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From the desk of the
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



FEBRUARY starts with the new membership team starting to boost and build clubs. We have determined locations to focus on to open and boost. Again, we will ask for all hands on deck to assist any way possible the membership team so they can be successful and achieve the goals set for the Ohio District. I will be out doing more official visits to discuss the goals and First Family project. I have missed driving around the state meeting all these great Kiwanians. Registration opens on February 15th for the International Convention which will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 21st to June 24th. Let us have a great turnout this year to support Kip Crain to be Vice-President of Kiwanis International. There are many momentous events scheduled in Minneapolis. Hasani Wheat, OTIC Chair, will be handing out information about the convention at the MidYear conference. In ending, this month please register for the International Convention and the MidYear conference. Finally, this is the month of love, so show your Valentine how much you care.



*In Service,
Dave Kuhn*



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From the desk of the
DISTRICT SECRETARY



AN American history scholar I am not. Nor do I consider myself a historian or even a history buff. I do, however, have an interest in, and an appreciation of, those who have served our nation in the highest office. When I can, I try to wrap a presidential history site into a vacation or business trip. This past December I was able to visit the Little White House in Key West, Florida. All told I have visited over 50 sites including birthplaces, residences, burial sites, and others. Luckily, there are many in Ohio and the northeast U.S. which makes for easy day trips.

Of particular interest, and what I find fascinating, are the stories and events that led to the top job. A good deal of Presidents never aspired to the role, but rose to the challenge when they were called to serve. That's the message that I'd like each of you to remember this month. We are all called to serve in one way or another. It might not be the top job, but every role serves a purpose as part of the greater good that defines us a nation.

*In Service,
Jim Janosik*

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

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INSPIRATION

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but
tomorrow is ours to win or lose.

Lyndon B. Johnson



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AKTION CLUB GIVES BACK

Jennifer Lewis - K-Kids Administrator & Aktion Club Advisor

The Aktion club of Licking County collected food for the annual Kyle Gossett Memorial Food Drive. We will donate our collection to the market at Food pantry.

Newark HS Key Club (Kyle was a Newark grad), Newark Kiwanis and Granville Kiwanis will contribute food and we will continue to collect change to donate to the Licking Co Food Pantry Network and the Salvation Army of Newark.

For fun and a new twist this year, we started a Mac and Cheese box domino challenge to extend to other Ohio Kiwanis Aktion Clubs.

At our meeting on Jan. 10, 2023, we made a heart design using 8 cases of Mac and Cheese (24 boxes per case) plus some loose boxes for 200 boxes. We used most of them and took a video of the dominos in Aktion!



I Love the asymmetry and mix of colors. It was fun to build, a challenge requiring teamwork and a great Kiwanis family effort. We know Kyle would love that we added this project!!!

(For reference, the red boxes are IGA brand and the blue are Walmart brand.)



LIMA K-KIDS CLUB GIVES BACK

Bob Day - Builders Club Administrator & K-Kids Advisor

THE K-Kids Club of Freedom Elementary School in Lima, in recognition of being named a Distinguished club for 2021-2022 and for volunteering on Kiwanis One Day on October 23, 2021, at the West Ohio Food Bank, a 501(c)(3), awarded a \$250 grant to the WOFB, from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Pictured are the club officers presenting the check to Steven Rakes, Community Impact Coordinator, second from left.



Save the Date

Ohio Key Club
District Leadership
Conference
April 1-2, 2023

THINKING OF STARTING A K-KIDS CLUB?

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Young Leaders Helping Others

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.



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BY THE NUMBERS

In the 2021-22 Administrative year, approximately one-third of Ohio Kiwanis Clubs reported they completed *51,282 service hours*. In addition, they donated *\$844,815.00* to their communities.

When you add the fiscal value of a service hour to the monetary donations, this comes out to contributions of **\$2,378,710.90** towards better communities and programs across the state.

Use this as a talking point during membership recruitment. We encourage each club to complete their monthly reports and register your service hours. It makes a big difference.



