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District Governor's Report

09/20/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

REACH OUT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN SERVICE AND IN HEALING!

The theme for this year has become a reality in so many ways. As Lee Ann and I have traveled throughout the Ohio District, we have experienced your welcoming **FELLOWSHIP**. Your friend-raising spirit is inspirational including introducing yourself to a new person, providing a warm greeting, extending a hand shake, or a hug. This fellowship is an important part of Kiwanis and will continue to encourage people to be part of such an organization. I believe that the warmth of fellowship by a club directly influences the impact a club will have on a community. Throughout the year, your **SERVICE** has touched the lives of thousands of those in need. You found various needs in your community and worked to meet these needs. From providing food to the hungry to reading books to children, from building homes for the homeless to giving clothing to those without decent clothes, from building playgrounds for areas without to raking leaves for those unable to do so. There are so many ways you provide service to your communities all over the district. Your support for the First Lady's Project has been exciting and will directly provide **HEALING** in Ohio and throughout the world. Over \$22,000 has been raised to be split evenly between the Ohio District Foundation and the ELIMINATE Project. In Ohio, the \$11,000 will be equally divided among the 7 children's hospitals to be used to train nurses in the latest treatments for children who have experienced a traumatic injury. The other \$11,000 will be donated to the ELIMINATE Project to save the lives of **over 6,100 women** and all of their unborn children. First Lady Lee Ann has done a great job representing the Ohio District. Thank you for making Kiwanis the premier service organization in Ohio!



The number of Kiwanians in Ohio has grown-**very exciting!** And we have added new clubs to the district. Each new club brings a positive new influence to a community. And each new member provides more hands for service, new project ideas, additional contacts in the community, potential leadership of the club, division and district, as well as a new friend for all Kiwanians. The Family Membership program has resulted in over 200 new members in the Ohio District. This is excellent as family members can encourage each other to be active and involved in service. **We have until October 10**

to add new members and clubs to the Ohio District. Let's continue to look for new members and invite them to become Kiwanians!

During the past year, the Mid Year Education Day and the District Convention were excellent events, both were well attended. Thank you to the respective organizing committees for jobs well done. These events are important to the Ohio District as they **keep us connected**.

On a personal note-thanks to each of you for your friendship and for the many ways you have supported Lee Ann and I. This has been an exciting, inspirational, and most rewarding year of service. In many ways-it was an **AWESOME year!** We are honored to serve you as Governor and First Lady over the past 12 months. We will continue to be proud members of the Mighty Ohio District.

As we approach the end of the year, don't let up, **FINISH STRONG!**

Please continue to REACH OUT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN SERVICE AND IN HEALING!

Governor Craig Wallace

District Secretary's Notes

09/27/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



The 2012-13 Kiwanis Year is nearly over and we will soon install new leaders in our Clubs and Divisions in the Ohio District. For us to meet the service needs of our communities, membership growth must be a major focus of our clubs and the district. While our membership showed growth for most of the year, it now appears we may see a slight decline in membership when the final figures are published in mid-October. Just this month, three clubs surrendered their charters and one voted to become a Satellite of an existing club. In the case of the three clubs who surrendered their charter, their communities are losing the benefit of dedicated Kiwanis Volunteers. We must reverse this trend! All is not lost as this year we built four new clubs. This is more than we have added in a number of years.

The work of the New Club Builders in the Ohio District definitely helped to soften the blow of those year-end membership losses. I have a couple other items of interest for you.

Kiwanis License Plates

Just this month we succeeded in obtaining the 500 signatures needed to secure an Ohio Kiwanis License Plate in the very near future. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is working on the artwork for our new plate as you read this message. For a minimal additional charge annually, you will be able to show your Kiwanis pride and help let the public know that Kiwanis is alive and well in the Ohio District. In addition, the added fee will go to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to help support grants to Kiwanis Clubs to help with their service activities throughout the Ohio District. Watch for the official announcement here and elsewhere that the new Kiwanis license plate is available for purchase. Your support is needed for this to be a successful fundraising effort for the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

2014 International Convention Details

If you haven't heard yet, our 2014 International Convention will be held in Tokyo-Chiba, Japan in the Asia-Pacific Kiwanis District. The Ohio District has endorsed Past Governor John DeVilbiss to run for the office of Kiwanis International Trustee at the convention. Please consider sending delegates to Tokyo to support John DeVilbiss and to take in the sights of a truly International Convention. Tumlare, the travel agent we used for the 2013 Alaska Cruise, has prepared a very competitive package including Airfare, transfers, hotel, and other items. The package is much more reasonable than purchasing your airfare and hotel individually.

[Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the Kiwanis Tokyo Ohio Brochure.

[Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the Tokyo Chiba Convention Package application.

To guarantee the best pricing, please make your reservation as soon as possible. We would also suggest that you consider Package C (Hotel Francs). While Kiwanis International will not be assigning districts to hotels, our suggestion of the Hotel Francs would essentially make this the "unofficial" hotel of the Ohio District. This hotel is directly across the street from the convention center.

Mid Year Education Day

Our 2014 Mid Year Education Day will be held at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Please mark your calendar for this premier Kiwanis education event. Kiwanis International President Elect John Button will be the Keynote Speaker. Governor Jennifer DeFrance and Mid Year Education Day Chair Jamie Kaufman have plans to make this an exciting event. Watch our website for additional information to come.

Dave Whiteman
Ohio District Secretary

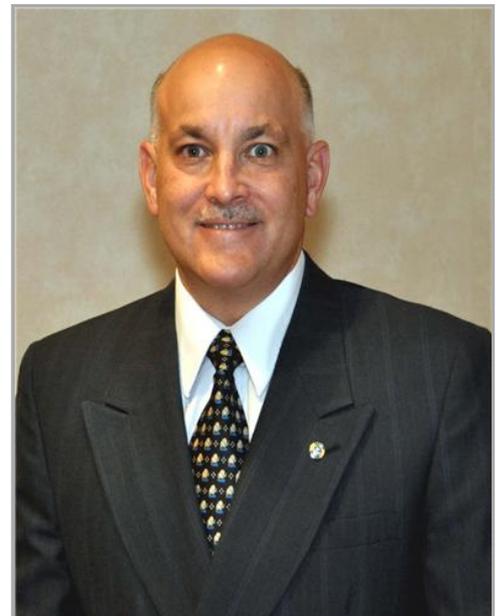
New Member Enrollment Fee Changing

09/19/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Lyndon Thomas

The Kiwanis International new member enrollment fee will change from the current graduated fee to flat fee of \$50 on October 1. Until then, new members can join at the current graduated fee of just \$6. Sign up new members in September to beat the change. The Ohio District new member enrollment fee will remain unchanged. It will be \$26.00 for new members added in October and it will reduce \$2.00 per month to a total of \$4.00 in September.

Also beginning October 1, 2013, Kiwanis International will allow clubs an extra ten days to make adjustments to their rosters for the current year. Deletes made during those ten days will be reflected in the final membership count for 2012-2013.

Why is Kiwanis making these changes? The Kiwanis' graduated enrollment fee has been in place since April 2010. When it was instituted, it was assumed that the discounted fee would help recruit many more new members later in the year. This has not been the case. Over the past three years, the number of new members added in the latter part of the year has remained the same as when the fee was a flat \$50. The addition of ten days in October



to finalized the roster count for the previous Kiwanis year will also give a more actual picture of club membership numbers both for the current year wrapping up and the new year just beginning.

I encourage all clubs in the Ohio District to finish strong and use the extra ten days and the enrollment fee increase as incentives to add new members to their rosters as part of this Kiwanis year. The Ohio District has had a positive count on membership for most of this year, and with your help, we can finish the year positive.

Lyndon Thomas
2012-13 District Chair
Membership Growth Committee

New Club Building

09/08/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John O'Connor - NCB member



"Eighty percent of success is showing up." - Woody Allen

Back in the early months of 2013, I accepted the role of Club Counselor for the New Albany new club building effort. Having returned after a 10-year break to the Kiwanis Club of Westerville in late 2012, I wanted to make an impact for my club and the 'neighborhood' in general. After months of work attempting to expand the core of 'new' and 'seed' members in New Albany, we have finally come to a point where club organization seems inevitable. A new approach to meeting times may be the push we have needed to get us past the magic number of 15 members required to start a club.

Early on, a meeting place was established at the **Plain Township Fire Department**. Thanks to the flexibility of the PTFD, we followed a semi-monthly meeting schedule of the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:30pm. By mid-summer we decided to move to a setting that would allow a meal option, and the "**New Albany Marriott Courtyard**", 5211 Forest Drive, New Albany was selected. This was a good choice, and we now meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6:00 PM and we continue to get people to 'show up'.

