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# From the desk of the DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**HELLO** Kiwanians! It's May and that means that we are in membership month. I want you all to know that the district is up in membership, but we can't stop now. Most of you have heard me talk about membership and what it means for the future of this organization. If we don't continue to grow we will not be here in 10 years. We have seven new clubs in the works but we need help making the phone calls so they can finish getting these clubs open. If you would like to be a club opener or club coach, please feel free to contact me and will get you to the right class.

I want to thank those of you that are doing the two for two program. You can see how easy it is to bring in new Kiwanians with new ideas and more service hours. If you have not worked on the two for two, please give it a try so it can make a big difference in your club. Please remember to include the two for two program on your monthly report so you can qualify for a \$250 prize from Kiwanis International. If you want help with a real boost, we have a team that will come out and go out on appointments with your club. It will require your club to work on setting up the appointments. I believe in the Ohio District and all of you can make a difference in membership for the month of May. Please remember to always ASK prospective members to join.



In Service, Dave Kuhn



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Jim Janosik



# From the desk of the DISTRICT SECRETARY



THIS edition of the Buckeye Bulletin brings an extra focus on membership, and for good reason. May is Membership Month for Kiwanis International! Why May? Maybe it's a fun alliteration play or maybe it's a good pre-summer reminder to remain focused on growth as the Kiwanis year begins to wane. Whatever the reason for the timing, it is truly imperative that every club and every member think and act frequently about membership with the end goal of helping more kids.

More hands for more service is tough to argue with, isn't it? Regardless of the size of your club, there are folks in your community waiting to be asked to join a service club. Folks that have skills your club can use, a desire to give back, a passion for serving kids. Ok then, how do we find those folks. Well, read on in this edition for many great ideas along with ways the District can support your recruitment activities. You'll also find a new membership contest announcement on page 3, the 2 for 2 program and inviting new members on page 5, a report on volunteering and civic life on page 7, an update on the District goals on page 9, info for building your virtual presence on page 21, and tools to boost your club on page 27. Take time this month as a club, board, or membership committee to strategize an ongoing plan for growth, not just a one time effort.

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



## INSPIRATION

Nothing annoys people so much as not receiving invitations.

Oscar Wilde









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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

MEMBERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF KIWANIS. THEIR PASSIONS FUEL INCREDIBLE PROJECTS THAT BRING NEW HOPE TO CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES. THEIR WORK TOUCHES THOUSANDS OF LIVES EACH YEAR, HELPING FUTURE GENERATIONS REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

## Show Off Your Club



Looking for a brochure or a new club announcement? An invitation or a flyer? Stickers or postcards? We have already created this for you! Visit www.bit.ly/3zXMVP5 and download the membership brochure. invitations - everything you need to publicize how your club is making a difference in your community.

















## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### PERSONALIZE PROSPECTS' INVITES

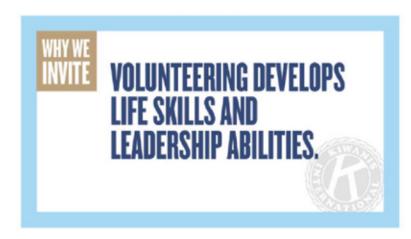
There is no single, "correct" way to invite people to join Kiwanis. Every prospect is different, with different dreams, motivations and belief systems. If you really want a prospect to join your club, don't make the same pitch as the previous one — and the one before that. Tailor your invitation to that person. Most of us believe that just telling someone about Kiwanis should be enough. Sometimes it works. But often it doesn't. Before approaching a prospect, consider what they may be looking to improve in their life. Then, when setting an appointment to talk about Kiwanis, emphasize how your club can help meet their needs. Some examples:

Helping each other help the community. Instead of leaving individuals to tackle issues alone, Kiwanis clubs connect likeminded people who want to make an impact by helping others.

**Networking.** Kiwanis membership can lead to connections with people you might not have met outside of the club. Some of these connections may even help you get a job or finish a home project. One of them might even become your new best friend.

Engaging with community leaders. Service clubs have regular events such as meetings, presentations and scheduled speakers — so members get chances to engage firsthand with community leaders. Encounters with people responsible for decisions in your area can give you a better understanding of how things get done.

**Personal growth.** The preceding examples help members build communication skills, work on networking, enhance your time management, get comfortable with public speaking and develop other skills and traits.



### TWO FOR TWO

The premise of "Two For Two" is simple: two members meet with two prospects every month to discuss Kiwanis and the club's impact on the community. The meeting can be anywhere such as a coffee shop, library, community center or place of business. The "Two For Two" guide is filled with pages of information, resources and ideas about who to approach for membership, how to approach them, ideas for corporate memberships and ways to identify prospects. There are cards to help clubs follow through on contacts and even some suggested prospects each month. The back cover can be used to track a club's progress. Clubs received this 12-page workbook in March 2022. A pdf copy is available at https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/membership/



Find more resources @ https://www.kiwanis.org /clubs/membership











## VOLUNTEERING AND CIVIC LIFE IN OHIO

https://serve.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/all-news/volunteering-data

### Research Shows Volunteers Build a Stronger, More United America

Americans continue to rally together and unite during our nation's most challenging times to help our neighbors. This isn't new. But it is Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism newsworthy. We've witnessed everyday Americans springing into action after the September 11 attacks, on every Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service, after devastating natural disasters across the nation and territories, and, most recently, while combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic affected every aspect of American life, strained public and nonprofit services, and exacerbated longstanding social inequities. Still, Americans came together, offering help and hope to their communities by supporting immunization clinics, staffing food banks, providing comfort to isolated seniors, and tutoring students to help them stay on track in school.