New Club News



Valley Forge High School,
sponsored by the Kiwanis
Club of Parma

Big Walnut High School,
sponsored by the Kiwanis Club
of Sunbury Big Walnut

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Highview 6th Grade Center,
sponsored by the Kiwanis
Club of Middletown



KIWANIS FAMILY WELCOME

Our newest members December 21, 2022 through January 20, 2023



New Members

Thomas Cooke
Dianne Cross
Kelly Davenport
Mikaila Hall
Diann Jurcago
Brittany Kemper
Drew Kleinhen
Erica Koons
Kristina Lackey
Melinda McCarty-Stewart
Kristen Morris
Christopher Powell

Club

Oxford
Madison
Fremont
Piqua
Strongsville Area
Madison
Bryan
Hilliard
Barberton
Kettering-Centerville
Heath Moundbuilders
Berea

New Members

Matthew Shaughnessy
Karlyn Short
Michelle Smith
Shelly Somerville
Terri Soukup
Philip Stemble
Bob Swaggard
Mike Taylor
Erin Walker
Frances Weiss
Ray Wilson
Meredith Zetzer

Club

Barberton
Lima
Olmsted Falls
Portage Lakes, Akron
Olmsted Falls
Lancaster
Independence
Springfield
Bryan
Bowling Green
Greater Euclid
Port Clinton

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Granville Kiwanis Club on February 11, 2023 for their annual Pancake Breakfast featuring Kiwanis' own Pure Maple Syrup, All-you-can-eat from 7 AM - noon. Celebrating 50 years of Granville Kiwanis' maple syrup project! Pure Maple Syrup for sale, while supplies last. St. Edwards Church, 785 Newark Granville Rd., Granville, info@granvillekiwanis.org

Kiwanis Club of Marietta Pancake Days, First Congregational Church, 318 Front St, Marietta, Ohio. Feb 3- 11:00am-1:30pm & 5:00-7:00pm and Feb 4-7:00am-2:00pm and 4:00-7:00pm. All the pancakes you can eat plus two sausage patties, orange slice and beverage. Tickets are 10.00. Children under 5 eat free with ticket holder.

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 February 21st. Hikers will meet at the campground between 9:00 - 11:00am.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF TIFFIN PRESENTS

FOR THE
LOVE OF
FOOD

*Cooking
Show*



February 9 • 7 pm

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Tiffin Columbian Auditorium

Featuring Celebrity Chefs

Johnny Reino - Reino's • Chris Fredrick - MST

Rory Alcala - Empire at 138

Emcee-Michelle Tuite, Tiffin City Schools/Kiwanis Club

Check out booths from local businesses (free samples!!)

Dessert Auction! • Door Prizes!

Purchase your tickets for \$10 each at Kiwanis Manor,
Superior Credit Union, Night of Event

For more information or to reserve your spot for a booth, email tiffinkiwans@gmail.com



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THE JOURNEY TO BUILDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION THROUGHOUT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Monica & Marla Marsh, DEI Co-Chairs

FOCUSING on DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) requires forgiveness, reflection introspection, and a consciousness that involves seeing beyond the surface level existence of humanity. It requires looking deeply into the soul of three things: 1) Oneself, 2) Other human beings, and 3) Institutions/Club Organizations. Before delving more into what DEI is, let's make a clear distinction as to what it is not.

February is Black History Month, in which many institutions/organizations across the country will plan activities to spotlight the accomplishments of Black people. That recognition is essential, but it also poses a risk – some institutions will plan events under Black history that really should be called something else.

That may be well intentioned, but the confusion hampers progress. Many will argue that with such a more strong emphasis on DEI, focusing on ideals such as Black History Month, Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, etc., only separates us further. However, often times what happens if we don't take the time to recognize and appreciate persons from various often marginalized groups, they get lost in the concept of "inclusion."

Since this is Black history month we will put our concentration efforts here in showing the contrast relating to Black history and DEI. The difference between Black history and DEI is that the diversity in DEI is far more than Black people. Diversity is a commitment in the thinking process of race, religion, socio-economic status, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Where institutions/organizations fall short, it is the belief that teaching Black history is diverse in content. Diversity is an intentional process beyond Blackness. It is a commitment to acceptance in thought and action.

When referencing DEI, inclusion is an intention commitment to change that is found in language. It is the acceptance of all people evident in the everyday words and print. Kiwanis International fully understands DEI. As a volunteer organization serving children around the world through members in more than 70 countries, Kiwanis International has had a longstanding commitment to opportunity and dignity for all people.



