

# Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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**Learning is Leading**

*-Sarah Roush, Administrative Secretary*

If you just rolled your eyes after reading that headline, you are probably not alone. When we think about learning, many of us suddenly envision the cramped and hard desks we utilized in school, tied in with musty textbooks and topics that only marginally interested us, it seems like a real snooze fest.

But, that is not actually the case. Take the past two years, the majority of us have learned a lot of things. We have embraced the use of technology to hold meetings and to see loved ones through Zoom, What's App, and FaceTime .We have become capable of enhancing our fundraising and public image through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We have learned how to collect funds through Venmo and Paypal. While it may not be what we typically consider "learning", but adapting to current trends and reaching out to "experts" to teach us how to master (or at least get by) with these new technologies and skills is continuing education.

Human are meant to learn. We read papers, listen to the news, read magazines and emails to collect information. That's why we are excited by the Mid-Year *Education* Day on March 19. Note the emphasis on Education. This event is for our membership. To not only learn about specific aspects of our organization, but to also discover new opportunities to serve others in our communities. To make new connections, and to come away re-energized and excited during the midpoint of our service year.

Learning the why and how, provides us with an opportunity to develop responses to unmet needs, to look at ourselves from a new perspective and address ways to be our best selves personally, professionally and as volunteers.

We have reached out to professionals in our communities to share their expertise on topics which YOU the member have asked for. (See, we do read all the evaluation forms.) You asked about information specific to young children and nutrition, enhancing and encouraging literacy, current issues such as mental health struggles as people have been isolated from COVID-19. You asked about how other people make an impact in their communities and create change for the better. *We listened and we are delivering.*

Explore the information on how to run an effective meetings, grow your membership, what the Key Leader experience is about and how to protect our clubs through Risk Management and Youth Protection Guidelines. *It will all be there.*

We have new organizations who will be sharing information via display tables and we will of course be sharing all these valuable resources with our collegiate counterparts, the Ohio District Circle K students as the celebrate their year with their district convention.

We will also be helping families rebuild their lives as we collect "room kits" for the Homeless Families Foundation (see page 13 for information).

The Ohio District Circle K students will be electing their new board, celebrating their hard work and achievements, plus they will be holding basket raffles to raise funds for the American Red Cross as they work to reach their district goal prior to the end of their year on April 1st.

*We hope you will be there as we learn together, how we can change the world, one child and one community at a time.*

## From The Secretary's Desk

In most instances, dealing with bureaucratic red tape and cumbersome processes can discourage interaction with our government. After a recent call with the State of Ohio in which I was on hold for over an hour and subsequently disconnected, called back for another hour plus hold and finally spoke with someone, my matter was resolved quickly and professionally. I find myself interacting with various governmental agencies more and more these days in this role. As I completed a filing for my Kiwanis Club's foundation with the Ohio Attorney General I found some good resources that I wish to share with you below. These may be found at <https://charitable.ohio.gov/Resources-for-Charities>

### District Secretary

**Jim Janosik**

**ExecutiveDirector@ohiokiwanis.org**

*Book a time to meet with me at  
[calendly.com/jimjanosik](https://calendly.com/jimjanosik)*



### Resources for Charities

Charitable organizations fulfill a vital role in Ohioans' quality of life. The following resources, publications and training opportunities are provided by the Ohio Attorney General in order to assist charitable leaders as they serve their communities.

### COVID-19 Resources and Information

The health crisis is causing charities across Ohio to alter or eliminate programs, seek new sources of funding, and even consider dissolving. The Ohio Attorney General's Office has compiled [resources to assist charities](#) facing these situations and lend insight into the ways the pandemic is affecting Ohio's charitable sector.

### Training & Education

The attorney general's office provides live training for nonprofit organizations and board members about governance, administration and fundraising requirements. To organize or host a training, contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at 800-282-0515.

[VIEW A LIST OF THE CHARITABLE WORKSHOPS](#)

### Webinars

The office provides webinars on topics of concern to the charitable sector. There is a webinar at noon on the first Wednesday of each month on the basics of board governance. On the third Wednesday of each month, a webinar is presented on charitable registration information.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WEBINARS OFFERED](#)

### Duties and Responsibilities of Nonprofit Board Members

Being on the board of a nonprofit is not an honorary position – it requires a commitment to using charitable resources in the best possible way. Donors and beneficiaries of nonprofits expect leaders to ensure the sound administration of the organization.

#### Duties of board members include:

- \* *Duty of care* – This involves being active in the organization's activities and understanding its mission.
- \* *Duty of loyalty* – Board members must acknowledge that the interest of the charity and its work must be the top priority. Charitable boards should develop and follow conflict of interest policies to avoid transactions that unfairly enrich the charity's leaders.
- \* *Duty to manage accounts* – A charity must be fiscally accountable. Board members must track budget data and establish and monitor internal controls.
- \* *Duty of compliance* – Charities have important legal obligations. Board members must ensure that their charity follows registration requirements, solicitation laws and tax provisions.

Board members could be held personally responsible for actions such as selling charitable assets at below market rates or diverting the charity's resources for personal gain. If board members fail to do their jobs, the charity's work can be harmed. Lack of board oversight can lead to theft and embezzlement, which can cripple the charity.

### 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. <https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/district-news/>

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.

**Governor  
Craig Smith**

**Governor@ohiokiwanis.org**



## Living with COVID ...

The past two years have presented a challenge to all of us. The COVID pandemic has made short- and long-term planning frustrating. It's disrupted our routines and relationships. We've all experienced loss, uncertainty, separation, and fear.

A few weeks ago, things seemed closer to normal. Then another surge in infections caused a temporary return to virtual meetings. Some planned events went ahead as scheduled,

others were cancelled, and others postponed.

There is good news, new cases in Ohio numbers are trending downward. But ... it appears COVID won't be going away, it's something we'll have to live with and work around.

We've all been looking forward to returning to normal, whatever 'normal' would be. I think it's time we begin the process of planning for a 'new normal' that requires living with COVID.