For the past 20 years, AmeriCorps has collaborated with the US Census Bureau to collect data on volunteering and civic engagement to take the pulse of our nation's civic health. The Current Population Survey Civic Engagement and Volunteering Supplement is the most robust survey about volunteerism and other forms of civic engagement in the United States. The biennial Volunteering and Civic Life in America research underscores the value of giving time to help others in states and cities across our nation and provides up to date data on service and volunteerism.

In Ohio, more than 2.2 million volunteers served nearly 166 million hours across the state between September 2020 and 2021, and 4.6 million of people informally helped their neighbors, despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The research also estimates that volunteers generated more than \$4.5 billion in economic value in the state.

Volunteering has long been a core value in Ohio. Volunteerism and service is essential for the health of nonprofits, faith-based organizations

24.3%

of Ohioans formally volunteered through organizations

96.3%

of Ohioans talked to or spent time with friends or family

of Ohioans informally helped others by exchanging favors with their neighbors

70.7%

of Ohioans had a conversation or spent time with their neighbors

26.7%

of Ohioans belonged to an organization

47.1%

of residents donated \$25 or more to charity

and communities. Volunteers make a positive difference for others, deepen their knowledge and commitment to their community, and are even shown to have better health outcomes than nonvolunteers. Volunteers are essential to our nation's economic and social well-being. What's more, volunteering can benefit your own life and become an avenue to gain new skills, learn more about your community, expand your network, connect with neighbors, and experience health benefits.









10-WEST +6



## KIWANIS FAMILY WELCOME

Our newest members March 21, 2023 through April 20, 2023

### **New Members**

Andrew Burgess

Lawrence Charmley

Cole Coleman

Haley Easterday

Meghan Egloff

Amy Fagan

Alexis Fiorita

Amy Hardy

Stephanie Hicks Michelle Howard

Mikayla Johnson

**Todd King** 

Kali Lewis

Abby Manni

Rosemarie Marsh

Douglas Mock

Lisa Payne

Jennifer Perko

Paul Rush

Helen Thigpen

John Thompson

Sheri Walter

### Club

Vermilion

Independence

Bryan

Bucyrus

East Fork Region

Hudson

Portsmouth

East Fork Region

Lancaster

Delaware

Bucyrus

Troy

Bucyrus

Steubenville

Hudson

Granville

Independence

Belden Village, Canton

Mason

Portage Lakes, Akron

Mason

Carey

## DIVISIONS SHOWING POSITIVE GROWTH THROUGH 3.31.2023

1-SOUTH +16



## New Member Orientation



Hosted monthly by the district office, new members can participate in a 45-minute zoom session to learn about the District and International operations and histories.













## INVITING MEMBERS. BUILDING KIWANIS.

### **PLANTHE WORK**

### Develop a "cold" and "warm" prospects list.

Your cold list will be made up of people you don't know. Your warm list will be made up of people you have a connection with. Fill out index cards with your prospects' names, email addresses, home addresses, telephone numbers and any other information you feel is important.

### Assign teams.

Teams are more successful than individuals. You never know who a prospective member will relate to better. (Remember to mix up your teams so they're diverse.) By working in teams of two, you will reach more places rapidly — and members will feel safer as they travel to new locations. They'll also be able to support each other better.

### Look at the "Rediscovering Your Community" ACE tool.

It provides you with more ideas on what to say and do.

### Use the roster analysis tool.

It provides prompts to help you think about people you know in various careers.

### Remind your team why recruiting matters.

The larger a club is, the more it can do for its community and the children who live there. More members also bring more connections, more skill sets and more ideas to your club. Tasks become easier and possibilities expand with each member you add.

### WORK THE PLAN

### Visit prospects on both your lists.

Communicate with them to set meeting times and locations. At the meeting, wear name badges and introduce yourselves as Kiwanians. Tell people how long you've been a member and why it's important to you. Use the "Your Kiwanis Story" ACE tool to help create your personal message.

### Remember this key message:

Kiwanis is a global organization of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

### Be observant.

Look around during a visit. Take note of items such as wall plaques, pictures, awards, etc., so you can engage your prospects based on their interests.

### Bring a notebook.

After the meeting is over, remember to write down anything you deem important. If a prospect doesn't join right away, he or she may join later, and the information you gathered will be useful then.

#### Follow up.

Even if someone tells you they cannot join, they may join later. Be sure to call or send them a note thanking them for their time — ask them to join a future service project if you have one coming up, and connect with them on Facebook or LinkedIn. Make sure you give them your contact information.