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While Kiwanis International has a longstanding commitment, this commitment needs to also be present on the District and Individual club levels. Having a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is not a place that you get to and 'stay.' It is a journey that will be riddled in successes and mistakes. While on the journey, looking deeply into the souls of 1) Oneself, 2) Other human beings, and 3) Institutions/Club Organizations, your understanding of DEI will grow, significantly.



Even if you are strongly dedicated and passionate to diversity, equity and inclusion, there will be struggles of forgiveness and how you work in DEI everyday with people who may be filled with anger and resentment and how you deal with the idea in order to really serve them, you question whether or not you are practicing forgiveness of disappointment and hurt faced from others. But one must remember that forgiveness is a spiritual and daily practice. It's something you have to wake up to and think about daily. You can't just attempt to try it once and think you've let something go, and it's over.

Throughout this journey of DEI, it is important to reflect on the root cause and build solutions to discrimination and hate in the world. While on this spiritual journey, forgiveness will be very prevalent in the three previously mentioned areas of Yourself/Myself, Other Human Beings and The Institution/Club Organization.

Yourself/Myself – One's heart, spirit, and soul leads you to ask some very serious questions that you might feel like you already examined when you began this journey, but it requires a deeper introspection. 1) Who am I becoming? 2) What is my soul's purpose? 3) What is my expected outcome? 4) In what areas of my life do I need to heal in order to achieve your purpose authentically?

Other Human Beings – As Kiwanians, think about the human beings you serve daily. Often times it is usually people who face discrimination that are also expected to forgive their oppressors (People of Color, LGBTQ+, Veterans, Individuals living with disabilities [visible and invisible], and the list goes on). Those who have been oppressed twice, thrice, and four times, have more forgiving and healing to do. We must think about redefining what forgiveness means. Forgiveness must involve understanding but not necessarily acceptance. In focusing on our DEI efforts, we should understand the ignorance behind discrimination, bigotry, prejudice and pure ignorance. This does not meant we have to accept it in our daily lives. You may have experienced your individual clubs working to change their climate, trying to make it more inclusive but it just isn't happening. You may have felt disappointed and even sometimes hopelessness. This can strike us

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at the foundation of our souls and negatively impact our spirits. These structures you build, have built, and sustain within your clubs have a history of impacting our soul's existence. In order to break down these systems there has to be a process where we are searching deep down within ourselves to find answers to who we are and why we exist.

The Institution/Club Organization – Institutions/club organizations must begin to ask themselves questions regarding the soul and spirit of their foundation. 1) Who are we as a Kiwanis club? 2) What have we done to positively impact the world? 3) In what spaces do we need to show support in order to provide equitable outcomes in, to heal the damages we have caused (to people, to communities, etc.)?

Throughout your DEI journey you may have witnessed the best and the worst of human beings and may not have always recognized the positive and negative impacts this has on one's energy and soul. Keep the faith and remember in order to consistently show up as your best self, you have to do a lot of forgiving. Build your consciousness around the fact that forgiveness does not come easy, neither does change. As a matter of fact, it is an important part of the process of growth. Forgiveness does not equal reconciliation. It equates in many cases to understanding and moving on. In order to develop a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion, we must continue to crucially and critically evaluate all phases of life. But first start interpersonally. It all begins with you. The interpersonal exploration will impact your ability to assess, facilitate, and implement your work in daily practice.

If you want to dedicate yourself to focusing on committing to increasing diversity and celebrating the range of human differences (diversity); committing to a policy of opportunity that promotes fairness, impartiality and nondiscriminatory actions for all persons – no matter the criteria (equity); and committing to pursuing efforts to ensure the dignity of all people is recognized, respected, valued and empowered (inclusion); then you are on a journey to help heal the world of the pain that leads to discrimination and oppression based on our identities.

Then to build systems and make sure that this never happens to anyone else. To redefine how we value human life and treat one another equitably and equally. In order for DEI efforts to work throughout Kiwanis International, the first part of the journey begins with ourselves as individuals with self-exploration. Then you need to continue this practice over and over. We wish you much success on your journey. Please remember the door is always open to utilize our resources either in person or via zoom to strengthen our clubs in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.