There's a lot for us to do. We need to reconnect with our club members; seek out new members; re-start our service projects; find new ways to serve; mentor and strengthen the Service Leadership Program clubs we sponsor; even find new meeting places. Not to mention planning inter-clubs, division meetings, and of the other things we've put off for too long.

There are a couple of things we need to remember as we move into the 'new normal':

We need to be willing to try new things and new ways of doing things. We've learned to think "outside the box": We've met in new places and adopted Zoom as a virtual meeting platform. We held drive through pancake breakfasts and adapted other fund raisers to online events. We figured out how to serve our communities while socially distanced and wearing a mask. We can do new things, in new ways, in new places, and still be the Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians our communities need.

Not everyone is ready to return to something like the pre-COVID normal. Some of us are unable to meet in person for health reasons. Some of us still don't feel safe and are worried about getting COVID. Some of us are less worried and feel safe wearing a mask or practicing social distancing. There is no one answer - we each have different attitudes toward risk. An acceptable risk to one person (driving in a snowstorm or swimming in the ocean) may be unacceptable to another. None of these is wrong. We must remember to respect each other's feelings and do our best to move forward together and remain connected.

There is no template we can follow for adapting to the 'new normal'. We don't know what the 'new normal' will even be. We don't have any idea if there will be another spike in COVID cases. Each of us - Kiwanian, Club, Division - will need to make our own decisions on how to proceed. And remain flexible.

But ... we have the opportunity to shape our 'new normal'.

*Carpe diem.*

### **Schedule for Saturday March 19, 2022 Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year**

8:00—10:00 AM Registration, Service Project Collection, Display Tables Open

8:30-9:00 AM Coffee and High 5's with Governor Craig

9:00—9:45 AM Session 1 of Workshops

10:00-10:45 AM Joint Opening Session with Ohio Kiwanis and Ohio Circle K

11:00 - 11:45 AM Session 2 of Workshops

Noon—12:40 Lunch

12:45 -1:40 PM Joint Session with Ohio Kiwanis and Ohio Circle K

2:00—2:45 PM Session 3 of Workshops

3:00—3:45 PM Session 4 of Workshops

4:00—4:30 PM Closing Session



**Kelly Faas**

**MidYear Education Day**

**KiwanisKelly@gmail.com**



**Mid-Year Education Day** will be held on March 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Worthington. Details and online registration can be found on the [ohiokiwanis.org](http://ohiokiwanis.org) website. The Mid-Year Education Committee is happy to announce the following special guest speakers, which is just part of the outstanding lineup of presenters. A rundown of topics and speakers is on page 5.

**Nutrition** . This workshop will discuss the vital need for healthful food in developing and maintaining strong bodies, immunities and cognitive functions.

Jenny Lobb is the Family and Consumer Sciences Educator for OSU Extension in Franklin County. She is a Registered Dietitian, licensed in the State of Ohio. Jenny has a Bachelors' degree in nutrition and a Master's in Public Health, both from The Ohio State University. In her work as an Extension educator, Jenny enjoys teaching on the topics of healthy eating, active living and using mindfulness to cope with stress.



**Jenny Lobb** will be presenting a workshop on "*Childhood*

**Jason Duff** will be presenting a workshop titled "*Innovation & Become A Positive Community Change Agent with K-family values*". Jason Duff, a former Ohio Key Club Lt. Governor, is the Founder of Small Nation. He leads the Small Nation team in developing places, spaces, and dreams for small towns and small-town entrepreneurs across the country.



After graduating from Ohio Northern University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the Dicke College of Business, Jason's entrepreneurial career began with the establishment of Community Storage & Properties, the local self-storage company that allowed him to begin reinvesting in the redevelopment of Bellefontaine. Soon after, he founded COMSTOR Outdoor, an outdoor media company operating over 400 billboard faces in Ohio and Indiana. COMSTOR supports the promotion and marketing of Small Nation's development projects with traditional and digital billboards, and small business brand development. Community Storage and Properties and COMSTOR are part of the Small Nation group of businesses, all working together to reinvest in the people and places that matter within his community.

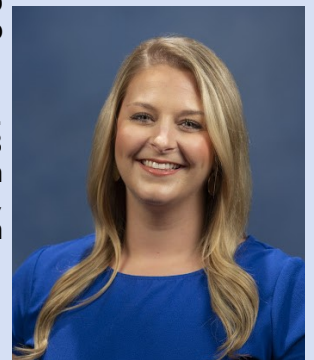
In 7 years, Jason and his Small Nation team have completely revitalized the city of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Using their "Hustle Hard" approach, they have managed to renovate more than 30 historic buildings that had been sitting empty for decades. Once the buildings were complete, they recruited tenants for 14 new business concepts; strategically identified to bring repeat commerce and animation to their downtown area. These businesses allowed them to create jobs for more than 190 local employees. They created 18 new loft apartments, adding a crucial residential component back to the city's downtown. The combination of retail, restaurant, and residential have brought an once barren and decaying small-town Main Street back to life.

Jason is a nationally published entrepreneurial thought leader and has written or been a contributor in Forbes, Inc. Fortune, Medium, Entrepreneur, The Huffington Post, and Time. Jason writes and speaks about small businesses, entrepreneurship, the redevelopment and revitalization of small towns and his team's ground-breaking "Hustle Hard" approach. He is truly passionate about helping communities develop and grow their "entrepreneurial ecosystem."

He is a member of the Small Business Council for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, and serves on the Board of Trustees at Ohio Northern University.

**Emily Saalfrank** will be presenting a workshop called "*It's All About Growing - Membership*" If you were to join Kiwanis today, would your club still appeal to you? Emily will help you look at your club through new eyes and realize what is special and what might need to be addressed. Also for consideration are the development of special interest Kiwanis Clubs.

Emily Saalfrank is the North America 1 area director on staff at Kiwanis International. Originally from Knoxville, Tennessee, Emily has lived in Indianapolis, Indiana for over 8 years. In her role, she works with eight different Kiwanis districts, supporting members in leadership, education, and membership. Emily has been on staff for over four years, holding roles in both the Corporate Relations and Global Membership and Education departments.



