

Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

March 2022

Contents:

- 2 Secretary's Desk
- 2 Governor's Project
- 3 Governor's Notes
- 3 Mid-Year Schedule
- 4 Advance Task Force
- 5 Mid-Year
- 6-7 Mid-Year Workshops
- 7 Social Media Tips
- 8 Aktion Club
- 8 Division Growth
- 9 K-Family at the Parks
- 10 Mid-Year Registration
- 11 Mid-Year Sponsors
- 12 HFF Project
- 13 Key Leader
- 13 Signature Project
- 14 YCPO
- 15 New Members/Clubs
- 15 NSI Food Pantry Project
- 16 Key Club
- 16 Club Announcements
- 17 Community Services
- 18 Family Membership
- 18 Service is Golden
- 19 Builders Club
- 19 Wilmington Honors
- 20 Ohio Kiwanis Foundation
- 20 Columbus Club Succeeds

Reminders for March

- 13 Daylight Savings Time
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Mid-Year Education Day
- 19-20 Circle K District Convention
- 20 First Day of Spring

March 1, 2022

Our hearts go out to the Ukrainian people. We are united in our desire to help children around the world and members of the Kiwanis family have asked how they can be of assistance. The need in Ukraine is urgent and we can help most by supporting organizations best positioned to quickly and effectively meet local needs.

Below is a short list of organizations that have the infrastructure in place to meet the needs of Ukrainian children immediately.

UNICEF—*Kiwanis International and UNICEF have a longstanding relationship. UNICEF ensures children have access to safe water, nutrition, health care, education and protection.*

International Committee of the Red Cross
This Switzerland- based organization aims to help people affected by the conflict and supports the work of the Ukrainian Red Cross.

Save the Children—*Save the Children helps to deliver lifesaving aid to vulnerable children in Ukraine and around the world.*

Thank you, as always, for putting the safety and security of the world's children first and foremost in your hearts.



Peter J. Mancuso
2021-22 Kiwanis International President

From the Secretary's Desk

Springtime is quickly approaching us here in Ohio, and with it comes the rejuvenation and renewal of many aspects of our lives. For our Key Club and Circle K members it marks the beginning of a new administrative year. For Kiwanis, it brings membership month in May. While membership should be a continuous activity for all clubs, May calls special attention to this foundational process of our organization. After all, as a member-led and member-driven group, it is our volunteers that drive the impact Kiwanis has in over 200 communities throughout the state. We would like to invite you to share your membership moment with us to be considered for inclusion across our social media channels for a campaign we are running in May. Please click [here](#) to share your moment and a photo by March 31, 2022.

The Spring Key Leader is also upon us running April 8-10 at Recreations Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio. Thanks to grant funding from the Kiwanis Children's Fund, scholarship money is available for 8th-12th grade students in ANY school in Ohio. March 8th is the deadline to apply, so please help get the word out in your community about this. It's an excellent opportunity to advertise Kiwanis and one of our best programs. You can find the application [here](#).

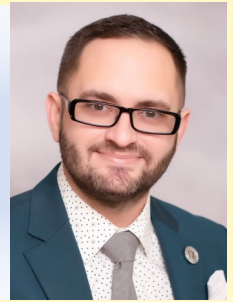
MidYear Education Day is the Ohio District's opportunity to breathe newness into its clubs and members. Providing new inspiration, new ideas, new opportunities to serve, new connections, and new friendships is what that day is all about. I encourage every club to be represented on March 19th as we gather in Columbus. The committee has worked thoughtfully to construct a day that will prepare Kiwanians to go back to their clubs with a renewed spirit of service. I hope to see you there as we all Give A Little...Get A Lot!

District Secretary

Jim Janosik

ExecutiveDirector@ohiokiwanis.org

Book a time to meet with me at
calendly.com/jimjanosik



Marcia Copeland Hudson

Governor's Project

GovernorProject@odkf.org

A Week That Matters

The **National Weather Service** has called the **United States "the most severe- weather-prone country on Earth."**

The risk of severe weather in the Midwest is greatest during the season just ahead, when Ohio faces the possibility of strong winds, lashing rain, floods and tornadoes.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency acknowledges this threat with its **Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 22-26, 2022**. It's a perfect time to consider the things we can all do **before** emergencies happen.

It's a good time to review your emergency plan for your home. Where in your home will you take shelter during a severe storm? Is your severe weather emergency kit ready, containing everything you'll need if a storm interrupts electric power to your home? Are you familiar with different kinds of weather alerts? During Severe Weather Awareness Week, you'll hear test weather alerts on TV, radio and your mobile phone.

As Kiwanians, we can do more – by learning how to become volunteers in relief operations. Volunteers do important work – but not before they're trained. How do you find the training? Invite representatives from the Red Cross and your local emergency management agency to speak at your club.

Kiwanians and their clubs can also help relief efforts by contributing to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund – the fund that offers emergency grants when disaster strikes. *Visit odkf.org and choose the Governor's Project link to learn details on how support the project.*

You and your fellow Kiwanians will learn how you can help when the need is greatest.

Thanks, everyone, for your support of the Governor's Project. I hope you'll make sure your own home disaster plans are in order. As Governor Craig Smith reminds us, *never underestimate the impact of a disaster.*

Together, we Kiwanians can make a difference!

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

Governor

Craig Smith

Governor@ohiokiwanis.org



We've just come to the end of a long, cold, wet February. The gray days and long nights seem to drain one's energy, and we can't wait for spring to arrive.

