

# Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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Sunday, June 26, 2022

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## From the Secretary's Desk

May is Membership Month, but what does that really mean?

First and foremost, membership recruitment should be top of mind in each club throughout the year, not just in May. However, May is a month without much District or International level activity, so clubs are encouraged to take the time to come together and develop their recruitment strategies for the remainder of the Kiwanis year.

Here are a few suggestions to consider:

- The **Two for Two** plan that was recently released (available here) is a proven step by step action plan based on activities by a Kiwanis Club that was committed to grow. The plan can be implemented by a club of just about any size. And while completing 12 months of the plan will be part of the distinguished club criteria next year, now is a great time to gain the commitment of members to participate, and even conduct a few trial runs.
- Most clubs host an open house either in September or October. With the move to pro-rated International and District dues, if your club is able to, consider hosting an open house over the summer. But maybe make it a family-friendly event with a service project component. It could be a park picnic, beach party, tailgate, etc. with a cleanup/beautification, games/entertainment, fun run/exercise activity. Just have a little time for adults to learn a bit about Kiwanis, and make it fun!
- Membership Month should also be about showing appreciation to and recognition of our dedicated Kiwanians. Again, this should be done regularly by club leaders, but maybe make a concerted effort to do something extra special. A happy Kiwanian will want to invite others to join in on the fun of serving together.

Do you have a Membership Moment? Something that sparked your interest in being a Kiwanian? Or reinvigorated your passion for service? Share it with us here and we will post on our #MembershipMoments campaign running on Instagram and Facebook throughout the month.

## District Secretary

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



## SpOT 2022 for Circle K

While Spring Officers Training (SpOT) works on training new Circle K officers, it is a great event for any member. Our main goal is to help you all be the best you can be, and help your clubs through developing your skills and leadership.

SpOT is also our first event for the 2022-2023 service year, so it serves as a great opportunity to see all your fellow Circle K members before heading off for the summer and prepare for the new year. While we will work with you all as a group, the event also takes time to focus on each club, as we offer you time to see how your club is doing and what you can continue to improve upon.

**Event Details:** *Date:* **May 21st, 2022** from **9am to Noon**  
*Location:* **VIRTUAL** via Zoom. The event password will be emailed out to registered attendees at the close of registration. **Registration** opens April 1st. **Registration Deadline: Monday, May 16th at 7pm ET.** If you are elected as a district officer or club officer, you must attend this training. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#).

## 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**

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## Planning for Tomorrow

What will your club do if its treasurer resigns tomorrow? Who has access to the clubs checking account and savings account? Where are bills sent? Who has the club's credit card?

Have you thought about what will happen if your long-time club secretary can no longer fulfill the required duties? The club secretary not only takes notes at meetings, but the club secretary is also the primary point of contact for the District

and Kiwanis International; maintains the clubs records and ensures that membership data is accurate and up to date. Is there someone else who can step in?

What about a committee chair, your Service Leadership Program Advisor, service project leader, chief fundraiser? What will your club do if one of these key volunteers is on longer available?

Every successful organization, whether it's a Fortune 500 company or a service club, has a succession plan. A succession plan outlines who will take over what duties, who has the storage locker keys and computer passwords, if an individual is unable to continue in their role with the organization.

A succession plan doesn't need to be an encyclopedia. But it should contain the information needed to continue serving our communities with minimal disruption. Here are just some of the simple steps every club should take:

- ◆ Appoint an assistant club Secretary and assistant club Treasurer, and make sure they are trained and ready to take over if needed.
- ◆ Make sure that there are at least two individuals with access to the club's checking, savings, and other accounts. Be sure to review this information annually to make sure that those individuals are still available and able to act on the club's behalf.
- ◆ Make sure that there is a club member that is willing to step in for the Club's Service Leadership Program Advisor.
- ◆ Work with your Service Leadership Program club's Faculty Advisor and the school system to make sure there is someone to take over that role.
- ◆ Outline the steps for conducting your service projects and fundraisers, including contact information and roles and responsibilities of volunteers.
- ◆ Document the usernames and passwords needed to access social media accounts or edit the club's webpage and share the information with the club secretary or president.

I know this seems like a lot to do; a lot of information that needs to be documented. But it needs to be done. I know the consequences of not having a succession plan firsthand. My club recently lost a long-time member who was responsible for our primary fundraiser. It took us several months to gather the information we needed to understand most of the tasks involved with running the operation and over a year later we are still learning how to keep things running smoothly.

There's no time like now, as we elect our officers and board members to serve during the coming Kiwanis year, to begin succession planning. It will be worth the effort.

## New Sign Welcomes Seniors

Beach Park Tower , a 150 unit facility for low income seniors in Avon Lake recently underwent a million dollar renovation, including a new sign welcoming residents and guests.

The Kiwanis Club of Avon Lake was instrumental in the construction of the building in the late 70's to provide safe and appropriate housing. Avon Lake Greater Years, a non-profit corporation which owns controlling interest requires at least 5 of the nine directors to be members of the Avon Lake Kiwanis Club.





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### **Club Leadership Education**

Kiwanis International is planning to offer virtual Club Leadership Education (CLE) sessions the week of August 1 for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Committee Chairs. Kiwanis International will provide more information on these sessions at the end of June.

The Ohio district is offering Certified Leadership Education for all club officers via zoom on the dates and times listed below. All the sessions are about three and half hours in length. We will also offer one

in-person Certified Leadership Education session on the Friday of District Convention. Watch our [website](#) and the June Buckeye Bulletin for registration links.

We will also be adding some special District specific information sessions after the Kiwanis International sessions take place in early August towards the end of August and early September for those officers that attend the Kiwanis International sessions.