## Description of MidYear Workshops

**Unfillable Gap Discovering Your Club's Purpose and Passion** with **Susan Black, Allene Professional Fundraising** Everything we do for Kiwanis can be built on goals, measurable objectives, and community needs. Let's talk about it!

**Developing Community Partnerships** with **Lanton Lee, Leadership Consulting**

Developing relationships with organizations in the community can make your club more connected, relevant, and vibrant. Learn how your club can get started and what tools and resources are available to help your club get more connected.

**Uncovering Strengths in Differences** with **Monica and Marla Marsh, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chairs** Join us in the discovery of how differences can make clubs stronger, more resilient, and inclusive.

**Key Leader Experience** with **Brian and Kelly Shaffer, Key Leader Chairs**

You have heard about Key Leader from the outside, now hear about it from the inside with an insider's view.

**Ohio Parliamentarian – How to Run an Effective Meeting** with **Jackie Compton Bunch, Ohio Association of Parliamentarians** Join a trained expert in learning more about the way Robert's Rules of Order can support your club's decision-making processes.

**Innovation & Become A Positive Community Change Agent with K-family values.** (See page 4 for bio)

In 10 short years, Small Nation founder, developer and entrepreneur **Jason Duff** transformed his struggling town into a best-in-state destination for dining, retail, and shopping. Learn how he is using Kiwanis values acting as a change-agent in Bellefontaine and helping other communities innovate and grow around the state.

**Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR)** with **Life Act** As mental health becomes more of an issue due to COVID and stress, learn about this program for adults and helps people recognize a crisis and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide.

**Let's Rebuild! Strengthening Kiwanis Kids and Builders Clubs** with **Jennifer Lewis, Kiwanis Kids Administrator & Robert Day, Builders Club Co Chair** Tools and tricks for strengthening your SLP clubs. Life after COVID.

**Let's Build a Playground - From dirt to dedication! Landscape Structures**

Join Ohio clubs in discussing their practical approaches in playground building. Learn how Landscape Structures can support your project.

**Children's Literacy (offered twice)** with **Alan St. Jean, Author**

A real-world children's author demonstrates ways for clubs to engage with children more effectively in reading and creative writing.

**Education geared toward Club Secretaries** with **Jim Janosik, District Secretary** Being a secretary is about more than just taking good minutes. Come learn from the District Secretary about the basics of club Secretary work, and the impact the position can have on a club's success

**Childhood Nutrition** with **Jenny Lobb, R. D. OSU Extension** (See page 4 for Bio)

Learn from a Registered Dietician the important updates of healthy eating for children and how it directly impacts brain, physical and immunity development.

**Hall of Fame Presentations** with **Past Governor Tim Cornelius**

In a special session, the Hall of Fame award winners will be recognized. Family, friends and Kiwanians are welcome to attend.

**Technology for Your Club** with **Tom Costanzo, Kiwanis International**

Learn how Venmo, PayPal, Facebook and other social media platforms will benefit your club and build membership.

**Facing Childhood Food Insecurity** with **Martin Butler**

ODKF is addressing food insecurity as a pillar of Safe and Healthy Kid's Program. Join Martin as he shares ways that his organization is helping in Central Ohio.

**ODKF/KCF** with **Jason Miller, ODK President** and **Amy Zimmerman, KCF Treasurer**

A workshop highlighting what ODKF is, what KCF is, their differences and how clubs can best work with each organization.

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## **Workshops Continued.**

### **Youth Protection Policies** with **Jeff Eble, Youth Protection Chair**

An opportunity to learn new policies regarding protecting our students and our clubs. Mandated session for all clubs on an annual basis.

### **Risk Management** with **Jack Hilborn, District Risk Management Chair**

Vital information for all clubs with updated information on protecting your club.

### **The High 5 Habit Book Discussion** with **Dr. Caitlin Faas**

You've read the book, now get together with others who have read it. Decide how to apply the motivational message for your personal life, professional life and Kiwanis life!

### **It's All About Growing – Membership** with **Emily Saalfrank – Kiwanis International** (See page 4 for bio)

KI Area Coordinator helps clubs focus on growth and satisfying member experiences from a fresh perspective.

### **AKTION CLUB -- What's In It For YOU?** with **Richard Brulotte, Aktion Administrator**

An Aktion Club President, a Parent/Caregiver, and Facility and Kiwanis Advisors will share what action club means to them and how it has affected their lives. Learn the benefits of forming a new Aktion Club.

## **Key Leader**

**Brian and Kelly Shaffer**

**ohiokeyleader@gmail.com**



## **Why Key Leader?**

Key Leader is Kiwanis' very own servant leadership experiential camp weekend for teens. These teens spend a weekend away from their everyday lives to take an introspective look at their servant leadership potential. At Ohio Kiwanis Mid Year Education Day, you, too, can get a taste of Key Leader. Visit the exhibit table and get all your questions answered.

For an informational immersive experience, take part in some Key Leader activities at a workshop session prepared especially for Kiwanis members to enjoy. We've got values! We've got ethical dilemmas! We've got communication and personality styles! We've got it all! Come and see for yourself what your students will experience when they come to Recreation Unlimited during the weekend of April 8-10, 2022. Information on student and event sponsorships, registration and everything else Key Leader are now available at [ohiokiwanis.org](http://ohiokiwanis.org) or by emailing [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com). See you at Mid-Year!

## **Student Interns Selected for District Positions**

The Ohio District is pleased to announce the selection of two interns for the spring.

Serving as the social media intern is Olivia Fraser, a Junior at Bowling Green State University. Olivia is a Journalism/Public Relations major and actively involved with the BGSU Circle K as well as an alumnus of Strongsville SHINE Key Club. Her efforts will focus on improving the reach of the Kiwanis District on LinkedIn and Instagram.



Austin Underwood, a first year Masters' student at The Ohio State University, will be serving as the archives intern where he will assist with sorting and organizing both digital and physical documents of the district. His efforts will help modernize the storage of pertinent records and permanent documents preservation. Austin is a past Key Club Lt. Governor from St. Joseph Central Catholic, Circle K District Governor and International Trustee.