Spring is a time of renewal. Soon the tulips and daffodils will emerge and bloom, trees will begin to leaf out, and days will get longer and sunnier. Children will return to our parks. We'll be able to put away the snow shovels and get out the lawn mowers.

Spring is a time of renewal for Kiwanians. One of the signs that spring is near is our annual Mid-Year Education Day. This year we'll meet in Columbus on Saturday March 19, an opportunity we haven't had in two years. Mid-Year Education Day gives us the chance to refresh our skills, learn new skills, and recognize those that have made a difference. Just as important for many of us, it's a chance to renew friendships and make new friends. This edition will provide an additional opportunity to build new friendships; the Ohio District CKI will be joining us for their annual District Convention. Please join us on March 19.

Spring is also a time of renewal for Kiwanis clubs. Our Clubs will be electing new officers if they haven't already done so. Electing officers is just the start. Much like spring marks the beginning of the growing season, the election of officers marks the beginning of their growth into their elected role. That growth includes attending training. Whether you are returning to a role you've filled before or are taking on a new role participating in Club Leadership Education is a key to a successful year. And training will take on additional importance this year – Kiwanis is preparing to roll out new management software in July. It's important that next year's officers learn about the new system and be aware of any changes that will occur.

Spring is a great time to focus on growing our clubs and bring new members into the best service organization in the world. May – the unofficial end of spring – is Membership Month. Club membership chairs, all Kiwanians, should begin planning events or making lists of those they want to ask to join their club. Although growing our clubs is a year-round effort, spring is a great time to put additional emphasis on club growth.

I have one request of everyone receiving the Buckeye Bulletin. Over the next few days forward the email you received to two members of your club that may not be receiving our monthly newsletter. Or print out copies and take them to your next club meeting. Encourage them to read it and subscribe so they can receive it themselves.

I hope to see you on March 19.

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





"Mission: Advance Task Force" Applications Being Accepted **-Jim Janosik, Executive Director**

I am fond of the quote "you're either riding the wave of change, or you're under it." Change happens all the time in our organization, and how we handle change can either be positive (by being proactive) or negative (by being reactive). One of the changes that will affect our District at some point in the future is how our District board is structured and operates, a model that largely has not changed since Lt. Governor's were added back in the 1920's.

In recognition of needing to plan for a possible future change that meets today's needs of our District and its clubs, Governor Craig Smith and Governor-Elect Dave Kuhn are announcing the creation of an ad hoc committee to address this issue.

The "Mission: Advance Task Force" will be composed of up to 11 appointed Ohio Kiwanians that will represent clubs of various sizes and in various regions, as well as a few ex-officio members. The Task Force will select its own chair, vice-chair, and scribe from amongst its members, and will be empowered with the tools necessary to conduct meetings, research, and outreach activities. The following is a list of boundaries, considerations, and deliverables for the Task Force.

Boundaries

- The team is not obligated to recommend implementation.
- Review does not include: staffing other than recommendations for a new paid position(s); physical/virtual office needs; changes to the Governor office.
- The team may benchmark with other Kiwanis Districts and/or other non-profits.
- The team should solicit direct input and proposal feedback from members of Ohio District Kiwanis by conducting regional roundtable discussions with clubs.
- Recommended changes to District Bylaws and Policies must be approved in accordance with District and KI Bylaws in effect at the time of the recommendations.

Considerations

- Effect on leadership pipeline.
- Potential for regional dominance by a small number of clubs.
- Does implementation create a new layer of bureaucracy?
- What is the status of Past Lt. Governors, if implemented?
- Should associations of past officers be included as committees?
- Should the District add a Vice-governor position preceding Governor-elect?

Deliverables

- The team will maintain records of meetings and all documents used as references.
- The team will maintain drafts of all recommendation documents until final approval by the House of Delegates, Board of Directors, and/or KI.
- The team's chair will make end-of-quarter reports to the Executive Committee.
- A report of the team's recommendations, which will include:
 - * Potential positive and negative impacts on the District
 - * An implementation schedule for any recommended structure changes
 - * Proposed amendments to District Bylaws
 - * Proposed revisions to District policies

With a goal of bringing a finalized proposal to the District Board in March 2023 for a decision to bring forth to the 2023 House of Delegates, the District Board structure modernization would be slated to take effect October 1, 2024 in order to allow enough time for the changes to be implemented. If you would like to be considered for inclusion on the Mission: Advance Task Force, please click [here](#) to submit your application by April 15, 2022.

Kelly Faas

MidYear Education Day

KiwanisKelly@gmail.com



All, if you haven't registered for Mid-Year Education Day - GOOD NEWS!!!! There is still time. Join us for this exciting day! Not only will Mid-Year Education Day be going on, but Governor Craig has arranged a FIRST IN OHIO KIWANIS HISTORY! The Circle K students will be hosting their Convention on the same day - the same hotel - WITH US! That is correct, two big events will be happening at the same time. Below, I have included what the Mid-Year will look like (subject to tweaking). The Circle K students will be joining us during the Opening Session, Lunchtime and Awards

Presentation. They have also been invited to join us during the Privilege Walk. As a matter of fact, they are welcome to join us in all of our workshops!

What does this mean for us? Well, we have the opportunity to interact with the students as peers. We can put faces with names and vice versa. Often times, we hear of the great things that the Circle K students are doing - now you have the opportunity to meet those terrific students who are not only going to classes but are also doing great service projects in their college communities! The same applies to the students, they get to meet the club members who are supporting their efforts and cheering them on from behind the scenes. This is one of those win-win situations for everyone!

