

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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Need a reason to attend DCON '22 in Wooster?

We've got 10....

-Linda Brinkerhoff, Convention Chair

10) If you've never been to Wooster, and always wanted to go Now is the time!

9) Be a part of the delegation who will help make positive changes to the ODK Bylaws and cast <u>your</u> vote for the next Governor and Governor-Elect.

8) You miss seeing all your Kiwanis friends from DCON '21.

7) JOIN the FUN... Being on the local Ohio State campus, Friday night's dinner will feature delicious "Tailgate" food followed by music & games. Wear your favorite college-gear. You'll have chances to WIN prizes... even one of many gift baskets! Plus, test your Ohio State Trivia knowledge. YOUR \$15 TICKET INCLUDES IT ALL!



Now that's a great value for a great deal of food & fun!

6) Enjoy fun and photos all weekend. Plus you can have photo's with our special guest Friday night.... Buckeye Man! *Goooo Bucks*!

5) Your registration fee INCLUDES lunch on Saturday.

4) There's going to be a lot of informative education sessions to help your club grow and improve. Be inspired. Information is Key!



3) Meet and hear from our Special Guest Speaker and District Counselor from France....

`ELIANE OTT-SCHEFFER

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Kiwanis International Trustee

2) Join Governor Craig Smith for his "Homecoming" themed Saturday night banquet. In keeping with the theme, we'll crown a King & Queen. You'll want to be a part of selecting these honorees!

1) You'll want to be there... It's the ODK Party of the Year!



Club Secretaries and District Leaders should be on the look out for the annual *Call to Convention* which will be arriving in mailboxes soon. Information regarding event sponsorship, display table reservations, delegate forms, registration and in memoriam will all be available at **www.ohiokiwanis.org** by June 13.

June 2022

From the Secretary's Desk

Last month I had the opportunity to tag along with my District Secretary fiance, Jennifer, to an annual conference for the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine, held in New Orleans, LA. I Jim Janosik like to join her for these events as the destinations are usually fun and we get to enjoy new experiences together. And usually I find Kiwanians to meet up with in those towns Book a time to meet with me at

as well. In Las Vegas calendly.com/jimjanosik and Washington, D.C.,



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during previous conferences I was able to spend time with fellow Kiwanians while she was busy with the business of the conference. This year though, I did not set out to meet up with anyone in particular. But a fellow Kiwanian alerted me to stop by the Kiwanis "beverage" tent at the New Orleans Jazz Festival, and I am sure glad that I did exactly that. Meeting the Algiers Kiwanis Club President, Bill, along with members Cheryl and Paula, we

quickly learned the best food vendors at the fest, and the essential places we needed to visit in New Orleans. We didn't talk Kiwanis much, but we certainly became fast friends all around. That's just one of the many reasons I belong to

amazing organization, because while there's nothing stopping anyone this from striking up conversations with strangers, it's certainly more fun and meaningful when you already know that you have shared commonalities.

Fast-forward a few days in the Big Easy and I was thumbing through the conference schedule. One particular session caught my interest and I decided to sit in on it, likely as the only non-medical professional in the room, but the insights and takeaways for me were invaluable. The session



was titled "Climate Change and Children's Health." A panel discussion of leading researchers opened my eyes to the questions that emanate from this topic, in particular how Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians can play a role. To climate change has always happened, and is happening now at a more start, it's important to accept that rapid rate than ever before, with more catastrophic effects. It's also important to accept that the climate that our children, and their children will live in will continue to be different, and more importantly that the damage already done will have multi-generational effects. As Governor Craig and I discussed this topic recently, I shared with him some other things that I learned from that session as it relates directly to disasters and children's health. I encourage you to read his article this month as he will discuss that further.

So that's the long-term, doom and gloom of it. Now, what can we do about it, and why should we? First, we are a global organization that serves the children of the world. Climate change isn't just in one area of the world, it is global. And it isn't just today's children that need Kiwanis to respond to this need, it's the unborn children that will inherit what we leave them, good or bad. While it's not likely that Kiwanis will solve or prevent the woes of climate change, we CAN have an impact. Each and every one of us individually, and the over half a million of us in the K-Family globally. Think about that for a minute. One person deciding to make a conscious decision to reuse, reduce, recycle, compounded by thousands. That's an impact!

This discussion doesn't happen overnight or easily, I recognize that. But I encourage you to discuss it with your clubs and see what can be done in your communities. Maybe it's hosting an e-waste recycling drive, starting recycling, freecycling, or upcycling programs, or shifting to using environmentally friendly, compostable or recyclable materials for your events. Small, meaningful steps now have impactful long-term consequences. And we

are starting that conversation within the take action too. When we moved offices a thousand pounds of material that would further deplete other natural resources. that would have met the same demise. we limit waste as much as possible, and carbon footprint further.

