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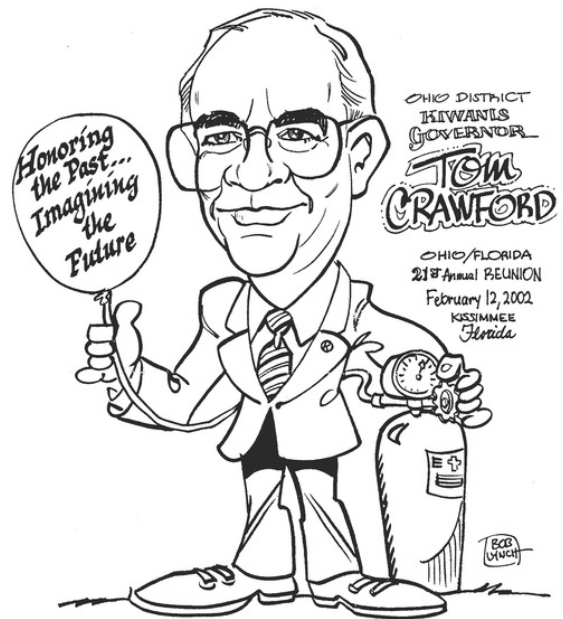
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IN MEMORIAM by Jamie Kaufman

Past Distinguished Governor Thomas B. “Tom” Crawford (2001-2002) passed away at his home on Sunday, November 27, 2022. Tom was a 38-year member of Kiwanis, joining the Kiwanis Club of West Toledo on October 2, 1984. Tom maintained his membership in the Kiwanis Club of West Toledo throughout his 38 years, while almost becoming a charter member of the former Kiwanis Club of Mercy Children’s Hospital and joining Ohio’s first virtual club, the All Ohio e-Medina club.

Tom as a native of Fairborn, Ohio, and a graduate of Wittenburg University. After completing his undergraduate degree, Tom enrolled in the College of Law at the University of Toledo. Tom left law school to serve in the US Army during the Vietnam War. Tom rose to the rank of Captain and led an Infantry Company during the conflict. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam.

Throughout his almost four decades of Kiwanis service, Tom lived the life of a servant leader. He served his club, division, the District, and Kiwanis International in numerous capacities. If there was a role to fill or a task to get done, Tom was there to get it done. Often with a smile on his face and a story about how he’d done it in the good old days.



A caricature of Tom during his year as Governor made by past Governor Bob Lynch.



Tom, pictured second from right, at the 2022 ODKF Don Williams Memorial Golf Outing.

In 2001-2002, Tom served the Ohio District as Governor. During his year of service, in which he ensured Ohio Kiwanis was “Honoring the Past ... Imagining the Future,” Tom and his late wife, past First Lady Mary Lou and his late son, Tom E, traveled Ohio leading the District to a recent record in new club openings and, in partnership with the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, raising over \$70,000 for Children’s Miracle Network hospitals across the state of Ohio.

The Crawford family’s efforts on behalf of the District, allowed Tom to be one of only 4 Ohio District Governors in the past 25 years to earn the honor of being Distinguished. Throughout his District leadership and after, Tom remained active in his club and community. He was a 20+ year Kiwanis advisor to the University of Toledo Circle K club, a regular attendee of as many Kiwanis golf outings as possible, a regular at most club service projects, an avid youth baseball coach, and active member of his church.

Above all, Tom was a devoted father and grandfather to his surviving family members, his daughter Elizabeth Harmon (David), grandson Austin, and granddaughter Hayden. Family was always the most important thing to Tom, and anyone that had the opportunity to speak with him learned of Tom’s deep love for his Kiwanis family, but also of his deeper love for his late wife Mary Lou, late son Tom E, daughter Beth, son-in-law David, and their children Austin and Hayden. While Tom has passed, he will forever be in our memories and his legacy of service will live on. He was loved by many. He will be missed greatly, but certainly will not be forgotten. Visitation will be Monday, December 5, from 2 PM -8 PM at Newcomer Funeral Home, 4150 W. Laskey, Toledo, OH 43623. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 6, at 11:00 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 5240 Talmadge Rd, Toledo, OH 43623. Internment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. All guests are invited to lunch at St. Matthews after the burial. A full obituary will be available at <https://www.newcomertoledo.com/>.