Come to Mid-Year - attend the workshops, enjoy the lunch, reconnect or make a Kiwanis Family friend, learn something new that you can take back to your club and implement... leave with a smile and wonderful memories.

Mid-Year Education Day Schedule

8:00 a.m. Registration opens. Those who have registered will fill out their paperwork regarding COVID and have their temperatures taken - according to Kiwanis International procedures. Swag bags and name tags will be distributed.

8:15-8:45 - First Time Attendees are invited to join Governor Craig Smith in the Buckeye Room for a cup of coffee and conversation.

9:00-9:45 - Round one of workshops

Focus on Children - Alan St. Jean

Child Protection Policies - Jeff Eble

It's All About Growing Membership - Emily Saalfrank

Education Geared Toward Secretaries - Jim Janosik

Risk Management - Ron Hyre

10:00 - 10:45 - Opening Session - Keynote Speaker, Shawn "Spike" Smith

11:00 - 11:45 - Round two of workshops

Discovering your Club's Purpose and Passion - Susan Black

Aktion Club - What's in it for You? - Dick Brulotte

Hall of Fame Award Presentations

Keynote Q&A - Shawn "Spike" Smith

Childhood Nutrition - Jenny Lobb, R. D.

Leadership Development, Emily Saalfrank

12:00 - 12:45 - Lunch in the Grand Pavillion

1:00 - 1:45 - Awards Presentation in the Grand Ballroom

2:00 - 2:45 - Round three of workshops

Developing Community Partnerships - Lanton Lee

Uncovering Strengths in Differences - Marla & Monica Marsh

How to Run an Effective Meeting - Jackie Compton Bunch

Key Leader Experience - Brian & Kelly Shaffer

Technology for Your Club - Tom Costanzo

Facing Childhood Food Insecurity - Martin Butler

3:00 - 3:45 - Round four of workshops

Energizing Communities - Jason Duff

Let's Rebuild SLP's - Jennifer Lewis & Robert Day

ODKF/KCF - Jason Miller & Amy Zimmerman

Let's Build a Playground - From Dirt to Dedication - Landscape Structures

LifeAct - Guest Speaker

Children's Literacy - Alan St. Jean

The High 5 Habit Book Discussion - Dr. Caitlin Faas

4:00 - Privilege Walk (weather permitting) in the rear parking lot - follow signs.



Description of MidYear Workshops

9:00—9:45 AM

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

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 **Ron Hyre, 2022-2023 District Risk Management Chair** Vital information for all clubs with updated information on protecting your club.

It's All About Growing – Membership with **Emily Saalfrank – Kiwanis International** KI Area Coordinator helps clubs focus on growth and satisfying member experiences from a fresh perspective.

11:00—11:45AM

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!

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.

Childhood Nutrition with **Jenny Lobb, R. D. OSU Extension** Learn from a Registered Dietician the important updates of healthy eating for children and how it directly impacts brain, physical and immunity development.

Emily Saalfrank of Kiwanis International, Foundations of Leadership. Good leaders create an environment of respect, positivity, and communication. Consider your leadership style and the potential for where it can take you. *Presented by: ODKF*

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.

2:00– 2:45 PM

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.

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, Executive Director of Neighborhood Services—Facing Childhood Food Insecurity Join Martin as he shares ways that his organization is helping in Central Ohio. *Presented by ODKF.*

Continued on page 7

Workshops Continued from page 6.

3:00—3:45 PM

Innovation & Become A Positive Community Change Agent with K-family values.

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 Builder's 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! With **Tony Shadwick of Penchura LLC, Landscape Structures** 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.

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. Presented by ODKF

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!



Community Outreach Through Social Media

By Emily Sharp Saalfrank, Area Director, North America 1, Kiwanis International

Social media is something that people are using every day and most likely multiple times a day. It's a great way to stay connected to those near and far, learn about local events in your area and be a great place for personal expression. It's also a wonderful way to promote your Kiwanis club and share more about the wonderful things you are doing in your community each and every day.

The challenge with social media is that attention doesn't always equal membership growth. Even the potential members that reach out to you through social media need to be guided into membership. Here are a few ways to use social media to help grow your club's membership:

1. **Respond quickly and offer lots of details.** Respond to messages within 24 hours and provide necessary context to give the person insight to what they will experience when meeting you.
2. **Keep your social media up to date.** A potential members isn't going to know about what your club is all about if you aren't posting regularly. Try to post content on your channels at least once a week that gives a potential member an idea of what your club does in the community and the impact you are making throughout the year.
3. **Do some advertising!** Utilize the advertising opportunities on each platform to reach more people in our area. A small amount of money can go a long way in getting your message to more people.

Finally, check out the resources on Kiwanis.org to get more tips and tricks about [social media](#), communication, and so much more

Aktion Club Week ...

A Reason to Celebrate!

Everyone loves a reason to celebrate! Birthday and anniversary celebrations are usually over in a day, but Kiwanis and Aktion Club have the chance to celebrate for a whole week every March!

This year, Aktion Week falls on March 7th thru the 11th. Each sponsored leadership program week is intended to highlight the impact Clubs are making in their community and to celebrate the Club's advisors, members, and sponsoring Kiwanians. In all more than 500 Aktion Clubs have the opportunity to participate – 33 of which can be found in Ohio. It is a time to build awareness, recruit new members and make Aktion Club a household name.