This article will soon be shared on our conversations on the topic. I encourage intentions with others. Let's be leaders in earth, FOR OUR CHILDREN!



District, and the District Office, to recently we were able to recycle over have otherwise gone to a landfill, and We were able to sell or donate items We actively recycle all that we can, we are looking at ways to reduce our

District Facebook group to spark you to share your thoughts and this area for our communities, for our

Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose

Governor

Craig Smith

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In my past life I worked in water resources management, specifically where public water systems get their water and the threats to the availability and quality of those sources. I won't go into detail here, but the work required an understanding of how actions affect the various parts of the water cycle, including the effects of weather and climate. One of the many speakers I've had the pleasure of hearing is Aaron Wilson with The Ohio State University's Byrd Polar and Climate Research

Center. He's also a member of the State of Ohio's Climate Office. His message was simple: Our climate, and the weather related to our climate, is changing.

This change brings with it some unpleasant and potentially dangerous changes to our weather. Tornado outbreaks like the 1974 storms that devastated Xenia and other parts of the country are more common. The tornado season is longer, and the tornados are more powerful. The amount of rain we get is unchanged. but it is more likely to come in less frequent, heavier rainfall events that can cause flash flooding. And the with dry spells in between rains are longer; dangerous heat waves are more common.

What does this have to do with Kiwanis? Our communities are more likely to need help in responding to, providing relief from, and recovering from disasters; and we should be there to provide what help we can.

So schedule a presentation on disaster preparedness and relief by your local emergency management agency or the American Red Cross and ask questions about how you and your club can get involved. Please don't forget the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, which maintains a Disaster Relief Fund clubs can access to help fund relief efforts. Consider making a club or individual gift the Disaster Relief Fund. You don't know when your community may need the Foundation's help.

The effects of climate change are not limited to sudden; devastating disasters and are already evident: longer fire seasons with larger forest fires; sunny day tidal floods in coastal cities; rapidly declining water levels in reservoirs needed for drinking water; extreme, record setting heat. These are not impacts seen in some far-off land; they've all occurred or are occurring here – New Mexico, Florida, Arizona, Washington. Ohio is lucky, we haven't seen these impacts and the dislocations, disruptions, and stress climate change has brought to the affected communities. But these impacts are real and effect the mental and physical health of children in large areas experiencing change.

We're a global organization of volunteers devoted to improving the world on child and one community at a time and respected leaders in our communities. Part of leadership is thinking and talking about all the things that keep children for reaching their full potential, even if the topic may be controversial and the discussion difficult.

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 received 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.

Lanton Lee Club Leadership Development Chair CLE@ohiokiwanis.org



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 <u>website</u> 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 <u>a digital copy here</u>.

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. <u>Click here</u>.

It's that time again! Clubs should be planning and holding <u>club</u> <u>elections</u>. 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!













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.

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Let's Have a Kiwanis

Community Service Summer

Summer is here and the seasonal activities are well underway. However, there's still time for your Kiwanis club members to be significantly involved in summer community service activities.

Most of the following activities are outdoor endeavors so the benefits are numerous. The undertakings are

helpful to your communities, provide great exercise and fresh air for club members, and afford ideal opportunities to get to know your fellow Kiwanians and guest volunteers. Take advantage of these occasions to invite other community-minded friends to participate and find out about Kiwanis.

Some projects may require significant planning and fundraising so, seeing the project come to fruition may not happen until 2023. Take advantage of this summer, fall, and winter to begin the process – develop plans, make contacts, secure permissions, raise funds, and gather materials. Many long-term projects may be accomplished by small groups of Kiwanis members rather than by an all-club activity day, although, it may be necessary for many hands to get the project underway.

There are many projects your club can undertake, including the following:

