

Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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Give a Little Bit—to help others recovering from a disaster.
Governor Craig Smith

For many of us, disruptive and destructive weather events are part of our collective memory, we remember them almost as clearly as other important events in our lives. 1974 - a multi-state tornado outbreak devastated communities in southwestern Ohio. 1978 - a blizzard and sub-zero temperatures paralyzed the state. 1990 - destructive flash floods hit eastern Ohio. 2012 - a multi-state derecho hit Ohio while many of us were in New Orleans. 2019 - more devastating tornadoes struck western Ohio. Each of these events, and others too numerous to list, have left our neighbors and friends in need of assistance.

December 10-11, 2021. These dates will have special significance to our neighbors in Kentucky - historically devastating tornadoes which were on the ground for over 220 miles. Additional tornadoes and flooding have happened in the first week of 2022, providing additional trauma and devastation to areas already trying to recover.

We want to help, whether we have family and friends that were affected by last month's tornadoes or not. You can send checks directly to the *Kentucky-Tennessee District Foundation at PO Box 4327, Lexington, KY 40544*, noting the disaster relief fund in the memo section. Or you can make an online gift through our District Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund via the Tuesday Giving Link at [ODKF.org](https://www.odkf.org), all gifts will be earmarked for supporting the Kentucky-Tennessee District's disaster relief efforts. Thanks to President Jason Miller and Executive Director Alan Penn for all their work to make this happen.



Disasters leave the members of our communities in need of shelter, food, water, clothing, school supplies and basic medical supplies including blood products. What can we and our clubs do when disaster strikes? We can do what we do best - serve. And share of ourselves, compassion, and time. Obviously, members can donate blood to help fill that specific need, but where else to start? How will we know how we can lend a hand?

Which brings me to my Governor's Project. There's no better place to start than by asking those whose job it to respond to disasters: your local emergency management agency and the American Red Cross. I'm asking clubs to schedule a presentation on disaster preparedness and relief by one of these two organizations. Each plays its own role but are vital when the unthinkable happens. This is one part, an important part, of my Governor's Project.

And if you haven't done so, please read the cover story in the December Kiwanis magazine. We can learn a lot from the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District.

Recovering from a disaster is not a quick and easy process. The effects of each disaster are different, and each communities' needs are different. Many of us will want to help when neighboring communities need us but aren't sure how. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation maintains a Disaster Relief Fund that clubs can access to help fund relief efforts. We are fortunate that the leadership of our District Foundation had the foresight to create a Disaster Relief Fund and making sure that the funds are available when needed is another important part of my Governor's Project.

Please keep the people of Kentucky, and the other states affected by these storms, in your thoughts. And please consider a division, club, or individual gift to help them recover.

From The Secretary's Desk

Celebrating new beginnings is what the new year is all about. Of course it's a mental construct because we could choose to celebrate new beginnings at any time and in any way. It just happens that the new year is perhaps a little more monumental than, say, the beginning of a new month. As a District we have some new beginnings to celebrate. The new Kiwanis year with new leaders being one. The birth of a new member of our K-Family being another. You'll note a new feature in the Buckeye Bulletin that highlights and welcomes those new members of our K-Family. If you wish to help welcome them to the family, please take a moment to reach out to them directly with a note. We have included info on either the Kiwanis Club Secretary, or the SLP Advisor in order to do so.

District Secretary

Jim Janosik

ExecutiveDirector@ohiokiwanis.org



The New Year also gives us the opportunity to reflect upon what we can change in our lives. Usually some degree of self-reflection takes place, and I would encourage you to consider your volunteerism in that self-reflection process. Maybe you'd like to resolve to do something specific this year in your community (such as Random Acts of Kindness or mentoring a young person). Maybe you'd like to expand your knowledge and skills (consider enrolling in Kiwanis Amplify or attending the MidYear Education Day or District/International Convention). Or perhaps you would like to enhance your own leadership skills (like serving at the Division or District level as an officer or committee member).

Whatever your Kiwanis ambitions are, the District Office is here to support and guide you along with a host of others such as Past Lt. Governor's, Treasurer's, and Governor's.



Have news to share?

The Buckeye Bulletin is always looking to share good news about the terrific service that our clubs are doing. To share your club's story in the Buckeye Bulletin, please submit an attached photo of your club members in action. A brief description of the project and who will be benefitting from the activity should be included. If this is a signature project or a new project, that information should be included as well.

You never know, your project could inspire another club in the district to do something similar in their community. We are also interested in your Service Leadership Program clubs' activities since they often do amazing projects with minimal resources available to them.

The Ohio District of Circle K Annual Convention will be running concurrent to the Ohio District Kiwanis MidYear. Purchasing a program ad is a simple and affordable way of showing encouragement to our college Kiwanis family members with financial support. These ads or tag lines will help with offsetting the cost of their convention to keep the event affordable for all students.

A simple way to offer support to the district, a specific club or member or to advertise your club, business or to just wish them well. Don't know how to create an ad? Annamarie can help with that!