Monday, March 7th – “Show YOUR ‘K’ in Every Way” – tell everyone you know about Aktion Club by spreading the word about it.

Tuesday, March 8th – “Kudos To Aktion” – This is a day to recognize our members of Aktion Club for all the work they do. Advisors can show appreciation to members in a variety of ways.

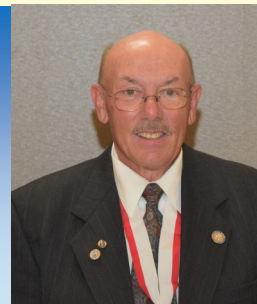
Wednesday, March 9th – “Dare to Care” – Share Aktion Club and your passion for serving others with your favorite local charities! Host a service project or fundraiser on this day.

Thursday, March 10th – “Aktions of Kindness” – A smile goes a long way. Spread happiness throughout your community by doing random acts of kindness. Challenge every member to complete at least one act of kindness on this day.

Friday, March 11th – “Connect the ‘K’s” – Remember, Aktion Club is the only service organization for adults with disabilities in the world and just one part of the Kiwanis Family. Celebrate the entire family of Kiwanis by engaging with all your local Kiwanis Family Clubs – Kiwanis Kids (K-Kids), Builders Club, Key Club and of course Kiwanis. Have Aktion Club members attend your sponsoring Kiwanis Club(s)’ meeting and make a presentation of what your Club is doing in the community. Even better, plan to do a joint service project with your sponsoring Kiwanis Club and any other SLP they sponsor during this week.

Richard Brulotte

Aktion Club



**Aktion Club is like
the pot o’ gold
at the end
of the rainbow.**

**Kiwanis
AKTION
CLUB**

If you are looking for specific things that your Club can do on each special day, visit <https://www.aktionclub.org/aktion-club-week/>. In addition to suggestions of activities for each day, you will also find a Media Toolkit to help you make the most of Aktion Club Week complete with media releases and letters explaining what your local Aktion Club does locally. You will even find sample proclamations that can be used by city and county governmental agencies. Ask your host Board of Developmental Disabilities or independent service provider to issue a proclamation as well. March is perfect for them to make such a proclamation highlighting your success as nationally March is National Disability Awareness Month. Be sure to post pictures and updates on what your club does on the Ohio Aktion Clubs Facebook group page for all our Clubs to see. Why? Because EVERYONE needs to be aware of Aktion Club!

Congratulations to the Follow Divisions Showing Membership Growth in March

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-S	Lt. Governor Jason Miller	Division 12	Lt. Governor Daniel Stober
Division 3	Lt. Governor Donn Craig	Division 13	Lt. Governor Stanley Wojdyla
Division 5	Lt. Governor Sam Slater	Division 16	Lt. Governor Ronald Hyre
Division 6/7	Vacant office	Division 18	Lt. Governor Robert Moon
Division 9	Lt. Governor Carolyn Ault	Division 24	Lt. Governor Edie Schilla
Division 10S	Lt. Governor Rita Corbin	Division 26	Lt. Governor Paulette Edington
Division 11S	Lt. Governor Manoj Sharma		

Overall, the Ohio District had a net gain of 55 members in February and a net gain of 172 year to date.



Kiwaniis
OHIO DISTRICT

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT THE FIRST

OHIO K-FAMILY DAY AT THE PARKS

Sunday, June 26, 2022

King's Island & Cedar Point

With 3 alternate dates available. See website for details.

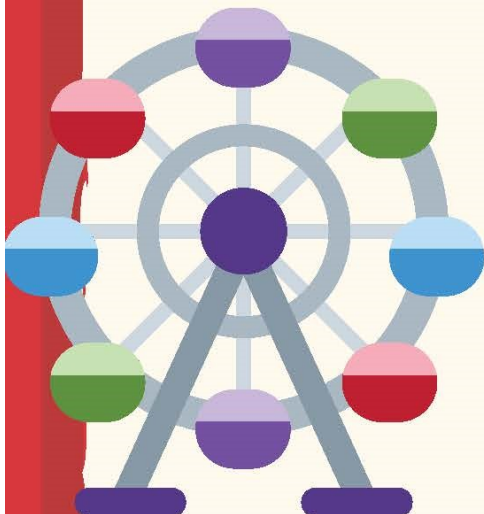


BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT FOR A DAY OF FUN IN THE SUN AT EITHER PARK. PURCHASE TICKETS AND A SPECIAL EVENT T-SHIRT AT OHIOKIWANIS.ORG

All net proceeds to benefit the



Kiwaniis
CHILDREN'S FUND



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@ohiokiwaniis.org. To pay with a credit card, please register on-line at OhioKiwaniis.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.ohiokiwaniis.org under "MidYear Education"

 **First 50 FIRST TIME ATTENDEES who register on- line at www.ohiokiwaniis.org under "Midyear Education" will receive a \$15 discount. Register early to ensure discount.**

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 Mid-Year 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
William Pees, Kettering-Centerville, Division 4
Oles & Associates, LLC
Division 4 Kiwanis Clubs
Craig Wallace, Chair, Finance & Structure Committee, 2021-2022





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: _____

Key Leader Helps Students Rise Above with Leadership Development

April 8-10, 2022 at Recreation Unlimited

Information page and [Registration Now Open](#)

[Scholarships Applications](#) being accepted until March 8



To learn more about Key Leader and how this program works with developing individual student leadership skills, be sure to join us at Kiwanis MidYear. We will be having an educational session during the 2:00 PM workshop schedule.

The Nominees are...

