



Official Call to the 105th Ohio District Convention

June 1, 2023

TO: District Officers, Lt. Governors, Lt. Governors-Elect, Past District Officers, District Chairs, Club Secretaries

- I. In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International Bylaws, official notice is hereby given that the 105th Annual Convention of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, 100 South Fountain Ave, Springfield, Ohio, 45502 from August 11-13, 2023.
- II. In accordance with Article VI, Section 6, of the District Bylaws, each chartered club in good standing in the District shall be entitled to seat up to three (3) Delegates, two (2) of whom should be the President and the President-Designate.

Three (3) Delegates and the (3) Alternates of each club must be certified to the District Secretary by the president and secretary of said club, using the Certificate of Election of Delegates and Alternates form. Candidate bios are included in this mailing.

- III. All Resolutions to be presented at said convention should be emailed to the District Chair of the Resolutions Committee, Craig Wallace, ohiocatfan@gmail.com thirty (30) days prior to the convention.
- IV. The District Secretary must receive all proposed amendments to the bylaws at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention. Only clubs currently in good standing, as well as the District Board of Trustees, are eligible to propose amendments. There is one Bylaw Amendment proposed by the District Board at this convention, which is to update the standard form of District Bylaws to be in compliance with Kiwanis International. A link to the proposed amendment package will be emailed to club presidents and secretaries no later than July 12, 2023.
- V. For club secretaries only: Please see the next page for important information about forms and how to file them.
- VI. Due to contract requirements, early reservation for meals is essential and it assists us in guaranteeing the correct number of meals. We must have your registration by 11:59 PM on Thursday, July 27th. On-site registration will be available without guarantee for meal availability. Convention Registration and Hotel Information has been posted on our website at www.ohiokiwanis.org. This year the Early Bird registration deadline is July 14th. Event t-shirts ordered by July 13th will be guaranteed. Additional, if available, will be for sale at the Kiwanis Store on Saturday August 12th.
- VII. There is opportunity to be involved and support the District Convention through program advertisements and convention sponsorships. Please see the flyer included with this packet and visit the district website page for more information.
- VIII. This letter serves as official notice of the Annual Meeting of the Ohio District Foundation to be held in Springfield on Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 9:45 AM. There are no elections to be held this year. Information about the Basket Room Silent Auction is attached.

Remember the following and pass it along to all who plan to attend:

- Only the Convention Registration Form registers you to attend the convention. This form is only available to be completed online and paid via credit/debit card. You may call the District Office to complete over the phone with a staff member if you are unable to complete online.
- Delegate/Alternate Forms must also be filed in order to vote in the business session.



HOTEL INFORMATION

There are 2 hotels available to guests. We have secured special room rates at both that are good from 8/10/23-8/13/23 in case you'd like to spend additional time in Springfield before or after the convention. Please use the following booking information to make your reservation.

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT 100 S. Fountain Ave Springfield, OH 45592 Room rate: \$119 + tax Cut-off date: July 10, 2023 Group account: Ohio District Kiwanis Booking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call 937-471-9008• Online at https://bit.ly/3MkiUA1	FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 1870 W. First St. Springfield, OH 45592 Room rate: \$149 + tax Cut-off date: July 17, 2023 Group account: Ohio District Kiwanis Booking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call 937-323-9554• Online at https://bit.ly/44UO20i
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FORMS

You may find **ALL** five forms available to complete electronically on our website at ohiokiwanis.org under the Events > District Convention tab.

- Sponsorships including program ads
- Exhibit Table Reservations
- Registration
- In memoriam - Club Secretaries should complete
- Delegate Certification (also available to print and send to the district office if you wish. Club Secretaries should complete this form.)