OHIO DISTRICT OF CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

Name (or Company Name): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Full Page Advertisements (8.5" X 5.5") \$50

Half Page Advertisements (4.25" X 5.5") \$25

Your name mentioned as a patron with an optional one line (100 characters) ad or message - \$5

Message: _____

Please include your copy-ready advertisement with your payment and send to the following address:
The Ohio District Circle K | 941 Chatham Ln, Suite 326, Columbus, OH 43221

All checks should be made payable to **Ohio District Circle K**. All payments and copy-ready advertisements must be **received** by **Saturday, February 26, 2022**. If you would prefer to send an electronic copy of your advertisement, please email the advertisement in the form of a Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, or Adobe Acrobat (PDF) document to Bulletin Editor Annamarie McGuire at editor@ohiocki.org no later than Saturday, February 26th, 2022.

If you do choose to email the advertisement, the payment for the advertisement must still be received by the Ohio District of Circle K no later than Saturday, February 26th, 2022!

Please direct any questions to: Annamarie McGuire
Phone: (440) 984 - 8108 | Email: editor@ohiocki.org

The 65th Annual Ohio District Circle K Convention will be held in-person from March 19th-20th, 2022. If you are interested in attending this event, registration forms are available on the Ohio Circle K website at www.ohiocki.org.



Kelly Faas

MidYear Education Day

KiwanisKelly@gmail.com



March 19th is coming quick!

Just think, when Mid-Year Education Day arrives we will have survived another winter and will hopefully have hints of spring in the air! A few things the MYED team has been working on - our educational sessions are set! Of course, we have our Keynote Speaker, *Shawn Smith*, but some of our other sessions are:



- Running Effective Meetings, Jackie Compton Bunch, Ohio Parliamentarians
- Special Interest Clubs, Shawn Smith, PA Lt. Gov
- Developing Community Partnerships, Lanton Lee
- The Unfillable Gap: Uncovering your Club's Purpose and Passion, Susan Black
- Marsha and Monica Marsh, Uncovering Strengths in Differences
- Let's Build a Playground! Landscape Structures and Successful Playground Projects
- Young Child Priority one: Zeroing in on Childhood Nutrition, Jenny Lobb, Ohio Extension Services
- Facing Food Insecurity in Children, Martin Butler, Executive Director Neighborhood Services
- Children's Literacy with Book Author Alan St. Jean
- High Five Habit Book Discussion. Dr. Caitlin Faas
- Experiencing Key Leader, Brian and Kelly Shafer
- Let's Rebuild: Strengthening Kiwanis Kids and Builder's Clubs, Jennifer Lewis and Robert Day
- Technology for your Club: Websites and Cash Apps, Tom Castonzo, KI
- It's All About the Growth, Emily (Sharp) Saalfrank, KI
- AKTION CLUB -- WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU! - Dick Brulotte and Panel (Aktion Club member, Facility Advisor, and Kiwanis Liaison) Find out from the "horse's mouth" what an Aktion Club means to its members, its advisors, its sponsoring Kiwanis Club and your community. Our panel will tell you exactly what Aktion Club means to them and how it has changed their life and how good it feels to give back to the community as an adult living with disabilities.

Sponsorships are still available! If you are interested in donating to the sponsorship fund, we are glad to accept any and all donations. We have levels of sponsorship on the Ohio District webpage, but if you would like to give less (or more), please feel free to do so.

Have you read "*The High 5 Habit*" by Mel Robbins yet? One of our early sessions will be a book discussion. We would love to hear your thoughts and how you implemented the reading. Dr. Caitlin Faas, President of the Kiwanis Club of Worthington-Linworth will be leading the discussion. We will also be choosing another book as a regular Ohio District activity. Future discussions will be held on Zoom.

Something we are VERY excited about is partnering with the CKI students, who will be hosting their District Convention during the same weekend. We have invited them to participate in our Opening Session, Lunchtime Session, and our workshop sessions throughout the day. This is a first for the Ohio District!

Something new - a service project! The Past Lieutenant Governor's Association will be hosting a service project that will coincide with our MYED. With Chad Gardner's employer, Home For Families, we are collecting basic household items. The lists of needed items have been distributed to the clubs from their Lieutenant Governors. If you have not been informed of the collections by your Club President, please drop them an email or give them a call so you can participate - as a club or as an individual. Each club is asked to collect certain items and bring them to MYED. Chad is arranging for the pick-up of the items and will distribute them to families. This is something we can all participate in. You could even partner with another service organization in your community to collect items. Even if you are not attending MYED, your club can arrange for a pick-up of items so they can be delivered to the hotel in Worthington. Rick Kidwell, President of the Past Lieutenant Governor's is spearheading this project. If you have questions, feel free to contact him at rkidwell@aol.com.

With that, I hope to see you on March 19th, at the Crowne Plaza in Worthington! Registrations links will be posted soon on the Ohio District webpage!

Builders Club Co-Chair
Robert Day Jr.
cvohio2095@gmail.com



The following is information regarding the nomination of either Builders Club facility and/or Kiwanis advisors as distinguished for going above and beyond in the performance of their roles in advising their respective clubs.

For example, does the faculty advisor encourage their clubs to do more than the minimum in serving their respective schools and/or communities like monthly hands-on service projects? Or a fundraiser that benefits an organization such as the American Heart Association in February? Another example is participating

in Kiwanis One Day in October.

With respect to the Kiwanis advisor does he/she do more than attend meetings but actually participate in the activities referred to in the previous paragraph? In addition, does the Kiwanis advisor offer suggestions without attempting to manage the club. Finally, does the Kiwanis advisor encourage fellow Kiwanians to attend Builders Club meetings

If the answer is "yes" a nomination is warranted. (Please remember that advisors cannot nominate themselves.)