ODKF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Achieving Mid Year Goals



As we quickly approach the halfway point of the administrative year let me encourage you to “double down” on completing the goals you have set for your club. We are reminded to be intentional as members of Kiwanis, to fulfill our purpose of serving our communities and schools, helping the children and families in a variety of ways. It starts with preparation and evaluating what we've achieved so far, what needs to be accomplished this month, before MidYear Education Day, and beyond. Kiwanis clubs that are working to add an SLP, incorporate a new service project or add two new members, there is sufficient time to complete these goals with support of district leadership, community and ODKF resources. Engage fellow members, other Kiwanis clubs, and certainly ODKF to utilize all available resources. ODKF has grants of \$500 to \$5,000 that will support many of the club initiative you have set for the year, please reach out and let us know how we can better serve you. If your club is looking for a guest speaker, we can share information about Planned Giving, Key Club and Circle K Scholarships, Ohio License Plate program, or Club Advised Funds. Our ODKF grant programs have awarded over \$1,250,000 to Ohio Kiwanis Clubs since 1988 including Governor Project grants. How can ODKF help your club achieve set goals, make your division stronger, and make the district better? I encourage you to empower the leaders within your club and your SLPs to explore opportunities that will help you build the Kiwanis brand within your schools and community. Think outside the box, break traditions, take calculated risk, work collectively with other clubs and your SLPs to achieve your goals for the year. Expand your reach through social media, community events, take advantage of business chambers, network groups, non-profit organizations, and the resources available.

The next ODKF grant cycle ends March 31. These funds will be awarded in May, so plan accordingly. Visit www.ODKF.org and complete your grant submission forms. Please provide a solid plan of execution with dates, staffing, specific needs, community benefit, and your clubs commitment to the project (sweat equity). These are key items we expect to see when evaluating grant submissions.

In closing, please remember to donate on behalf of your club to the First Family service project through the ODKF website. Please plan to participate in the First Family Service Project at MidYear Education Day. We will have backpacks ready for LTGs and club members to take back to their division that day to be distributed to family centers within your community. Thanks in advance for your continued support with everything ODKF is trying to do to make your club and the GREAT Ohio District of Kiwanis even better!



In Kiwanis Service,

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ODKF President 2022-2023

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MIDYEAR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dave Doney, MidYear Chair

KIWANIS MidYear Education Day 2023 is fast approaching! Be sure to join Kiwanians from across Ohio on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North for a great day of education and fellowship. Early bird registration is available through Feb. 17, and don't forget there is a \$15 discount for the first 50 first-time attendees to register.

Informative workshops will be held throughout the day. Whether you are a new secretary learning the ropes or want to learn more about The First Family's Project – Komfort Bags for Foster Children – MidYear Education Day will provide the answers to your Kiwanis questions. *See the tentative workshop schedule on page 18.*



Jamole Callahan will be our Keynote Speaker. Jamole is an international motivator and dynamic foster care advocate who has taken his Foster Care experience and transformed it to motivating and training parents and staff to strive to support youth and families. He is informed by his 20-year career in training and consulting with child welfare systems as well as his six years living in Ohio's foster care system. His voice has provided coping techniques for future youth, helping organizations to thrive in their culture, passing legislation benefiting current and future foster youth, and motivating us to live fulfilling lives all through the power of speaking up.

Kiwanis MidYear Education Day 2023 Learn. Prepare. Live! We hope to see you there.



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DISTRICT MERCHANDISE

WELCOME new members to your club with a window cling. They work on the inside or outside of a window to show pride in membership of the Ohio District. Or consider a yard sign to be prominently displayed at the new member's home. Order now and have them on-hand for new member inductions!

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Anonymous

Craig Smith, 2021-22 District Governor

Kiwanis Clubs of Piqua and Tipp City Area

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LEARN LEVEL \$100

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All Ohio eMedina Kiwanis Club - Celebrating 20 years of service



*Through January 23, 2023



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HUDSON BUILDERS CLUB GIVES BACK

Gretchen Fritsch - HMS Builders Club Advisor

THE Builders Club of McCormick Middle School received \$250 from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to benefit One-of-a-Kind Pets in Akron, Ohio.

"When I started our Builders Club at Hudson Middle School in March 2022, I asked the students what service projects they would like to do. Overwhelmingly, they voted to clean up our local parks, and to volunteer at a local pet rescue.