TENTATIVE WORKSHOP TOPICS

- 1) Two for Two - Membership Drive Successes
- 2) Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation - Your source for funding
- 3) Hear from our Kiwanis International Trustee Hope Markes
- 4) Hear from our Kiwanis Director of Global Membership and Engagement Chris Martz
- 5) A message from the Kiwanis Children's Fund
- 6) Ohio District Service Project
- 7) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging - best practices for your Club, your Division and our District



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 11, 2023

9:00 am – 10:00 am Past Treasurers' Meeting
10:00 am – 12:00 pm 2022-23 District Board Meeting
12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Registration
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm District Board Luncheon
2:00 pm – 5:30 pm CLE Training
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm ODKF Board Meeting
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm 2023-24 Board Meeting
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Dinner
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm Fun Night Activities
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm Meet the Candidates

Saturday, August 12, 2023

7:00 am – 11:00 am Registration
7:00 am – 7:45 am Cardinals' Meeting
8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast – General Session
8:00 am – 9:30 am Past First Partners' Breakfast
8:00 am – 6:30 pm Basket Room Bidding
8:00 am – 3:00 pm Kiwanis Store
9:00 am – 3:00 pm Exhibits
9:15 am – 10:00 am Education Session 1
10:15 am – 11:00 am Education Session 2
11:15 am – 12:00 pm Education Session 3
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm Fellowship Luncheon
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm ODKF CAF Meeting
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm House of Delegates
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Governor's Banquet
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm Basket Pickup
9:15 pm – 11:00 pm Reception

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:30 am – 9:30 am Celebration of Life
9:45 am – 11:45 am ODKF Breakfast and Annual Meeting



SPONSORSHIPS

YOUR INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATE, CLUB, OR DIVISION SPONSORSHIP WILL HELP TO KEEP OUR EVENTS AS AFFORDABLE AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING SPONSORING THE 2023 DCON.

CHAMPION CITY SPONSORSHIP - \$500

*ONLY 5 AVAILABLE

- ROSE CITY LEVEL BENEFITS + UPGRADES TO
- 2 COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION FEES
- FULL PAGE AD IN PROGRAM
- EXHIBIT TABLE SPACE ALL DAY ON SATURDAY

ROSE CITY SPONSORSHIP - \$250

*ONLY 10 AVAILABLE

- ALL HOME CITY LEVEL BENEFITS +
- 1 COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION FEE
- PODIUM MENTION AT ALL MEAL SESSIONS
- HALF PAGE AD IN PROGRAM

HOME CITY SPONSORSHIP - \$100

- SPONSOR SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- NAME LISTED IN PROGRAM
- CUSTOM SOCIAL MEDIA POST
- WEBSITE MENTION ON REGISTRATION LANDING PAGE

EXHIBIT TABLES

- FOR-PROFIT \$50
- NON-PROFIT \$25

PROGRAM ADS

- FULL PAGE (5"W X 8"H) \$50
- HALF PAGE (5"W X 3.75"H) \$25

*Thank
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MEET THE CANDIDATES



Jason D. Miller for Governor-Designate: Jason is the Manager of Human Resources for the Wood County Committee on Aging. He lives in Bowling Green, Ohio where he is a proud member of the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green. Jason holds a BSBA and an MBA from Bowling Green State University. He began his Kiwanis Family involvement in Key Club where he served as President of the Madison Comprehensive High School Key Club in Mansfield, Ohio. He would go on to attend Bowling Green State University where he would be an active Circle K member serving as a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor, Distinguished Governor and two-time International Trustee. As a member of Kiwanis, Jason has served as a Distinguished President, a Distinguished Secretary, Club committee Chair, District Leadership Development & Education Chair, District KICK Chair, Division 1-South

Lieutenant Governor, MidYear Education Day Co-Chair, Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation President, currently serves as Governor-elect and has been appointed by two different Kiwanis International Presidents to serve on membership related committees. Jason serves as the Kiwanis Advisor to the Circle K Club at Bowling Green State University. In his spare time, Jason stays active with the Bowling Green Community Foundation and enjoys traveling. In addition to spending time with his grandmother, Jason loves to cook, listen to Dave Matthews Band and is borderline obsessed with the television show Doctor Who. Jason's favorite service project is anything that involves our Service Leadership Programs. For a number of years, Jason and the BGSU Circle K members volunteered to serve Thanksgiving dinner to the Bowling Green community. As Governor, Jason plans to focus on the basics of what makes Kiwanis great: service, leadership development, fellowship, and our Service Leadership Programs.