The nominees for the Annual Signature Project Awards have been selected. This year, the Ohio District of Kiwanis had 13 applicants for this program. Each entry was separated into appropriate tiers based on club size and then judged on a criteria set forth by Kiwanis International. We wish both clubs the best of luck!

We are pleased to announce the following nominees from the Ohio District which will be included in the judging of Kiwanis International for the Club Signature Project Contest.

Tier1 (28 members or greater) Feeding Hilliard Students by the Kiwanis Club of Hilliard

Tier II (28 members (27 members or less) Norton Kiwanis Helping with Hunger.

Young Children Priority One

Sarah Roush

Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org



It was Christmas Eve. My husband and I were a bundle of nerves, and I was on the verge of tears. We sat in the parking lot of the Children's Services Building waiting to pick up our foster daughter. She had just spent her first overnight stay with her birth mother, and we had been plagued with "what if's" the entire time. Prayers for her safety had flown from my mouth continually. Now, she was a half hour late returning.

Finally, an overpacked car pulled into the drive and Baby Girl's mother jumped out of the backseat and proceeded to thrust the toddler into my arms before jumping back into the car and leaving without a word. That precious child wrapped her arms around my neck and refused to let go, even to be strapped into her seat. So, I rode back home in the backseat, with her clutching my head against her chest, because my hand was not enough.

The plan was to simply give her a bath, feed her, then return for Christmas Eve services at our church. It wasn't to be. We gave her a snack as soon as we returned home while her little tub was filled for a bath. It wasn't until her diaper was removed that I made the horrific discovery. The diaper was saturated, so filled with urine it was a wonder it had stayed on at all. I don't think it could have held another drop. She was red with a violent rash and even worse, the delicate skin between her legs was coming off in long strips. It was a miracle this child was not shrieking in pain.

I called a pediatric nurse friend, who told me to document it and gave me suggestions on care. She stated there was nothing the emergency room would be able to do for her beyond what she suggested. For a week, I teared up every time I changed that baby's diaper. I was angry at her mother, beyond words.

In hindsight, I realize now, it was unlikely the mother had extra diapers, but we were following instructions for the visit regarding supplies. It doesn't lift the burden of guilt I have carried for six years for our possible contribution to Baby Girl's injury.

Diapers are such a simple thing; we don't really give them much thought. There is an assumption they are made available through programs like W.I.C. or S.N.A.P., but they are not. Like baby wipes, ointment, and other personal care items they are not covered in any sort of program for families struggling to make ends meet. If they are lucky, the local food bank might have small packs available which might last 3-4 days.

The lack of clean diapers can greatly imperil the health of a child (and adults), it can spread hepatitis A, meningitis, staph and cause urinary infections, severe bacterial diarrheas and even renal failure. As we discovered, it can cause the delicate skin around genitals to break down from constant contact and provide open wounds for infection to set in.

A lack of diapers can also have a direct impact on a family's ability to seek employment or attend school. Most daycares and early education programs require a full days' worth of disposable diapers for each child attending. Without such a resource, parents will be required to stay home from school or work without access to childcare.

So, what can be done? Donating to diaper banks or even to the local food banks, either community based or through local charitable entities such as "Walk the Talk Ministries" or "Emergency Clearing House" can make a stark difference. Most food banks tend to repackage boxes into bundles of 20-25 to make the donation go further.

The Bottoms Up Diaper Bank located in Lancaster will be participating in the "World's Largest Diaper Drive" on May 7 in conjunction with other diaper banks in Youngstown, Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, and Columbus. Their goal for their local drive is to collect 500,000 diapers through donations from schools, churches, schools, businesses, and civic groups. Diapers will then distributed through established food banks and various shelters who have requested assistance.

Even if we do not have immediate access to a local diaper bank, we can step up to donate diapers or pull-ups of all sizes to our local community shelters and food banks so families in need can access these vital items. Most organizations will even accept partial packages since children outgrow them so quickly.

If you want to learn more about this vital need, there is a vide on YouTube called "The Profound Need" coded "[YUd46n22cAo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUd46n22cAo)" or you can check out websites at "www.bottomsup.life" or "www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org"

It would be terrific if our service community could come together to help protect our youngest members on Diaper Drive Day on May 7, and throughout the rest of the year. No one should ever have to be in a soiled diaper a moment longer than necessary



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
Alexander Monroe	Findlay
Heather Heilman	Findlay
Tara Layne	Lancaster
Rev. Jane Schockey	Toronto
Kimberley Plumm	Salem
Kritina Tannehill	Coshocton
Blair Lampner	Copley-Fairlawn
Jon Kissner	Coshocton
Jen Robinson	Coshocton
Kathy Marriott	Chillicothe
Jay Sabine	Wooster
Scott Friedhoff	Wooster
Megan Spaid	Wooster
Paige Clayton	Wooster
Julie Shahl	Bucyrus
Lora Kibler	Bucyrus
E. J. Conn	Steubenville
Alan St. Jean	Delaware
Nicholas Naegele	Berea
Nance Szorady	East Geauga
Reem Arif Usmani	Strongsville Area
Dave Brand	North Olmsted
Brad Bush	Berea
Craig Buskirk	Findlay
David Harris	Middletown
Sue Kido	Berea
Tracy Knappins	Elyria
Melony McBride	Toronto
Mary Joy Vandyne	Steubenville
Christine Vansickle	Wooster

And the winner is.....