Our goal as a District should be to have as many of our advisors be distinguished as there are advisors.

Distinguished Club Advisors

Has your club advisor gone "above and beyond" to serve your club? Now you can nominate him or her for a Distinguished Advisors award!

Distinguished Club Advisor award information

- There is no limit to which club advisors can be selected per district. Any member, club officer, fellow club advisor or district administrator may nominate a club advisor. (Club advisors may not nominate themselves.)
 - Names of award recipients will be posted on the Builders Club website, announced in the May Builders Club monthly e-newsletter, and shared on the official Builders Club Facebook and Twitter pages. Nominating is easy! Just complete this [online form](#) by May 1. Then stay tuned to hear the announcement of the winners during the month of May.
- Read the Distinguished Advisors award rules before getting started to ensure your nomination is eligible for recognition.

Distinguished Club Advisor Rules

- Any Builders Club advisor in good standing in an active Builders Club is eligible to participate.
- Submissions must include content identified in the contest rules. Videos, photos and files about subjects other than what is posted in the rules are not eligible and will not be judged.
- Submissions must be completed through the Builders Club submission form on Formstack. Other methods of submission will not be considered.
- Users can each submit only ONE entry for consideration.
- The submission period for the Distinguished Advisors contest will be from 9 a.m. PT on Tuesday, March 2, until midnight PT on Friday, May 1. Submissions uploaded after that period will be disqualified.
- Distinguished Advisor recipients will be posted on the Builders Club website and announced via the official Builders Club monthly e-newsletter in May and on social media channels on or around May 15.
- By entering the Distinguished Advisors contest, the winner and everyone involved agrees to the use of his or her name, voice, likeness and photo/video submission in any advertising or promotion without compensation.
- Kiwanis International employees, their licensees, associates, affiliates, subsidiaries, exhibitors or their immediate family member and/or those living in the same household are not eligible.

By participating in this promotion, entrants agree to be bound by the official rules. **(Due May 1)** **Nominate:** [Distinguished Club Advisor](#)



Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day

March 19, 2022

Crown Plaza North

6500 Doubletree Plaza, Columbus



Club/Committee

Organization: _____

Contact: _____ **Day Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Check all that Apply:

- Club or District Chair Request (no charge)
- Commercial Display (\$50/table)
- Charitable Organization (No Charge)
- Club vending/fundraising table (\$25/table)
- Need Electrical Outlet

*All display tables will be five feet long and assigned on a first come, first served basis to Kiwanians up to the deadline date of **February 23, 2022**. Requests received after that time will be on a first come, first served basis by date of receipt.*

Any club selling merchandise as a means of a fundraiser needs to pay \$25/table to offset the expense of the display space. Display units may be set up Saturday morning and should be in place by 8:30 a.m. They must be removed by 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. If additional information is required, contact the Ohio District Kiwanis Office at 614-848-5000.

Vendors must be registered as attendees at \$65 per person. Registration will include all refreshments and luncheon opportunities as well as event ID's.

We would like to purchase registrations for the following individuals:

1. _____ 2. _____

Mail Request Form with check to: **Ohio District Kiwanis, 941 Chatham Lane, Suite 326, Columbus, OH 43221**

* Club and District Chair requests may be emailed to Sarah@ohiokiwans.org

2022 MidYear Education Day Give a Little Bit Sponsorship Form

There are three levels of event sponsorship available this year: Please select the option which best suits your needs.

Happy Level Benefits

- Promotion of Sponsorship on Facebook, website, and in the program.

Heart Level Benefits

- Happy Level Benefits, plus...
- Half page ad in event program

Time Level Benefits

- Happy Level Benefits, plus...
- Full page ad in event program
- Option to place item in event 'Swag Bag'
- Recognition at all three general sessions
- 1 Registration for 2022 MidYear



Please select choice:

- _____ Happy Level Sponsor \$100
- _____ Heart Level Sponsor \$250
- _____ Time Level Sponsor \$500
- _____ Other* (Please note only those donating at one of the three levels above will receive the associated perks. Also, online payment can only be received for the three designated levels. 'Other' amounts must be made by check.)

Please return this form by February 26, 2022. On-line sponsorship and payment by credit card options are available at: www.ohiokiwanis.org under "MidYear."

Please make checks payable to: "Ohio District Kiwanis"

Mail to: Ohio District Kiwanis,
941 Chatham Lane, Suite 326
Columbus, Ohio 43221

Have Questions? email midyear@ohiokiwanis.org or call
614-848-5000

Sponsors Name: (Club, Division, Individual, Company, Organization, etc) as you would like it to appear in promotional items:

Contact Information: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



The Ohio District of Kiwanis is the largest single-state district in North America. We are excited to welcome new members to the Ohio District. We encourage each member to participate in inter-clubs, division council meetings, MidYear Education Day, District and International Conventions. We encourage all members to sign up to receive the [Buckeye Bulletin](#), it takes just a few moments to help them keep informed of all the news in our district. Again, *welcome to the wonderful world and work of KIWANIS!*