### **USEFUL TIPS & TACTICS**

### Bring plenty of applications.

Complete the application with them and ask for their payment. If they don't have a way to pay at that moment, make a plan for picking up or receiving payment. Know how much to ask for and how the money is used.

#### Invite at the best times.

Invite on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Use morning and afternoon shifts. Meet at lunch to discuss your successes and follow-ups.

#### Be positive.

Make it a fun experience. Show enthusiasm and play to their interests. Remember to talk about how a new club can help kids in your prospect's community.

### Be a good listener.

Find out what their interests are and then connect those interests to club projects when possible. If they require a club with a different structure or different meeting time, get back to them with that information. Make sure you are talking with them, not at them.

### Don't give up.

A "no" may not be permanent.

Periodically invite them to a service project or fundraiser. Post pictures of your club projects on social media.

### RESOURCES

kiwanis.org/ACETools

Find 99 ideas to attract new members @ https://www.wildapricot.com/blog /ways-to-get-new-members











## DISTRICT GOALS UPDATE

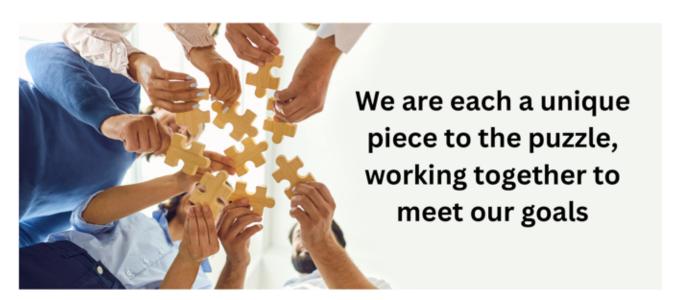
**ACHIEVING** the jointly established goals is something that every District Board strives to do, and this year we are on track to do just that. Here's a little update on our progress to date:

### **GROWTH**

- a. Net gain in membership At the end of March we were at a net positive of +139. Our starting number is 5,634. With an annual loss of about 3%, we can expect to lose about 170 members at the end of the year, perhaps more if the dues adjustment passes at KI and depending upon its impact.
- b. Achievement of the new club opening goal Ours is 8. To date, we have opened none, but the membership team has several in the works. We will also receive credit toward distinguished for Ohio clubs that sponsor new Kiwanis clubs in Africa by paying their charter member dues. So far we have had 1 club do this. If you'd like more info please contact the District Office.

### **SERVICE & EDUCATION**

- a. Minimum required increase in overall giving to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Last year we finished with \$79,556 in giving, and are at \$29,961 year to date.
- b. Total of at least three (3) new K-Kids clubs chartered. ACHIEVED!
- c. Submission of a club signature project. ACHIEVED!
- Increase in Club Leadership Education (CLE) participation. Ohio had 93 participants in CLE last year. Look for the schedule coming out soon and plan to attend one of the online sessions.
- e. Achievement of 90% compliance in mandatory background checks. ACHIEVED!













## MEMORIAL DAY CHALLENGE

Will you help us honor Captain Dan 1996-1997 Bergolc, Key International Secretary, this Memorial Day with a \$41 gift to the scholarship fund set up in his memory? Dan passed away at the age of 41 from injuries suffered during his time of service to our nation.

Select Memorial Fund, Enter \$41, and type "Bergolc" in the Purpose of Donation box at the following link: https://bit.ly/bergolc

















## From the desk of the **DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT**



### The District Needs YOU!

April 1st marked the halfway point of this administrative year. It is probably difficult to believe that the year is already half over. However, I would encourage you to look at this idea from a different angle. You have six more months to reach your goals, expand your impact and invite more potential members to join your club. Take a close look at your club goals and determine what you may need to change, or keep doing, to achieve what you set out to do. Six more months may sound like a long time, but it will seem to pass by even more quickly that the last six months did!

One of the main goals that I am working on is appointing all of our District Chairs. This is an important process to ensure that these chairpersons fit their roles well and will help to move the District forward in the coming year. The unfortunate thing is that many of our District Committees end up being a committee of one. This means that the "committee" ends up being solely the District Chairperson. My hope is to change that, but I need your help. We are looking for people all over this District to serve on District Committees. Time commitments will vary from committee to committee, but should not be a lot of extra time. This will be a great opportunity to not only get more involved with Kiwanis, but to meet people from all over the District who share the same passion that you do. To serve on a District Committee, please complete the interest form which can be found at the bottom of the page at https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/district-leadership/



Thank you for your continued service to this District. We can finish this year strong and make sure that we are building a foundation for the future of our organization! As always, if there is anything that I can do to be of service to you, please do not hesitate to reach out.











## OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION PLANNING FOR 66TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Bill Flinta, Co-Chair

THE Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer's 66th Annual Golf Outing. This year's event will once again be held at Raintree Golf and Event Center located at 4350 Mayfair Road, Uniontown, Ohio. Raintree is located just off I-77 between Akron and Canton. This year the event will take place on Thursday July 20, 2023 and participation is limited to the first 128 players to register and prepay. The fun will begin at 9:30am with a shotgun start and a scramble format of play. All registrations and sponsorships are being processed online and you may register or sponsor at www.odkf.org under the news and events tab. As in the past this year's event will feature various levels of prizes by age group and all female player teams. The net proceeds from the event will be used to help support the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation projects. As always, this event is open to the entire Kiwanis family and all friends of Kiwanis.