Our current option includes two morning meetings at "**Bob Evans Restaurant**" 5205 New Albany Road, New Albany and we meet there on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM to go along with the established evening meetings. As the Club Counselor, I have the ultimate duty (and pleasure) of 'showing up' for whatever meetings are scheduled. If you ever happen to get involved with club building, make sure you have a counselor who can be flexible with the time requirements of the job!

I want to especially thank the following Kiwanians for their various and important contributions to the New Albany club-building effort: **Steve Helba**, Westerville Kiwanian and 2012-13 Lt. Governor of Division 10-E; **Tom Pace**, 2012-13 Lt. Governor of Division 10-S; **Sarah Pace**, member of the Eastern Columbus club in Division 10-S; **Kathleen Moylan**, Ohio District NCB Chair; **Rich Ulmes**, club builder and member of the Troy club in Division 3.

Follow our progress at www.facebook.com/NAKiwanisClub.

John O'Connor

Autumn = Key Leader

09/10/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer

Fall is coming, and with it comes service leadership education for teens: Kiwanis Key Leader. Students will come to Recreation Unlimited November 15-17, 2013 for the experience of a lifetime. They will discover their inner leaders with the guidance of Lead Facilitator, Ben Pendry. Large and small group activities will help the students examine what is important to them and how these values are incorporated into their leadership styles. They will have a chance to be part of a group of students from all over Ohio while they build a team and learn to lead through service.



All you have to do is help to spread the word in your local area. There are plenty of teens in our district who would love to have this opportunity. They don't even have to be Key Clubbers to attend. The base cost is \$225 with discounts available for early registration and Kiwanis Family membership. Registration can cost as little as \$175 for two nights' lodging, five meals, curriculum and activities for the entire weekend. Consider offering full or partial scholarships if your Kiwanis Club is able. If your club is not ready to make the full commitment, please consider a donation to Key Leader through the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Let's make this the best Key Leader event Ohio has ever seen.

Critical note: It is of extreme importance that we have at least 60 students registered for this (and all Key Leader events). If we fall short again, we will be in danger of losing an event and/or being financially responsible for a shortfall in registration. Please consider your commitment and determine which of your local teens you will sponsor. If we all commit to sponsoring one or two students, we will return to the success of recent past events. Our goal is to close registration at full capacity of 75-80 students per event.

Questions, comments, requests for information or other correspondence may be directed to ohiokeyleader@gmail.com.

First Lady's Project Wrap-Up

09/30/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Lee Ann Wallace

Epic Journeys!

It is hard to believe that our Kiwanis year together is coming to a close! What an amazing journey this last year has been! It has truly been an honor to serve you this past year, and I would like to thank each of you for your support and friendship! Those of you that attended District Convention heard me speak about Epic Journeys, and how, in The Lord of the Rings movie a small and unassuming person, with no special skill or power, raised his hand to say "I will do this". But he did not go alone. He banded together with a group of others that shared his commitment and through till the end they stayed true to their mission. Those of you that have watched the movie know that despite the challenges faced this Fellowship of like minded and committed believers set



forth to accomplish something that many said was too hard or too complex. They had to call for help and aid from friends and acquaintances, and set off on a journey into unknown lands. It was not through strength and warfare, but through bravery, friendship, love, humility and inner strength that they succeeded. He and his Fellowship changed the world forever! It was not a journey without sacrifice and difficulty. In many ways, our Kiwanis journey is like the journey of the Fellowship in The Lord of the Rings. Each of us at times feels like Froddo. What difference could I possibly make, what difference could my small club make? Surely someone with more resources, or more members or more impact will do what is needed. But each of us must be like Froddo and raise our hand and say "I will do this, I will help". And together we can make a difference on our own Epic Journey. A journey to ELIMINATE a disease from the face of the Earth, a

journey to make a difference for the children in Ohio that experience Pediatric Trauma. Thank you to each of you that have helped with the First Lady's project. Each of your contributions, some big and some small, is making a difference for the children of Ohio. Half of the money raised is being sent in your name to Kiwanis International to the ELIMINATE project. The other half will stay here in Ohio and through the Ohio District Foundation be distributed in your name to the Ohio Children's Hospitals. Through your hard work, dedication and commitment, you are indeed the Hand of Healing for Kiwanis! Here in Ohio and throughout the World!

Planning a New Beginning

09/12/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Greetings Kiwanians!