Name	Club
Josiah Linder	Paulding County
Heather Hunt	Paulding County
Cosette Johnson	South Metro
Dr. Purcell Taylor	Mason
Darren Sawmiller	Northmont
Marcus Rose	Milford
Margaret Ruebensaal	Berea
Russell Wancata	Berea
Paula Henning-Wancata	Berea
Kim Strebler	Cuyahoga Falls
Amy Sancetta	Lander Circle
Shannon Ruschel	Paulding County
Erin Donnelly	Worthington-Linworth
Beth Brown	Marietta
Jackson Patterson	Marietta
Lee Grigalunas	Barberton
Peter Rauner	Sandusky
Carl Hayslett	Findlay
Amy Hayslett	Findlay
Rosemary Jefferson	Celina
Jeremy Stumpp	Findlay
Jenalee Hinds	Findlay
JoAnn Morgano	Copley-Fairlawn
Janice Kakish	Copley-Fairlawn
Richard Greczanik	Copley-Fairlawn
Marc Yoder	Copley-Fairlawn
William Braman	Norton
Christopher Cook	Zanesville
Cindy Duber	Cleveland
Anthony Case	Anderson Hills
Chris Borghese	Mason
Joseph Behler	Medina Breakfast
Arnold Barzak III	Columbus
Paul Kendall	Dover-New Philadelphia

And the winner is.....

The winner of the November drawing for new member sponsors is: **DeAnna Brant** DeAnna sponsored Brian Votaw as a new member in November, automatically entering her into a drawing for a free MidYear Education Day registration. Each month, a new drawing will be take place selecting a winner among the sponsors of new members from the previous month. Awards are non-transferrable. Congratulations!



Welcome to.....

Green High School Key Club in Franklin Furnace (Division 9). They chartered on 10/15/2021 with 24 members.

Van Buren High School Key Club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Findlay (Division 1-S). They chartered on 12/2/2021.

Medina Kiwanis Club Sings for Kids

Christmas Caroling has been a fun way for the Kiwanis Club of Medina to raise funds to take school children shopping for new clothes. Donning festive costumes, carolers visit a dozen restaurants in the Medina area soliciting patrons for donations. The funds raised will allow over 90 children to shop for new clothes.

Key Club members from Buckeye and Highland High Schools participated in this event which was also supported by the Medina Odd Fellows organization.

A slideshow and videos highlighting the caroling can be found at <https://www.medinakiwanis.org/>



Carolers pause before the Medina City Gazebo before heading out to raise funds for a great cause.

Young Children Priority One

Sarah Roush

Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org



It happened in slow motion – or at least it seemed like it. One minute our five-year-old was carefully stepping across the padded balance beam, the next, he was slipping off, but bonking his face on the way down. The next few minutes were filled with paint-peeling screams, tears, and blood. Some of it mine.

We were at the trampoline park, Jake was having a playdate and the boys were having a tremendous time bouncing around, jumping into the foam pit and the other attractions. The goal was honestly, to wear them out. It seemed like it was going pretty well until this incident. Two nasty gouges in his lip created a bloody, drooly mess and he obediently bit down on the wad to paper towels to stop the bleeding. I wiped his eyes, nose and face, assured him he was going to be okay, then he was off and running again. It seemed like the end of the incident for the most part.

Later that night, after being cut off on popsicles, our son mooched an ice cube from his dad. As soon as he bit down, a lower tooth popped out. More noise ensued. Our son was startled and initially worried that he broke it, as was my husband. So, there was a bit of crying until I pointed out the tooth had come out cleanly, there was barely any blood, and it was about time he would start to lose his baby teeth, etc. Once the tooth fairy was mentioned – all was good again. The Hubs still insisted on an emergency dental appointment the next day, where the dentist took an x-ray, showing an adult tooth right below the gum line.

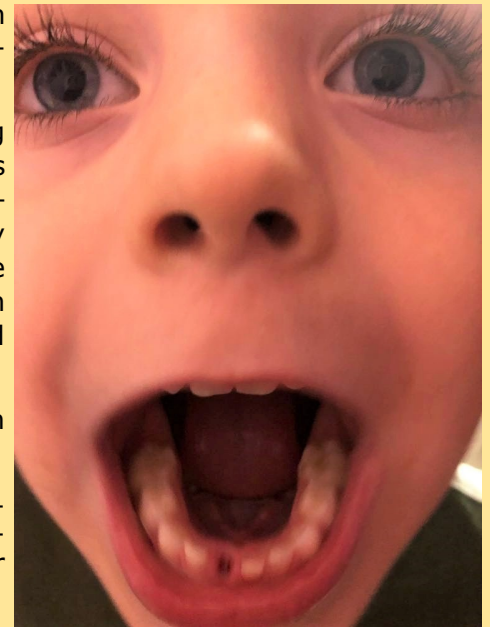
We were lucky. A national poll from the C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Michigan reported that a third of parents said the COVID-19 pandemic has made it difficult to get dental care for their children. For almost a year, pediatric dental offices were closed unless in a case of emergency. For children with Medicaid, the inability to get a dental appointment was three times as common as children with private insurance. It’s a frustrating situation for many parents and an important exam which children need.