The price of this year's event will be \$90.00 and includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes. The registration deadline is July 13, 2023. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for our Foundation and its grants programs sponsorships will again be sold. Sponsorship levels are as follows; a hole sponsorship for \$100.00, a par sponsorship for \$300.00, and a birdie sponsorship for \$550.00. The hole sponsorship will get a professional sponsor sign on one hole with special recognition in the program and on the Foundation's website. The par sponsor will receive one sign on the course, special recognition in the program and on the website plus golf for two players. The birdie sponsor will receive two sponsorship signs on the course, special recognition in the program and on the website plus golf for four players. We are in need of strong support in sponsorships to help keep the tournament at the quality level everyone has come to expect and to benefit the Foundation so please seek event sponsors from your club members and businesses you may know who would like to support this worthy cause.

Please mark you calendars and arrange now to take advantage of the great fun and fellowship that takes place at this event every year. The event is held rain or shine. No cancellations can be accepted after July 13, 2023. Please encourage your club to send one or more foursomes to this great District event. If you have any questions regarding the tournament please contact event co-chairs Dave Kuhn or Bill Flinta at golf@odkf.org. Thank you for supporting this event and your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. We look forward to seeing everyone in July.













## KIWANIS DAY OF GIVING WAS A SUCCESS

WE we did it! Thanks to the support and generosity of our Kiwanis community, we were able to reach our goal for Kiwanis Day of Giving! Did you know that just US\$2.25 has been shown to help one child through the Kiwanis Children's Fund? Thanks to many amazing donors, we were able to raise US\$57,000 and impact over 25,000 kids!

Your gift is multiplied to help support thousands of kids in a meaningful way like health and eye exams in Nepal. Toy and book drives in the Philippines. Playgrounds that serve whole communities of children in Ohio and New Jersey. Thank you for caring about the kids in your community.



The Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville was recently named a Top 10 Finalist in Group II for the 2023 Signature Project Contest and their project "Trykes for Tikes!" Winners will be announced at the International Convention Signature Project Breakfast.



TRACK YOUR CLUB'S PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING 2022-23 DISTINGUISHED OR PINNACLE CLUB STATUS AT https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/club-recognitions/

Reach out to the District Office if you'd like to sponsor another Kiwanis Club top open and help earn credit toward Pinnacle Club distinction.













## MEDINA CLUBS COLLABORATE IN SERVICE

THE three Medina City Kiwanis Clubs met on March 30th for a fifth Thursday social and service project event. The Medina Noon, Medina Breakfast, and the All Ohio eMedina Kiwanis Clubs held a dinner at the MRDD facility. Following dinner, the club members assembled Komfort Backpacks for Foster Kids in Medina county.

30 backpacks were assembled which were donated to Medina County Job and Family Services. The Backpacks contain an 11" high Teddy Bear, a fleece blanket, a journal notebook, toiletries, pencils, pens, sharpener, & erasers, a coloring book & colored pencils, toothpaste & tooth brush, shampoo & conditioner, soap & deodorant, a hair comb or brush, hand & body lotion, and much more.

Members of the Medina Breakfast Club which served as host of the event delivered the Komfort Backpacks to Sharon Holmes of Medina Job and Family Services.













## KEY CLUB DLC RETURNS TRIUMPHANTLY

Giovanni Stabile, Immediate Past ODKC Governor

THE 2023 Key Club District Leadership Conference (DLC) was a success! As our first in-person DLC since 2019, our district board and administrators are proud of what we accomplished. DLC had more than one-hundred attendees, with approximately 65 students representing eleven schools.

Our two days of DLC encompassed nine unique workshops, four service projects, a carnivalthemed game night, and a countless number of activities and fun. Our most unique service project involved food packing with Lifeline Christian Missions. In just one hour, sixty Key Club members packed 6,108 meals for families in Syria and Turkey struggling with the aftermath of a recent earthquake in February 2023. Each bag was not only a meal, but a sign of hope and support for families in need. We also partnered with Kiwanis Governor Dave to write cards and decorate bookmarks for the First Family backpacks. If your local Key Club does a card-making service project, consider introducing the First Family project. The students enjoyed customizing their messages to teenagers and their peers. (article continued on page 28)























### MINNEAPOLIS: INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RUNDOWN

### Hasani Wheat - On to International Convention Chair

FELLOW Kiwanians, the Kiwanis International Convention is in sight (less than 60 days) and will be there faster than we know it. Time to give out a quick rundown of information and events so you can begin or finalize your plans to be part of the Convention experience in mid to late June.