From the desk of the
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



HERE we are in December and our third month as your Governor and First Lady. I have done nine official visits throughout the Ohio District. I have genuinely enjoyed meeting all these great Kiwanians that make up this great Ohio District. I have learned about your clubs, shared ideas, and goals for this year. I had the pleasure of attending the Key Leader program, what an amazing leadership program, and I came out of that weekend with a better understanding of what a makes a great leader. I want to thank Kelly Shaffer and Brian Yacucci for their great leadership, and hope that all the students that attended Key Leader will take it back to their clubs and share their experience. I can only hope we can get more students to attend next year. Key Club also held their Fall Rally last month, about 350 Key Club students attended for a fun day of fellowship and learning. We have a lot to be happy about as we are coming out of COVID and being able to attend events with our fellow members. First Lady Laurie and I are pleased by everyone's great response towards our project. The First Family project is up and running and for those clubs that have placed orders for Komfort Bags, we are working diligently to get the items ordered and will get them shipped out. I am looking forward to the rest of the activities and visits for the remaining 2022-2023 year. In closing, Laurie and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

*In Service,
Dave Kuhn*



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From the desk of the
DISTRICT SECRETARY



SEASONS greetings, fellow Kiwanians! Last month I had the opportunity to join my fellow North America District Secretaries in Minneapolis, Minnesota for our annual conference. When we gather together we spend several days learning, teaching, sharing, networking, and in fellowship. Part of this trip was checking out our convention and hotel facilities for the 2023 International Convention, as well as local dining and entertainment establishments. Having been my first trip to Minneapolis, I was pleasantly surprised on many fronts. Public transportation was extremely easy, affordable, clean, and safe. The streets were safe with good police and security presence. The establishments were all on par with what one would expect of a major metropolitan city.

Much of our conversation during the conference revolves around a proposed dues adjustment that will be brought to the membership next June, as well as previewing the latest progress with the new Kiwanis Engage software system, and discussion on membership and district operational strategies. You will hear plenty more about these topics in the coming months, but I share it with you now so that you may have as much advance notice as possible to consider joining the Ohio District delegation to vote in Minneapolis. It also happens that we have a candidate for International Vice-President, Dr. Kip Crain, whom we should do our best to turnout for the vote.

As the midterm election season has wrapped up, let us not forget that voting is not just our civic duty as Americans, but it is a responsibility to represent our Kiwanis Clubs at conventions to exercise this opportunity to make our voices heard. If we want to be around for another hundred years, we have to elect proven leaders and make the tough decisions to do what is best for the future of our organization.

Please be safe in your own travels this holiday season, and enjoy the company of whomever you are with, and however you celebrate.

*In Service,
Jim Janosik*

Need to meet with me? Book an appointment at calendly.com/jimjanosik



INSPIRATION

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

Charles Dickens



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KIWANIS FAMILY WELCOME

Our newest members October 20 through November 20, 2022



New Members

Jenny Loveland
 Bobbi Wessel
 Holly Sunafrank
 Adam Haunhorst
 Dana Schnipke
 Megan Clinton
 Kris Schroeder
 Lori Jones
 Shannon Anagnostopoulos
 Kathleen Brown
 Janet Schnee
 Andrea Uhler
 Dana Bericchia
 Paula Hochradel
 Adam Papin
 Kristin Schilt
 Destiny Havert
 Kurt Mears
 Martin Klenke
 Timothy Grate
 Christina Flowers
 Mark Walter
 Nick Carpenter
 Adam Haunhorst
 Grace Bailey
 Linda Gapen
 Ernie Gapen
 Joni Niles
 Melissa Cline
 Madison Joint Rec. Board
 Tia Woodard
 Stanley Trusler