Kelly Brown for Governor-Elect: Kelly is a 24-year member of the Kiwanis Club of Dayton. She has served as District Convention Chair, MidYear Co-Chair, On to ICON Chair, on the Finance and Structure Committee and as Lt. Governor for Division 4.

Why did you join Kiwanis? I was encouraged by my boss at the time to join a community service club since I was working in public affairs. Shortly after that, I was contacted by Neal Leffel from the Kiwanis Club of Dayton to speak to their club about the cable company where I was working. The timing must have been fate. A few days after my presentation, Neal called me to chat about Kiwanis. I met with a couple of people from the membership committee. I was so impressed with the Kiwanis

community impact, the core values, and the rich history that I knew I wanted to be part of this group. That was nearly 25 years ago, since then I have made great friendships, learned about amazing organizations in my community, and experienced great joy in serving others.

What is your favorite project? Kiwanis Cakes for Kids which is a program I dreamed up. It was inspired by a newspaper article I read about an 8-year-old boy who had never had a birthday cake. I was in disbelief of this sad reality for some kids. I approached my club about creating a program to provide birthday cakes to kids in need. That was 2017 and since then we have delivered joy in the form of a birthday cake to hundreds of kids.

What do you see as a goal in the position you are seeking? I plan to raise awareness of Kiwanis throughout our communities and schools with my signature project, Bee the Change. I believe if our schools and communities participate in the impact of Kiwanis service then it will be easier to grow our membership with youth and adults.



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Steve Vrooman for District Treasurer: Steve has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Springfield for 15 years and more recently also of the Kiwanis Club of Champaign County in Division 4. Steve has served the district as Lt. Governor, Youth Services Chair, Community Service Chair, ODKF President, Past Lt. Governor's Association President and as this year's Convention Co-Chair.

Why did you join Kiwanis? I was asked to join by a Kiwanian friend after retiring from public school teaching and administration. Kiwanis provided a logical extension to my thirty-six years of working with and supporting young people, families, and the community.

What is your favorite project? My favorite Kiwanis project is an ongoing one. The Springfield Kiwanis club has "adopted" an elementary school and, through that program, provides reading and math volunteer tutors, sponsors and provides chaperones for field trips, provides holiday parties for grade levels, and facilitates a Terrific Kids recognition program for all grade levels. I have been involved with this program since I joined Kiwanis, fourteen years ago.

What do you see as a goal in the position you are seeking? The position of District Treasurer requires consistency from one year to the next. My goal is to continue the outstanding service previous treasurers have provided through support, monitoring, and reporting the financial status of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International.



Tim Daniel for Finance and Structure Committee: Tim has been a member of the Circleville Kiwanis Club for 17 years. On the district level, he has served as Lt. Governor for 10S, and District Interclub Chair.

Why did you join Kiwanis? I joined Kiwanis after learning so much about the organization from a close friend. On one occasion she invited me to a district event where I learned even more about Kiwanis and met other members. I have devoted much of my life to community services through the volunteer fire and EMS service, The Boy Scouts, coaching youth sports, Habitat for Humanity projects, portraying Santa and the Easter

Bunny, and many other activities geared towards children. I knew that with my love for trying to improve the lives of children and my devotion of service to my community, that Kiwanis was the place for me.

What is your favorite project? My club stuffs over 4,000 eggs with candy and prize numbers for our annual Easter Egg Hunt which is by far my favorite project. I enjoy watching the really young children toddle past dozens of eggs to finally reach just the right egg they have been eyeing for the past several minutes, and then hold it up high as if they are proclaiming they just found that one magical egg and all the rest don't matter. Though the kids have the park picked clean within minutes, seeing all the smiling faces truly warms my heart. And with those smiles you can see how the club impacts so many children from the local area.

What do you see as a goal in the position you are seeking? In my past work experience, I found numerous means to save the company funds without any loss of efficiency or difficulties. I will try to do the same with F&S. I'll work with others to help our administration and operations to keep running smoothly and listen to other Kiwanians about changes and suggestions that we need to research further and possibly implement to keep the mission of The Ohio District of Kiwanis successfully moving forward.



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Heather Gilchrist for Finance and Structure Committee: Heather has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Sandusky for 13 years. She is currently serving the district as Lt. Governor for Division 12.