The days of chewing a little pink tablet which shows deficits in brushing efforts are long gone. Beyond examining teeth and gum health, dentists today can identify enlarged tonsils, difficulty breathing through the nose – signs of possible obstructed breathing linked to sleep apnea or snoring. They can identify recurrent ulcers, which could signal an underlying immune issue such as diabetes or a nutritional deficiency or low muscle tone which contribute to speech disfunctions. Dentists can often detect cancer and anemia from a simple mouth exam. Pretty amazing when you think about it.

Thankfully, most dental clinics are back open and taking patients again with additional precautions to prevent the spread of viruses in the process.

It behooves us to encourage more attention to dental care through supporting dental clinics, educational visits to classrooms and distribution of tooth-brushes, floss and cleaners. Check with your local health departments or school of dentistry to learn about clinics that your Kiwanis Club can support

There are websites with [free dental health worksheets](#) and pages to color available, which can be printed and distributed at different events. They range in talking about eating health food for strong bodies and teeth to, how to brush and what to expect from a visit to the dentist. The [Mouth Healthy](#) website by the American Dental Association also has a variety of topics including sports safety and a brushing calendar for 2022.



Jake showing off his missing tooth

Encouraging children and their parents to focus on this aspect of their health will have benefits in the long run.

#KidsNeedKiwanis
kiwanis.org

As we welcome a new year and enter into the second quarter of the Kiwanis year, you may have found that your club is in need of some extra guidance in a particular area. Whether it's fundraising, service, governance, even handling personality conflict, Kiwanis International has invested in developing its club coach program the past few years. Kiwanians around the world have recently been certified through an invite-only training program and are available immediately to help your club and its leadership with both identifying and working through whatever challenges it may be facing.

Each District has a team of coaches at the ready to assist and are capable of doing so either in-person or remotely. There's even a team of super coaches in North America Area 1 that are standing by to help coach clubs through very specific matters. That Club Excellence team is comprised of Brenda Leigh Johnson (NY), Delores Lewis (EC&C), Lori Stillwell (MI), Matt Wise (PA), Jason Miller (OH), and myself (OH).

To address the elephant in the room, let's just take a moment to clarify what club coaching is, and is not, along with what types of clubs that coaching is suitable for.

First, having a coach help your club is not a long-term commitment. It can be if that is needed, desired, and agreeable by all parties though. Second, a coach isn't there to tell your club what to do. Their purpose is to listen, connect to resources, brainstorm, and generally help you work through issues while sharing their personal knowledge and experience. Third, club coaching is not just about membership. Clubs may have a strong membership but lack relevant service or adequate fundraising, and a coach can help with those areas as well.

Finally, club coaching is for ANY club. Any size, any location, any age, any demographic. Even the largest clubs in Kiwanis can face an issue that they might need some outside counsel on. Fresh eyes to look at a challenge can benefit a club even if they are already running on all cylinders. We can always do better!

If you'd like to explore having a coach work with your club, please reach out to the District Office at 614-848-5000.

In service,
Jim Janosik
North America Area 1 Club Excellence Area Coordinator
jimjanosik@aol.com 954.632.7701

Introducing Your North American Area 1 Club Excellence Team



Matt Wise
Specializing in:
Goal setting
Self-assessment
Service opportunities



Brenda Leigh Johnson
Specializing in:
Leadership Development
Strategic Plans
Using ACE tools



Delores Lewis
Specializing in:
Membership Recruitment
Membership Retention
Mentoring



Lori Stillwell
Specializing in:
Fundraising
Leadership Development
Membership Recruitment



Jason Miller
Specializing in:
Community Service
Leadership Development
Mentoring



"Please reach out to your District Membership Coordinator to be connected with one of these all-star coaches who will remotely assist your club in the area that help is needed."

-Jim Janosik, 2021-22 Northeast Club Excellence Area Coordinator

John Coffield

Ohio District Treasurer

Treasurer@ohiokiwanis.org



In the United States, Kiwanis clubs must file annually with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Forms need to be filed by February 15, 2022. Below is some information from the IRS on what clubs need to know about their annual filing requirements.

- ◆ Small, tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts normally are US\$50,000 or less are required to file the IRS' electronic postcard [Form 990-N](#).
- ◆ Those whose gross receipts normally exceed US\$50,000

to US\$200,000 are required to file Form [990-EZ](#).

- ◆ Those with gross receipts greater than \$200,000 must file [Form 990](#).
- ◆ See the [IRS Charities & Non-Profits website](#). This link will include information related to 1) applying for tax-exempt status, 2) filing requirements, 3) how to be reinstated if your club loses its tax-exempt status, 4) search for your tax-exempt status, and 5) resources for tax-exempt organizations.

Other helpful websites when needing to find information on filing an IRS Form 990 or equivalent are:

- ◆ [National Center for Charitable Statistics](#) (NCCS). This website allows you to find a Kiwanis Club or other non-profit organization and to view its Form 990. The website also has other resources that you may find helpful.
- ◆ [Aplos Form 990 Software for Kiwanis clubs](#). This website is made available to Kiwanis Clubs by Aplos Software. It is a convenient way for clubs to file their Form 990-N electronically for free for the current year and to file other Form 990 versions at a nominal fee.

Kiwanis International does not maintain records of your club's IRS history, but you can contact the Kiwanis International Office's Finance Department by email at finance@kiwanis.org or call +1-800-549-2647, extension 153 or 146, should you have any questions.