Because our students are 11-14 years old, we were not eligible to help at many rescues, as they require volunteers to be over 18 years old. However, OOK Pets welcomed us with open arms and students eagerly signed up!

We had two service opportunities last school year, and I have set up two days for this year, as well. When we volunteer, we have done things such as filling treat toys, creating newspaper pads for puppy crates, and spending time with the animals. We held a fundraiser and used a portion of what we raised to purchase items on their 'wishlist' of supplies.

I think that OOK Pets is a very worthy cause. Having spent time with the coordinators, I know they never turn animals down and are in dire need of supplies. The animals brought smiles to the faces of all of our volunteers!



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Youth Protection is Your Protection

by Ron Hyre, Risk Management and Youth Protection District Chair

WITH spring around the corner and many of our Clubs ramping up their events for the season/year, it's a good time to remind you all of the importance of Youth Protection! I am here to answer any questions you may have and be a resource for your Club. Our organization is dedicated to improving the lives of Children around the world, which means we also need to be dedicated to keeping them safe! The guidelines have been created and updated over the years based on the trends in society (and claims). I'm sure many of you are aware of the challenges the Boy Scouts faced a few years ago, the Catholic Church, and with the increase in awareness of gender identity it is important for Kiwanis and your Club to stay current and vigilant. These guidelines are required to be presented to your Club at least once a year. Once your Club has reviewed them, please make sure to have your Club Secretary check the box in the Portal showing it has been completed. A brief review of the 'rule of 3', social media, chaperones, overnight events, and more.

Bear in mind, anyone helping in your Club, regardless if they are a member, need to understand the Kiwanis Guidelines... including but not limited to your advisors, volunteers, chaperones, parents, and teachers. To further help with training, Kiwanis has several courses online through the Praesidium Academy. These are free courses and your Club officers, SLP Advisors, and Chaperones are requested to complete a few of the courses. (Abuse Risk Management, Social Media, and Preventing Sexual Activity).

Which leads me to the next point – please make sure that your SLP Club Advisors have completed a Kiwanis Background Check through the portal. They are valid for 2 years. Again, ANYONE leading an event, staying/working with the youth, and advisors all need a background check, including folks that are not members. Example you may have some chaperones that aren't members – they need a background check. And No, the background check your advisors may have through their school district are not acceptable.



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Youth Protection (Cont.)

The short answer is that Kiwanis does not have access to those background checks, we need to have our own background checks on file. The only exception would be the Teachers who ONLY have SLP meetings on the school property. If they are involved OFF school property with your Club/SLPs, they need the KI background check.

The guidelines can be found on Kiwanis International website, along with a variety of other information. <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/youth-protection> I have a PowerPoint I can share with you as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions at Ronaldh@kiwaniscf.org. I'm happy to provide you with the PowerPoint that has some interesting information and alarming statistics. I am happy to present to your Club over zoom, however it is not required for me to present the Guidelines, anyone in your Club can present and review.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SCHEDULE



THE District Office will host a monthly zoom to help new Kiwanians acclimate to all things K-Family. Covering International and District topics only, staff will share information on history, nomenclature, happenings, and most importantly, how to engage beyond the club level.

Look for the registration link on the District website under Resources > Membership and the zoom link will be emailed to you upon registration. Sessions will run approximately 60 minutes allowing for participant Q&A.

The schedule will be a rotation of noon on the second Wednesdays and 7:30pm on the fourth Wednesdays.



Builders Club Recognition Deadlines

by Bob Day, Builders Club Administrator

ALTHOUGH it is February we are rapidly approaching the end of the school year. So it's time to review the requirements to be recognized as a distinguished/honor club and to nominate advisors and club officers as distinguished,

FYI, the Ohio District had three distinguished and three honor clubs during 2021-2022. There were 35 in all in the United States. The District had eight distinguished advisors among the 14 in total in the US. There were ten distinguished club officers with none in Ohio.

So our goal should be to have at least 20 clubs and advisors and five officers named in in one of the categories.

The link to review all the criteria is <https://www.buildersclub.org/club-and-member-recognition/>



CKI ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT

CIRCLE K's January Advisor Spotlight was Lizzie Minotti Kurtz from The Ohio State University!