- Ohio District host hotel is the Millennium. To book your reservation, please visit https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention/travel-tourism
- You can book your flight and get a discount through Delta. https://tinyurl.com/hyebtmec
- · Regular registration rate through May 15; prices increases on May 16. For registration options, please visit https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention/registration-tickets/
- Dr. Kip Crain: Candidacy for Kiwanis International Vice President (Remember: you have to be in Minneapolis to vote for any type of elections including candidates) Visit Kip Crain's campaign website - http://www.kipforkids.com/
- House of Delegates Certification https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/defaultsource/training/governance/club-delegate-form
- Sergeant of Arms opportunity available when you sign up for registration.
- Little Library service project and Landscape Structures tour
- Amendment Dues Adjustment: read more at https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/defaultsource/conventions/2023-minneapolis/goes-323-081-223-proposed-amendment-booklet-final.pdf
- · Opportunity to support the Kiwanis Children's Fund. (Did you know that the Kiwanis Children's Fund will be led by one of our own, Amy Zimmerman, in the next administrative year (2023-2024)?
- Sign up for District Dinner (on the Ohio District web page promoting International Convention at the bottom of the page- https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/international-convention/)
- · Attend District Caucus and District Reception
- Closing concert by The Oak Ridge Boys: https://www.oakridgeboys.com/
- · Sign up for working Kip Crain's campaign booth and Ohio District Office at the International Convention- information on signing up is forthcoming.
- · A ton of educational sessions to strengthen your experience and knowledge: https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023convention/schedule-education
- Visit some must-sees while in Minneapolis: https://www.minneapolis.org/things-todo/itineraries/52-must-sees/

Spread the love: we need more people in attendance. Virtual is good but being on site is better... get to know your fellow Ohio District Kiwanians (and Kiwanians in other Districts as well).









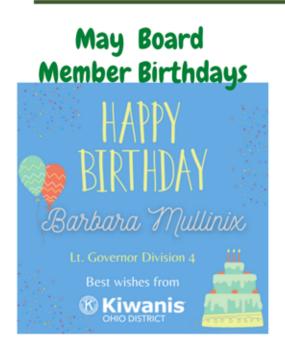




### OXFORD CELEBRATES MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT

TUESDAY, April 11 was proclaimed Dave Kullman Day in honor of his fifty years of community contributions in membership of the Oxford Kiwanis Club. As the club's longest serving member, Dave has dedicated himself to every aspect of Kiwanis leadership in the Oxford area and throughout the district and state. He and his wife Karen are departing our community for residency in Florida to join their family. They will be sorely missed!!





PLEASE send your referrals for any of these Kiwanis clubs in development to sarah@ohiokiwanis.org and they will be routed to the membership team. We need your help!

Grand Valley (Ashtabula County) Linden Area (Franklin County) Canal Fulton (Stark County) Tallmadge (Summit County) Chagrin Falls (Cuyahoga County) Washington Courthouse (Fayette County) Wapakoneta (Auglaize County) West Columbus (Franklin County)

Powell (Delaware County)







All New K-Kids Clubs Chartered in Ohio between October 1, 2022 and August 11, 2023 have a chance to win \$100. The sponsoring Kiwanis Club will receive the award.











## FIRST-AID FOR CHILDREN

Sarah Roush, Young Children Priority One Chair

The Sports Journal recently posted an article in their on-line journal titled "Program and Facility Emergencies in Youth Sports, Part II: Dealing with the Event." The paper discussed the need for basic first aid kits for youth sports teams. While this may seem like a given, a surprising number of teams are not provided even a basic kit by the "athletic association" which they are affiliated with. I personally saw this with our son's t-ball team last spring. At any given game or practice, if a child was hurt, instead of having a kit available, mothers in attendance started to dig through their pocketbooks to look for band-aids or drain their water bottles for ice. Eventually we pieced together our own kit, but there were seven other teams in our league in the same position.

The smaller leagues which support beginners' sports, typically 3–6-year-olds, are often unsupported by parent organizations. They depend on donations of sports equipment including safety helmets and balls. The t-ball league our son is a member of provides a rubber tee, a dozen balls and a facemask for the "catcher." As volunteer coaches, we purchased extra mitts, bats and a second batting helmet. We did it to ensure all the children have appropriately sized equipment which meets safety standards to be able to play.

What the league does not provide is any sort of firstaid kit. On the first day of practice, when poking through the "team kit" as the bag is called; I discovered a dried out, half used packet of baby wipes and an almost empty can of sunblock. Leftovers from last year's team. Sure, as anything, one of the little guys, in his excitement to play ball, tripped over his feet, and fell on the concrete floor of the dugout. A busted lip and skinned knee resulted, and we had our first injury before we even introduced ourselves.

Mothers dove into purses for band-aids or tissues, with questionable results. Afterwards, I raided our medicine cabinet, pulling out band-aids, bug spray, finger splints and ace bandages, even an arm sling. A cruise through Walmart netted a basic first aid kit for less than \$20. While this is a bare minimum kit, it does at least provide the resources needed for stopgap measures and items for scrapes and bumps.