This has always been my favorite time of year because I associate it with new beginnings (as well as fall leaves, cider, and warm sweaters). Traditionally, we think of New Year's or the Spring as new beginnings, but, for me, the start of the school year has always been the beginning. And for Kiwanians, October 1st is a beginning as well. Like students, we have had summers with less time commitments and should be re-energized and ready to start our year. For new club leaders, now is the time for the final preparation for the year.

A great way to prepare for the year is to look at the Distinguished Club Criteria to ensure that key elements are included in your club's planning. Awards like these are designed to encourage clubs to perform at their very best and reward that effort. Membership and service are focus for the 2013-14 criteria. The following will help you plan.



- Set a goal to have a net increase in membership and have more than 15 members. Not at charter strength or are looking for ways to grow your membership? Contact Membership Growth Chair Bill Snellgrove.
- Have your club officers participated in Club Leadership Education? If not, it is not

too late! Visit <http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=598> for training.

- Consider sponsoring a new Kiwanis Club. This will be a rewarding experience that will energize your membership and potentially grow your own club. Contact Kathleen Moylan, New Club Building Chair, for more information.

Mark your calendar and set some funds aside in your administrative budget to send members to the Mid Year Conference on March 8th and to the District Convention on August 8th-10th. These events are perfect for new members so they can learn all about Kiwanis and grow to love our organization even more and for seasoned members to get re-energized.

Provide great service to your Service Leadership Program. If you don't sponsor one, now is the time to develop a plan and build a club! Ohio has excellent District Administrators for all of the programs who are willing to help your club along the way. Another way to fulfill this criterion is to contribute to the District Foundation, in particular, the KICK program to support Circle K.

Plan hands on service projects or programs for children. The Governor's Project "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" can provide many great ideas for healthy hands on service projects for children. Handbooks are available from the District. Support the Eliminate Project and/or the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Now that you know about the distinguished criteria, your club should be poised to have an excellent year to service! Please contact your Lt. Governor or me if you have any questions or need help!

Yours in service,

Jennifer DeFrance

Governor-Designate

Finish Strong for Eliminate in Ohio!

09/10/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: CindyChamper, Dist. Coor.



By the time most of you read this news article, one Kiwanis year will have ended and another started. But most important to remember at this time is that not only did we end with a great convention, we must finish the year strong! On the overall international level of Eliminate, we need to raise only \$2 million additional in funding to meet our \$40 million goal. This means that with a little over two years left to go, we are at almost half of our goal - outstanding!

Thanks so much to all the Ohio District Kiwanians who have worked so hard to help save the lives of 61 million women and children. Your hundreds of small fundraisers, combined with the larger events and work of our Service Leadership programs, are being applauded across the globe by the men, women and children whose lives and families you have saved and changed forever.

Remember the videos that tell us it takes only a little bit of work and a little bit of effort to save lives, and for the children, all they ask for is hope and your efforts of love. Let's make these last weeks the time for new Model clubs, new Zellers and additional free-will offering that will help push us over the top!

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

09/15/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Levine

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation b to finish our 2012-2013 administrative year and meeting our goal of growing our Foundation investment corpus to over \$1,000,000. WE achieved this goal through our Club Advised Funds, new and exciting fundraising programs and a solid foundation strategy. Thank you to every club and individual who has contributed to these programs.

Because of our growing corpus, we have been able to grow our grant program. Through out this year we have been able to assist Ohio District Kiwanis clubs in their programs that change our world one child and community at a time. And as our investment corpus grows, so does the grant dollars available. As your clubs plan for the coming Kiwanis year, please remember that the first grant deadline for Kiwanis year 2013-2014 is October 31 2013.



Thank you Bill Flinta for leading the ODKF this year. Your vision for the Foundation has been inspiring. Current Board members Doug Huth, Kathryn Karpus and Katie Rennard were reelected to second terms as well as John Millar to his first term. These newly elected Board Members as well as the current Board Members are looking forward to representing you and your clubs and supporting your programs.

VIP Interclub Award Nominations Due

09/19/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kevin Whitlatch



We are reaching the end of another great year of Kiwanis Service and Fellowship. At the 2014 Mid Year Education Day we will be honoring those clubs who excelled in various areas during the 2012-13 Kiwanis Year. One of those areas is Interclubbing. So that we are able to judge the scope of your club's interclub activities, you need to send us the 2012-13 V. I. P. "Kiwanis Visitation Is Powerful" nomination form outlining the visits you have made.

[Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the Nomination Form.