Club

Bath-Richfield
 Delphos
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 Ottawa
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 Olmsted Falls
 Olmsted Falls
 Celina
 Bryan
 Wooster
 Alliance
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 Paulding Co.
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 Cleveland
 Mason
 Hilliard
 Champaign Co.
 Lakewood
 Anderson Hills
 Delphos
 Marietta
 Madison
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 Ashtabula
 Colerain Township

New Members

Aaron Pfeffenberger
 Jay Gohman
 Kathy Bohman
 Jonathan Vielhaber
 John Shapaka
 Michael Baldwin
 Cody Wells
 Mary Dodnar
 Diane Bricker
 Mary Kate Clancy
 Norvel Crandall
 Megan Curry
 Jeffrey Earle
 Brittany Fairburn
 Kerry Fial
 Julie Geier
 Kelly Hobbs
 Kerri Lauber
 Betty Minor
 Marcia Kay Ponikvar
 Patricia Sacha
 Chad Schneider
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 Mark Schupp
 Betty Seeley
 Kathy Sekeak
 Melanie Steadman
 Melody Young
 Annette Black
 Lee Morris
 Jerome Colegrove
 Dwayne Genter
 Sandra Norris

Club

Mariemont
 Mariemont
 Coldwater
 Portage Lakes
 West Akron
 West Akron
 Findlay
 Lakewood
 Morrow Co.
 Stow Munroe Falls
 Malta McConnellsville
 Wilmington
 Stow Muntoe Falls
 Newark
 Port Clinton
 Coldwater
 Stow Munroe Falls
 Coldwater
 Stow Munroe Falls
 Portage Lakes, Akron
 Alliance
 Elyria
 Granville
 Colerain Township
 Portage Lakes, Akron
 Berea
 Columbus
 Chillicothe
 New Madison
 New Madison
 Oxford
 Bath-Richfield
 Bath-Richfield

*In the November Buckeye Bulletin, Kathleen Brown was listed as being from the Elyria club. She's in the Celina club.





MEMBERSHIP BEGINS REBOUND

ANNUAL membership numbers have been posted and October's beginning and ending numbers have been recorded by Kiwanis International. Divisions are once again showing membership growth. Our numbers showed a net gain of +61 for the first month of the administrative year.

Special recognition goes to *Division 5* for showing a gain of +8 and the *Kiwanis Club of Mason* for showing a net gain of 6 new members.



Average age - 62.75

Average male age - 65.6

Average female age - 58.3

% of members < 5 years - 27.7%

% male membership - 63%

% female membership - 37%

% of members that sponsor another member - 31.4%

Average club size - 28.9

% of clubs under charter strength - 29.2%

Average number of clubs opened annually past 10 years - 5.1

Average number of clubs closed annually past 10 years - 7.7

% of clubs opened in the past 5 years that have closed - 41.6%

Multi-club members - 66

Life members - 138

OHIO...BY THE NUMBERS



THINKING OF STARTING A K-KIDS CLUB?



The first K-Kids Club to be chartered this year will receive a \$50 check from the Ohio District. All others chartered by March 17, 2023 will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$100 check to be awarded at MidYear Education Day.





Oxford Kiwanis Club Assists Senior Center



THE Oxford Senior Center serves the community in many ways, including the provision of mobility aids for those who are recovering from an injury or suffering from a broad range of physical impairments. Items ranging from crutches, canes, walkers and wheelchairs to portable commodes, shower chairs, and many other items can be borrowed from the center by Oxford residents at no charge. These items are stored in a shed behind the Senior Center.

As the need for such support has increased, the small shed required significant reconfiguration to adequately house a growing number of items for loan. This project offered an excellent community-support opportunity for our local Oxford Kiwanis Club. The Oxford Community Foundation joined the effort by extending a grant for covering the cost of wood and supplies and seven Kiwanis members volunteered to provide the necessary labor to address the task during late October. The first day of the project was spent inventorying the equipment, cleaning, and repairing items as needed and disposing of items beyond repair. Refitting the shed for more effective storage occurred on the second day. Walls were covered with supportive plywood; hangers were installed for such items as canes and crutches and shelving was configured as needed. Items were then labeled, and an updated inventory was generated. The Kiwanis volunteers completed the work in 35 hours.