The winner of the December drawing for new member sponsors is: **Don Gales** from the Bexley-Berwick Kiwanis Club. Don sponsored Teri Mutchler as a new member in January, automatically entering him into a drawing for a free Mid-Year 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!



Heritage Middle School Builders Club chartered on 2/14/2022. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Newark, they chartered with 20 members.

Wilson Middle School Builders Club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Newark, chartered with 20 members on 2/14/2022.

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

Key Club

Jeff Eble

Jeff.email.117@gmail.com



Hello Kiwanians,

I don't have to tell you what a zoo the world has been due to Covid, I know you are all living it too. For the Ohio District Key Club, we are no different. Everything has become virtual.

Soooooooooooo This message is to give you information on the Virtual District Leadership Conference to be held April 23. Attendance was light for Fall Rally, virtually

and we hope it can be better for DLC. We are proceeding with a one day virtual program to give a little leadership, and recognize awards for those that submit.

We have attached packets of information on registration (free), elections, and contests on the website. The link is <http://ohkc.org/district-leadership-conference-2022/>

Everything will be submitted on line (most by March 11 including candidates and delegates) and the actual registration link is

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QJRhUccNQJmHSOI3EBxqw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar and the link may be utilized, right up to the event date of April 23. Delegate information will be sent after March 11 and Executive Elections will be held by zoom at 7pm on Friday April 1, 2022. Links will be sent to registered delegates.

We currently have 65% of Ohio Key Clubs NOT dues paid. About 20% have reported Covid limbo status and the rest we just don't know. We anticipate based on feedback from Lt. Governors, typical parameters nationwide, and the fact that over 50% of Ohio Schools are in some sort of Covid impact, and so expect limited turn out. Additionally, advisors responded in a survey of email addresses, by 6 to 1 that your clubs would not be able to attend.

Our hope is that as a result of vaccines, we return to a greater normal next Fall, but only time will tell.

We anticipate next Fall we will have lost MOST of the 10,500 Key Clubbers in Ohio to graduation over the last two years. We hope that you will assist in rebuilding the membership in Ohio next Fall.

One silver lining of the pandemic, is we are going to encourage the use of Zoom type meeting for divisional meetings which may make it simpler for kids to attend. We also anticipate having a couple of Zoom meetings

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.

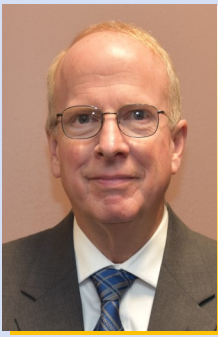
Mansfield Pancake Day. March 12, Youth Hall at Richland County Fairgrounds. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 4-12. For additional information please contact [Patti Scott](#).

Kiwanis Club of East Liverpool Charter Party. Saturday, March 12 5:00 PM at the East Liverpool Community and Learning Center. \$30 per person/\$50 per couple. RSVP to [Karah Champ](#).

Governor's Visit for Divisions 5 and 6/7. Wednesday, April 6 at 5:30 PM/ The Manor House Event Center in Mason. \$25 per person, register to [Sam Slater](#) prior to March 22.

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](#).

Kiwanis Club of Sandusky: 19th Annual Golf Scramble, May 18 at Thunderbird North Golf Course, in Huron. \$80 per golfer- includes, cart, meals, and 1 mulligan. More information is available at Sanduskykiwanis.org or call Tony Cummings at 419-625-1894. Sponsorships also available.



District Service Chair

Steve Vrooman

Vrooman@mac.com

Your Kiwanis Club and Teacher Appreciation Day

A mainstay of Kiwanis Clubs is their close connection to students and schools. From elementary schools through colleges and universities, Kiwanis supports students, directly, through leadership programs, accomplishment rewards, and many forms of volunteering. A great way to support students in a distinctive, indirect way is to do something for the individuals who have the greatest impact on the students' learning, the teachers.

Teacher Appreciation Day is an event held annually in the United States to honor and appreciate teachers and to recognize their lasting contributions to education, society and the lives of their students. Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday of the first full week of May and is the focal day of Teacher Appreciation Week, a week-long celebration of the work of teachers. This year's Teacher Appreciation Day is May 3, 2022.

Consider tackling one or more projects to recognize and thank teachers in your community. As a Kiwanis club, decide on several projects you'd like to do. Create a goal for your project, check approximate costs, determine the availability of materials and workers, and agree on the scope of the project(s).

After your club's initial planning, contact your local school district's superintendent's office to discuss how your Kiwanis club can recognize teaching staff in the local school buildings. Present your ideas to the administrator for feedback. If your club is already working with (a) particular school(s), speak with the building principal about honoring the teachers in that/those school(s).

Here are some ways your Kiwanis club can, with prior approval, honor teachers in your local schools:

- ◆ Cakes, cookies or doughnuts to the school office – office staff will place in the appropriate location,
- ◆ volunteer to cover recess, cafeteria, and/or bus duty,
- ◆ volunteer to read in elementary classrooms,
- ◆ deliver thank you notes to all teachers,
- ◆ give gift cards to all teachers,
- ◆ assemble and give mason jars of treats,
- ◆ hire a masseuse/masseur to give massages during plan periods,
- ◆ hire a barista to make beverages,
- ◆ cater lunch for staff,
- ◆ provide supplies for ice cream floats,
- ◆ bring in food or ice cream truck (pay for lunches or ice cream),
- ◆ do a lunch cookout,
- ◆ host a "thank you" breakfast,
- ◆ purchase business cards for teachers,
- ◆ present "From the Desk of" note pads or sticky notes,
- ◆ give personalized coffee mugs (include your Kiwanis club name on them),
- ◆ arrange for dinner between school and evening parent-teacher conferences (this would have to be a pre-Teacher Appreciation Day event),
- ◆ pay for a highly-visible billboard thanking teachers – from your Kiwanis club,
- ◆ rent a popcorn machine (w/supplies) in teacher lunchroom, for the week,
- ◆ place "thank you" banners in the front yards of schools,
- ◆ coordinate with local and national restaurants to offer Teacher Appreciation Day deals,
- ◆ set up weeklong prize giveaways with one winner announced each day. Winner picks a prize from a selection of gift cards.