**Monday, June 20 6:00 pm** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders – Zoom Registration now available

**Thursday, June 23 12:00 pm** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders – Zoom Registration available soon

**Saturday, June 25 9:00 am** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders – Zoom Registration available soon

**Saturday, July 9 9:00 am** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders – Zoom Registration available soon

**Tuesday, July 12 6:00 pm** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders – Zoom Registration available soon

**Wednesday, July 13 6:00 pm** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders – Zoom Registration available soon

**Sunday, July 31 1:00 pm** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders – Zoom Registration available soon

**Friday, August 12 1:30 pm** Certified Leadership Education for all Club Leaders (in-person at Wooster Campus Conference Center, The Ohio State University, CFAES Wooster Campus, 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster OH 44691) – Registration available soon

Leadership Guides for Club officers were distributed to clubs in attendance at the 2022 Mid-Year Education Day, with Lt. Governor’s distributing to clubs not in attendance. If you have not received your printed copies, please contact your Lt. Governor. You can download [a digital copy here](#).

### **Certified Instructors Wanted!**

Every October, Kiwanis begins the year with a new slate of club officers, and it requires a team to prepare these club officers for their positions. And that’s why we’re looking for the best and brightest certified instructors to educate and prepare them for success. If you are interested in learning more about this position and the requirements, please review the information on our website and you can apply. [Click here](#).



### **Westlake Club “Re-Plays” so Kids Can Play**

The Kiwanis Club of Westlake had a busy evening adapting children’s toys so tots with developmental disabilities may also play. The toys are taken apart and rewired with a connector switch allowing the toy to be operated by touching the toy with the side of their head or by blowing into a tube.

In addition, the club assembled kits so school students can learn to rewire toys as part of a STEM learning project. The Kiwanis Club plans on doing this project four times a year.

## Partnerships

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## Kiwanis Helping Refugees

It is no secret that we live in uncertain times. Wars, major weather events and other catastrophes are happening in our world. People find themselves displaced – sometimes permanently. But Kiwanis is and can continue to be a force for good when it comes to helping with refugees in our communities.

Kiwanis International partners have taken leading roles in helping refugees. For example, UNICEF, a Kiwanis partner with whom we joined forces to raise \$110 million to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the world, is actively involved in assisting refugees around the world, including those whose lives have been completely disrupted by the war in Ukraine. For more information on their efforts and how you can help, go to [Crisis in Ukraine | UNICEF USA](#)

Another Kiwanis International partner, the National League of Cities states on its web site that it recently passed a Board resolution in support of the local government officials in Ukraine who are currently mounting a defense against the military assault of the Russian government. You can learn more about the NLC's recommended steps to help by going to [How Local Leaders Can Support Ukraine - National League of Cities \(nlc.org\)](#)

A third Kiwanis International partner, Hilton Hotels, offers free accommodation to Ukrainians. Hilton and American Express, in partnership with Hilton's ownership community, are teaming up to donate up to one million hotel room nights in hotels across Europe to support Ukrainian refugees fleeing horrific violence in their country. You can learn more about this here. [Hilton, American Express To Provide up to 1 Million Rooms To Support Ukrainian Refugees | Hilton Press Center](#)

Not only are Kiwanis International partners aiding refugees, but Kiwanis Clubs are also directly involved. Five Kiwanis Clubs in Greater Toronto helped with Syrian refugees. An article in the March 2020 Kiwanis Magazine (beginning on page 42) talked about their efforts. You can read about it here. [ki-0320.pdf \(kiwanis.org\)](#) The Kiwanis Club of Allen, Texas, is helping Ukrainian refugees by purchasing Kids Against Hunger meals as well local food for distribution to the refugees in Poland. You can donate to their efforts by going here. [Help Ukrainian Refugees | The Kiwanis Club of Allen, Texas \(allenkilwanis.org\)](#)

So, what can you do? You can financially support organizations you trust that are already set up to assist refugees. If you want to do more, you can start helping in your local community. Reach out to refugee communities in your area. Local officials should be able to help you make contact. Ask them how your club can help. You may find it is better to partner with another organization than start a separate program. Determine your desired level of involvement. Finally, start today. The need is great, and Kiwanis Clubs can provide support.



**WE'RE MOVING!**

**Grand Opening Party**

Sat May 14th 12-4pm

**Kiwanis**  
OHIO DISTRICT

Food and beverages!  
Special souvenir!  
Door prizes!

\$25 per person

**941 CHATHAM LANE, SUITE 226,  
COLUMBUS, OH 43221**

## Come join us for our office re-opening!

The office relocated into a larger suite within the 941 Chatham Lane building and we are pleased to unveil our new space which will have space for committee meetings, and a "guest office" space.

We have some fabulous Kiwanis Family archival materials on display, from personal and district collections.

We will also be unveiling our "Giving Tree" for sponsors of the Ohio District Kiwanis Office.

Register now to join us since space is limited, proceeds will help purchase new and updated office and event equipment.

Registration and sponsorship information can be found at <https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/district-office-events/>

Hope to see you there!

# Gov. Craig Smith Welcomes the St. Joseph Montessori School K-Kids

-Jennifer Lewis, K-Kids Administrator

St. Joseph Montessori School and the Short North Kiwanis Club held a Charter Party Celebration for their New Kiwanis Kids (K-Kids) Club on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6 PM. Parents, students and Kiwanians came together in the school gymnasium for the big event. The Kiwanis Club provided a program with cookies and refreshments. A power-point presentation promoting Kiwanis International, the District, Club and SLPs was projected on the front stage next to the podium. Kiwanis Club President Mary Beth Cowardin and Head of School Brenda Huth gave enthusiastic opening remarks. Ohio Kiwanis Governor Craig Smith, Div. 10W Lt. Gov. Mark Garland, K-Kids Administrator Jennifer Lewis and Short North and their Sponsoring Kiwanis Club members attended the event. Gov. Smith and Jennifer Lewis spoke about Kiwanis and K-Kids and presented the sponsoring Kiwanis Club and school a Distinguished Service Award for chartering the new club and their service this year. (The Kiwanis club and school made blankets and collected supplies for the MidYear Education Day service project, earning the Short North Club an award for the largest donation.)