What a wonderful partnership of service groups joining together to enhance our community!





Is your club ready for the Inter-Club Society?

by Angela Cooper, Interclub and Fellowship Chair

KIWANIS IS.....fellowship.

Organized club visits and other activities where the membership of one club is involved with another. Inter-clubbing is to exchange programs and ideas with other clubs, to the mutual benefit of each.

Join the Inter-Club Society by completing a Round Robin-visit every club in division one time, plus visit once to all club sponsored K Family service leadership clubs. Receive Round Robin Award if accomplished.

Additional points

- Added points for each member who attends an Inter-club above the required attendance number: 5 points for each person above required count.
- Inter-club to your clubs sponsored youth leadership organization meeting/activity: 15 points
- Inter-club to another division: 20 points
- Inter-club Round Robin in your division: 25 points
- Interclub attending Mid-year Education Day: 30 points
- Interclub attending District Convention: 50 points
- Interclub attending International Convention: 100 points
- The club that has the most points in their Division and Ohio District will be recognized and receive recognition.

19 members or less in club, 2 members required for Inter-club

20-29 members in club, 3 members required for Inter-Club

30 and up members or more in club, 4 members required for Inter-Club

The club secretary will keep records, tabulate points, and submit via email to the District Administrative Secretary for Ohio Kiwanis for a final review. Deadline to submit for this year Oct 2023.





GIVING TREE



Need a great holiday gift this year? Consider gifting a leaf on the District's Giving Tree. We will send you a photo of the engraved leaf before and after it is placed on the tree, and will also email you a certificate that you can print to give to the recipient letting them know of this gift in their name.



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO DONATE

<https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/district-office-events/>




REMEMBER AND HONOR

★★ CAPTAIN ★★

DANIEL H. BERGOLC

KEY CLUB SECRETARY SCHOLARSHIP

Contributions to the endowment fund are much appreciated and may be made at odkf.org via the memorial fund donations.



SPRINGFIELD

105TH OHIO DISTRICT CONVENTION

AUG. 11-13 2023



Order an Ohio Kiwanis License Plate to support children and families in Ohio through its grant program for Kiwanis Safe and Healthy Kids. \$25 for each license plate goes to the Foundation annually. Purchase online at www.oplates.com or at your local BMV office.





ODKF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DURING the holiday season, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, playing cards, finding ways to serve within the community, and certainly the holiday feast. Over the years, my family has participated in soup kitchens, delivered “LOVE Gifts” to the homeless which are 1 gallon zip-lock bags filled with toiletries, snacks, socks, hand warmers, gum, candy, and holiday card with scriptures and a personal message from our family.

As Kiwanians, we are in a unique position of being able to give back and pay forward through service projects that our clubs choose to do, especially during the holidays. The impact we can have on a child, or a family within our community is immeasurable at times. We often don't know their true circumstance, their home-life, the last good meal they had, or the medical condition of their loved ones, but we do what we can because ... that's what we do! Galatians 6:10 says “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto those who are of household of faith.” I apply this scripture to my business practices and meditate on similar scriptures while serving others.

All Ohio Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to consider ODKF grants as a valuable resource to help fund your club's community service projects. We genuinely want to help as much as possible so that your club can have a maximum impact on your community. For individuals with a desire to give back or pay forward in a very specific way, you might consider becoming a member of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Legacy Society. Find complete details about these options by visiting www.ODKF.org

The Minter's want to wish you and your family, warm holiday wishes. May the season bring you true comfort and joy. Have a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

In Kiwanis Service,

James Minter

ODKF President 2022-2023

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GET READY FOR MIDYEAR 2023

SAVE the date for March 18, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Registration opens Jan 1.