Lizzie's sunny disposition brightens every event she attends. She goes out of her way to welcome new members and engage with existing ones. She offers to drive members to service events, and she encourages members to pursue new opportunities, such as applying for scholarships and taking on leadership roles.

Lizzie ensures that Circle K not only allows for volunteer opportunities, but also fosters community. She understands that Circle K is more than just service projects -- it is a family. Lizzie is an integral part of the Circle K Club at Ohio State, embodying the tenets of service, leadership, and fellowship.





MIDYEAR TENTATIVE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Monica Marsh, Education Chair

Learn from the past to apply to the present and future.
Prepare yourselves and your club to be able to look into the future.
Live in the present, be aware of what is around us.

LEARN TRACK

Kiwanis – Our International Experience: Come hear about some of the signature projects and community engagement activities that Dr. Kip Crain and his wife, Becky Crain have had the pleasure of observing around the world.

Thinking Outside the Box to form an Aktion Club: Aktion Club Members will share the story of working with Maggie's & M.O.R.E. A club that is hosted by a business that only hires special needs Adults.

Youth Protection Services: Kiwanis members must know how to protect the youth with whom we serve. This presentation will share the extensive action Kiwanis International has taken to equip Kiwanis Clubs, districts and Service Learning Programs with the tools to provide safety and secure environments for youth.

PREPARE TRACK

How We May Serve You?: The Kiwanis Children's Fund aims to help Kiwanis Clubs extend their impact. In this workshop you will hear ways in which your club can work with KCF.

Why Membership Matters: If a Kiwanis club isn't evolving and improving, it will fail sooner than later. Learn how to strengthen a club while providing service that's relevant and effective.

That's Us – Sharing Our Kiwanis Story: Come hear about the success of a Signature Project from the West Akron Club.

LIVE TRACK

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: This interactive session helps participants to understand what it feels like to be included or perhaps excluded from the conversation.

Risk Management: While Planning for fundraisers and activities, your club must keep an eye toward safety to avoid accidents. This session will help educate you on how to physically protect participants and financially protect your club.

Strengthening Your Bond with SLPs: Learn some tips how to support and mentor our Service Learning Programs in the 21st Century.

More workshops are being planned and will be posted to the District website as announced.



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MINNEAPOLIS: PLANNING YOUR TRIP NOW

Hasani Wheat - On to International Convention Chair

Details and costs for getting to the Kiwanis International Convention are out! I want to brief you on a couple of important items as you consider attending the International Convention. Please keep in mind that registration opens on February 15.

Cost (Three options)- <https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention/registration-tickets/>

3-DAY PACKAGE (Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 22-24)

- o Regular registration (February 15-May 15) – \$375
- o Price goes up to \$475 beginning May 16
- o On-site registration is \$575

ANNUAL MEETING ONLY (Saturday, June 24)

- o Regular registration (February 15-May 15) – \$199
- o Price goes up to \$249 beginning May 16
- o On-site registration is \$299

VIRTUAL ADMISSION (Thursday & Friday, June 22-23)

- o Regular registration (February 15-May 15) – \$59
- o Late registration (May 16-June 19) – \$79
- o Immediate access (June 22-24) – \$99



Please note: The Kiwanis International Bylaws do not allow remote voting. Delegates must attend in person to vote in any election, amendment, or resolution.

Hotel

- Ohio's designated hotel is the Millennium (\$187/night), however, there are also other hotels in the vicinity near the Convention Center. The Millennium is the closest hotel to the convention center, connected by the skybridge.
- The deadline to book within the Kiwanis room block is May 25.
- There will be other major events held in Minneapolis during this week. Rooms will sell out quickly so do not delay in reserving your hotel room.
- Pro-tip: You may want to consider rooming with another individual to save on some money.
- To book your hotel room, go to <https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention/travel-tourism>
 - o Click on the picture of the hotel that you are booking and follow the prompts.
 - o Special Kiwanis rates are only available by booking online through the website.