The Faculty Advisor Jennifer Castaneda inducted the new members and Gov. Craig, Jennifer and Mark helped present the certificates, pins and K-Kids pencils. Ms. Castaneda installed the new officers and Vice President Brian Weibel, Master of Ceremonies, presented the club gavel to the Charter President. The four Charter Club officers prepared speeches and confidently addressed the room from the podium on stage. Ms. Castaneda and Ms. Huth expressed their gratitude to the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring the club and committed their support for the K-Kids club's future success with the help of the students and parents present. The parents, staff and Kiwanis members showed their support by attending and hosting the formal



**Mary Beth Cowardin, President of the Kiwanis Club of Short North and Governor Craig Smith present certificates to new K-Kids members.**

## Heritage Elementary School K-Kids Club Wins District Contest



**Submitted by Jennifer Lewis, Kiwanis Kids Administrator**

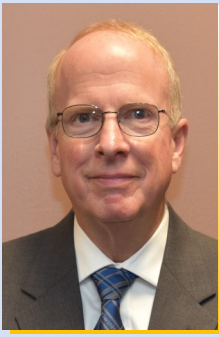
Sponsored by Lima Kiwanis Club, the Heritage Elementary School K-Kids Club won the Ohio District 2020-21 T-Shirt Design Contest. **Crystal Miller** (shown in center), a music teacher and Distinguished Faculty Advisor attended Mid-Year Educ Day to share her perspective and experience during the K-Kids session. We surprised her with the award announcement, certificate award and a \$100 gift card to Meijer's for their First Place design. The presentation took place during the K-Kids and Builder's Club educational session at Mid-Year on March 19, 2022. (Shown in photograph with Crystal is Ohio

District K-Kids Administrator Jennifer Lewis and Distinguished K-Kids Kiwanis Advisor, LTG Div. 2 and Builder's Club Co-Admin. Robert (Bob) Day Jr. from Lima Kiwanis Club.

**Reminder Upcoming K-Kids Recognition and Awards Deadlines:** Submit nominations for Distinguished K-Kids Club Officer and Advisor online by May 1. Complete the Annual Achievement Report online by June 10 for Distinguished and Honor Club Awards. Details for both at [Kiwaniskids.org](https://www.kiwaniskids.org) [Awards and Recognition](#). Submissions for the Ohio K-Kids T-Shirt Design and Video Contests by Sept. 30. Details on the District website. [K-Kids Contests](#)







**District Service Chair**

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## Summer Slide and Your Kiwanis Club

“Summer Slide” is a term given to the situation that occurs when students lose some of the achievement gains made during the previous school year. At best, the students don’t continue their academic progress. Summer slide happens during the approximately twelve-week summer when traditional-calendar schools are not in session. This is a significant problem that affects a high percentage of young people, particularly those from lower income families in the upper grades.

How can your Kiwanis Club help? There are some avenues your Kiwanis club can explore to help alleviate the problem, including:

- 1.) Contact administrators in your local school districts and offer your club members’ volunteer services. Most school districts operate summer reading and math programs for all grade levels. There are often volunteer opportunities for a Kiwanis club to partner with the schools to fill the need. These are not high-stress roles and are a great opportunity for your Kiwanis club to provide community service. It is, also, very rewarding to Kiwanians to watch the young people progress.
- 2.) Contact local literacy centers. Many communities support privately-funded literacy centers that frequently need volunteer tutors to read with clients. There is a heightened need for help during the summer. If volunteer tutoring isn’t something your club wants to tackle, consider donating books and/or circulated, reading book backpacks.
- 3.) Support summer enrichment programs. Many schools, churches, “Y”s, and community centers offer summer enrichment programs in many different subjects, not just in reading and math. Frequently, classes are offered to learn foreign languages, cooking, chess, art techniques, gardening, leadership skills, archaeology, puzzles, science, sports, music, insects, and musical theater. Researchers have found that keeping children engaged mentally can help to slow or even reverse summer learning loss. Individual student and course sponsoring opportunities are often available.
- 4.) Sponsor children to summer Day Camps. There are numerous summer day camps available throughout Ohio. Many are hosted by colleges and universities, and encompass challenging curricula for middle and upper grade students. Contact local school counselors to see if they are aware of students who may be attending summer programs and are in need of financial support. Consider sponsoring a Kiwanis scholarship program through a local college or university.

Scholastic, Inc., is a partner with Kiwanis and offers many programs that can help your club support area students during the summer and throughout the school year. Using your computer’s/phone’s search engine, search for “Kiwanis Scholastic” and you will reach a Scholastic page on the Kiwanis (kiwanis.org) website. That page includes multiple links to programs offered by Scholastic. The Scholastic website (scholastic.com) includes an extensive section of books and other materials available to parents (and non-teachers). Great resources for your club’s project.



Community service looks different for every Kiwanis club, but all projects fill needs identified through a collaboration between Kiwanians and target organizations. Summer slide could be a unique issue for your Kiwanis club to tackle.

***It’s that time again!*** Clubs should be planning and holding club elections. Key Club, Circle K and Kiwanis Clubs election reports are due by June 1st. Even if your club has multiple year terms or if you are not changing officers—they must be reported via the secretary dashboard.

*If you are having issues with the secretary dashboard, please contact Sarah at the district office at 614-848-5000 or info@ohiokiwanis.org and she will help update the election data for your club.*

*We currently have 4 clubs out of 204 who have submitted election results for the 2022-23 year, lets try for 100% before June 1st!*



**Key Leader**  
**Brian and Kelly Shaffer**  
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## Spring 2022 Key Leader Recap

18 students enjoyed a snowy April weekend of servant leadership development under the unique and enthusiastic guidance of Mic Platt. Mic came from Virginia to share his take on the Key Leader curriculum with our students who came from all over Ohio to try out their own leadership skills and meet new people.