- Offer to plant and maintain flower beds in a small community park, boulevards, gardens at a community center, portions of a state park, and/or a veterans' park.
- Donate hanging baskets to be placed on light poles along downtown streets. There will be a cost to install the baskets/hangers and the baskets will need to be maintained throughout the summer.
- If you are fortunate enough to live near one, some state and national parks offer an Artist-in-Residence program for visual artists, writers, musicians and more. Consider sponsoring an Artist-in-Residence at a park. If no program currently exists, create and fund a program.
- Coordinate and/or lead birdwatching tours in a local park.
- Coordinate and/or lead wildlife tours in a local park.
- Volunteer to walk dogs at an animal shelter.
- Create a storybook trail in your community. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources launched a statewide program of Storybook Trails to bring books to life for children and families. These trails are lined with pages from a children's book that have been laminated and posted to blend the fun of outdoor exploration with reading. The trails promote the importance of literacy, a healthy lifestyle, and connecting with nature. This is a great project for your Kiwanis club to adopt in conjunction with your local parks and recreation department. This year may be the planning year with opening of the trail during the summer of 2023.
- Take over maintaining a community recreation area.
- Work with your community parks and recreation department to identify a public area in need of additional trees. Plant the trees and water them, as necessary, to get them off to a good start. Develop a schedule of watering duties.
- Adopt a community area of newly-planted trees and plants. Water them, as needed. Develop a schedule of watering duties.
- Research and label trees and plants in a public park. Plant name markers are available through many nurseries, home stores, and online.
- Bike/walking trails get lots of use during summer. Typical cleanups are early spring and late fall. Volunteer to do monthly cleanups throughout the summer.
- Clean and maintain river banks that flow through public areas.
- Volunteer to help with summer concerts and festivals usher, pass the hat, work concession stands, work backstage.

And, of course, *wear your Kiwanis shirt* while you're working. Have a great, community service summer!





2022 Aktion Club Leadership & Education Day To Be In-Person

After cancelling our 2020 Aktion Club Conference and holding a shortened virtual edition in 2021, we are happy to announce that the 2022 Aktion Club Leadership & Education Day will be an in-person event. This year's conference will be held in Central Ohio at Westerville Central High School on Saturday, July 23rd. Westerville Central is located at 7118 Mt. Royal

Avenue in Westerville, Ohio. This year's conference theme is, "I Believe I Can Fly" and cost per person is only \$35.

Registration begins the day from 8:00 to 9:15 AM with every attendee getting a conference t-shirt and goodie bag. An hour-long Opening Session follows and will include Club Roll Calls and Cheers to get everyone hyped up for the day's events. After welcomes from various dignitaries from the community and Kiwanis we will be

treated to a very special Keynote address entitled . "Kickin' It With Caden".

Central Ohio readers picking up the October 15th issue of last year's **Columbus Dispatch** were introduced to a freshman football player from Hocking College on the front page. What, an article about a college football player named Caden Cox on page one? Yes, Caden had defied being stereotyped and was making football history in spite of people telling him it was impossible. You see, Caden Cox was born with Down syndrome, but he had high dreams for himself which included trying out and making his high school football team – which he did. He even made his next goal of going to college and playing football



on their team. Caden, a 22-year-old student-athlete, joined by his parents, Mari and Kevin, will share his story and how he got to where he is today by dreaming big and working hard. After hearing about his accomplishments, one HAS TO BELIEVE he will achieve his next big dream – to kick the football for OSU and Ryan Day!

The rest of the day will include two sessions of workshops covering such topics as service project ideas; what do



Aktion Club officers do; how to add "DRAMA" to your life; learn more about SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF OHIO -- what sports you can compete in and how to get involved in the Athlete Leadership program ; as well as other topics of interest for Aktion Club members and advisors.

After lunch, attendees can sit back and enjoy some musical entertainment. Have you ever wanted to learn how to play an instrument like a guitar? Did you dream about being in a band? Well, at age 17, Zayne's dreams started to turn into reality on a snowy Saturday afternoon on January 19, 2013. Hear how Zayne's dream came true and hear some of the music he makes as part of the Blue Spectrum band!

Our afternoon General Session with information about last year's Ohio winners in the 2020-2021 Kiwanis

International Awards & Recognition Program as well as info about special opportunities to compete in this year's awards & recognition program. The day will close with some special awards and presentations with adjournment at 4:00 PM.

So, be sure to join us at Westerville Central High School for a return to in-person fun, camaraderie, education, and entertainment. Registration can be completed online on the Ohio District Kiwanis website -- https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/. Also be sure to check out the Ohio Aktion Clubs group page on Facebook for weekly updates. If you have questions, please reach out to Dick Brulotte at rbrulotte.aktionclub@gmail.com.



Baldwin Wallace University CKI Receives Recognition at the 65th Ohio District Convention, 21-22 BW Student Leadership Awards, and CAACURH Regional Awards

– Robin Gagnow, Berea Kiwanis

Baldwin Wallace University's (BW) Circle K International was recognized for its commitment to service, leadership, and fellowship at this year's 65th Annual Ohio District Circle K Convention from March 19-20, 2022.

The convention is an annual event where CKI clubs from across the state meet for workshops, and the election of new District Board for the 2022-23 year. At the convention during the Governor's Banquet CKI Clubs are recognized for their accomplishments.

The BW's CKI received the Daniel J. Romanello Achievement Award for the best CKI in the state of Ohio for the 2021-22 year in the Silver Division. BW's CKI is very proud of this recognition because it takes the whole Kiwanis family to achieve this award.