Flight Info

- Delta Airlines has a special discount (ranging from 3%-10%) for Kiwanis International Convention attendees. There are two ways to book your flight with Delta:
 - o Online: <https://tinyurl.com/hyebtmec>
 - o Phone: Delta Meeting Network® at 1.800.328.1111* Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (CT) and refer to Meeting Event Code NY237



GIVING
TREE

Sue Petrisin



Our newest addition to the Giving Tree is from our friend in the Michigan District, Past International President Sue Petrisin of the East Lansing Kiwanis Club. You, or your club, can recognize a member's contributions with a copper, silver, or gold leaf on the Giving Tree, prominently displayed at the Ohio District Kiwanis Office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO DONATE

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



February
Board
Member
Birthdays



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.



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Participants will:

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover their personal strengths so they can lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen the ability to lead others in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a strategic plan that works.
- Learn from experts as well as from peers from across the globe.
- Earn a certification of completion.

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

1. The qualities of a good leader.
2. Methods of communication.
3. Planning engaging events.
4. Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
5. Working with others.
6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

The participation fee is US\$200. Individuals may enroll themselves for Kiwanis Amplify — or a club, division or district may sponsor participants. The participation fee is considered an educational expense, so clubs have the option of paying it from their service accounts.

To learn more or register, visit kiwanis.org/amplify.

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2021-2022 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AKTION CLUB CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Dick Brulotte, Aktion Club Administrator

The Aktion Club Winners of the KI 2021-22 Awards and Recognitions have recently been posted online. Congratulations to All of our Ohio Winners! There was a major increase of award submissions this September/October so it is no wonder it took so long or that we had stiffer competition than the 2020-21 year.

Here are our Ohio Winners for 2021-22:

Non-Digital Poster

3rd Place, Kim Burgess of the Aktion Club of Licking County

Speech Contest

2nd Place, Jennifer Dietrich, Aktion Club of Hancock County

Club Video

2nd Place, Aktion Club of Hancock County

Non-Digital Scrapbook

3rd Place, Aktion Club of Licking County

Digital Scrapbook

2nd Place, Seneca County Opportunity Center Aktion Club

Honor Clubs

Aktion Club of Allen County

Aktion Club of Huron County

Distinguished Clubs

Aktion Club of Licking County

Aktion Club of Medina County

Aktion Club of Columbiana County

Knox County Aktion Club

Mercer County Aktion Club

Seneca County Opportunity Center Aktion Club

The Community Aktion Club of Western Cuyahoga County

The Greenville Aktion Club



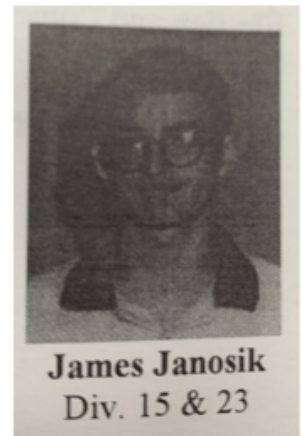
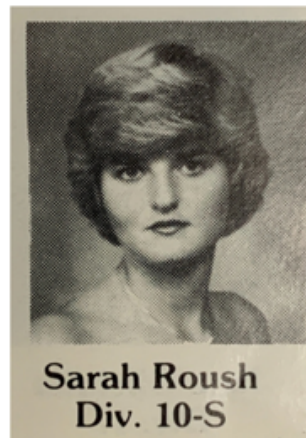
DOWNTOWN ATHENS TURNS 50

On January 17, Governor Dave Kuhn presented a proclamation from the District recognizing the Downtown Athens Kiwanis Club on their achievement of 50 years of service.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

A little blast from the past. Pictured below are your District Office staff members from their days as Ohio Key Club Lt. Governor's. We won't mention the years.



Interested in running for District Office?

At the annual house of delegates session our District elects:
2 Finance & Structure Committee members
District Treasurer
Governor-Elect

Request candidate paperwork from District Secretary Jim by emailing executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org

March 1 is the filing deadline.



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Come see the World Famous Savannah Bananas

(think of Harlem Globetrotters, but baseball)
with your fellow Kiwanian's

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Gates open at 5:30pm (SOLD OUT - Get there early!)

Canal Park, Downtown Akron, \$25/per ticket

Learn more about the Bananas and their antics here:

<https://thesavannahbananas.com/>

Contact Ronald with any questions: RonaldH@KiwanisCF.org

Buy your reserved Kiwanis ticket here:

<https://bananas.fansfirsttickets.com/order/group/OhioKiwanis/>