"Just ONE MORE" PR Contest

There are several PR contests with specific criteria listed in the Ohio Kiwanis directory as well as on the Ohio district website under "Contests". Many of these are relatively easy to qualify for and all serve the same purpose, to increase community awareness and strengthen club membership.

Today, I'd like to draw attention to the **Just ONE More Contest** which is designed to encourage clubs to add ONE MORE member to their roster each month between October 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please share this contest and other contest opportunities with your club and then take action to ensure that your club qualifies to win cash, and certificate or plaque. All contest winners will be recognized and awarded their prize at MidYear 2023.

Contest and criteria are listed on Ohio District website www.OhioKiwanis.org under Contests. If you have any questions, please call me directly at 614-374-3341.



Public Relations

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PR@Ohiokiwanis.org

Signature Contest Opens Soon.

By Faith Levine, Past Governor

Kiwanis clubs/members fulfill the mission of "improving the lives of children in their communities" through meaningful service projects throughout the year. Kiwanis International has adopted a "Signature Project" contest to recognize extraordinary project efforts by clubs. The contest states a Signature Project must include the following criteria: 1. Recurring (take place annually), 2. Brand Enhancing (elevates Kiwanis recognition in the community), 3. High Impact (measurable in monies raised or children served) and 4. Membership focused (supports membership strength and growth).

Further details on these criteria are available through the Kiwanis.org website and searching for "[signature project](#)". Online submission to this website opens at midnight on January 9th and will close January 30th. This online submission will be forwarded to our district office for review and selection. Governor Craig will be putting together a committee that will submit our District signature project candidates (Tier I club membership under 28 and Tier II 28+) by February 20th. Contest winners will be announced at the International Convention in June.

Pre-online submission questions are now available for review at Kiwanis.org. In 2020, Mansfield Kiwanis received the Bronze Level award for Tier II and North Ridgeville was a Tier I finalist.



District Service Chair
Steve Vrooman
Vrooman@mac.com

Engage Your Community

Winter's cold temperatures create unique challenges for animals, pet owners, and animal shelters. These challenges provide opportunities for Kiwanis clubs to help by coordinating efforts to address those needs.

If your Kiwanis club wants to pursue projects to aid animals, Kiwanians could reach out to local veteran's groups, senior centers, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters for additional help. Members, clients, and patrons of those groups are often looking for meaningful projects with which to assist. Some projects involve support through donations of items, some are labor intensive, and others involve both. You're helping the animals while you're engaging community members in a meaningful way.



- ◆ The following suggestions are offered for your club's consideration:
- ◆ Help shelter dogs find homes by making "Adopt me!" bandanas for them.
- ◆ Sponsor a pet toy drive and donate items to a local animal shelter. Pet toys wear out quickly and need to be replaced constantly. The toys that work best are the kind that can be easily washed and cleaned: large rubber toys for dogs, ping pong balls for cats, and small plastic cat toys with a bell inside for rabbits.
- ◆ Organize a supply drive to collect the items needed most at animal shelters including items from your home that can be reused to help animals in our shelters, e.g., clean bath towels; leads, leashes, and collars; gentle leaders, medium and large sizes; unopened pet food and treats in containers/bags (no prescription food); baby food with meat (for sick cats); cage scratchers for cats; heated pet bowls; dog beds; Kong (brand) chew toys, all sizes but especially the larger ones; newspaper (unshredded); and Greenie's (brand) Pill Pockets.
- ◆ Enlist help for or initiate an Adoption Day at a local pet store. These days are often collaborations between pet stores and local animal shelters.
- ◆ Organize a "buy one, donate one" project. When participants buy food or toys for their pet, buy a second item and donate it to the local animal shelter.
- ◆ Organize volunteers to walk dogs at a local animal shelter. An added benefit – the volunteers may make a connection with a pet and decide to adopt it.
- ◆ Organize volunteers to spend social time with shelter pets.
- ◆ Organize volunteers to work at thrift stores that support animal shelters.
- ◆ Host a fundraiser like a bake sale or car wash, to benefit local Humane Society or animal shelter.
- ◆ Hold a project day to make pen/cage blankets for a local animal shelter.
- ◆ Organize a "work day" project at the local animal shelter. This could include projects to repair and paint shelter facilities.
- ◆ Explore service animal training opportunities. Often, people are needed to temporarily foster a dog to socialize them.

Kiwanis clubs are well-known for service to their communities. These projects involve only one additional step – providing opportunities to engage more volunteers in completing those worthwhile Furry Friends activities.



Kiwanis member finally receives his purple heart

Tom Crawford a member of the West Toledo Kiwanis Club and the All Ohio eMedina Kiwanis Club finally received his Purple Heart. Tom was injured while in combat in the Vietnam war. There was a mix up with his records at the army headquarters and he was never awarded this decoration



Thanks to US representative Marcy Kaptur, Tom finally received his Purple Heart. Just 52 years after his service to our country. We offer our congratulations to Past Distinguished Ohio Kiwanis Governor Tom and thank him for his service to our country.

Due to Covid protocols the award was presented by a representative of Kaptur's office at Tom's home with just a few family members and friends present.



SERVE OHIO
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

LATEST NEWS

ServeOhio Awards Accepting Nominations

The annual ServeOhio Awards recognize outstanding people, groups and initiatives in each region of the state who make great contributions to their communities through service and volunteerism.