Please complete and mail the form to me at the address noted below. Please note that we do have this form in a Microsoft Excel format that can be completed online saved and emailed to me directly. If you want an Excel copy of this document, please email District Secretary Dave Whiteman at dave@ohiokiwanis.org and he will send it to you. Please return your completed forms to my attention no later than November 1st to be considered for these awards.

Kevin Whitlatch
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Club News

Curtis Perkins Latest Member of Medina Kiwanis Hall of Fame

09/20/2013 - Club: Medina - Submitted by: Nancy Abbott

Curtis Perkins became the newest member of the Medina Kiwanis Hall of Fame when member Dick Dirham introduced (roasted) him at this week's meeting. Terry Shuman read the following poem about the history of the club's Hall of Fame.



Hall of Fame For Medina Kiwanians

When 1980 rolled around, John Wilson had a plan
For how this club might recognize those special men he'd known,
Whose sacrifices for their town made each and every man
Who wore a "K" seem, in their eyes, more like a pillar of stone.

Yet, no one bought John's heartfelt dream, for should one man be praised,
It meant, to some, that dozens more, might sadly feel the pain
Of never having made the "team," as if they had been "hazed."
And so John's dream died on the floor as membership abstained.

But four years later, John renewed his quest to form the "Hall,"
And with Bill Young's great leadership, Kiwanis "saw the light,"
And finally, the Hall was viewed as something good for all.
Today, we celebrate that trip...as a "providential fight."

This current year makes twenty-nine since Brainard was our first
Official member to be named deserving honoree,
And less than half of those enshrined have yet to ride the hearse,
Still honored by your **Hall of Fame**, for all their deeds exemplary.

It took two score and four years more before a woman was enshrined,

And Alice Chester easily was picked as “Number One;”
But seven years then passed before another of her kind
Would underscore the name “Scottie,” like no one’s ever done.

The last ten years have seen a “surge” between the gendered roles,
As Anna, Linda, Jeannette, and Joan, have clearly graced our Hall;
And while a dozen men emerged as more than worthy souls,
Our ladies coming on have shown that **they** stand just as tall.

So, welcome to your **Hall of Fame**, where twenty-five have passed.
Still living, there are twenty-four, (with one more on the way).
I cannot yet give you a name, but this year’s die is cast.
So, let’s assume that less is more, as we embrace today.

Warren Club Presents Ohio Foundation Check

09/16/2013 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn



The Warren Kiwanis Club has presented a check for \$5,000 from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to The Camelot Center.

Howard Agueda with the Warren Club suggested the grant application be made to the Ohio District Foundation on behalf of Camelot due to the club’s long-standing support of the Trumbull County-based organization’s work with children.

The Camelot Center is a non-profit equine assisted therapeutic riding program whose mission is to provide therapeutic services to physically, mentally or emotionally-challenged, learning disabled, underprivileged and able-bodied children and adults. The Camelot Center is a Premier Accredited Riding Center with PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International).

According to Nicolette Darkangelo, president of the board of directors of Camelot, while riding horses is an enjoyable experience for many, it can be even more significant for an individual with a disability or mental health need. Research has shown that horseback riding can experience many rewards, both physically and emotionally.

The grant money will be used to create a safe access to the Center’s sensory trail. A sensory trail is an environment that includes slopes, turns, varied footing, natural sights and sounds as well as created sensory experiences. It is an integral part of the

therapeutic services provided to students at the Camelot Center. In addition, a permanent wheelchair accessible mounting block will be installed at the top of the sensory trail.

The Warren Kiwanis Club has been a financial supporter of Camelot for the past 15 years. At various times, club members and/or their family members have served on the Camelot board and volunteered their time at the Center.

“We applaud the work that The Camelot Center does in our community with individuals of all ages, but especially their work with children that have life challenges to overcome,” said Agueda. “The mission of the Kiwanis organization is to help the children of the world, and we can do that right here thru supporting local groups that serve children. We are very pleased to have secured this grant for Camelot.”

Cutline: (l-r) Nicolette Darkangelo with The Camelot Center accepts a \$5,000 check from Howard Agueda with the Warren Kiwanis Club.

Hixson Fellowships Awarded

08/30/2013 - Club: Medina - Submitted by: Nancy Abbott

The Kiwanis Club of Medina awarded two Hixson fellowships with the donation being designated for the Eliminate project. Ted Chandler, a 43 year member of the club, was the first honoree. His grandchildren joined him for the presentation by Bob Fenn. Terry Shuman introduced Bill Young who has been in the Kiwanis family since his membership in Circle K during his college years.

