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# From the desk of the DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**HELLO** fellow Kiwanians! It's hard to believe June is here and it is time for us to gather in Minneapolis for this year's International Convention. What a year it will be, first electing our own Kip Crain as Vice President of Kiwanis International. Secondly, Ohio is very proud to have Amy Zimmerman as the first person from Ohio to become the Kiwanis Children's Fund President. If you have not already registered for the convention, you still have time but there will be a fee for late registration. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Minneapolis, we are going to have a wonderful event. We have several anniversary events being held this month, Barnesville is celebrating 75 years and Woodsfield is celebrating 100 years. It is always great to celebrate the Kiwanis clubs that are still and will continue to serve the children of the world.

I also wanted to share the news that we will have some new clubs opening this month. I would like to thank the membership team for all their hard work and look forward to announcing some more openings in the coming months. Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for August 11-13. Our District Convention is around the corner, and we are excited about the events planned for Springfield. Besides the normal district business, there will be some opportunities to check out the great city of Springfield. Enjoy the warm weather and plan your travel to see the sites around our great Ohio District.

In Service, Dave Kuhn



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# From the desk of the DISTRICT SECRETARY



JUNE might be my favorite month of the year. My birthday is in June. Summer officially starts in June. International Convention is in June. And Father's Day is celebrated in June. Which gets me to thinking about a few things this year as we gather in Minneapolis, Minnesota to conduct the business of our organization. First and foremost is simply inclusiveness. While we gather, so too will one of largest Pride festivals in the nation. Over 400,000 LGBTQ+ and allies will celebrate and party together in downtown Minneapolis. A few years ago the East Geauga Kiwanis led the way with passing an amendment for Kiwanis International to not discriminate based on specfic criteria. But my question lingers...do we do enough intentionally to seek out, recruit, welcome, and truly involve people from ALL walks of life?

I also think about George Floyd and the tragic events that occurred in Minneapolis. Because it is impossible to celebrate achievements without recognizing how far we still have to go as a society in the pursuit of happiness, life, and liberty. It is the American Dream after all, right? I started learning recently about intersectionality. Google it. One video that was especially powerful was a TedTalk by Dr. Kimberle Crenshaw, who coined the term. In it she also talks about something that should be equally upsetting as the events of May 25, 2020, but has not been simply because they happened to women instead of men. Even in tragedy there is no gender equality unfortunately. #SayHerName. I encourage you to think about these events this month. Learn about Juneteenth. Learn about systemic racism and oppression. Learn about gender equality. Learn about gender, period. These are all important issues for us as individuals and as an organization. They don't just affect adults, they affect children too. Let's recognize our human differences and celebrate them for the uniqueness that they are.

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

Jim Janosik



# INSPIRATION

Question yourself and find within you those dark places where intolerance might be hiding, for who among us can stand tall and proclaim that they have never been prejudiced towards a certain ethnicity, gender, colour or faith? Aysha Taryam









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#### MINNEAPOLIS- ALMOST "GO" TIME!

Hasani Wheat - On to International Convention Chair



KIWANIANS, we are now under three weeks before the start of the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 21-24). The good news is that there is still late registration for those of you that are still considering attending any of the three registration types: virtually, annual meeting only on June 24, and the 3-day package. The better news is that there is on-site registration this year, although the price will be increased for all three registration types.

A recommendation if you still are planning to go to Minneapolis and save some money is to see if your club or division will reimburse part of the cost for registration or travel such as flight. My Kiwanis club covered all my registration cost and part of my flight cost. I would also recommend seeing if any Kiwanians in your area that are attending the International Convention in-person are willing to share a room (there are people that may be rooming alone that would not mind sharing their room- cutting room expenses in half can be beneficial for both parties).

For those of you that are arriving early or staying in Minneapolis after the International Convention, here are some recommendations to fill out your time in downtown Minneapolis (or nearby)- courtesy of a friend of mine that lives in the downtown area:

#### Museums

- Mill City Museum (history of the city) https://mnhs.org
- Walker Art Museum and Minneapolis Sculpture Garden - https://walkerart.org
- Minneapolis Institute of Art (about a 22 minute walk from the Millennium)https://new.artsmia.org/

#### **Breweries**

- Fulton- https://www.fultonbeer.com/
- Finneganshttps://www.finnegans.org (They directly use all their profits to feed the hungry in the very area they make their dollars)
- Inbound- inboundbrew.co

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).











# MINNEAPOLIS (CONT.)

The North Loop neighborhood is also one to explore- https://northloop.org/ Neighborhood highlights include Minneapolis Farmers Market, 4th Avenue Playground, Target Field, and Mississippi National River and Recreation.

During the International Convention, there will be an excellent speaker selection including Travel Channel's "Bizarre Foods" Host Andrew Zimmern, The Retention Expert and Undercover Millennial Clint Pulver amongst many others and a performance from the Oak Ridge Boys on Saturday evening (https://www.oakridgeboys.com/about/). For more information about the speakers that will be at the International Convention, please go to https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention/speakers-entertainment/.