Early bird discount will be available through Feb 17, and there will be a \$15 discount for the first 50 first-time attendees to register. Sponsorships are now open via the district website and include the following options:

"LEARN" SPONSOR - \$100

Promotion of Sponsorship on Facebook, Buckeye Bulletin, Website, event sign board, and in the program

"PREPARE" SPONSOR - \$250

Learn Level Benefits, plus...
Free half page ad in event program
1 Free 2023 MidYear Registration

"LIVE" SPONSOR - \$500

Learn Level Benefits, plus...
Free full page ad in event program
Option to place item in event 'Swag Bag'
Recognition at all general sessions
2 Free 2023 MidYear Registrations



New Club News

Lexington K-Kids sponsored by the Alliance Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis
K-Kids
Young Leaders Helping Others





CIRCLE K DCON

PLEASE consider a sponsorship or program ad purchase to support Circle K. Deadline for program ads and sponsors is January 31, 2023.

“Til the Break of Dawn” Sponsors receive the following: “Late Night Reveler” level benefits + Upgrade to full page ad; Exhibitor table; 1 ticket to the Governor’s Banquet.

“Late Night Reveler” Sponsors receive the following: “When the Sun Goes Down” level benefits + Event T-shirt; Podium Recognition.

“When the Sun Goes Down” Sponsors receive the following: Custom social media post; Program Recognition; Half Page Ad.



<https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/circle-k-district-convention/>

FIND NEW KIWANIS MEMBERS HERE

OHIO NOW HAS A DATABASE SUBSCRIPTION WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE LEAD LISTS FOR YOUR CLUB. WORKS GREAT WITH THE TWO FOR TWO CAMPAIGN AND OPEN HOUSES!

**LIST PROVIDES:
NAME, ADDRESS,
PHONE, EMAIL,
SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Choose your zip code(s)
- Identify by job title
- Select key words

SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST ON OHIOKIWANIS.ORG UNDER RESOURCES > MEMBERSHIP





K-Family Day in Lima

by Bob Day

THE Kiwanis of Lima Ohio had its 13th annual Kiwanis Family Day on November 1. District Kiwanis Governor Dave Kuhn was our honored guest.



Officers of the Aktion Club of Allen County, Key Club of Lima Senior, Builders Club of North Middle School, Builders Club of South, and Liberty Magnets, Builders Club of Heir Force Community School, and K-Kids Clubs of Independence, Heritage, Unity, and Freedom Elementary Schools provided reports of their respective club activities. Each club is awesome in its service to their respective organizations and communities.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Did you know...

...about the abundance of resources available at kiwanis.org to help your club grow?

...about the Membership Leaders Group on Facebook?

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521121504645990>

...that you can request a club coach to help guide

you through revitalizing your club?

...the 2-for-2 Program is a requirement for Distinguished and Pinnacle Club status for 2022-23?



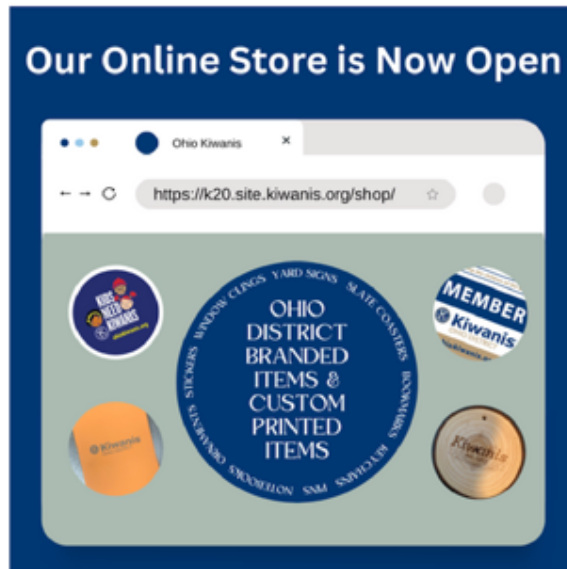


DISTRICT STORE NOW OPEN

NAVIGATE on over to the District website under the Resources tab down to Shop and you'll find two new order forms for Kiwanis merchandise. The first one is for Ohio District branded items, and the second one is for custom printed collateral materials such as business cards, brochures, and postcards. All custom orders are drop-shipped directly to the buyer, and the District branded items are available for in-office pickup or shipping.