This year BW's CKI Club won 1st Place Awards for "Service Award" for completing 439 service hours, "Outstanding CKI Vice President" – Alaina Giovengo, "Outstanding CKI Treasurer" – Olivia Sedlak, "Tom Anderson Award for Leadership" – Nina Bauman, "Outstanding New Member" - Mia Basit, "Daniel and Stefani Leming Membership and Retention Award" – Isabella Doyle, "Kiwanis Family Award", "Governors Service Project Award", and "Outstanding Kiwanis Sponsorship" – Berea Kiwanis.

The following members received 2nd and 3rd Place Awards for the 2021-22 year: "Outstanding CKI President, 3rd Place Award" – Nina Bauman, "Outstanding CKI Advisor, 2nd Place Award" – Robin Gagnow, "Outstanding Public Relation Chair, 3rd Place" – Ashley Workman, "Linda Stiegler Outstanding Secretary, 2nd Place – Cori Slaw", "Outstanding Scrapbook, 2nd Place."

At BW's annual 2021-22 Student Life Leadership Awards program, CKI president, Nina Bauman, won BW's "Volunteer of the Year" award, while CKI members Isabela Doyle, won "The Brain Center Volunteer of the Year" and Gennete Saciri won "The Brian Center Outstanding Leader Award." In addition, the Club won the 2021-22 "Social Program of the Year", and the "Yellow



Jacket Spirit Award" for collaborating positively with other student organizations to build school spirit and campus unity and CKI won.

BW's Circle K International won the following Central Atlantic Affiliate College and University Residence Halls (CAACURH) for its membership and as a student organization:

November 2021 – BW's CKI was the Regional Winner for Organization of the Month January 2022 – Regional Winner for the First Year Student of the Month – Mia Basit January 2022 – Regional Winner for Student of the Month – Gennete Saciri January 2022 – Regional Winner for Institution Faculty Professional Staff – Robin Gagnow

March 2022 - - BW's CKI was the Regional Winner for Organization of the Month

BW's CKI participated in a wide range of service projects. They partnered with 30 other campus groups for over 45 events and completed over 439 hours of service hours on and off campus! Members developed their leadership skills, built life-long friendships, and better communities – all while having fun!

On Saturday, May 14th the District Office hosted a grand opening party to officially unveil our new digs in Suite 226. Guests from around the state joined us for several hours of fellowship, wrapping up with some door prizes and giving out goodie bags that included a souvenir slate coaster etched with the Kiwanis logo using our new laser engraver. While friends chatted over homemade cookies, subs, beverages and music, we took time to look through some of our historical documents. Included in those are district convention proceedings dating back to 1918.

A lot of effort has gone into making the new space as functional and organized as possible. Additionally the preservation of our historical documents continues so that they are here for generations to come. The unveiling of our giving tree donor wall as part of the office opening showcased how those have, and will continue to be put to use to invest in equipment that ultimately serves the district, and in the preservation of our historical artifacts and documents.

We hope greatly that our giving tree will continue to grow through the generous support of our donors. We'd

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A photo of the Ohio District Kiwanis Office's "Giving Tree". Each leaf is engraved with the name of the donor or memorial. Eventually we hope to fill the canvas with leaves. Donations are used to update office and conference equipment, and to preserve archived materials, such as the <u>proceedings</u> from the first Ohio District Convention, photographs, and other fascinating materials which are on display within the District Office. Copper Leaf Sponsors Dave & Lauri Kuhn Bill Flinta Jason Miller Sarah Roush Marcia and Larry Hudson Gjergj Haxhiu Diana and Tom Keplinger Nathaniel Kyle Howard Dewald Jim Bennett Peggy and Brian McQuistion Margaret Lee Amy Zimmerman Sandy Zimmerman





Keep that umbrella handy

Like rain and wind? You might love Ohio in June

Sorry, sun and fun fans. The weather guys see a lot of stormy weather ahead in Ohio as the summer season begins. Yes, I know, the calendar says summer isn't due until June 21. But meteorological summer (not to mention our annual tradition of opening the swimming pools during the long Memorial Day weekend) sets the beginning of summer on June 1.



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



Yes, the month of June, as it turns out, could bring us some rough weather.

The commercial weather forecasting organization AccuWeather is predicting a more active than normal storm season for the first summer month, both in the Midwest and across Ohio – especially in the Ohio Valley.

AccuWeather predicts more than the usual amount of wet and stormy weather and an increased risk of tornadoes during June and July. The pattern should keep a summer heat wave at bay, for at least part of the summer.