**WELCOME**

## Kiwanis Kids

Jennifer Lewis

Lewis.792@osu.edu



## CELEBRATE K-KIDS WEEK

February 21-25, 2022

**Monday**, Show your K-Kids pride; **Tuesday**, Kudos to the helpers; **Wednesday**, Share with parents and families; **Thursday**, Random acts of kindness; **Friday**, Connect the Kiwanis family. Always celebrated the third week in February. <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/k-kids-week/> #KKidsClubWeek

### HELP K-KIDS FIGHT HUNGER WITH A CEREAL BOX DOMINO CHALLENGE!

K-Kids can organize this fun and easy project. Challenge students to bring in boxes of cereal. The K-Kids can count and stack them like dominos. The challenge can be to see the number of boxes collected or see how far they can extend the line in the hallway, gym or outside. Gather students to watch the dominos fall. Photograph and take video with permission (see examples on [Youtube](#)). Involve the teachers, staff and Principal. The contest can be repeated each year with new records or challenges. Other schools or K-Kids clubs can be involved to share or compete. Donate the boxes to a food pantry, shelter, boys and girls club or backpack program.

**Scale down** the project with a macaroni and cheese box domino challenge....if you don't collect enough for a domino fall, build a tower!

**Scale up** the project by competing between classrooms, school buildings, school districts or SLPs... records online report 6,500 boxes collected. Most elementary schools reported 200-300 boxes. Logistics of large scale may involve temporary storage, reaching out to your food pantry in advance and recruiting parents, companies, Kiwanians, Key Club or Circle K with vans or trucks. Most food pantries have their own trucks. As with any successful project, keep the goal S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound).

**Promote and share your event with us and your school or community.** Photos and videos are compelling and require parent permission, don't forget! K-Kids can



help promote and educate other students about food insecurity and needs. Perhaps the Kiwanis or other SLPs can help stuff backpacks, deliver the boxes or donate shelf-stable milk, plastic bowls or spoons to complement it!

The winning class or school can share breakfast with the Principal (Fire fighter, police, high school athlete, parent etc.) at school. Schedule the domino fall or breakfast to coincide with K-Kids Week (Feb 21-25), National Reading Day (March 2), or National Cereal Day (March 7) or Pajama Day!



## CELEBRATE K-KIDS WEEK.

**OHIO DISTRICT MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY**  
March 19, 2022

Crowne Plaza Columbus North  
6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Div.: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner/Guest/SLP Name \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES (All Registrations include lunch – please select entrée)**

Early Bird Registration (Kiwanians and non-members)                      \$65 x \_\_\_\_ =                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Service Leadership Member (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club  
Circle K Club or Aktion Club members)                      \$40 x \_\_\_\_ =                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration made or postmarked after March 1 (and all  
on site registrations)                      \$75 x \_\_\_\_ =                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Crowne Plaza Turkey & Bacon Club* \_\_\_\_\_ *Veggie Wrap* \_\_\_\_\_  
(meals include salad, chips, dessert and beverage)

Total:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any ADA needs or dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Lunch tickets for on site registration are subject to availability. Meal reservations must be made to hotel 96 hours prior to time of event as per contract.

Mail this registration form with your payment payable to: Ohio District Kiwanis, 941 Chatham Lane, Suite 326, Columbus, OH 43221. Emails can be sent to Sarah@ohiokiwani.org. To pay with a credit card, please register on-line at OhioKiwani.org. No-shows will be invoiced. Deadline for cancellation and preregistration is 3/15/22.

Registration form must be postmarked or received by February 28, 2022 to receive early bird price.

On-Line registration can be found at [www.ohiokiwani.org](http://www.ohiokiwani.org) under "MidYear Education"

➡ **First 50 FIRST TIME ATTENDEES who register on- line at [www.ohiokiwani.org](http://www.ohiokiwani.org) under "Midyear Education" will receive a \$15 discount. Register early to ensure discount.**



# 2022 Mid-Year 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 Mid-Year



## **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](http://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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you to the following 2022 Mid-Year Education Day Sponsors:**



**TIME LEVEL \$500**

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

Manoj and Rupali Sharma, Lt. Governor, Div. 11S 2021-22

Alluvial Private Wealth—Manoj Sharma

**HEART LEVEL \$250**

Jim Skidmore, Lt. Governor Div. 10W 2020-2021

Craig Smith, 2021-022 Ohio District Kiwanis Governor

Leadership Consulting

Kiwanis International Trustee Kip Crain and Becky

Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region

Kiwanis Children's Fund Treasurer Amy Zimmerman and First Mom Sandy

Lt. Governor, 10E, Cliff Wiltshire, "Worthington Spotlight"

**HAPPY LEVEL \$100**

Dick Brulotte, Ohio District Kiwanis Aktion Club Administrator

Jason Miller, 2021-2022 ODKF President

David Kuhn, 2021-2022 Governor-Elect

Kelly Faas, 2021-2022 MidYear Education Day Chair

Bill and Peggy Flinta, Past Governor and First Lady

New Kiwanis Clubs of South Metro, East Liverpool, Northmont and Tipp City

Dan Litzinger, Past Distinguished Governor and First Lady Barbara Litzinger

Steve and Susan Vrooman

Kiwanis Club of Piqua, Kiwanis Club of Tipp City Area

Jim Janosik, District Secretary

Mike Rudolph, Past Distinguished Lt. Governor, Division 5

Alan and Jeri Penn 2011-12 KI President and First Lady

Scott Lindsey, Past Distinguished Lt. Governor, Division 10W

Jeff & Jeanne Haas

Faith Levine, Past Governor, Dublin Kiwanis Club

John Coffield, Ohio District Treasurer

**The Ohio District of Circle K Annual Convention** will be running concurrent to the Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year. 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**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.ohiocki.org).