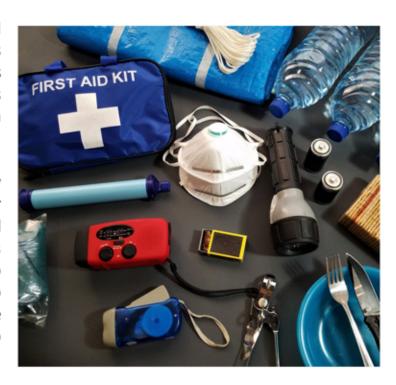




## FIRST-AID FOR CHILDREN (CONT.)

First aid kits would be a greatly appreciated asset to any community-based youth sports teams. Especially in underserved areas such as rural locations where, like us, a call for help is dependent on volunteer EMS squads – which means a longer wait time.

These leagues are often cobbled together by parents without the support of sponsors, or organizations with oversight such as Park and Recreation Departments or schools. Teams are often located in areas where there are no Kiwanis Clubs (or any other organization) who might offer resources and where parents are doing their best to scrape enough together to pay the league fees and purchase shoes.



So, what can Kiwanis do to help? Reach out to local school districts to find out who is coordinating the community sports programs. The school secretary or athletic director will most likely be able to provide a name to contact. Ask if a portable first aid kit is provided to teams, if not, offer to become a sponsor of the team by providing a basic kit, which can be replenished at the end of the year and reused the following year. Keep in mind, while First Aid kits are often in clubhouses or concession stands, these facilities are usually not open for t-ball or bitty soccer and football practices or games.

This is a small community contribution which can have a direct impact to young children and will always be appreciated.



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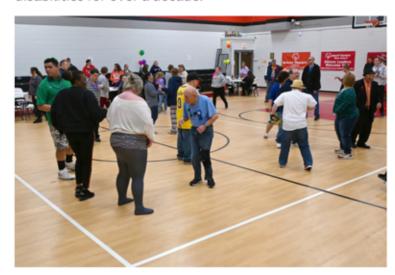
## AROUND THE DISTRICT

Articles are either taken directly from club Facebook pages or submitted.

MEMBERS of the Aktion Club of Allen County and Builders Club of Liberty Arts Magnet in addition to parents and advisors served about 42 guests at Our Daily Bread on April 6. Many thanks to Miss Sharon for preparing her famous homemade potato chips for the volunteers. The students helped by cleaning the potatoes and preparing them for deep frying.



THE The annual Spring Fling Dance was held at the School of Hope gym...March 31st. The Fremont Kiwanis Club has sponsored, brought refreshments, paid DJ Kevin Cullen, and chaperoned the dance for students and adults with disabilities for over a decade.



(THE Kiwanis Club of Findlay) was very excited to hear about the great things that our Aktion Club, FHS Key Club, McComb Builders and K Kids have been doing in our community. Each club was presented a check to continue their work by President Danielle. Our future looks really bright with kids like these!





(BALDWIN Wallace Circle K) had a great turnout cleaning and preparing the 11 raised garden beds for spring planting.

THANKS to everyone that came out to our Empty Bowl...! All the food pantries in Berea will benefit from your support. We also want to send a huge shout out to the restaurants who donated the amazing soup for last nights event. This is how a community works together to help families that need a little help.













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MEMBERS of the K-KIds Club of Heritage Elementary School in Lima served their school and community with a road cleanup as a service project. A total of nine bags of trash were collected including a "Fork in the Road."





GREAT weather for the 4th annual Fremont Kiwanis, Fremont Recreation Department, and Major League Baseball (MLB) sponsored Pitch, Hit, & Run competition at Rodger Young Park in Fremont on 4-15-23. Congratulations to the winners! Based on their scores, they advance from the Fremont event to a Team Championship held in MLB stadiums.





THE Mercer County Aktion Club received the Distinguish Club Award for 2021-2022. Pictured are the members that attended the meeting, President Rita Morrissey, and Treasurer George Morrissey with Division 2 Lt. Governor Dale Hart making the presentation. The Mercer County Aktion Club is sponsored by the Coldwater and Celina Kiwanis clubs.











## WHAT IS YOUR CLUB'S VIRTUAL PRESENCE?

**HAVING** a presence online is nothing new. Afterall, thousands of Kiwanis Clubs have websites, facebook pages, instagram accounts, even linkedin and pinterest pages. In Ohio, though, only about a third of our clubs have a website, and about half have a facebook page. These powerful tools are something that each club needs to use, and not just set up once and forget about it. If your content isn't fresh, if you don't have an active audience and visitors, if you aren't sharing the meaningful work your club does in an effort to recruit others to the cause, then you are missing out. Missing out on members and missing out on service. Whatever your club's virtual status is, there are countless tools online both for Kiwanis and in general (ie-youtube, pinterest) that can help you get started, continue to grow, and become a powerhouse in optimizing these tools to your club's advantage.



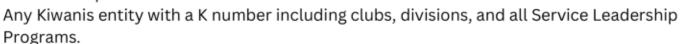
## WORDPRESS WEBSITES AVAILABLE FOR ALL

THE new website template is built on the WordPress platform, with a prebuilt structure and content provided free by Kiwanis International. Kiwanis hosts the sites and manages all the WordPress software upgrades and security with no cost to clubs.

Some of the website features include:

- Free Facebook feed
- Google Calendar feed
- · Payment capabilities
- Customizable Forms
- Mobile-responsive design





How does my club get a website?