As you consider honoring school teaching staff, consider recognizing other groups within the school – nurses, librarians, nurses, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, and principals. There are fewer staff members in each of these groups, but all are part of the education process of the young people.

Take this opportunity to solidify the Kiwanis-school connection. The payoff is worth the work and funds invested. You will be recognizing the local schools' teaching staffs and the community will have a greater knowledge of what Kiwanis is all about.

Ohio District Kiwanis to Co-Sponsor Family Membership Amendment

Submitted by Past Governor Bill Flinta



Do you enjoy your Kiwanis membership? Would you like to share it with others? Do you want to strengthen the membership, service, and finances of your Kiwanis club? If your answer to these questions is yes then the proposed Kiwanis International by-law Family Membership amendment is for you and needs your support.

The Ohio District of Kiwanis International, along with the Pacific Northwest District, the New England & Bermuda District, and the Texas Oklahoma District, is co-sponsoring a family membership amendment to be voted on at the Kiwanis International Convention this June in Indianapolis, IN. In summary the proposed amendment would allow for the following:

- ⇒ One family member sharing a residence with a current Kiwanis member may join the same Kiwanis club and pay only 50% of Kiwanis International and District dues (assuming Ohio passes a similar by-law amendment which is a requirement of the proposed International amendment).
- ⇒ A current Kiwanis member that qualifies for family membership may convert to the family membership plan, but the dues reduction would phase in over two years paying 75% of International and District dues in year one and then 50% in future years.
- ⇒ All other member related fees including, but not limited to, insurance, local club dues, etc shall remain fully payable. Although clubs will have the option to also reduce the club portion of the dues if they desire.
- ⇒ A new club being formed must have 15 full dues paying members before family members can be added.
- ⇒ Family members will have full rights and privileges of club membership.
- ⇒ Family membership may not be transferred to another club.

Many of you may remember when Ohio participated in the family membership pilot program several years ago that was later discontinued by Kiwanis International. The pilot Districts, Ohio, New England and Bermuda, and Pacific Northwest, all found value in this membership option as a way to strengthen club membership, increase service, and bring new ideas to their clubs and have chosen to continue to work to try and bring this additional membership option to Kiwanis International. During the pilot program and by analysis of data thereafter, Ohio found that when members joined as family members sharing their Kiwanis experience with another family member, they tended to be more active in their clubs and remain a Kiwanis member longer because it was an experience and service they were sharing and had in common.

It takes a two-thirds vote of delegates in attendance at the Kiwanis International Convention to pass this proposal. A similar proposal was presented in 2018 and 2019 with favorable votes of about 53% in 2018 and about 60% in 2019. Close, with an improving trend, but short of the two thirds needed for passage. Therefore, we are asking for the help of Ohio Kiwanians to plan on attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis in June and help support the Family Membership Amendment. Other benefits of attending the convention include hearing interesting and motivating speakers, attending educational workshops to learn new ideas to bring back to your club, and networking with other service minded individuals to share and gain new ideas. If anyone has questions on the Family Membership amendment please feel free to reach out to Governor Craig Smith, District Executive Director Jim Janosik, or Past Governor Bill Flinta (bfkiwanis@yahoo.com).

Service is "Golden" On October 18, a packed house at the Milford Community Building consisting of Kiwanis members and family members honored Ron Ellison for his "50 year" membership in the Milford Kiwanis Organization. Over the years, Ron has always worked diligently and dependably to fulfill the Kiwanis mission as a volunteer group dedicated to serving the children of the world with service at the heart of every Kiwanis Club. Ron is recognized as a volunteer who has demonstrated high Kiwanis standards, model citizenship, and a steadfast commitment to the children in the Milford and Miami Township area and to the Kiwanis Club of Milford.

Ron's service community includes many years of Kiwanis participation and fundraising through numerous dinners, raffles, special events and collaborations.

Ron continues his service today in overseeing the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee working with Milford High School to identify candidates for annual college scholarship awards. Ron is a true example of giving back to the children of Milford and Miami Township!



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



Fellow SLP Advisors. It's time to think about the election of officers for the next year in order that the outgoing officers can work with their replacements. Once the new officers are in place, the outgoing and incoming officers can work with their sponsoring Kiwanis Club to review the previous years activities and plan for new or improved activities for the upcoming year.

The following is a guideline:

Aktion Club-Election of new officers should be conducted at a meeting during the spring or summer. The new officers should

assume their responsibilities on October 1.