The best advice is to keep your umbrella handy – and have a severe weather plan worked out, so you're ready to take shelter in a safe

place in your home should severe windstorms or tornadoes strike.

As you know, Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Craig Smith's special project for this Kiwanis year is focused on disaster awareness and preparedness.

If you haven't done it yet, be sure to invite representatives of the Red Cross and your local emergency management office to speak to your Kiwanis club. Learn how to become a trained volunteer who can respond when disaster strikes your community.

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund helps when disasters happen. (Just ask the people in Western Kentucky who are still recovering from last December's tornado disaster.) You can support the fund and its work by visiting *odkf.org* and following the links to the Governor's Project page. Give generously – because, as Governor Craig always tells us, "Never underestimate the impact of a disaster."

Read more about AccuWeather's summer forecast here:

<u>https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-forecasts/accuweather-2022-us-summer-forecast/1178198?</u> <u>partner=web_patch_adc</u>





Lima Kiwanis Hosts SLP's

On May 10 the Kiwanis Club of Lima hosted several of our student clubs with Family Day 2 as they were not able to attend our annual Kiwanis Family Day last November. Included were the Key Club of Lima Senior, Builders Club of South Science Technology Magnet, Builders Club of North Middle School, and Builders Club of Heir Force Community School.

Officers of each club provided an update of club activities including plans for next year. It is noted that the officers of the Key Club and North were previously officers of the Builders Club of Liberty Arts Magnet and the K-Kids Clubs of Freedom and Heritage Elementary Schools, In addition, the Heir Force club will be chartered in the next year.





2022 – 2023 Candidates for District Office



David Kuhn for Governor-Designate: Dave is a thirty one-year member of Kiwanis; he and his wife Laurie are members of the *Stow Munroe Falls* and Dave also belongs to the *Cuyahoga Falls* Clubs. David has held the offices of club president, division treasurer and Lt. Governor for Division 20. He has served as District Service Chair, Co-Chair for two district conventions, Club Opener and Club Coach.

Dave has served on the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation with two terms as Foundation President and many years as co-chair of the golf outing. Dave is self employed and is active with his church. Dave states "I understand what it takes to be Governor and I am fully committed to serving the needs of the clubs within it. I will lead with passion and purpose and

work with each club to improve the lives of children each and every day."

Dave enjoys a great game of golf or poker and is a huge sports fan. His favorite hands-on service project is working at the local food bank.

Jason Miller for Governor-Elect: While Jason has only been a Kiwanian for seven years, he has been in the Kiwanis Family for several more. A member of Key Club, then of Circle K, Jason served as Distinguished Circle K Governor and then twice on the Circle K International Board as trustee. As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green, Jason has been recognized as a distinguished club president and secretary. He has served as co-chair of the District Mid-Year Conference, KICK chair, Leadership Development and Education Chair and is concurrently serving as Lt. Governor of Division 1-S, President of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, Circle K advisor to the Bowling Green Circle K and on the Kiwanis International Membership Committee. Jason works as Manager of Human Resources for the Wood County Committee on Aging.



In his leisure, Jason enjoys spending time with his grandmother, cooking, listening to Dave Matthews Band and borderline obsessed with the television show Doctor Who. Jason's favorite hands on service project is partnering with the Circle K members to serve Thanksgiving dinner to the Bowling Green community.



Steve Steinbrunner for District Treasurer: Steve is a member of the Coldwater Kiwanis Club along with wife, Linda. He has served two terms as club president and as secretary/treasurer of the division. Steve has served as District Young Children Priority One Chair and is currently serving on the International YCPO Committee. He is retired from the electrical engineering field. Steve and Linda enjoy traveling, skiing, boating and hiking when they are not busy with their 9 grandchildren. Steve's favorite hands-on service project is their new club project "Christmas at Memorial Park", serving up hundreds of cups of cocoa to community members.

Finance and Structure Committee (2 to be elected)

Robert Raub has been a Kiwanis member for 35 years. He has served in a variety of roles from club president, secretary, treasurer and interclub chair. Bob and wife Judy, moved to Ohio from Pennsylvania where both served terms as district Governor. Bob also served as District Audit Chair, Club Opener and Coach as the family moved amongst different districts due to his career in the Air Force. Currently Judy and Bob are members to the East Fork Region Kiwanis Club, which they built together. Bob is retired from the United States Air Force and as a business manager. In his leisure time, bob enjoys model railroading and is a bit of a military history buff, especially



regarding his beloved Air Force. His favorite hands-on service project is the Field of Honor project honoring members of the military.