# Ohio District Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day

March 19, 2022  
Crown Plaza North  
6500 Doubletree Plaza, Columbus  
Exhibitor Table Request Form



## Club/Committee

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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@ohiokiwanis.org](mailto:Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org)





Ohio District Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to participate in the Mid-Year Education Day service project. The project is designed to support the Homeless Families Foundation which provides assistance to central Ohio families moving from a homeless situation to a stable home. Homeless Families provides new basic household items to the families in the process of establishing their new residential environment.

Ohio District Kiwanis clubs are being asked to consider donating items or “kits” from the provided list. Clubs will deliver collected items at Mid-Year. Homeless Families Foundation will pick-up the donations at that time. Clubs will report on the number of donated items when they deliver them. Each club making a donation will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

**Kitchen Kit:**

- Trash can (one per family)
- Reusable Plates, Bowls and Cups (one each per person)
- One pan and One Pot
- Silverware (spoon, fork and knife per person)
- Measuring Cups and Measuring spoons (1 set each)
- Hand can opener, Spatula and Serving Spoon (1 each)
- Dish Strainer(1), Dish Towels (2), Dish Cloth (1)
- Ice Cube trays (1 pack)
- Colander (1) Food Storage Container Set (1)

**Kitchen Cleaning Kit:**

- Bucket (1) Scrub Brush (1) Sponge (2) Mop (1)
- Paper Towels (1 Roll), Dust Pan (1) Broom (1)
- SOS Pads (2) Laundry Detergent (1) Floor Cleaner (1)
- Dish Liquid (1) Trash Bags (1 roll or box)
- Plastic Hangers (2 packs)
- Pocket folder for documents (one per adult in family)

**Bathroom Cleaning Kit:**

- Plunger (1) Spray Cleaner (1) Toilet Brush (1)
- Toilet paper (4 rolls), Tooth Paste (1 per family)
- Toothbrushes (one per person or multipack)
- Bar of bath soap (2 per family)
- Shampoo and Conditioner (1 each per family)
- Hand Sanitizer (1) and Sanitizing wipes (2 per family)

**Additional Items If Available:**

- Tissues (1 box) Body Wash (1) Laundry Softener (1)
- Misc. Cleaning Supplies
- Misc. Hygiene Items

**Bedroom Kit: (use large trash bags)**

- Blanket/comforter (1 per person/by size)
- Sheets (one per person/by size)
- Pillows (1 per person)
- Toys (one toy per child in the family)

**Bathroom Kit:**

- Wastebasket (1) Bath Mat (1) Shower Liner (1)
- Shower Curtain Rings (one pack)
- Bath Towel and washcloths (one per person)

**Homeless Families Foundation Donation**

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Select Kit being donated:**

**Kitchen Kit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kitchen Cleaning Kit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bathroom Cleaning Kit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bedroom Kit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bathroom Kit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Misc Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_



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
Sue Grazia	Kirtland
Amy Havens	Russellville
Guy Hopkins	Russellville
Dennis Zimmet	Youngstown
Jacque Meyer	Coldwater
Sean Becker	Worthington-Linworth
David Pickerel	Riverview-Delhi Hills
William Bogen	Wellington
Gwen McHenry	Marietta
Jennifer Vincent	Cambridge
Tyler Hendershot	Ottawa
Brittany Matthews	Cambridge
Timothy Wolfe	Lancaster
John Essen	East Fork Region
Jordan Niepp	Toledo
Cynthia Ruccia	Columbus
Kimberly Repenning	Olmsted Falls
Steven Chardon-Strunk	Olmsted Falls
Leslie Savage	Mason
Greg Kessler	Kirtland
Susan Meece	Alliance
Anjum Shah	South Metro
Marissa Stephens	Tiffin
Pamela Morivitz	Madison
Max Sorensen	Madison
Teri Mutchler	Bexley-Berwick
Carol Myers	Barnesville
Brock Rogers	Barnesville
Jita Clift	Barnesville
Kriste Slagel	Bucyrus
Mike Augenstein	Marion
Richard Fender	Marion
Bill Wilkinson	Mason

### And the winner is.....

The winner of the December drawing for new member sponsors is: **Joan Zoller**. Joan sponsored Beth Brown as a new member in December, 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!



### New Kiwanis Family Clubs

**Big Walnut Middle School Builders Club** Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury Big Walnut, Chartered 1/3/2022 with 20 members. Welcome!

**Royal Manor Elementary K-Kids** Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Gahanna. Chartered on 1/21/2022 with 83 members. Welcome to the Kiwanis Family!

### What Does 979,773 Mean To You?

To University Kiwanis, Columbus universitykiwanis.org) it means our local choice food pantry, Neighborhood Services Inc (NSI) was busy last year. In 2021, NSI served 979,773 meals to 14,768 families which was over a 35% increase in need from last year. NSI receives support from not only University Kiwanis but other Kiwanis clubs in 10W through monetary donations but also man hours and participation in their school supply program, thanksgiving food baskets, and adopt a family.

Want to help? You can make a donation directly to NSI or participate in their local fundraising programs like Meijer's Simply Give campaign. **Now through April 2, 2022**, purchase a \$10 donation gift card from Meijer located at 6175 Sawmill Rd. **Only cards purchased from this Meijer location will benefit NSI Food Pantry.** A single \$10 donation card can be used for larger contributions as long as the total amount is in an increment of 10. Purchase a donation card on a Double Match Day (March 5, 2022 or March 26, 2022) and Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase!

Let's help NSI hit **one million meals** served in 2022!  
[www.nsifoodpantry.org](http://www.nsifoodpantry.org)

## Kiwanis Children's Fund

**Jim Janosik**

ExecutiveDirector@ohiokiwanis.org



A recent grant funding decision from the Kiwanis Children's Fund will give a \$3,000 boost to the Akron Kiwanis Club for a new project. The club will connect three Builder's Clubs with the local Key Club to design and build 9 miniature golf holes that will be used for several annual golf club events. The KCF grant will help with material costs to construct the golf holes. Once the holes have been completed, both Key Club and Builder's Club students will be join Kiwanis club members at the

PGA tournaments as junior volunteers to help young children use the holes.