A cash award of \$1,000 is issued to support the organization that benefited from the winner's service. ServeOhio is accepting nominations for the 2022 ServeOhio Awards until January 28, 2022. Awards will be presented virtually during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2022.

[Click here](#) for additional information.



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Destruction in Kentucky: How Ohio Kiwanians Can Help

If you watched television news last month you probably saw it – scenes of great destruction in the wake of huge twisters that flattened buildings and took dozens of lives in Western Kentucky. On Friday, December 10, 2021, extremely violent, long-tracked tornadoes left a trail of rubble 200 miles long south of

the Ohio River. Louisville's WLKY-TV reports the massive tornadoes killed at least 78 people, including 12 children.

This is the kind of event Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Craig Smith had in mind when he created this year's Governor's Project – aimed at ensuring the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF) has funds to support disaster relief.

Governor Craig has been working with ODKF to allow gifts to the Governor's Project (originally intended to benefit Ohio) to be earmarked for relief efforts in Kentucky. You and your Kiwanis club can support Kentucky relief by donating to the Governor's Project.

Governor Craig also urges clubs and members to support the Governor's Project's main mission -- disaster relief efforts within the Kiwanis Ohio District.

Financial support for disaster relief is important and appreciated. Just two years ago, on Memorial Day, Dayton and several suburbs were lashed by 20 destructive tornadoes in one night – causing widespread damage and leaving some 2,000 people homeless. Kiwanis funds helped relief efforts across the region in the crucial weeks afterward. Kiwanis support for disaster relief makes a difference for communities affected by the power of extreme weather. Thanks, Kiwanians!

Donate to the Governor's Project today! Details on donating via credit card are at odkf.org on the Governor's Project page. Mail checks to ODKF, PO Box 668, Circleville, OH 43113. Make checks to "ODKF" and specify "2021-22 Governor's Project" in the memo line. Make checks for Kentucky disaster relief to "ODKF" and specify "Governor's Project KY relief" in the memo line. Questions? Email governorsproject@odkf.org

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Partnering for Drug Take Back Days

You have seen the ads. A day has been set aside to take your unused and unneeded medications to a local pharmacy for proper disposal. You might also know that many Kiwanis Clubs participate in these efforts in their communities.

pharmaceuticals in water bodies and in drinking water. Pharmaceuticals get into the water supply via human excretion and by drugs being flushed down the toilet. You might think wastewater treatment plants would take care of the situation, but pharmaceuticals pass through water treatment." <https://www.usgs.gov/special-topics/water-science-school/science/pharmaceuticals-water>

The US Food & Drug Administration advises "the best way to dispose of most types* of unused or expired medicines (both prescription and over the counter) is to drop off the medicine at a drug take back site, location, or program immediately. If you cannot get to a drug take back location promptly, or there is none near you, and your medicine is

- on the FDA flush list, your next best option is to immediately flush these potentially dangerous medicines down the toilet. <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/disposal-unused-medicines-what-you-should-know/drug-disposal-fdas-flush-list-certain-medicines>
- **not** on the flush list, you should follow these instructions to discard the medicine in your trash at home. <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/disposal-unused-medicines-what-you-should-know/drug-disposal-dispose-non-flush-list-medicine-trash>

*Check out the Medication Disposal Q&A for more information including how to dispose of needles and syringes." <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/safe-disposal-medicines/disposal-unused-medicines-what-you-should-know>

It is important to know that proper disposal of medications requires someone permitted to do so such as a licensed pharmacist. Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to schedule a drug take back day without properly licensed and properly authorized individuals to handle medications or drugs. There can be legal as well as safety consequences if done improperly.

So how can your Kiwanis Club be involved and make a difference in your community?

According to Dan Karant who is a Kiwanis Club of Norton member and Past President, a now retired and licensed pharmacist who has organized numerous drug take back days:

First, consider partnering with a licensed pharmacist and your local law enforcement officials. They will know the proper way to set this up and meet all legal and ethical requirements. This should be done well in advance because law enforcement might need to send a letter to the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) to be approved as a "Take Back" site.

Second, advertise the take back day well in advance of the actual date. I would suggest using the two dates that are used by the DEA. These are usually the last Saturday in April and the last Saturday in October (but could change). Because they are getting the word out nationally, they will help you do your advertising. You just have to provide the local details.

Third, make members of your club available, as needed, to help the pharmacist and law enforcement officer on the date in question. You will not be handling the drugs, but you can help people get smoothly in and out of the take back location.

Finally, make sure your community knows that Kiwanis is there to help. Local partnerships between medical, law enforcement and community service organizations can benefit everyone.



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Happy New Year Ohio Kiwanis! I bring you greetings from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF). While the New Year is typically a time to set new goals and resolutions for the upcoming year, this can also be a time to renew your commitment to the things that you may already be doing in your life or with your Kiwanis Club.