[HTTPS://K20.SITE.KIWANIS.ORG/SHOP/](https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/shop/)



Builders Club Gives Back

by Lima Communications Corporation

STUDENTS involved in the Liberty Arts Magnet School Builders Club were selected by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to make a generous donation.

Earlier this afternoon, Liberty students presented a check of \$250 to Director Randy Kimpel from Our Daily Bread which will be used in the general fund for food expenses and bills. The Builders Club at Liberty was designated as a distinguished club, and club members frequently volunteer at Our Daily Bread. As a result of their hard work and service to Our Daily Bread, the Kiwanis Foundation chose the Builders Club to make this generous donation as a way to positively impact the community.

"It just helps a little bit. It's a small amount, but then, they have expenses. And so, it's just going to go towards what they need to support the homeless and people that are hungry and that type of thing. So, it's just a small amount but every little bit counts," stated Robert Day, secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Lima.

Our Daily Bread is also asking the public for any donations of hats, coats, and gloves for the winter as well as food.





KEY CLUB'S TRIUMPHANT FALL RALLY RETURN

by Governor Giovanni Stabile

FALL Rally was excellent! We had more than 300 attendees. We raised \$520 in raffle basket donations, and the committee chairs, Rhea Pasupuleti and Olivia Wiley, did an amazing job setting up the event. The three forums were excellent; each club made and took four blankets back to their respective club. Attendees enjoyed touring the zoo and learning about Key Club in the Key Club information session too. Overall, it was an amazing experience, and it gave us the momentum we need to create a successful District Leadership Convention in a few months.





IN MEMORIAM

Volita "Vee" Reifsnyder, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 22nd. Vee's service included many committee assignments with the Portsmouth and Port Clinton clubs. In 2007, she became a charter member of the I-Next Kiwanis Internet Club. She served as Port Clinton Kiwanis Club president from 1999 to 2000 and was the first woman elected to serve as Ohio District Treasurer from 2006 to 2007. In 2008 Vee was appointed as Big Bird for the Past Lt. Governor's Association and served as president of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation in 2015-16. Please keep her family in your thoughts.

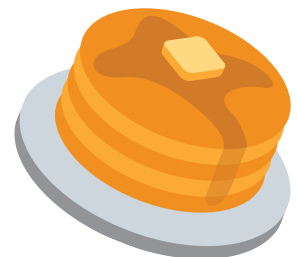


UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



The Coldwater Kiwanis Club will once again be hosting the Christmas at Memorial Park in Coldwater the month of December with special activities on the weekends of December 2, 3, 4 and 10 and 11.

Join Santa and the Berea Kiwanis Family on December 11 for Pancakes at the Baldwin Wallace Student Center from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. \$10 for all you can eat.



Join the Kiwanis Club of Logan for a warm bowl of home made bean soup after the Winter Hike in Hocking Hills State Park on January 21st. Hikers will meet at the campground between 9:00 - 11:00 AM





Baby, it's Cold Outside

by Sarah Roush, YCPO Chair

"HYPOTHERMIA: when the body loses heat faster than it can generate it. Most often this occurs when exposed to cold, rain, and wind." Fingers, ears, and toes are especially susceptible to cold and possible frostbite in young children. Caps or head coverings are crucial to help prevent heat loss and maintaining normal body temperatures.

Hypothermia can stress a body enough, that with an underdeveloped immune system, the risk of pneumonia and RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) are increased, especially if the child already has an underlying health condition.