Did you know that KCF has Ready Made Meeting Kits available to clubs? These are great for a club program and contain videos, games, and stories of the impact the Children's Fund has on kids around the world. Request yours at <https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/meetinginbox>

Has your club been a "Today Club"? The Today Club program recognized clubs that gave a certain dollar amount per member each year to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, starting at just \$10/member. While every dollar is important to fulfilling the KCF mission, the today club program is being phased out to make way for the dollar a day program. Clubs are asked to budget a minimum annual gift of \$365 to KCF. For those that already give more than that, THANK YOU!

And a big thank you to the following clubs who have already made their annual gift to KCF:

Barberton (16)

Berlin Heights (12)

Bexley/Berwick (10S)

Colerain Township (6/7)

East Fork Region (8)

Fremont (12)

Hilltop, Columbus (10W)

North Ridgeville (13)

Northwest Columbus 10W)

Sandusky (12)

Seville (16)

South East Cleveland (15)

Springfield (4)

Wilmington (4)

## All Ohio eMedina partners to feed children in Philippine Community



The Kiwanis Club of All Ohio eMedina joined in partnership with Philippine National Police GenSan Police Station 5, Philippine Maritime Police and KKDAT (Kabataan Kontra Droga at Terorismo) Calumpang Chapter to distribute 60 food packs (one cup rice, fried chicken and tuna lumpia) and juices to day care center students at Purok Balantang, Tambler, General Santos City. Our partners also distributed snacks and stuffed toys.

In a remote area from the city, the day care center construction is not done yet and the teacher assigned seeks assistance to complete the construction.

The All Ohio e Medina Club will help with the construction and furnishing the day care with toys, books and personal supplies for the family, the effort is being led by project chair Joanne Brilliante.



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## SLP Members as Kiwanis Members

Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs (SLP) provide students the opportunity to serve the community, develop their leadership skills, and form lasting friendships. Ideally, SLP members learn about the mission of their organization as well as Kiwanis. They develop a strong appreciation of why it is important to serve the community and have a skill set on how to go about doing it.

As Kiwanis Clubs look to grow their members, recruiting former SLP members is ideal. The Kiwanis culture is understood. Service projects and fundraising come naturally. When a former SLP member joins Kiwanis, the member may look at the membership as a continuation of their prior Kiwanis-Family commitment.

SLP members have varying experiences with Kiwanians. How we, as Kiwanis members, treat our student leaders now is key to their future with Kiwanis. Take some time to evaluate how well your club is supporting your sponsored programs and how your members treat the SLP members.

- Does your sponsored SLP have a Kiwanis advisor?
- Do Kiwanians attend club meetings and projects?
- Are you providing financial stability and guidance?
- Does your Kiwanis club maintain a relationship with the school principal or facility manager?
- Are all dues and sponsorships paid?
- Are the club officers trained for their roles?
- Does your Kiwanis and SLP clubs meet to plan and develop relationships?
- Are Kiwanians attending SLP events? Are SLP members attending Kiwanis events?
- Is your Kiwanis Club assisting in getting members to District events like conventions and Key Leader?

These are the important responsibilities of sponsorship. Your club should ensure that these are happening and happening with excitement! How we interact with our SLP members is key to our success with them. It is small things like taking interest in their activities and school experience while interacting with them. We must ensure that we are treating the members with respect. We need to prioritize our support of their clubs.

As we look to the future of membership, the pandemic and the resulting reliance on virtual interactions is having a permanent change to how we approach life. The classroom and workplace have been virtual and are either continuing to be that way or transitioning to a hybrid format. Society has realized that meetings and work do not necessarily need to be done in person, particularly at the cost of travel time or health risk. Suddenly, we find that we don't have time for the normal things that we used to do. Attending lengthy dinner meetings with a speaker is not attractive to former SLP members. This is not going away, particularly when an entire generation of students have been learning and meeting remotely. How will your Kiwanis club respond to these changes? Are you ready and able to have hybrid, shorter meetings?

Once your club does attract SLP members, you should be sure to listen to their needs and interests and be sure to accommodate these interests and ideas. Finding middle ground, and maintaining it, is important to ensure that new members feel respected and valued. Have you been to a Kiwanis meeting where a member explains why something new can't be done or because we have always done it a certain way? While new doesn't always mean better, allowing our clubs to evolve will enable us to attract and attain former SLP members. Try to empathize with their needs for membership and find ways to meet those needs.

Sponsoring Service Leadership Programs authentically and attracting and retaining former SLP members should be our goals as we look towards our Kiwanis future. Best of luck!







**District Service Chair**  
**Steve Vrooman**  
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## Projects to Support At-Risk Youth

There exists a seldom-addressed need in Ohio that your Kiwanis club could tackle in a meaningful way; providing support to children/young people whose home life is unstable, dysfunctional, and/or unsupportive. Children comprise approximately 21% of Ohio's population and, for the majority of those children/young people, home life is secure and caring. However, approximately 4% of the under-18 population is involved in some type of child protection, foster care, and/or court intervention program. 3% of that group is involved in juvenile court-related

intervention. Within the foster care system, 65% of children experience seven or more school changes from elementary to high school. Only 2% graduate from college. 25% of foster youth will be in prison within two years of aging out of the system.

There are many opportunities for Kiwanians to provide support to youth who have some type of connection to Children's Services and Juvenile Court services. These support activities can be a project that is coordinated by your Kiwanis club and implemented in any size group from small to large. Always adhere to Kiwanis International Youth Protection Guidelines when working with young people in your community.