Mic enjoyed the snow a lot more than the rest of the campers did. Students had opportunities to try out all sorts of leadership skills with their high-five buddies and other new friends. All 18 students were able to get to know one another and really enjoyed the team building activities. Ohio Key Leader also enjoyed the use of Recreation Unlimited's brand new Greif Retreat House and stayed up late playing games and chatting with new friends and catching up with old friends on Friday evening. On Saturday evening, campers had a fun social with more games, snacks, and relaxing together. Despite the cold weather, a great time was had by all.

For those who missed this fun servant leadership education weekend, the next Key Leader event will be November 11-13, 2022 at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio. Please contact [ohiokeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:ohiokeyleader@gmail.com) or take a look at [www.ohiokiwani.org/key-leader](http://www.ohiokiwani.org/key-leader) for information.

**The new address for the Ohio District Kiwanis Office will be:**

**Ohio District of Kiwanis/Key Club/Circle K/Aktion Club/Builders Club/K-Kids**

**941 Chatham Lane**

**Suite 226**

**Columbus, Ohio 43221**

**Telephone numbers and emails will remain the same**

### ***Congratulations to the Follow Divisions Showing Membership Growth in April***

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 April under the leadership and encouragement of their Division Lt. Governor.

|                |                                 |             |                                |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Division 1-S   | Lt. Governor Jason Miller       | Division 13 | Lt. Governor Stanley Wojdyla   |
| Division 3     | Lt. Governor Donn Craig         | Division 14 | Lt. Governor Anne Cornelius    |
| Division 4     | Lt. Governor Larry Hudson       | Division 15 | Lt. Governor position vacant   |
| Division 5     | Lt. Governor Sam Slater         | Division 16 | Lt. Governor Ronald Hyre       |
| Division 6 & 7 | Lt. Governor position vacant    | Division 17 | Lt. Governor Thomas Stahlheber |
| Division 8     | Lt. Governor Judy Raub          | Division 18 | Lt. Governor Robert Moon       |
| Division 9     | Lt. Governor Carolyn Ault       | Division 22 | Lt. Governor Gary Stumpf       |
| Division 11N   | Lt. Governor Jeanette Carpenter | Division 26 | Lt. Governor Paulette Edington |
| Division 11S   | Lt. Governor Manoj Sharma       |             |                                |

*Overall, the Ohio District had a net gain of 58 members in March and a net gain of 251 year to date.*





## Kiwanis Brings Christmas Joy to Beloved Park

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Coldwater Memorial Park each summer is abuzz with laughter as families swim in the community pool and socialize at ball diamonds and playgrounds.

But as the temperature drops each fall, the town's 1-square-mile park becomes deserted except for the occasional squirrel.

That all changed during the 2021 Christmas season.

### How it all started

Coldwater Kiwanians in 2020 discussed ways the organization could give back to the community. One suggestion was to

decorate the park for Christmas/ Kiwanis members Nancy Hartke and Molly Hay were immediately on board. They felt the park had much to offer long after the summer months ended. The retired educators offered to chair the event.

### Community happily jumps on board

Hartke and Hay met multiple times with each other and eventually with other community members to lay the ground work for "Christmas at Memorial Park."

"It truly was a community project!" Hartke said. "So many volunteers worked together to help the idea become a reality."

The response to the public announcement in January 2021 was overwhelming, they said. Individuals, groups and businesses were quick to volunteer time, resources and funds to the Christmas project.

"Nancy and I worked well together but we couldn't have done it without all the different committees, town and business support and the many volunteers," Hay said. "We appreciated help from the entire Kiwanis family including K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club and Aktion Club, and Kiwanis International for donating shirts and sending a photographer."

Committees were formed a flurry of fun activities were scheduled for the first two weekends in December.

### Christmas fun for everyone

Approximately 2,000 people attended the kick-off December 3 featuring a Christmas parade and "Flip the Switch" lighting event. Students from the local school's FFA class drove decorated farm equipment in the parade. Other entries included golf carts with strings of lights and one very large, inflatable Grinch.

The walk-through display in the park featured a 200-foot lighted tunnel guarded by life-sized toy soldiers. Walking snowmen, gingerbread, and other holiday characters greeted visitors and posed for photo opps.

The back-to-back weekends included pony rides, ice skating, a Santa village and a dreamy winter wonderland scene at the amphitheater. Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted children in Santa's village at the gazebo.

A special Kids Day was held, and prizes awarded. Totally Promotional donated many of the prizes and provided banners to thank event sponsors.

Families and businesses participated in the Christmas card walk, and young students decorated ornaments for trees in the park. Everyone enjoyed free cookies and cocoa at the Coldwater Kiwanis trailer.

"One young man found the park so mesmerizing that he proposed to his girlfriend during the holidays." Hartke explained. "A Hallmark moment for sure!"

Many people were found dancing on the winter wonderland stage as they basked in the Christmas spirit she said.

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## The Psychological Toll of Weather Disasters

Spring is the season many of us can't wait to see during the long cold months in Ohio. As the cold winds and bare trees of winter start to give way to lush green landscape of summer, the skies often fill with angry clouds and destructive winds and rain. Violent tornadoes and flash floods endanger life and property.

When lives are lost to extreme weather, we honor and mourn the dead. When homes and businesses are damaged or destroyed, we can add up the cost and rebuild. The emotional cost survivors pay is harder to quantify, but no less real.

People react to these disaster-related emotional traumas in a variety of ways. Mental health professionals identify some typical reactions: nightmares, trouble concentrating or remembering things, feelings of withdrawal and disconnection, feelings of anger and irritability among them.

