a college student. Our four service partners, or organizations we have special ties with and consistent year-to-year fundraisers for are: Better World Books, STUFH, March of Dimes, and UNICEF. The Circle K clubs of Ohio have come up with some fun, and interesting ways to help each of these partners I think, and I would love to promote what we do to International and show our clubs some ideas of what other Districts have been doing.

Better World Books: One of the first things on a College student's mind when school starts up is "Oh man, I have to buy books..." which can often run hundreds or over a thousand dollars for one class! Well at the end of the semester (or quarter) when we go to sell those books back, the school will sometimes only offer 99 cents for a buy back because they don't need it anymore. That's where Better World Books comes in: by providing cardboard bins to throw those throw-away books in, where they will be donated and sold back to students with the profit going to help third world countries! BWB, in partnership with Circle K, has also offered our members a discount code on when buying those donated books from their website!

Students Team-Up to Fight Hunger (STUFH – pronounced “stuff”) is a similar concept, but for food. At the end of the school year, depending on the student’s dining plan, they may have meal-money that they can waste at a local store because they won’t get the money back as cash. Alternatively, they may have bought more food than they needed and are tempted to throw it away when cleaning out their dorm. STUFH provides a place to donate that old food to – STUFH links college campuses with local food banks to take that food and provide it to the local hungry!

March of Dimes, as I’m sure I don’t have to tell you, fights for baby and pregnancy health now that polio is no longer their key issue. Marietta College has a “Bowling for Babies” fundraiser, and also several bake sales. This October 9th, Miami University CKI is hosting a Kickball fundraiser where entry is \$25 to be donated to the March for Dimes!



Finally, UNICEF: The United Nations Infant and Children’s Fund. UNICEF is our key partner and ally in the ELIMINATE Project, but a popular Circle K-UNICEF project goes back 50 years – Trick or Treating for UNICEF. My home club of Akron tries to put together a theme for our costumes when we go out, one year we all dressed up as Pokémon. College students love it because we can go trick or treating again without feeling guilty being too old for candy, but doing community service!

For more information on our partners: [Circle K.org: Service Partners](http://CircleK.org:ServicePartners)

News from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

09/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jean Forbes



The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has elected officers for the coming year. Bob Williams of the North Ridgeville Club will serve as President and Bill Flinta, Stow Munroe Falls Club, will be Vice-President. As a result of the elections at the Annual Meeting of the membership, board members Randy Beard, Bill Flinta, Joe Lemak and Bob Williams will be serving three year terms on the board. Katie Rennard was elected for a two year term and Faith Levine was elected for a one year term.

The end of the year is a good time to recognize club officers and outstanding members with an award from the Foundation. A donation of \$500 can provide support to the Foundation and the First Family Project while presenting a Past International Presidents Award (PIP) to a member of your club. A Don Williams Award, Walter Sellers Award, or Stan Schneider Award can be presented with a donation of \$1,000 to the Foundation. More information is available at www.odkf.org.

Newly revised applications for grants are now available at www.odkf.org. The next deadline for grant applications is October 31. Your club can receive support for projects in which you are involved in your community. These can be pediatric trauma projects or

community projects which benefit children.

Jean Forbes
Secretary/Treasurer
Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

Club News

AKTION Club Summer Picnic

09/13/2011 - Club: Cortland Area - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn

A summer get-together was held on August 9 for members of the Division 25 of Ohio Kiwanis AKTION Club for adults with developmental disabilities.

Three busloads of club members were transported to the St. Demetrios Hellenic Orthodox Church pavilion in Warren for a catered luncheon featuring fried chicken, pizza, and all the trimmings.

Mike Keriotis, president of the Cortland Kiwanis Club, coordinated the event with assistance from members of the Warren and Newton Falls Kiwanis Clubs.

"Everyone enjoyed a great afternoon of Kiwanis fellowship," Keriotis said. "Our AKTION Clubbers are an inspiration to Kiwanians of all ages."

The AKTION Club members have raised about \$200 this year from the sale of handmade bracelets, donating the proceeds to the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Warren, a pediatric outpatient center.

The AKTION Club membership is made up of adult clients of Fairhaven Program.

Fairhaven is part of the Trumbull County Board Developmental Disabilities group and serves over 1,000 citizens including:

- Children birth-2 who have a developmental delay or who are at risk for delay
- Children 3-21 who meet the special education criteria for the Ohio Department of Education
- Adults with a diagnosed disability before the age of 22 who have at least three functional limitations in self care, language, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, learning and economic self-sufficiency

The Fairhaven AKTION Club was chartered in 2007.

Troy and Piqua Kiwanians Join Forces to Serve Community

09/02/2011 - Club: Troy - Submitted by: Earl Burley

The Kiwanis Clubs of Troy and Piqua joined forces on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 to





provide and serve lunch to 600 attendees of the Miami County Fair's Kids Day Program. Children from all the Miami County day care centers were invited to attend the Miami County Fair free, were provided many arts and crafts and educational opportunities, and then were provided lunch consisting of hot dogs/buns, potato chips, apple slices and either apple juice or water. This is the third year that the two clubs joined forces to serve the children of Miami County at the Fair.

Kiwanians were President Earl Burley and his wife Carol, Dee Mahan (President -elect), Matt Erwin and Dale Wittman of the Troy Club and Larry Quigley and his wife, Dwayne Cooper, Doug Franconi, and Bob Klenk of the Piqua club.

Earl Burley
2010-2011 President
Kiwanis Club of Troy

Kiwanians Invited to Join Alan & Jeri Penn at the 2012 Rose Bowl Parade

09/02/2011 - Club: Medina - Submitted by: Tom Borrer

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a tour to the 2012 Rose Bowl Parade on January 2, 2012. The tour is available including airfare, for those of us not wanting to be bothered by those details, or for Land Only, for those who wish to get to California and back on their own.

[Click here](#) to download a Tour Brochure with all the details pertaining to the trip.



[Click here](#) to download a form to register for this once in a lifetime event.

We look forward to a great group of Kiwanians joining us at the 2012 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

Tom Borrer
Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club