The following are some suggestions of support projects to get your club started:

- Mentor children in foster care. Check with your county Department of Job and Family Services.
- Become CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) workers. Being a CASA worker entails volunteering with foster homes and the court to ensure that children are continuously accounted for. It is easy for children to feel lost in the system and, as a CASA worker, you assure that their voices are heard and that they stay visible.
- Offer free photography and videographer services to adoption agencies. Check with your county Department of Job and Family Services.
- Collect suitcases for foster kids who are frequently on the move. Most children/young people entering foster care receive a trash bag for their belongings.
- Contact Children's Services and see what is needed for children in foster care. Some children enter foster care with few, or no belongings so welcome boxes can contain a variety of items including a blanket, pajamas, socks, underwear, personal hygiene items, toys or stuffed animals, and coloring or activity books.
- Investigate counseling opportunities in the Juvenile Court system. Contact the local Juvenile Court.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters. Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers and children (ages 5 through young adulthood).
- **Become a Foster Care Program Driver.** Foster care agencies often need drivers to get the children in their care to various appointments such as doctor appointments, school functions, or visits with their birth family.
- Help with Respite Care. Respite care gives foster parents a break from caregiving and allows them time with their families and to themselves. This can mean babysitting or acting as an emergency foster care parent.
- Help Provide Work for Older Foster Youth. Something as simple as providing honest opportunities for jobs or internships can make a huge difference in the lives of youth in foster care.
- Donate to Youth Support Organizations. Group homes, foster care agencies, and more are always looking for donations to help meet the needs of the children. You can donate new or gently used school supplies, toys, clothes, shoes, and more.
- Become a Foster Parent. Many children in the foster care system are in need of a loving home to temporarily take care of them while their families work to get back on their feet to reunify with their children. It's healthier for children to live in family settings and agencies are always looking for more foster families.
- Support children who have a parent or parents who is/are in jail or prison. Contact your county Department of Job and Family Services. There are many organizations around the country that can support you and your club if you choose to take on this type of project. [Youth.gov](http://Youth.gov) is an organization that works to counteract potential negative outcomes as a result of the experience of children of incarcerated parents. The organization can help your club and community create a coordinated system of supports for children of incarcerated parents.
- Bike Build/Board Build Projects. Build bicycles and skateboards for foster kids who don't have access to another form of transportation or who've never had a bike or skateboard of their own.
- **Assemble Birthday Boxes.** Help foster kids celebrate their special day with birthday boxes that include party supplies and gift cards.

No matter what project your club undertakes, it will have a positive impact on a relatively small but important segment of the youth in your community. Think creatively to tailor a program to your community's needs. It will be very rewarding!



**Marcia Copeland Hudson**  
**Governor's Project**  
**GovernorProject@odkf.org**

## The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF) Disaster Relief Fund at Work

As recent events show us, disasters can strike in unpredictable ways with little warning. The good news is Kiwanis clubs around Ohio can learn to be ready to help before the need arises. **We can roll up our sleeves and work to rebuild lives and communities.**

If you watched television news in December, you probably saw it – **scenes of great destruction** in the wake of **huge twisters** that levelled buildings and took dozens of lives in **Western Kentucky**. On **Friday, December 10, 2021**, extremely violent 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**.

**Kentucky-Tennessee District Kiwanis Governor Lynn Hutchinson** spoke with **Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Craig Smith** about how a second round of storms following the tornadoes complicated needs assessment for the Western Kentucky region. "Many of these communities and families have never faced a crisis of this magnitude," said **Jim Gazay**, President of the Kentucky-Tennessee District Kiwanis Foundation.

The ODKF funds collected hundreds of dollars to assist rebuilding efforts by Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District clubs. These funds will be released at the end of February.

**Governor Craig** requests that Ohio Kiwanis clubs should also consider discussing how they can help their communities recover from disasters and put together short disaster relief plans of their own. He also urges clubs to schedule programs by Red Cross and/or local emergency management agencies to learn about those organizations' roles in disaster relief and how Kiwanis clubs can provide needed support for their communities. These agencies play important roles in disaster relief.

**By giving to the ODKF Disaster Relief Fund**, together we can help bring about stronger responses when weather or other disasters strike our communities. Visit: ODKF.org then click on the Governor's Project for more details.

Together, Kiwanians can make a difference.

[GovernorProject@odkf.org](mailto:GovernorProject@odkf.org)

**Kelly Bown**

**On to International Convention**

**kellybrown1018@yahoo.com**



## Return to Indianapolis....

**ON YOUR MARK...Mark your Calendar for June 8-11**  
**GET SET...for International Convention (ICON)...Registration Opens March 15**  
**GO...To Indianapolis for this Extraordinary Event featuring Education, Elections, and Entertainment!**

Kiwanis International Convention comes home to Indianapolis this year. Race on over to Indy or join in online. By participating in ICON, you can:

Increase the positive impact your club makes in the lives of children

Make sure your voice is heard on the issues that could affect Kiwanis International for decades to come. Elect the leaders with a vision and a plan for the future.

Enjoy a city known for fast cars, blockbuster events, delicious culinary delights, a flourishing brewing scene, thriving cultural institutions and so much more.

**STAY...Ohio District designated hotel is the JW Marriott** which is directly connected to the Indiana Convention Center via a climate-controlled sky bridge. The hotel is short stroll from hundreds of dining, shopping, and entertainment options. *Cost is \$189 per night plus tax.*

**NAVIGATE...Downtown Indianapolis and the Indiana Convention Center are easy to navigate but even the best of us may need help getting around. Indy Scooter Rentals can provide a mobility scooter at special pricing just for Kiwanis members.**

**INVESTIGATE...to learn more about ICON go to <https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2022>**

I look forward to seeing you ALL OF YOU in Indy!



## Partnerships

**James Bennett**

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## Partnering With Your SLP's

Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) might be viewed as the very best thing we do. Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs are amazing programs. We might not typically think of them as Kiwanis partnerships but maybe we should. Maybe we should look at our Kiwanis Clubs and ask how we can work more closely with our SLP's. So let's consider that.

During my year as Lt Governor, I attended an event where Key Club leaders participated in a round-table discussion. One of the things they said was that Kiwanis Clubs shouldn't just view SLP members as labor. They said we should involve them in the planning process too. They were absolutely right! While SLP members can certainly add workers when we need more people to accomplish a project, these talented, smart and enthusiastic partners can also add some great ideas. They are often in closer contact with community needs through their school and community contacts. They know who is in need. They know what projects will help most. So the next time you're planning a project, consider involving your SLP partners in the planning process. You just might come up with a better project and with more community buy-in.