Visit https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/public-relations-resources/ and click on the online form link.

For assistance on building your club site please visit: https://wiki.site.kiwanis.org/











## "FIND YOUR UNWIND" IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO!

Judy Raub - District Convention Publicity Chair

**SO**, you want to know what to do while you're in Springfield? You'll have to wait for the June Buckeye Bulletin for that information. But for today's edition, how about just some random facts about Springfield? It is the home to two institutions of higher education: Wittenberg University and Clark State College. It was the first city in Ohio to have a black mayor, Robert Henry, who served from 1916 to 1926. Ten automobile companies operated in Springfield. There is a long list of notable individuals that come from Springfield to include major league baseball and basketball players, musicians, the founder of 4-H, numerous actors, and singers. In short, Springfield is full of history. If you are able, spend a few days doing some exploring.



Know that your DCON (District Convention) committee is hard at work making sure that there is plenty of learning, socializing, fun and more during this 2023 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention.

Sponsorship levels for this year's convention include the Champion City at \$500.00, Rose City at \$250.00 and Home City at \$100. All very affordable ways to support our District and help keep the costs down for attendees. Check out all of the perks that go with each one at https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/district-convention/

We'll chat again next month, where I will share with you some additional information on sponsorships, people to see, and places to go while you're here in Springfield.



Service project graphic design by Paige Sullivan, President of the Builders Club of Liberty Arts Magnet K-8 in Lima













## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



All proceeds support the Mason Scholarship Foundation and other community service projects benefitting children in need

### RAFFLE TICKETS \$20 EACH

Prize: TWO (2) Week-long Patron Badges

### TICKET SALES END 11:59 PM, MAY 17TH, 2023

Kiwanis



Kiwanis Club of Sidney annual Pancake Day. May 3, 2023, at the Sidney First United Methodist Church 230 E Poplar Street Sidney, Ohio. Hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

All the pancakes you can eat, two sausage patties, applesauce, and beverages. Tickets are \$9.00.

https://k00343.site.kiwanis.org/pancakeday/

Facebook: Sidney Kiwanis



### Kiwanis Club of Sandusky 20th Annual Golf Scramble



### Wednesday, May 17, 2023 Thunderbird Hills North

- ▶ Tee Times starting at 9am. Preferred time based on availability
- Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.
- Chances to win hole proximity contests. 50/50 drawing. No requirement to be
- ▶ \$85 Per Person or \$340 per Team
- Hole Prizes
- ► Fee Includes: Cart, 3 drink tickets hot dog at the turn, & a boxed lunch. Lunch will be in the pavilion.

\$10,000 Hole in One Prize Up for Grabs! Sponsored by Fidelity National Title



## Drive Thru

## **Chicken and Ham BBQ**

Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Lima Sunday, June 11, 2023 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Apollo Career Center, 3325 Shawnee Rd. Presale: \$12.00, Same Day \$13

for tickets contact: 419-228-4000













## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS





Send us your event info to be shared: https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/article -content-submission/

### Barnesville Kiwanis 75th

June 5, 2023 @ 6:00 PM 137 E. Main St. Barnesville, OH 43713 \$30 per person RSVP by 5/22/23 to:

blinton56@gmail.com 740-255-0404

### **Woodsfield Kiwanis 100th**

June 27, 2023 @ 5:30PM 47115 Black Walnut Parkway Woodsfield, OH 43793 \$30 per person RSVP by 5/1/23 to: Ruth Workman 740-838-1047











## **UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS**



#### The Kiwanis Club of Morrow County 9th Annual Golf Outing

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 9am Kings Mill Golf Club

Kings Mill Golf Club 2500 Berringer Rd. Waldo, OH 43356

The Kiwanis Club of Morrow County is proudly holding the  $9^{th}$  annual golf outing on Friday, August 4, 2023 at Kings Mill Golf Club in Waldo, Ohio. This is our biggest event and it benefits local scholarships for high school seniors, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and many more charitable causes. Please join us on August 41

Cost per team of 4 is \$360. Includes: 18 holes, cart, range balls, and lunch. Prizes, and 50/50. Come join us and support the kids in our communities. Registration will begin at 8:30am.

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### DON'T GOLF BUT WANT TO HELP OUT? PLEASE SPONSOR A HOLE! It can be your business, your family, or you personally.

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The cost is \$100 to sponsor a hole. Hole sponsors will have a professional sign on a hole during the outing.

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For any questions, please contact erinkelty/0@gmail.com 419-560-4448









### 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/

### Springfield Kiwanis presents the Second Annual Springfield Jazz and Blues Festival

A two stage, two evening festival featuring 16 national, regional and local artists. The festival is set to begin at 5:00 on Friday, August 11th, and run through Saturday, August 12th at 11:00 in downtown Springfield. In its first year, the festival attracted 6,000 - 8,000 people and featured artists such as John Pizzarelli and Samara Joy, who went on to win two Grammy Awards. See springfieldjazzbluesfest.com for more info.