Physical symptoms can follow, including headaches, digestive problems, muscle aches and more.

How will you react if you're displaced by a flood, tornado or other extreme weather event? The best predictor is how you've reacted to other emotional traumas in the past. Everyone has a different history.

What should you do if you're caught up in a disaster? Turn to the coping methods you've used in the past – beginning with finding strength in connecting with people you know and trust. Consider members of your family, trusted friends, a favorite teacher or member of the clergy.

It's also important to keep an eye on others you know who are suffering the emotional toll of a disaster. How are they coping? Talking can help – and when the reaction to trauma persists, in you or others, it's time to seek a mental health professional for further assistance.

Here's hoping Ohio springtime is gentle with us, so we don't suffer the harms outlined above.

In the meantime, please consider contributing to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund. Learn more at [odkf.org](http://odkf.org) on the Governor's Project page. As Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Craig Smith reminds us, "Never Underestimate the Impact of a Disaster."

**Support the Governor's Project at [odkf.org](http://odkf.org). For more details on how to cope with the emotional aftermath of a disaster, consult this informative brochure:**

[https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/home/disaster/Sandy/Flood\\_Brochure.pdf](https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/home/disaster/Sandy/Flood_Brochure.pdf)



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### **Coldwater Park cont.**

Hartke and Hay thank the residents of Coldwater and the surrounding communities for their support, words of appreciation and the respect for the park. Plans for Christmas at Memorial Park 2022 are already in the works, they said.

"Next year, we hope to have more lights, a bigger parade and new activities for families and young children." Hartke said.

Stay updated on the 2022 event following Christmas at Memorial Park on Facebook.



L to R. Molly Hay and Nancy Hartke

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**The Kiwanis year has passed the halfway mark** but there is still plenty of time to get out and enjoy fellowship with other clubs! The spring and summer seasons bring great opportunities to visit another club's meeting, fundraiser or community event. Interclub is the easiest way for Kiwanians to meet, socialize and exchange ideas. Your club receives credit for an Interclub by attending another club's meeting in person (virtually), by attending Ohio District Convention or the International Convention, which this year is a stone's throw away in Indianapolis. What better way to meet future leaders of Kiwanis then by spending an hour with Key Club, Builders Club

or K-Kids. Aktion Club members across Ohio are doing great things in their communities. Pop into one of their meetings and I guarantee you will leave with a smile on your face and an appreciation for all that they do. If you are not sure what events are taking place, checkout The Buckeye Bulletin for updates on upcoming events for clubs that submit the information.

Interclub can lead to fresh ideas for your club but most importantly it can lead to new friendships and a renewed vigor for Kiwanis!

**Definition of Interclub, following the format established by the Ohio Kiwanis District:**

Clubs with 20 members or less need 2 members to attend a meeting, to qualify for credit\*

Clubs with 30 members or less need 3 members to attend for credit

Clubs with 40 members or more need 4 members to attend for credit

**\* There must be a host club and there must be a business, education, service or social aspect to the meeting or event.**

**Here is how interclub credit works. One point for each category:**

"Round Robin" visit every club in your division

Visit one division council meeting

Attend Mid-Year Education

Attend Ohio District Convention

Attend International Convention

Visit a club meeting outside your division

Visit your club's SLP twice

Visit a club outside your district

**Patch Pride:**

In addition to gaining knowledge for your club, you'll earn recognition:

Gold is 8 points; Silver is 6 points; Blue is 4 points; Certificates are 2 points.

**You May Already Be a Winner!  
(Part II)**

Four Kiwanians will receive FREE registration to the Ohio District Convention in August 2022. There are three ways to win this valuable prize:

The KIWANIAN that sponsored the most new members between October 1, 2021, and June 15, 2022, will receive Free Registration to the District Convention. Ties will be decided by a random drawing.

For the CLUB that added the most members between October 1, 2021, and June 15, 2022, free Registration awarded to the club President. Ties will be decided by a random drawing.

Anyone who sponsors a new member during the month of May will be entered into a drawing for a Free Registration to DCON. TWO winners will be selected. If you sponsor one new member, you will have one chance to win; sponsor two and get two chances to win. Winners will be drawn at random

Winners will be notified by email.

Additional contest rules: The free registration is not transferable. Sponsors' name must be listed on new member documentation with Kiwanis International. Winners of free registration to March's Mid-Year Education Day are not eligible to win a second free registration. You need not be present to win.



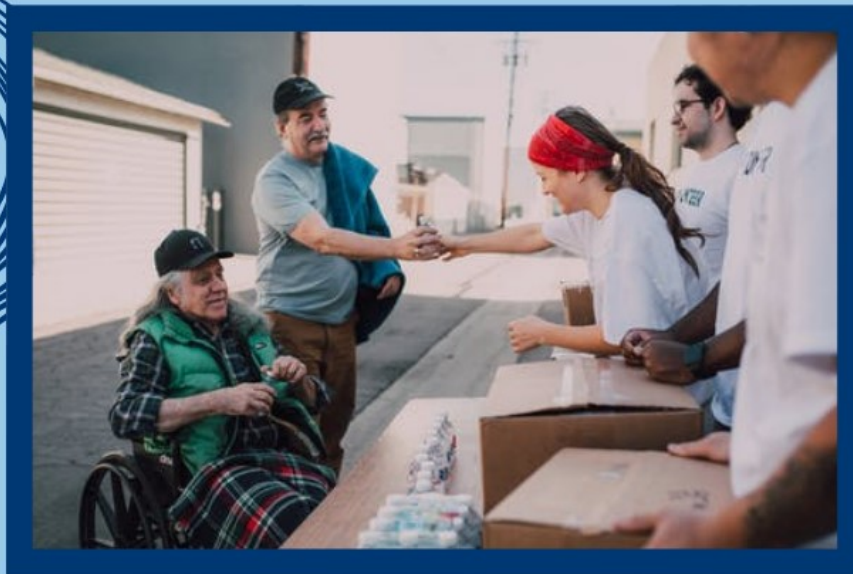


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## OHIO DISTRICT



# Membership Moments



Interested in sharing your Kiwanis Membership Moment for an upcoming social media campaign?