A few days after our son was born, he developed RSV and double pneumonia. His immune system was still trying to recover from hypothermia related to his birth as well as some then, unknown conditions. It was a terrifying experience, spinal taps, veins too small to hold an IV, a high fever, labored breathing, it was touch and go for several days. We were in an isolated unit for 8 days as I paced the floor, willing this weak and fragile life to live, praying for a miracle. Terrified he might die or have some sort of permanent damage due to a perfect storm of symptoms coming from all directions, we waited to see if the cocktails of medications were working as they suctioned out his breathing passages, and I tried to get 2 – 3 ounces of formula in him. He had tubes, wires, and sensors from head to toes, and he was so weak, he mewled more than cried. It was an experience I wouldn't wish on anyone.

And the catalyst for this medical emergency? Hypothermia at his birth.

While most children will not be at risk the same way our son was, many will become sick due to not properly clothed. As Kiwanians, there are some ways we can help parents avoid this same nightmare. First off, we can provide winter hats and mittens to children. Providing additional head and hand coverings to school bus drivers, schools, day cares, shelters, food banks or WIC offices will allow parents to have easy access to these items. Gifting hat/mitten sets to children services, first responders, or hospitals can help provide a necessary resource to parents who are caught unprepared. Tuck a couple sets of caps or mittens into blessing boxes in your community.

Another consideration is to provide baby bunting sets to hospitals. As foster parents, we had less than 2 hours to obtain mandatory resources for our newborn son and an hour drive to get to the hospital. When we arrived at the hospital, Jacob was dressed in a lightweight sleep sack and a hand knitted cap. Because he was not born in the hospital, he was not wrapped in the white blanket with blue and pink trim which is usually sent home with a child. Fortunately, volunteers for the hospital had knitted blankets for "indigent" children and we were able to leave without having to go to the store to purchase a blanket. The sleep sack, tiny cap and blanket was a lifesaving resource at a time of enormous stress. Simple knotted blankets would be a blessing for many emergency rooms and care centers, when children arrive in vomit (or worse) covered blankets and need something warm to leave in.

Clubs can obtain these items (socks too!) by having a community drive, partnering with local crafting/knitting groups, fundraising, and purchasing in bulk from places such as The Kiwanis Warehouse, or local big box store or dollar store. You may even be able to obtain sponsors such as stores who cater to children and their parents, think credit unions, toy stores, doctor offices, day care or insurance offices. We are only limited by our imagination.





HOW DID THEY GROW? (SMALL CLUB)

THE Kiwanis Club of Galion in division 11N has already shown 20% growth for the year, going from 17 members to 21. We asked Secretary Miranda Jones what their club has done to achieve such great results.

"One of the activities the club did was ask their members a series of short questions. "Why I Kiwanis", "Why I give time to Kiwanis", "What does Kiwanis do for our community", "What is my favorite project", and "Why consider Kiwanis", responses were collected and then a campaign on social media shared the responses. This helped to build name recognition and to help explain the purpose of Kiwanis. Club members were then encouraged to ask acquaintances and business associates to visit the club."

"Galion also worked closely with the Chamber of Commerce, new businesses were invited to join the Kiwanis Club and to become involved with service projects right away. Additionally, they are active supporters of their Key Club at Galion High School, the club has a large annual signature project of a toy drive for local children."

The club has two large signature fundraisers, a Chili Dinner in March and a Pancake Breakfast in October; these events provide resources for their multiple service projects each year.

In addition to being active supporters of their Key Club at Galion High School, the club has a large annual signature project of a toy drive for local children. The Kiwanis Club also works closely with their local newspaper and advertiser paper, which enhances name recognition in the community.

This combination of efforts has helped the Kiwanis Club of Galion recruit and thus, serve their community!





KEY LEADER EVENT GENERATES NEW STUDENT SERVANT LEADERS

by Kelly Shaffer, Key Leader Co-Chair

WITH profound gratitude to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, Kiwanis Children’s Fund, Division 10-S, Leadership Consulting, and Dr. Kip Crain, it can be said that Key Leader 2022 was a success. Twenty-nine students from all over Ohio gathered at Recreation Unlimited to experience servant leadership education under the guidance of Lead Facilitator Greg Long. Greg’s expertise in all things servant leadership helped students to examine their personal values and build communities with the ultimate goal of improving lives through service. Students also had some fun working with two outstanding members of the camp staff on team building activities. They found their way across a raging river, untied human knots and kept their helium hula hoops from flying off.