Circle K-Election results must be submitted no later than April 1 to Circle K International and their District Secretary. Therefore, elections of officers and directors must take place prior to that. Spring Officers Training (SpOT) is generally held in late April or early May, all officers are encouraged to attend. Officers are encouraged to review distinguished club officer criteria under District Convention Contest as a guideline. <https://ohiocki.org/district-convention-awards/>

Key Club-Elections must take place between February and March and reported to Key Club International as well as the Ohio District Office by March 31. Report forms are available on the Key Club District website under Convention forms. We encourage clubs to review the standards of Distinguished Officer criteria located under the District Leadership Conference contest materials. <http://ohkc.org/district-leadership-conference-2021/>

Builders and Kiwanis Kids Clubs-Elections can take place prior to the end of the academic year, but no later than 90 days after the start of the new academic year. Officer guides are available online at <https://www.buildersclub.org/resources/club-officer-guides/> or <https://www.kiwaniskids.org/resources/club-officer-guides/>

Kiwanis Club of Wilmington Honors Fall Student Athletes

The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington recognized several students as Athletic Scholar Leaders from Wilmington College.

Kim Hiatt, Kiwanis Club president, welcomed individuals to the program with Kirstin Harris, WC Class of 2017, giving introductions and Keith Gerritz, longtime WC psychology professor, presented certificates of accomplishment.



The following student—athletes from fall sports were recognized.

Josh Cyrus & Gage Clemens—Men's Cross Country

Milena Wahl & Savannah Rhodes—Women's Cross Country

Felix Maurer & Yusef Muqtadir—Men's Soccer

Elizabeth Matthews & Haley Fulton—Women's Soccer

Eli Brock & Trafford Dunn—Football

Joy Bebe & Victoria Long—Volleyball

Jason Miller

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

President2021@odkf.org



In last month's issue of the Buckeye Bulletin, there were some great resources provided for clubs to help manage their own Foundation. When a club starts their own Foundation, this does help get around the classification of Kiwanis as a 501(c)4. By having a club Foundation, a Kiwanis Club can designate this entity as a 501(c)3 and benefit from tax deductible donations as well as the other perks that come along with this designation. I would like to provide another resource

that your club could utilize to help in this process. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has a program called Club Advised Funds, or CAFs for short. These funds are set up to help clubs have a 501(c)3 'branch' of their club. One of the major benefits of having a CAF is that a club does not have to worry about all of the extra, sometimes overly complicated, paperwork that comes with setting up, and maintaining, a Foundation. In simple terms, a club can invest their money with ODKF's larger pool of investments. ODKF maintains ownership of the CAF but the club may use the growing fund to support their projects. The club needs to simply request a disbursement through the ODKF board for a charitable non-profit organization. In order to set up a CAF, a club must have an initial investment of at least \$5,000. Once that amount is secured, the club should schedule a meeting with the ODKF Executive Director to discuss the process and ensure a CAF is a good fit for the club. There is also an agreement form to be completed. The club should also have their board of directors approve the establishment of the CAF with ODKF and designate two members who will be responsible for the depositing of funds. Once the ODKF board approves the CAF, the club can then deposit the initial \$5,000, or more, into the fund. It really is an easy process.

Some clubs may not have the initial \$5,000. If that is the case, perhaps a mini CAF would work for the club. In this program the club makes an initial deposit of \$2,500. Then, the club has up to two (2) years to make enough deposits to reach the \$5,000 level. If for some reason the club cannot deposit enough money by the end of the two (2) years, the original amount will be returned to the club without investment earnings.

A CAF does come with a 1% annual fee of the portfolio balance for administration related tasks for funds that total less than \$100,000. If your fund is more than \$100,000, the fee is .75%. Additionally, there are fees charged by the financial advisor which are about 1%. As stated earlier, ODKF assumes all responsibility for filing necessary paperwork to start and sustain the CAF.

There are currently almost 40 clubs in Ohio that maintain a CAF through your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. The process really is an easy one and ODKF works hard to ensure that it stays easy for clubs that want to start a CAF or a mini CAF. For more information on CAFs, please visit <https://odkf.org/what-we-do/club-advised-funds.html> or email the CAF committee at caf@odkf.org or reach out to our Executive Director, Alan Penn at director@odkf.org.

Finally, there is still time to honor a club member, or even a community leader, like a first responder, local politician, or even a teacher with a Past International Presidents award. For a donation of \$500 you can show someone how important they are to your club or community. \$250 of that donation will go directly to Governor Craig's project to support our Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, and the other \$250 will stay with the Foundation. The recipient receives a plaque, a medallion and a pin. If you have any questions about this topic or any other ODKF related topic, please reach out to me at president2021@odkf.org. Many of you have sent an email and I really appreciate you reaching out! Have a great March!

Columbus Kiwanis Club Succeeds in Spite of Virus

Through two pandemics, two world wars, the Great Depression and other economic disruptions, Kiwanis Club of Columbus has maintained its support of children and families in need in central Ohio. This year, despite virus-induced restrictions on all its fundraising events, Columbus Kiwanis Foundation Trustees have just approved donations totaling \$58,000 to 12 area non-profits.

Grants range from a low of \$2,000 up to \$14,000, providing support for both new and expanding community projects, some of which include in-school programming at 11 Head Start locations; a soccer program for 250 immigrant and refugee youth from low-income families; a summer camp reading program for elementary age children; and support for children, teens, and their families whose lives have been impacted by pediatric cancer.

During this year's grant cycle, 14 requests totaling over \$90,000 were received by the Club, according to 2021-22 Club President Dan Lacey. "I marveled at the ingenuity of our members to quickly revise old and proven fundraising projects in ways that maintained our corporate and community partnerships while permitting continued member participation without face-to-face interaction," Lacey said. "The result is that we've managed to sidestep Covid's limitations and continue our Club's century-old commitment to 'improving the lives of children one community at a time.'"