## READY TO BOOST?

YOUR District Membership team is here to help your club grow. One option is email Download the full documents and request email lead lists https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/membership to get started. You can also request a boost which could include either or both a social media campaign and direct recruiting campaign by contacting Membership Chair Diana Keplinger or Governor Dave Kuhn.













## KEY CLUB DLC (CONT.)

DLC also had its fair share of prominent guest speakers, including Mr. Alan Penn and Dr. Joe Hendershott, from Hope 4 The Wounded. Mr. Penn recounted his journey with Kiwanis and demonstrated the impact Key Club has in our lives. He and his granddaughter also energized the crowd with their extraordinary balloon dogs and colorful clown costumes. Dr. Hendershott led a workshop about trauma-informed learning. Attendees learned to recognize and help wounded friends, classmates, and family members struggling with depression, challenging situations like a divorce, and more. Students engaged with heartfelt questions and felt empowered to return home and help friends in need.

Last but certainly not least, thank you for sponsoring DLC 2023. Twelve of our eighteen sponsors were Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs who cared for the success of our event. Your sponsorship directly funded our food-packing project mentioned above. We appreciate your support and encouragement, and we hope to work with you again in the 2023-2024 Key Club term.

Yours in service, 2022-2023 Ohio District Key Club Board Members













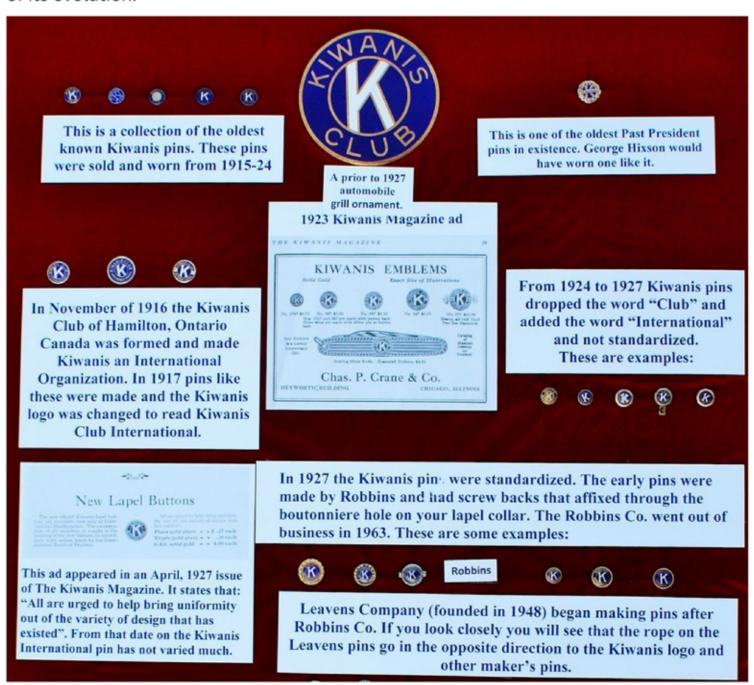






## FROM THE ARCHIVES

**MEMBERSHIP** pins have been a part of the Kiwanis experience since the organizations founding days. Wearing the "K" everywhere one would go had become the norm for a Kiwanian, showing their dedication to their community as a member of the premier service organization. It even inspired a book titled "Men Who Wear the K" in 1981 by Larry Hapgood. The pin has evolved slightly over the years and here are a few examples of its evolution.













## ODKF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Need Grant Money or a Program Presenter?



AS we enter our summer months, please keep the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation in mind with club conversations involving upcoming service projects or when you have a need for a speaker. We are here to help you serve the children and families within your community in a multitude of ways.

To date for 2022-2023, ODKF has awarded over \$20K to club projects through grants and mini grants. These monies have been applied to a variety of service projects led by Kiwanis and Circle K Clubs.

Circle K Retreat benefiting multiple Circle K Clubs – The Ohio State Circle K Club Dublin Food Pantry Project - Dublin Kiwanis Club Gahanna HS Historical Statue - Gahanna Kiwanis Club Mason Challenger Baseball Adaptive Equipment - Mason Kiwanis Club Imagination Library Project – Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club Cereal Box Domino Project – Westerville Kiwanis Club Book Project - East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club Children's Gardening Project – Kiwanis Club of Springfield, Ohio Summer Lunch Program – East Geauga Kiwanis Club Kirkland HS Football Helmet Project - Kirkland Kiwanis Club

### Our next ODKF grant request deadline is June 30, for decision in August.

There are grants and scholarships available through ODKF, please visit www.odkf.org to learn more.

Remember, you can also have a member from Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation present a program at one of your upcoming club meetings to discuss specific programs. We can share information about Club Advised Funds, Kiwanis Club Grants, Kiwanis Club Mini Grants, Service Leadership Program Support, Scholarships, Disaster Relief Grants, and other ODKF programs that support clubs and SLPs.

For new or existing clubs, ODKF resources can help offset SLP charter expenses or help launch scholarship programs within your SLPs by providing some financial assistance for specific service projects you're looking to implement. Please reach out to ODKF if you need additional guidance in connecting with these valuable resources as you continue to plan for your 2023-2024 calendar year.



In Kiwanis Service. James Minter ODKF President 2022-2023

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