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

**Does your club have a paid subscription to PortalBuzz? If so, please read!**

Unfortunately Kiwanis and Portalbuzz have been unable to reach an agreement allowing for the continues secure integration of our systems. Because of this, upon the move to Kiwanis Engage/Salesforce (late summer/early fall 2022) Portalbuzz subscribers' sites will no longer pull data from the Kiwanis database. Portalbuzz will be communicating this to their customers at a future date but has committed to supporting the integration up to that time.

More official communication will be forthcoming to those affected clubs. Additionally, training on use of the new Kiwanis Engage/Salesforce will occur late summer for clubs that will utilize it moving forward.

## Young Children Priority One

Sarah Roush

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## Spring and Summer Safety Reminders.

At long last it looks like spring and soon, summer is finally here. Families will be outside enjoying the fine weather with recreational activities and sprucing up their homes and yards. It has long been touted that gardening is an excellent means of boosting both mental and physical health. Soil microbes improve your immune system and sunshine helps boost vitamin d. What is rarely brought up, are the dangers which yard work can

present to children.

It isn't because adults don't care about the perils of working outside, it's more of an *assumption* that nothing is going to happen, or children will "know better." This often has devastating results.

Obviously, chemicals used on the garden can be of concern, herbicides and pesticides improperly stored or used can create devastating results. Recent research has shown that even low levels of pesticide poisoning can impact young children's neurological and behavioral development. Evidence shows a link between pesticides and neonatal reflexes, psychomotor and mental development, and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Certain plants are also toxic, especially Foxglove, Lily of the Valley, Bluebells, Hydrangea, Oleander and several types of lilies. Several of these plants can have a direct impact on the heart, especially Foxglove and Oleander and could prove fatal. Young children need to be closely watched to ensure they do not ingest any of these lovely, lethal blossoms.

Were you aware that each year, over 9,400 children are harmed via lawn mowers? Lawn mowers accidents account for 16% of all traumatic amputations for children under the age of 18. Children under the age of five are more likely to suffer fatalities from being ran over, backed over or falling off a lawn mower. Parents should never allow a young child to "ride shotgun" on a lawn mower, these machines are not recreational vehicles and treating them so only courts tragedy.

As children age and approach the responsibilities of mowing grass, the American Pediatric Association has established a set of recommendations for safety which include wearing safety goggles or eyeglasses and closed toe shoes when using lawn equipment. I would add the use of earmuffs to protect hearing as well.

Several years ago, I saw an eye-popping display of what can happen when a mower blade hits an object. I heard the distinct "chunk" of something being whacked and saw something go flying out the discharge cover. I walked over to our fence and saw a toy car embedded halfway into the new oak post. If a toy can be driven into something this solid- what do you think a rock, toy, branch or dog bone could do to a person? The soft tissue damage could be fatal and the possibility of losing eyesight needs to be considered as well. We must make certain our children (or pets) are not in the path of a lawn equipment when it is in use.

We want families to enjoy the great outdoors together, we just need to ensure steps are taken to remind parents of common-sense perils which need to be considered.

Gardening centers and retail facilities which sell yard equipment and gardening materials would benefit to have flyers with gentle "reminders" to distribute to customers. Libraries could make these available in their community engagement centers. Kiwanis Clubs could challenge their K-Kids and Builders Clubs to create posters to promote yard safety for a public service promotion with the local health department.

Let's all work together to make certain our children are safe at home.

# AVOID MOWER MISHAPS

## Keep your yard SAFER with riding mower guidelines

- Use Only as Directed**  
Do not operate machine without the entire grass catcher, discharge guard and other safety devices in place and working.
- Adults Only**  
Only allow adults familiar with the instructions to operate the machine.
- No Passengers Allowed**  
Never carry passengers, especially children!
- No Spectators Allowed**  
Make sure the area is clear of objects and bystanders – especially young children. Turn the machine off if a child enters the area.
- Back Up Carefully**  
Do not back the mower unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Use Extra Caution on Slopes**  
Mow up and down slopes, not across. If you can't back up the slope or you feel uneasy on it, don't mow on it.

NSN NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY NETWORK  
A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING





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!*

| <b>Name</b>          | <b>Club</b>      | <b>Name</b>        | <b>Club</b>            |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Trevor Bischoff      | Harrison         | Sean Kilbane       | Strongsville Area      |
| Brendon Cunningham   | London           | Marie Edelbauer    | Middleburg Heights     |
| Logan Pickens        | London           | Susan Romer        | Mason                  |
| Marsha Clady         | Bucyrus          | Dianna Knudson     | Mason                  |
| Tom Grace            | Bucyrus          | Paul Robinson      | South Metro            |
| Craig Orewiler       | Bucyrus          | Mark Thompson      | Milford                |
| Kirsten Murdock      | Kirtland         | Dessie Craig       | Zanesville             |
| Vance Tope           | Lancaster        | Jack Downs         | Zanesville             |
| Eric Riekert         | Lebanon          | Kevin Blackstone   | Granville              |
| Ryan Schindler       | Bryan            | Michael Oakes      | Wooster                |
| Nancy Jerkes         | Northridge       | Whitney Crabtree   | Lucasville             |
| Christina Estes      | Avon Lake        | Whitney Berryman   | Lucasville             |
| Rich Neff            | Lakewood         | Tabatha Howard     | Lucasville             |
| Tess Neff            | Lakewood         | Ginny Dyer         | Portsmouth             |
| Gregory Beckman      | Ottawa           | Marlo Ridout       | Portsmouth             |
| Michael Clutter      | East Liverpool   | Gloria Riley Smith | Piqua                  |
| Gino Dinnocente      | East Liverpool   | Joan Elaine        | Russellville           |
| Christina Shaw       | East Liverpool   | Carly Hart         | Dover-New Philadelphia |
| David Hatfield       | East Fork Region | Mauren Kiley       | Russellville           |
| Daniel Ottke         | East Fork Region | Michael Hunter     | Russellville           |
| Lisa Davis           | East Fork Region | Marty Fagans       | Springfield            |
| Penny Russell        | Springfield      | Jill Glauber       | Cleveland              |
| Lori Delaney         | Springfield      | Ronald Welch       | Magic City, Baberton   |
| Joe Jackson          | Kirtland         | Garold Kuebler     | Magic City, Barberton  |
| Amber Ramsey         | East Fork Region | William Ropp       | Mansfield              |
| Angela Stanton       | East Fork Region | Nick Childs        | Mansfield              |
| Eric Hueve           | Ottawa           | Davida Frick       | Bowling Green          |
| Mary Ann Anderson    | Coshocton        | Don Misich         | West Geauga            |
| Wesley Shook         | Coshocton        | Jonathan Broadbent | West Geauga            |
| Bart Wells           | Springfield      | Jay Laubenthal     | Ottawa                 |
| Rev. Kevin Schueller | Springfield      | Brian Zimmerman    | Troy                   |
| Katie Jackson        | Coshocton        | Charles Stone      | Middletown             |
| Cody Gray            | Coshocton        |                    |                        |
| Nicholas Johnson     | Coshocton        |                    |                        |
| John Strasser        | Coshocton        |                    |                        |
| Joan Lefeld          | Coldwater        |                    |                        |
| Brian Hassan         | Findlay          |                    |                        |
| Eric Wilkins         | Findlay          |                    |                        |
| Andrew Derck         | Findlay          |                    |                        |
| Megan Presley        | Steubenville     |                    |                        |



**Archbishop Hoban High School Key Club,**  
Chartered on 3/11/2022 with 29 members. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of West Akron.



# 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.

**39th Annual Mason Kiwanis Club Classic. May 11, 2022** lunch starting at 11:45 AM at the City of Mason Golf Center. Registration is now available for golfers and sponsors and must be complete with payment received by May 4. Registration can be found at [www.masonkiwanis.org/golf](http://www.masonkiwanis.org/golf). Contact [Sam Slater](#) for additional information

**Spaghetti Dinner with Magic City of Barberton: May 13, 2022**, starting at 4:00 PM at the Prince of Peace Church Hall. Barberton Firefighters cook a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser for the Ester Ryan Show Fund. Meat or meatless sauce, carry out \$8.00 for adults, \$5 for children ten and under. Basket Raffle. Proceeds will prove shoes for income qualified Barberton School Children. For additional information, contact [Elizabeth Wilson](#).

**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](http://Sanduskykiwanis.org) or call Tony Cummings at 419-625-1894. Sponsorships also available.

**Annual Trivia Night! May 20, 2022** with **Kiwanis Club of Stow Munroe Falls**. Evening of fun and community for all. Contact [Tom Stephan](#) for details.

**Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region Shoe Drive, now until June 3rd**. Collecting gently worn used shoes and new shoes to raise funds to support their community projects. Collection information is available via their [FaceBook Page](#) or by calling Beth Snow, Show Drive Coordinator: 513-259-9733.

**West Akron Kiwanis 4 person team golf scramble** at Good Park in Akron. **May 27, 2022**. 10:00 AM shotgun start, \$100 per player. Signup deadline is May 20. Contact [Mike Marks](#) regarding registration and hole sponsorship.

**Springfield Kiwanis Jazz and Blues music festival: August 19-20** in downtown Springfield. Sixteen national, regional and local jazz and blues artists will be converging onto the Springfield scene for what will be the coolest free event to hit the Miami Valley in years. Featuring the likes of the John Pizzarelli trio, vocal sensation Samara Joy, blues legend Marquis Knox, organ jazz virtuoso Bobby Floyd, and the incomparable Springfield Symphony Jazz Orchestra. <https://www.springfieldjazzbluesfest.com/>



## Berea Kiwanis Family Hosts Empty Bowl Event

Local Food pantries in Berea are appreciative that after a two year absence, the Kiwanis Family of Berea has once again organized an Empty Bowl event to benefit local food pantries.

The idea is simple, guests come to the meal to enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread and leave with a hand made ceramic bowl. The bowls are hand made by Berea City School art students as well as students from Baldwin Wallace University.

Patrons are nourished with comforting food and then take home a reminder that others are not so fortunate.

Members of the Community Aktion Club, Berea-Midpark Key Club and Baldwin Wallace Circle K assisted with serving the meals.

Eight different restaurants were involved with donating soup to the event, showing support to a great cause.

Over the past several years, the Kiwanis Club of Berea has been able to donate over \$10,000 to local food bank.

## Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Planning for 65th Annual Golf Outing

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer's 65th Annual Golf Outing. This year's event will once again be held at Raintree Golf and Event Center located at 4350 Mayfair Road, Uniontown, Ohio. Raintree is located just off I-77 between Akron and Canton. This year the event will take place on Thursday July 21, 2022 and participation is limited to the first 128 players to register and prepay. We will be taking precautions along with the course to abide by all social distancing and safety rules in effect at the time of the event. The fun will begin at 9:30am with a shotgun start and a scramble format of play. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org) under the golf event tab. Online registration will require credit card payment. To pay by check please print the appropriate registration or sponsorship form and mail it with payment to the address on the form. As in the past this year's event will feature various levels of prizes by age group and all female player teams.