Sam Slater is a 14 year of Kiwanis, originally joining the Kiwanis Club of Springboro, Sam transferred to the Mason Club. He has served as club president and is concurrently serving as club secretary and Division 5 Lt. Governor. Sam was appointed to the Finance and Structure Committee as a board representative. Sam is a Commercial Finance Broker/consultant. Given the opportunity Sam and his wife, Debbie enjoy traveling and camping. Sam also enjoys shooting and golfing. Sam's favorite hands-on project is refurbishing old bicycles and giving them away to children who might not otherwise have a bicycle.

Candidates for Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

(Four to be elected)



Kelly Faas: Kelly is a member of the East Fork Region Kiwanis club in Division 8. Kelly has been active in Kiwanis for five years and is a member of three clubs; the Kiwanis club of East Fork Region, the Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills Region, and I-Next. On the district level Kelly has served as a Lt. Governor, served on Finance & Structure, and most recently was the Mid-Year Education Chair. Outside of Kiwanis, Kelly is a member of the Ohio Township Association, a member of the National Association of Republican Women, Ohio Federation of Republican Women, Knights of Columbus, and a board member for the Brown County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Janet Molineaux: Janet is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Seneca County in Division 12. During her 23 years in Kiwanis, Janet has served as Lt. Governor, club president, Key Club Advisor, K-Kids Advisor & membership chair. Janet is the CEO of Fleetwinds inc. Outside of Kiwanis, Janet has been recognized for her volunteer efforts by receiving the Ritz Volunteer of the Year. In her spare time Janet also serves as a Chamber Ambassador.





Steve Vrooman: Steve is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Springfield in Division 4. Steve has been a member of Kiwanis for 13 years. During this time,

he has served as club president and co-chair of the membership committee. On the District level Steve has served as Lt. Governor, district chair of Youth Services, and Community Services. In 2020-2021 Steve served as President of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Outside of Kiwanis, Steve is on the Board of Directors for the Dublin Community Band, a member of the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators, a member of the Ohio Music Education Association, a Junior Achievement volunteer, and a member of numerous community bands, ensembles, and orchestras.

Chris Walter: Chris is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Bellevue in Division 12. As a 30-year member of Kiwanis Chris has served twice as a Lt. Governor, the Division 12 Human & Spiritual Aims Chairperson, the district On to International Convention Chair (Florida) and as a member of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Chris is a retired teacher and outside of Kiwanis is also active in Bay Area Dives, Lake Plains Barbershop Chorus, Bellevue Eagles, Bellevue Society of the Arts, & charter member of the Seneca County Kiwanis.



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

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.

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 Sarah@ohiokiwanis.org



Like many families with young children, our family has T-Ball games on Saturday mornings. Inexplicably, since The Hubs and I have the least experience with T -ball, we are the coaches. In addition to trying to teach these four- and five-year old's to run to the bases and to not use the diamond as a place to pee, we are also trying to teach them how to play the game safely. Helmets are a must for batters, face and chest guards for the catcher,

etc. Don't throw the bat, rocks or dirt, keep your eye on the ball, don't try to catch bees, try not to crash into each other, etc. But what happens when our best efforts and equipment isn't enough?

Our son was trying to scoop up a ground ball, when it popped up and hit him right in the mouth, cutting his lip. Another little guy decided to slide into base like the guys on television. Not a great idea when you are wearing shorts and the field has a lot of gravel. A little girl walked into the backstop and banged her head raising an impressive knot, another twisted her ankle while doing cartwheels in the outfield. In less than an hour half of our team was bleeding, bruised and wounded.

Parents were pulling out popsicles as ice packs and rooting through their purses for band-aids. This was when I realized we needed a first aid kit to go with the t-ball stands and helmets. None of the teams in our league were given any sort of first aid resources. This would be an ideal project for Kiwanis Clubs, especially ones who sponsor T-ball, soccer, or baseball teams.

A basic American Red Cross First—Aid Kit, which serves up to 25 people is around \$38 on Amazon. The kit includes, band aids, wraps, creams for cuts or bug bites, instant cold compresses, and other items which could be used for incidents on the field. Toss in a can or two of sunblock and the team will be set for most anything. Donating these kits or something similar, which could be refreshed and re-used each year can be



just one more way Kiwanians can keep our children safe as they learn the basics of sportsmanship and a love of physical activity.

KIDS NEED PEOPLE TO LOOK OUT FOR THEM. #KidsNeedKiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Wilmington Hosts Bike Rodeo

On Saturday, May 14, members of the Kiwanis Club of Wilmington and the Clinton County Health Department hosted the annual Bike Rodeo at the Denver Park. Children were able to get their bikes evaluated for repairs and properly fitted for bike helmets, prior to riding the safety course. After completing the course, Aktion Club members passed out snacks along with the certificate of completion.

