

New Member Orientation

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Our Club Meetings.

Welcome aboard. You have joined a great organization. The following are a few guide lines to acquaint you with our club.

Our Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 12 to 1 PM at CJ's HighMarks on 211 Irmischer Blvd in Celina. The first meeting is a board meeting and the second a general meeting that features a guest speaker. A speaker schedule lists which club member is to provide the speaker. The meetings are usually held in the party room unless posted otherwise.

Meals are \$8 per person and can be pre-paid on an annual basis.

The guest speaker's meals are paid by the club. Members bringing a guest are will pay for the guest's meal.

During the regular meeting we ask for happy/sad dollars. Members donate a dollar if they had something good or bad happen to them during the preceding week. The collection box is opened at the end of the year and the club decides what to do with the collected money. Donations are entirely voluntary.

It is understood that not every member can attend every meeting but we hope you will attempt to attend as many meetings as possible.

Our Club.

Our club was chartered on November 27th 2001.

We are constantly striving to attract new members.

Member Privileges.

You can be proud to be a member of such a great organization.

You are expected to become actively involved in the various club activities.

If at all possible participate in inter-club visits.

We elect club officers and directors annually on the 2nd Wednesday in May. We will also expect you to participate on at least one committee.

In addition, there are various division and district meetings and conventions we are expected to attend. The club usually reimburses any out of pocket expenses incurred by these functions. You should actively attempt to recruit new members were possible.

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Governance.

The club bylaws are published in the Members section of our web-site at “Club Bylaws”.

The Board of Directors meets the first Wednesday of each month. It is made up of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past President, and 6 elected board members. The term of the elected members is 2 or 3 years.

We have the six basic committees as outlined in the bylaws. They are listed in our web-site in the “Members Section” section. Every member is encouraged to belong to at least one committee.

The election of officers and board members is on the second Wednesday in May of each year. A nomination committee will provide the candidates.

Our Financing.

Our Club Dues are \$120.

Some of our fund-raising projects are the “Reindog” event, the Lake fest food stand. The Club Treasurer maintains two accounts, the Foundation account which holds monies that can only be dispensed for charitable uses, and an Administrative account for everything else.

Our Community Service.

We perform various community services that impact the community as a whole, such as the annual Christmas parade, participation in "Earth-day", "Make A Difference Day", food and clothing donations to Our Home, participation in the Lake Festival, helping with Freedom Days to name a few.

Every member is expected to participate in group projects.

Our District and Division.

We belong to the Ohio District of Kiwanis International. The clubs are listed, by district, at our website under News, Useful Links.

The district is sub-divided into 28 divisions. Each division is headed by a lieutenant governor. We are in division 2 and our Lt. Governor is Bob Day of the Lima Club.

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Kiwanis International.

The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan on January 21, 1915. A year later the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, was chartered, and Kiwanis International grew rapidly into a leading service club in these two founding nations. In 1962, worldwide expansion was approved, and today Kiwanis clubs are active in every part of the world. Their web site is: <http://www.kiwanis.org>.

As part of your dues you will also receive a monthly copy of the Kiwanis International magazine. You can view prior issues at our web-site under resources.

As new members we want you to become familiar with or at least know where to find the following information:

To be able to access the Members Section area you will need to enter the password which will be provided to you.

Item	Where to find
Club Bylaws	Members Section of our website.
Club members	Members Section of our website.
Committees	Members Section of our website.
Name Tag	Will be provided at next meeting
Business Card	Will be provided at next meeting
Club pamphlet	Will be provided at next meeting

I hope this information will help you with becoming familiar with our club.

Please provide the club president with a short biography that can be used during the formal induction into the club. Such as where you are from, marital status, children, your work, hobbies etc. Once again, I speak for everyone, welcome aboard.

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