What else can we do to work with our SLP partners? Well, communication is always critical. The pandemic has made it more difficult to meet in person but we are fortunate to live in a time where we can maintain some level of communication electronically. Use the tools available to stay in contact. If you can safely meet with your SLP's in person, then consider doing so. If not, set up Zoom calls. Let your SLP's know what you're working on. Ask them what they're working on. Some SLP's are struggling to get back on their feet after experiencing setbacks during the pandemic. Maybe you can help them find their way again. The Norton High School Key Club hosted a lunch in December for the local Kiwanis Club. According to Key Club advisor Tracey Colecchi, the lunch was instrumental in allowing the groups to interact. She suggests having these meetings more often, even quarterly.

One final area to consider when working with your SLP's is to teach them more about Kiwanis. These outstanding people are your future members - or they can be. Don't let there be a disconnect between Kiwanis and your SLP's. While they are independent, they're also part of the Kiwanis family. Mrs. Colecchi stated that she had one of her very active Key Club freshmen tell her she would like to know more about Kiwanis. Mrs. Colecchi goes on to suggest that we might consider a forum where our local Key Club and our Kiwanis Club interact to let Key Club members know about our Kiwanis mission and plans.

Regardless of which SLP's your clubs support, involving them in planning projects, communicating with them, and teaching them more about Kiwanis could pay big dividends for your club and for Kiwanis as an organization.

## Congratulations to the Follow Divisions Showing Membership Growth in January

Each month, Kiwanis International posts club and division growth stats so district leadership can closely follow trends in membership development. We are pleased to show the following divisions have shown growth in January under the leadership and encouragement of their Division Lt. Governor.

Division 1-N	Lt. Governor Mike Metzger	Division 11N	Lt. Governor Jeanette Carpenter
Division 3	Lt. Governor Donn Craig	Division 11S	Lt. Governor Manoj Sharma
Division 4	Lt. Governor Larry Hudson	Division 13	Lt. Governor Stanley Wojdyla
Division 5	Lt. Governor Sam Slater	Division 17	Lt. Governor Thomas Stahlheber
Division 6/7	Vacant office	Division 18	Lt. Governor Robert Moon
Division 8	Lt. Governor Judy Raub	Division 22	Lt. Governor Gary Stumpf
Division 10S	Lt. Governor Rita Corbin	Division 26	Lt. Governor Paulette Edington
Division 10W	Lt. Governor Mark Garland		

Overall, the Ohio District had a net gain of 39 members in January and a net gain of 127 year to date.

**Jason Miller**

**Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation**

**President2021@odkf.org**



**Greetings Ohio Kiwanians!** The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation board continues to work hard to help Kiwanis clubs expand their impact. As we continue to work through the Strategic planning process, we will unveil our new three-year plan at the District Convention in August. The ODKF fundraising committee continues to strengthen current fundraisers and also work on new fundraisers including a virtual designer purse bingo. Be on the lookout for more information soon! Don't forget to mark your calendar for the annual Golf Outing which will be held July 21<sup>st</sup>. While there are many great things

happening with ODKF, I want to draw your attention to our signature program, Safe and Healthy Kids. This program focuses on providing resources to clubs who can then help children in their communities. Safe and Healthy Kids, or SHK, has been divided into four 'seasons' that can help clubs focus on current projects or develop new initiatives in their communities. The Four Seasons of Service are:

- ◆ **Spring – Bike Safety** – This season encourages clubs to develop projects focused on helmet usage for any number of activities such as biking, skateboarding, scooters or roller skating. Clubs could even host a bike rodeo. ODKF has many resources available or can help a club purchase helmets at a reduced cost.
- ◆ **Summer – Water Safety** - The summer brings the sun and heat, and clubs are encouraged to develop projects that draw attention to this potential hazard. Clubs can purchase Kiwanis branded swim shirts through ODKF to help kids stay safe.
- ◆ **Fall – Fire Safety** – During the fall clubs can partner with local fire departments or the Red Cross, to ensure that current smoke detectors are in homes as well as fresh batteries are available.
- ◆ **Winter – Kids Nutrition** – Food insecurity is everywhere, and Kiwanis Clubs can really make an impact here. One particular project that ODKF is promoting is the building of garden boxes that can not only help kids learn about growing food but can help provide fruits and vegetables.

For more information on the Safe and Healthy Kids Program, please visit: <https://odkf.org/what-we-do/how-to-help/initiatives-campaigns/kiwanis-safe-healthy-kids.html> or email SHK Committee Chair **George McCarthy** at [safekids@odkf.org](mailto:safekids@odkf.org)

By no means is a club limited to the particular season to start a project. This is just a helpful guide. If a club has interest in starting a new project that falls into one of these categories, they could apply for a mini grant of up to \$500 to help start that new project. This would be a matching grant that supports the club's efforts. More information on mini grants can be found here: <https://odkf.org/what-we-do/kiwanis-club-mini-grants.html>

Please also remember that you can honor an individual with a Past International Presidents (PIP) award for a \$500 donation to ODKF. This year, that donation supports Governor **Craig Smith's** project of disaster relief for \$250 and ODKF with \$250. The honoree receives a medallion, a plaque and a pin noting the recognition.

Finally, if your club or division is interested in having someone from ODKF come to speak at a club meeting, please consider this opportunity. Clubs like the **I-NEXT Kiwanis**, **University Kiwanis** and the **Kiwanis Club of Cleveland** have taken advantage of this great opportunity to learn more about ODKF. Please feel free to reach out to me at [president2021@odkf.org](mailto:president2021@odkf.org) if your club is interested. We can provide a board member in person or via zoom.

## 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](#).

**Newark Pancake Day.** February 26, 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Goodwill's The Grove by the River, 840 Hallander St. Tickets are \$5 for adults, children under age of 5 eat free. Proceeds benefit Camp O'Bannon.

**Mansfield Pancake Day. March 12,** Youth Hall at Richland County Fairgrounds. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12. For additional information please contact [Patti Scott](#).

**Kiwanis Club of Tipp City Area Charter Celebration.** Saturday, April 30, 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](#)



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

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### **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.

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