Why did you join Kiwanis? I joined Kiwanis because a co-worker invited me to a meeting, I replaced her in the club when she took another job. I stayed because I enjoy the people, embrace the club's community outreach, and continue to feel like I make a difference locally and around the world. Kiwanis has introduced me to new friends, offered me new experiences, and provided me with leadership opportunities that I will cherish forever.

What is your favorite project? My favorite project is the sponsorship of the Erie County Imagination Library. This project currently serves over 2,400 children in our county and has graduated over 2,500 children (and counting!) It brings us together with the Ohio Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the Erie County government, the City of Sandusky, the Sandusky Library, and other local partners to create a true community effort. This signature project provides Kiwanis with a purpose that resounds with families and creates the foundation of early learning for children under the age of five.

What do you see as a goal in the position you are seeking? I am seeking a position on the Finance and Structure committee to lend my experience in an effort to maintain the fiscal standards established by the District Board. Over the past twenty years, I have been responsible for balancing annual marketing budgets in excess of \$500,000. I have also served on my local club's board for over 10 years. I am prepared to review the expenses and income of the district and make recommendations to the Board that are in the best interest of the Ohio District and the clubs served by them. It would be my pleasure to serve on the Finance and Structure committee for the 2023-2024 year should my fellow Kiwanians feel I am the right candidate.



Sam Slater for Finance and Structure Committee: Sam, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Mason has been a member for 15 years. Sam has served the district by previously serving on the Finance and Structure committee and as Lt. Governor for Division 5.

Why did you join Kiwanis? I come from a family that has a long, rich history of community service. When I moved to Mason 25 years ago, The Kiwanis Club Of Mason was the most dominant and active service organization in the community. A couple of people that I came to know were members and they invited me to attend and join. Specifically, I joined to continue my efforts in community service, now in my new community. For most of my life, I have been involved in community service and service organizations in one way or another. It also gave me the opportunity to get to know people in my new community.

What is your favorite project? I would say that my favorite project would be the actual hands-on community service projects that we do as a club. Whether that is packing food with a partnering organization, organizing a youth sports equipment drive, doing a book drive or volunteering to be a coach/buddy for a Challenger League baseball game. My Club has two big fundraisers annually and they are great, but working on projects with and for the community, specifically children in need, are my favorite activities.

What do you see as a goal in the position you are seeking? This position will allow me to use my talents, education and professional experience for the benefit of the Ohio District. I believe that I can provide professional and sound input into the decisions that this committee is expected to make, to help the committee provide both thorough analysis and sound recommendations to the Board, again for the benefit of the District. My background and experience in finance, real estate, budgets, contracts and banking cover much of what is presented to the F&S Committee for review and analysis. This will also be the third consecutive year of being on this committee, and I now have a solid understanding of the function and expectations of this committee within the District.



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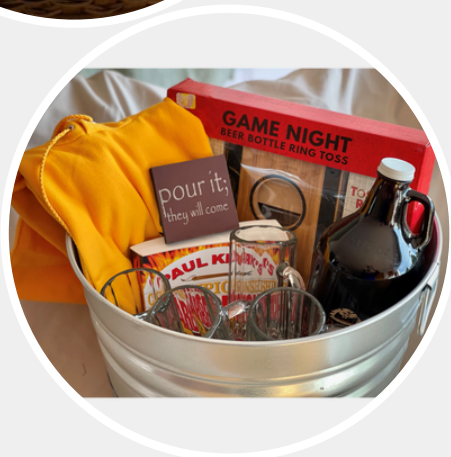
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ODKF Basket Room at DCON 2023

Thanks in advance for your continued support of the ODKF Basket Room.

Through your generosity, we have been able to award thousands of dollars in grants and scholarship money through the foundation to Ohio Kiwanis clubs and the SLPs they support. We hope we can count on you again this year at the district convention in August.



**Please help us reach our fund
raising goals at Ohio Kiwanis
District Convention, August 11-13,
2023 in Springfield, Ohio.**

"DONATE A BASKET"

"BID ON A BASKET"

"TAKE HOME A BASKET"

Downtown Springfield – Convention Area