As mentioned in previous Buckeye Bulletin Articles, two key reasons that Kiwanians, especially in Ohio, should attend in-person in Minneapolis are:

- The Ohio District has a candidate for Kiwanis International Vice-President in Dr. Kip Crain- Campaign Website is https://kipforkids.com
- Voting on the proposed amendment for the Dues Adjustment- read the language here at https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/conventions/2023-minneapolis/goes-323-081-223-



The schedule for sessions from Wednesday to Saturday is appealing to all Kiwanians in some capacity. As it states for the description, the educational sessions are designed to help you become a better Kiwanis leader to inspire and organize your club, district or community. For a full list of the sessions, please visit https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2023-convention/schedule-education.

For those that are planning to attend the International Convention, there are still opportunities to help at the Ohio District Kiwanis Office on-site. Please let me know if you are interested in helping on-site at sophasani@yahoo.com

There are still shifts available to help at the World Showcase booth to support Dr. Kip Crain in his candidacy to become Kiwanis International Vice President. To sign up, please contact Cindy Champer at cindychamper@aol.com

There is still time to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in June. If you do not have anything else on your itinerary during that week of June 19, I highly encourage you to make the effort to attend. You never know who can benefit whether you are the beneficiary or if another Kiwanian becomes that beneficiary by what you bring back to your club. Let's learn, live, and have some fun nurturing the future!











# KIWANIS FAMILY WELCOME

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

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T. Sean Adams
Dillon Allen
Scott Barrik
Angela Cirone
Steven Diewald
Jill Dixon

Jill Dixon Jeanette Dunham

Haley Easterday
Elizabeth Eilberg
Barbara Elking
Frank Elking
John Fayak

Michael Fender Jodie Gibson Aaron Graves Melissa Gwinn

Johanna Hamrick Doug Jenkins

Mikayla Johnson Kyle Kaczmarek

Mary-Beth Kaczmarek

Robert Kroeger Kali Lewis Roger Lipfird Tom Martin

Heather McDonald Brandon Meadows Michael Nitchman Kristen Prough Ruth Provost

Ann Raab

Valisha Schumacher

Bradd Stevens Emily Sullivan Luann Toth Sarah Warren Torina White Club

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North Ridgeville

Bucyrus

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Bowling Green
Coldwater
Coldwater
Steubenville
Mansfield
Troy
Granville
Northmont

Findlay Bucyrus

Bath-Richfield Bath-Richfield

North Ridgeville

Ottawa Bucyrus Berea

Independence

Tiffin Lancaster Champaign County Stow-Munroe Falls

Northwest Columbus

Stow-Munroe Falls

Zanesville Mansfield Findlay

Northwest Columbus

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Kevin Grippi

James Shively Amy Kolarik Toni Krone

Cindy Hofner
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Michael Birkmeyer
William Pees

Toni Krone Danielle Wilkin

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Martin McGinty Gilbert Freilino Bernard Steinmetz Andrea Spires Nichole Baker Thomas Stephan

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Lisa Jackson Robert Peterson Danielle Wilkin











# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



**DIVISIONS SHOWING POSITIVE** GROWTH THROUGH 4.30.2023 1-SOUTH +21 11-SOUTH +8 12 +10 13 +5 5 +19 15 +3 8 +7 16 +31 10-EAST +7 17 +13 10-SOUTH +10 24 +19 10-WEST +6 11-NORTH +12

# 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.

**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)







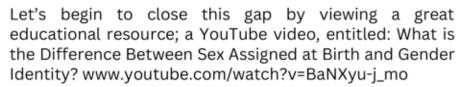




# KNOWLEDGE IS KEY TO UNDERSTANDING

Marla and Monica Marsh, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Co-Chairs

PRIDE Month is a time to celebrate and have fun. It is also a time to appreciate the difference that difference makes. In essence, this is being culturally competent. In appreciating difference, we must be willing to ask difficult questions and examine equity gaps between other cultures, such as the LGBTQ+ culture. For our purposes, let's make Pride Month about expanding our knowledge of why there is a gap, so that we can work together to close it.





#### A Beginner's Guide for Supporting Gender Identity

#### Gender What?

Gender identity: the internal sense that you have of your own gender, which is not as simple as it may seem to some. Perhaps you know someone who is transgender, gender-nonconforming gender, gender nonbinary, or gender fluid, or maybe you have read about our seen someone on Television who identifies this way. Or perhaps you don't know (or don't think you know) anyone personally who identifies as anything but cisgender (when one's gender identity and gender assigned at birth are congruent). You maybe confused by all the different terms listed here or others you have seen. That is okay, because this is exactly what this article addresses - so continue reading!

Gender identity is not as simple as a doctor labeling a girl or boy at birth. We know this because not everyone who is assigned boy or girl at birth grows up to identify as male or female, respectively. Although we may intellectually understand this, we may still face challenges, judgments, or biases in understanding and celebrating gender fluidity in our club members, friends, family and colleagues.

#### Where to Begin?

A complete explanation of terms and list of recommendations is not possible in a short article, but the following is a good starting point, with a list of suggestions and resources.