A unique addition to this fall’s event was the opportunity for students to work with their neighborhood group to plan a service project and present it to a panel of Kiwanians for feedback. Several chaperones gathered at the table to play the part of the local Kiwanis club and hear what students had come up with. They asked questions and gave advice on how to work with Kiwanis clubs back home to maximize their positive impact. When all was said and done, each student was turned out in to the world to do good.

If students attended from your area, please invite them to share their experience with your membership. You never know what you may learn from these amazing students. Next year, we’ll do it all again during the weekend of November 10-12 at Recreation Unlimited. Students, chaperones and volunteers are always welcome. Contact us at ohiokeyleader@gmail.com for information.





Aktion Club Announces Crawford Award Winner

by Dick Brulotte, Aktion Club Administrator

WHEN asked what was missed most during the pandemic, Aktion Club members responded with two things. First, they missed seeing one another and the camaraderie they experienced at in-person meetings. The second thing they missed most was doing service. Just like Kiwanis, the heart of an Aktion Club revolves around doing community service as a group.

Each year, one Ohio District Aktion Club is presented with The Tom E. Crawford Service Award for Aktion Clubs of Ohio. This award, sponsored by The Crawford Family and the All Ohio e-Medina Kiwanis Club for “the Best Overall Service Project” is presented in memory of Thomas Edward Crawford, son of Past Ohio District Governor Tom Crawford and First Lady MaryLou who passed away in 2007 at the young age of 25. He left his mark on Ohio’s K-Family as a member of Aktion Club and as a member of the All Ohio e-Medina Kiwanis Club. He was very active in his community and Aktion Club, but always wanted to do more, thus he became a Kiwanian like his dad and mom.

To ease Ohio’s Aktion Clubs back into service, an easy “Challenge Project” was created. The project, called “Birthday Party in A Bag” involved collecting and assembling items needed for a youngster to celebrate a birthday. Bags could be very basic with just a box of cake mix, a can of frosting, and of course a 9”x13” aluminum pan for baking – or a Club could go all out and include a wide variety of items deemed necessary to make a truly spectacular birthday celebration, like paper plates; napkins; party hats; party favors; balloons and of course, candles! Once a Club had the bags assembled, they were donated to a local food pantry to distribute to families in need who might not be able to afford even the basic items needed to brighten a youngster’s special day.

Many clubs accepted the challenge, but this year’s winning Club chose to take a simple project and turn it into an educational and learning experience for its members as well as a project that gave back to the community. Many birthday bags were presented to a local food bank.

The Knox County Aktion Club members went several steps beyond the basic project. Members identified a local food bank to work with and then reached out to discuss the possibility of doing a joint project. Members planned and organized how they would conduct their drive which would ultimately collect food, paper products and gift cards. As a Club, members finally identified the best process for assembling the bags, then finally, a small group delivered the bags to the food bank and realized a job well done!





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The Aktion Club of Knox County, under the leadership of Advisor Jeanette Carpenter, involved all Club members in the entire process and was recognized as the recipient of the Tom E. Crawford Service Award.

On October 11, 2022, the formal presentation of this award at the monthly meeting of Aktion Club of Knox County was made by Alan Penn, Past International Kiwanis President and member of the All-Ohio e-Medina Kiwanis Club, and representing Past Ohio District Governor Tom Crawford who was unable to be present.

All Ohio Aktion Clubs are eligible to be considered for next year's the Tom E. Crawford Service Award presented at our 2023 Annual Aktion Club Leadership & Education Day.



Members of the Knox County Aktion Club pose with Past International Kiwanis President Alan Penn and 11S Kiwanis Lt. Governor Al Allender upon receiving the Thomas E. Crawford Service Award for 2022.





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