The event continues to be sponsored by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation making a portion of the registration fee and sponsorship donations tax deductible. The net proceeds from the event will be used to help support the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation projects. As always this event is open to the entire Kiwanis family and all friends of Kiwanis.

The price of this year's event will be \$90.00 and includes golf, cart, dinner, and prizes. The registration deadline is July 14, 2022. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for our Foundation and its grants programs sponsorships will again be sold. Sponsorship levels are as follows; a hole sponsorship for \$100.00, a par sponsorship for \$250.00, and a birdie sponsorship for \$500.00. The hole sponsorship will get a professional sponsor sign on one hole with special recognition in the program and on the Foundation's website. The par sponsor will receive one sign on the course, special recognition in the program and on the website plus golf for two players. The birdie sponsor will receive two sponsorship signs on the course, special recognition in the program and on the website plus golf for four players. We are in need of strong support in sponsorships to help keep the tournament at the quality level everyone has come to expect and benefit the Foundation so please seek event sponsors from your club members and businesses you may know who would like to support this worthy cause.

Please mark you calendars and arrange now to take advantage of the great fun and fellowship that takes place at this event every year. The event is held rain or shine. No cancellations can be accepted after July 14, 2022. Please encourage your club to send one or more foursomes to this great District event. If you have any questions regarding the tournament please contact either Dave Kuhn (330) 730-6254 or Bill Flinta (330) 801-6225 or you may e-mail them at [golf@odkf.org](mailto:golf@odkf.org). Thanks for supporting this event and your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. We look forward to seeing everyone in July.



### The Westlake Kiwanis

held their spring pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Westlake Spring Fever 4 mile run. Despite chilly weather and a cosmetic coating of snow it was a great day. A good turnout of **Kiwanis, Key Clubbers, Builders Club** and the **Community Aktion Club** along members of the **Berea Kiwanis** made the event move smoothly.



(above) *The Westlake Kiwanis Club offered free books to the children attending the Westlake Spring Pancake Breakfast.*

(Right) *Kiwanis Family members hand water to runners of the West Lake Spring Fever 4 mile run.*



# Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Golf Outing

## Sponsorship Form

Each Sponsor will be listed in the official program and will have a sign on the golf course at the event. Please print name, as you want it to appear on the sign (limited to two lines):

\_\_\_\_\_

Call Bill Flinta

330-801-6225

\_\_\_\_\_

or Dave Kuhn

330-730-6254

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

to learn about

customized prize

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

sponsorship options.

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**A portion of your sponsorship may be tax deductible because the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is a 501c3 organization. Net proceeds will support Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation projects.**

**Make checks payable to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Deadline to sign up is July 7, 2022.**

**Indicate type of on Course Sponsorship :**

**Hole Sponsorship** at cost of \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(includes sign on one hole and recognition in program and on Foundation website)

**Par\* Sponsorship** at cost of \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(includes a sign on one hole, golf for two, and program and Foundation website recognition)

**Birdie\* Sponsorship** at cost of \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(includes a sign on a hole on each nine of course, golf for four, and program and Foundation website recognition)

**Eagle Sponsorship** for those who are interested in being a sponsor of our meal, goodie bag items, prizes, or other items related to the event. Contact Dave or Bill for cost to be a sponsor of any of these items.

Mail form and check to: The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, P.O. Box 1875, Stow, Ohio 44224

You may also register your sponsorship online at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org). Go to the Golf Outing Sponsor page on the website and click on the link to the sponsorship page. On this page you can select your level of sponsorship. All online payments will be by credit card through PaymentSpring.

\*For Par and Birdie sponsorships please also complete the registration form indicating the names of player(s) and leave the amount section blank, unless paying for additional players not included in the sponsorship. Please then return the registration form to Bill and Dave at [golf@odkf.org](mailto:golf@odkf.org) or by mail to the post office box address shown above.

All Golf event sponsors will also be recognized at the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation annual meeting.

Any questions please contact Bill or Dave at the numbers above or at [golf@odkf.org](mailto:golf@odkf.org).



Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation 65th Annual Golf Tournament

July 21, 2022 beginning at 9:30 am

Raintree Golf & Event Center 4350 Mayfair Road, Uniontown, OH 44685

Registration Form

Please use this official entry form to register by mail. You can also register online by going to our website at www.odkf.org and click on the Golf Outing tab and then click SIGN UP TODAY. Mail in registration forms must be accompanied with a check. Online registrations will only accept credit cards. Pre-registration with payment is required. Deadline for entry or cancellation is July 14, 2022. The event is limited to the first 128 prepaid registrations received. If you are also going to be a Birdie or Par sponsor in addition to completing the sponsorship form please also enter the golfer's names on this form and e-mail to Bill and Dave at golf@odkf.org or mail to the post office box address below by July 14, 2022.

Net event proceeds will benefit Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation projects. Since this event is sponsored by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation \$10.00 of each registration (if paid individually) will be tax deductible.

There will be prizes for senior teams with all players age 65 or over, for non-senior teams, and for all female teams. This is a co-ed event open to all Kiwanis Family members and friends. We encourage participation from all K-Family members. The registration fee includes golf, cart, dinner, and prizes.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter Golfer Information Here

Clubs entering more than one foursome please list the names according to the group in which they desire to play.

| Player's Names | 65 or over (yes/no) | Player's Names | 65 or over (yes/no) |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                |                     |                |                     |
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|                |                     |                |                     |

Event will be held rain or shine; sorry NO Refunds will be given.

\_\_\_\_\_ number of golfers at \$90.00 per golfer \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total golf charge)

Additional tax-deductible donation to Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed payment (should equal total of above 2 lines): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include this amount with your registration payment)

Make check payable to: Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

Send Registration form and check to: Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, P.O. Box 1875, Stow, OH 44224