A special thanks goes out to the City of Wilmington Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff's Department, City of Wilmington Fire Department and Clinton Medical Transport for



bringing emergency vehicles to the event. Two children received a new bike courtesy of Walmart.



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 <u>Buckeye</u> <u>Bulletin</u>, 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	Name	Club
Phillip Torrey	Delaware	Natosha Merndoza	Paulding County
Robert Sechkar	Berea	Albert Rothenbach	Milford
Lori D'Agostino	Berea	Jeremiah Wagner	Fremont
Sarah Sharp	Steubenville	Daniel Reichelderfer	Lima
Richard Ziegler	Medina Breakfast	Rodney Mitchell	Wooster
Melissa Greer	Findlay	Dr. Douglas Eck	Wooster
Alex Holyoke	Independence	Ashley Krause	Medina
Christina Holyoke	Independence	Beverly Blosser	Kettering-Centerville
Thomas Scharf	Independence	Jennifer Jansen	Olmsted Falls
Annette Linn	Newark	Chris Anagnostopoulos	Olmsted Falls
Ruth Hamilton	Dublin	Carol Sechkar	Berea
Kaila Cox	Lebanon	Christopher McDonough	Milford
Sherry McClendon	East Fork Region	Taryn Egner	Milford
Warren Walker	East Fork Region	Donald Sigler III	Lexington
Megan Fisher	Lima	Nick Childs	Mansfield
Courtney Muhl	Westerville	Davida Frick	Bowling Green
Rev. Courtney Dale	Lebanon	Kelley McCann	Southern Hills Region

100% Division Growth!

On May 31st, <u>every division</u> in our district showed a net growth ranging from +1 to +36. This is an excellent trend and we are so excited about the fabulous and effective effort put forth by the clubs in Ohio!

Congratulations to the Follow Divisions Showing Membership Growth in May

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

Division 1-S	Lt. Governor Jason Miller		Division 11N	Lt. Governor Jeanette Carpenter
Division 2	Lt. Governor Robert Day Jr.		Division 11S	Lt. Governor Manoj Sharma
Division 8	Lt. Governor Judy Raub		Division 15	Lt. Governor position vacant
Division 10E	Lt. Governor Cliff Wiltshire		Division 16	Lt. Governor Ronald Hyre
Division 10W	Lt. Governor Mark Garland		Division 24	Lt. Governor Edie Schilla
	Division 26	Lt. Gov	vernor Paulette	e Edington

Overall, the Ohio District had a net gain of 24 members in May and a net gain of +275 year to date. Our current membership total is 6,083, with a goal to reach 6,125 in June. Lets work together to invite like minded individuals to join us as we support our communities and children.



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.

Kiwanis Club of East Liverpool invite you to the Tri-State Pottery Festival, June 16, 17 & 18 from 11 AM to 11PM each day. Featuring rides, craft and food vendors, petting zoo. Parade, 5K run or walk, pottery exhibits, live music, talent shows, hamburger eat off, car show, and "Bike Night". Arm wrestling, and beard/ mustache contest, boat parade and fireworks! Something for everyone. Additional information make be found at <u>https://www.facebook.com/TriStatePotteryFestival</u>

Kiwanis Club of Dublin 5th Annual Past Governor Golf Outing: August 5th, \$85 per golfer, includes green fees, cart, and buffet. Hole sponsorships available for \$50. 4 Person Scramble, registration starts at noon, 1:00 PM start. Team and individual prizes. Additional information <u>www.Dublin-OH.KIWANISONE.org</u> or 614-203-5706

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. <u>https://www.springfieldjazzbluesfest.com/</u>

Thank You from Home For Families!



- Chad Gardner, Home for Families

Home for Families (HFF) as the charity to benefit for the event service project. 30 different Kiwanis Family clubs took part in the project that involved collecting items for "Welcome Home Kits" when the agency gets a family gets re-housed through the organization.

Those that participated are as follows: -**Kiwanis Clubs** of Bay Village, Beavercreek, Celina, Cincinnati, Circleville, Coldwater, Dayton, Delaware County, Delaware Evening, East Fork, Findlay, Gahanna, Granville, Hilliard, Kettering-Centerville, Medina Noon, Middleton, Morrow County, Northern Columbus, Northmont, Richmond Heights, Seneca County, Springfield, Stow-Monroe, Sunbury Big Walnut, Tiffin, and Wilmington

-CKI Club at Ohio Wesleyan University

-K-Kids of St. Joseph Montessori (Short North) and Lima

Members of the collegiate level of Kiwanis – the Ohio District of Circle K International put together personal hygiene kits before their District Convention wrapped up that same weekend.