Perhaps your club has been thinking about a new service project, but is in need of financial assistance to really get it off of the ground. Your club could apply for one of ODKF's regular grants, (the current cycle ends March 31st, 2022) for up to \$5000 in support of your project. But maybe your club is looking for something new and wants to create a new project that falls under the Safe and Healthy Kids Initiative within ODKF. Safe and Healthy Kids is built on four main pillars of Bike Safety, Water Safety, Fire Safety and the newly added Kids Nutrition. If your club has an idea for a project that falls under one of these areas, you can apply for a matching mini grant of up to \$500. A club can put forth some of their own money towards the new project and ODKF may award you a matching amount. Maybe you want to do a bike rodeo, or partner with a local fire department on a smoke detector distribution program, or even help fight food insecurity with a local food pantry. The possibilities are endless. This mini grants program is very similar to the larger grants program. There is an application located at: <https://odkf.org/what-we-do/kiwanis-club-mini-grants.html> Just complete the simple application and return it to grants@odkf.org. You can also find more information about the Safe and Healthy Kids program, purchase bike helmets or swim shirts at reduced costs and a list of resources that you can use to support your efforts with Safe and Healthy Kids here: <https://odkf.org/what-we-do/how-to-help/initiatives-campaigns/kiwanis-safe-healthy-kids.html>

The New Year is also a great time to recognize a member with a Past International President's Award. For a \$500 donation you can bestow this honor on someone within your club. You should also remember that \$250 of this donation goes directly to support Governor Craig's Project focusing on Disaster Relief. The remaining \$250 goes to ODKF and we will send you a plaque, pin and medallion to commemorate this honor.

Also, do not forget to check us out on Facebook and like the page, for important updates from ODKF. This is just one more way to stay 'in the know' with what is happening with your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Finally, if you are still not sure about the many programs that ODKF has to offer, please reach out to me at president2021@odkf.org and we can schedule a member of the ODKF board to come speak to your club, either in person or virtually. You can learn about the many ways that ODKF supports the Kiwanis clubs in Ohio and what you can do to become more involved.

Best of luck as you set your goals for the year and work hard to achieve them. I know that is exactly what I will be doing! Here is to a fantastic 2022!

Club and Division Announcements

If your club or division is having an event which is open to other members, and you would like us to share the information in the Buckeye Bulletin, please complete this [informational form](#), so we can share a brief description with members seeking information.

Lexington Kiwanis Reverse Raffle. Saturday, February 19 at 6:00 PM at Mid-Ohio Conference Center. Come join us for a night out! For \$40.00 per person, you have a chance to win \$1,000, open bar, photo booth, dance floor with a live DJ, dinner and appetizers. Not included in the ticket price is a silent auction and the infamous "mouse game" if you choose to participate. For additional information, please contact [Katie Getz](#).

South Metro Kiwanis Club Charter Celebration. Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:00 PM at Baum Opera House Kiwanis-Templer Room. 15 S. First St. Miamisburg. Cost \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. For additional information, please contact [Tiffany Losekamp](#) or [David Hicks](#)

Kiwanis Club of Tipp City Area Charter Celebration. Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM at The Tipp Center, 855 N. Third Street, Tipp City. Cost is \$30 per person. For additional information and to make reservations, please contact [Maurya Ryan](#)



SOCIAL MEDIA INTERNSHIP SPRING 2022

Program Description

The Ohio District Kiwanis organization presently owns and manages social media accounts on FaceBook (public page and private group), LinkedIn, YouTube, Venmo, and Instagram. We are looking to bolster our presence on LinkedIn and Instagram through the design of a campaign that combines new content creation and outreach to followers across all channels. Additionally, we are looking to build social media assets for Key Leader, a servant leadership weekend retreat held annually. The intern will be responsible for collaborating with the District Public Relations team to create an action plan for the campaign with growth metrics, produce content (including custom design via Canva or similar software), and track and measure success.

Eligibility

All students enrolled in an accredited secondary school within the state of Ohio are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to those with a declared marketing, non-profit, or business major.

Program Dates

The program will commence no later than March 1, 2022, but no earlier than February 1, 2022. It will conclude by May 31, 2022.

Compensation

Access to organization accounts for Canva and Google Drive folders will be provided. Intern will be granted permission to utilize developed work content and product in their professional portfolio. Registration for attendance at Kiwanis family events will be covered. A \$500 scholarship to apply to an accredited school/university will be offered, and must be utilized by September 30, 2022.

Additional Expectations

We expect the intern to commit three to five hours per week to meet the objectives of the program. A portion of this will be either in-office with the Executive Director, or via Zoom chat with members of the Public Relations Committee.

Application Process

Please provide a cover letter with resume along with the following information, and submit to Jim Janosik at executivedirector@ohiokiwaniis.org no later than January 31, 2022.

Full Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

College or University: _____

Major: _____ Year in school: _____



**Registration open
from December 1-
February 25.**

BUILD YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.

Become the leader your workplace, community and club need. Dive into eight leadership topics with experts in the field. Explore the interactive online modules at your own pace. Then interact with other participants to turn lessons into reality. Become the kind of leader people want to follow.

Participants will:

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover their personal strengths so they can lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen the ability to lead others in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a strategic plan that works.
- Learn from experts as well as from peers from across the globe.
- Earn a certification of completion.

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

1. The qualities of a good leader.
2. Methods of communication.
3. Planning engaging events.
4. Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
5. Working with others.
6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

The participation fee is US\$200. Individuals may enroll themselves for Kiwanis Amplify — or a club, division or district may sponsor participants. The participation fee is considered an educational expense, so clubs have the option of paying it from their service accounts.

To learn more or register, visit kiwanis.org/amplify.

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