Once they completed those, they brought the Kiwanis and Circle K donations to

HFF as part of their annual District Convention service project! In total, 8 carloads full of items (everything from bath towels to detergent to pots & pans) were donated. These supplies will go a

long way in supporting the families HFF serves and for that, we are forever grateful.

Thank you, Ohio District Kiwanis Clubs, Ohio District of Circle K International and K-Kids Clubs for your incredible support. Special thank you to Rick Kidwell (President of the Past Lt. Governors Association) for organizing the efforts of the project!



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 Net proceeds will support Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation projects.	Foundation is a 501c3 organization.
Make checks payable to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Deadline to sign up is Ju	ıly 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 recognit	tion)
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	ion website recognition)
Eagle Sponsorship for those who are interested in being a sponsor of our meal, goodie bat to the event. Contact Dave or Bill for cost to be a sponsor of any of these items.	ag items, prizes, or other items related
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 <u>www.odkf.org</u> . Go to the Golf Outing Sp on the link to the sponsorship page. On this page you can select your level of sponsorshi credit card through PaymentSpring.	
*For Par and Birdie sponsorships please also complete the registration form indicating the amount section blank, unless paying for additional players not included in the sponsorshi form to Bill and Dave at golf@odkf.org or by mail to the post office box address shown at	p. Please then return the registration

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.

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 <u>www.odkf.org</u> 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)

Event will be held rain or shine; sorry <u>NO Refunds</u> will be given.

number of golfers at \$90.00 per golfer	<pre>\$ (total golf charge)</pre>
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

Jason Miller Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation President2021@odkf.org



Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

This Kiwanis year just keeps moving along at a rapid pace. It is hard for me to believe that there are only FIVE months remaining this administrative year. But, I see that as an opportunity to work even harder to end this year on a high note and extend the impact that our clubs can make in our communities. Speaking of extending this impact, the Ohio District Kiwanis

Foundation (ODKF) board recently approved several grants and mini-grants to support the efforts of Kiwanis Clubs across the District. Here are the clubs that received grants:

- The **Kiwanis Club of Lima** received \$1,600 to support their efforts in putting infant car seats into the community.
- The **Kiwanis Club of Boardman-Youngstown** was awarded \$4,000 to provide books for children in elementary schools. This grant was supported in part with the Kiwanis Children's Fund.
- The **Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green** was recognized with a grant for \$1,000 to help the Wood County District Public Library update and purchase new STEAM kits to be loaned out to area youth.
- The **Kiwanis Club of Wilmington** received \$500 in total to provide needed school supplies to two different groups.
- Kiwanians in **Beavercreek** will be able to purchase medical equipment for a children's advocacy center called Michael's House with their \$4,000 grant.

The **Kiwanis Club of Sidney** was awarded \$1,250 to fight food insecurity in their community.

The **Kiwanis Club of Kirtland** will be able to make their dream of new playground equipment a reality with their grant of \$2,5000

Additionally, the Grants Committee chaired by **Mark Wion**, reviewed two applications for mini grants and awarded the following:

- The **Kiwanis club of East Fork Region** received a \$500 mini grant to support their Bike Safety Booth where they also distributed bike helmets purchased through ODKF.
- The **Kiwanis Club of Wilmington** was awarded a \$500 mini grant to support the Clinton County Youth Council to provide swim lessons to area youth.

Do not forget about the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Golf Outing coming up on July 21st. More information can be found on our website, or within the pages of this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin. Another way to support ODKF is through the Basket Room held each year at District Convention. Clubs or Divisions can supply a basket for bidding. The silent auction format allows members to browse the room and makes bids on their favorite baskets. More information will be coming out soon!

These are just a few more ways that ODKF supports the Kiwanis Clubs of Ohio! The next grant cycle ends on June 30th. For more information, visit <u>www.odkf.org</u> or email me at <u>president2021@odkf.org</u>.

Do you have a business or are involved with a non-profit that you would like to share with the Ohio District of Kiwanis? We are looking to vendors and table displays for the district convention this August 12-14 in Wooster. If you have a business which can support fundraisers, supplies materials for service projects, or sells fun and fabulous items for interested shoppers, we want you there! If you have a non—profit which Kiwanis could possibly partner with for new projects, we would like to hear more!

Displays need to be set up Friday evening and open Saturday morning through late afternoon. Additional information is available at https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/exhibit-table-reservation/

The service project for the convention will be supporting literacy for you. The ability to read and comprehend beyond the third grade reading level is one of the leading indicators of future success. Getting books into the hands of children is crucial, especially in homes where books or reading materials are not readily available. We are asking for donations of books appropriate for Pre-K through high school. Please include materials for reluctant readers which may include sports, music and science related topics, such as dinosaurs, reptiles, cars, space, and oceanography.