# KNOWLEDGE (CONT.)

#### Do Your Research

There is growing recognition and understanding that gender is not a simple binary (male and female) but more thought as of a spectrum. Also, gender is different from sex: Gender is a sense of an expression of where one lies on the gender spectrum, whereas sex relates to biological anatomy.

As noted earlier, there are a variety of terms that are associated with gender identity (as well as sexual orientation, which will not be covered here but is often lumped together with gender identity). We advise that instead of expecting someone to educate you on their identity, try seeking out your own information. There are some websites that can help:

The Gender Spectrum - creates gender-sensitive and inclusive environments for children and through education, resources, and programs; offers www.genderspectrum.org

The Gender Unicorn - helpful graphic showing the spectrum of gender and how it intersects with sex and relationships; provides definitions of a variety of terms www.transstudent.org

#### Show Respect

Be respectful of an individual's affirmed gender identity, name, and pronouns. You may be afraid of making a mistake or offending someone when you don't now what name or pronouns to use. When in doubt, just ask! Continuously misgendering someone (using the wrong gender pronouns or name) can be upsetting and is not supportive. It is as simple as asking "What gender pronouns do you use?" "What name should I call you?" A term to use is preference, which is sometimes used to describe labels for sexual orientation and gender identity that differ from the majority identities of heterosexual and cisgender. Preference implies choice rather than inherent identity and applies to things like music, food, and television shows; it's not an appropriate way to describe someone's identity.

#### Be an Ally and Advocate

Regardless of your relationship; whether you are a club member, family member, friend, etc., you can help improve the life of a transgender or gender nonconforming individuals by being open about your support of gender identity diversity and making yourself aware of the issues and services that serve the transgender identity. Speak up when hear someone saying something offensive, and advocate for policies that improve the club's climate for gender nonconforming club members (or others), and listen to the voices of those individuals.













# SLP HAPPENINGS AROUND OHIO

Central Crossing H.S. Key Club members celebrating their year of service (bottom). Current Officers, back row, 2023-2024 Officers (top). Dale and Polly Leach Scholarship recipient, Svetlana Opatzka with I-Next Kiwanian Betsy Mincey (center).











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.













# SLP HAPPENINGS AROUND OHIO

Big Walnut High School Key Club members celebrate their first year of service which included reading to elementary students regularly, making valentines cards for the local nursing home, appreciation cards for teachers, and a plant sale fundraiser event at the local greenhouse.





# New Club News



**Ballard Brady Middle School** Builders Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Lander Circle, Village of Pepper Pike

# SLP Weeks for 2023-2024

The following weeks will observe

their respective SLP's: Circle K: Oct. 16 - 20

Key Club: Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

K-Kids: February 12-16.

Builders Club: March 18-22.

Aktion Club: March 4-8.

Plan now to promote and provide special support for these servant leaders!











# WHAT EXACTLY IS PRAESIDIUM?

Sarah Roush, Administrative Secretary

If you have not yet heard of our youth protection guidelines, you are either new to the organization or you haven't been paying attention. Each advisor for our service leadership programs must have a background check through Kiwanis International. Even if they work for the school system, or another entity which requires a background check, Kiwanis International requires utilization of their background check program to ensure consistency with the reports.

In addition, Kiwanis International asks each club to review the Youth Protection Guidelines annually to review basic "do's and don'ts" for Kiwanians when working with young children. This helps to protect the children we work with as well as ourselves as an organization.

The Praesidium program takes this a step further. These educational modules, which are taken online, are interactive and provide another layer of consideration when interacting with sometimes difficult or awkward situations involving youth. These modules are a requirement for Kiwanis and Faculty advisors as well as any adult who will be in an overnight chaperoning situation (think conventions and conferences).

Admittedly, I was not thrilled to have more training when the Key Club and Circle K conventions were approaching, but I chose to go through all the course work for reference information. Each module was well thought out, and I could see where they would be helpful for advisors who may not have access to continuing education classes for youth engagement. Each session took about 15-20 minutes and had a short quiz to reinforce the information.

This is a program which is free of cost for our members, I strongly recommend each member to review it. Like background checks, this program will need to be reviewed every two years.

- 1. Go to praesidiumacademy.com/learn
- Click on Forgot your password? (to create a new or reset password)
- 3. Enter the email address Kiwanis International has on file for you.
- Click the blue Reset Password button.
- 5. Check your email.
- 6. Click the link inside of your email to set a new password for your Academy account.
- 7. There will be a three question survey to fill out.
- 8. Access courses in learning path.



If you have problems logging in, contact youthprotection@kiwanis.org.











# OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 105TH OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS CONVENTION

**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.

#### REGISTRATION

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.

Event Registration: \$75 through July 14, then \$90. \$60 for SLP members.

Friday Night Dinner: \$22

Saturday & Sunday Breakfasts: \$18

Governor's Banquet: \$45 Official Convention Pin: \$5 Official Convention T-Shirt: \$15

#### HOTELS

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: \$119/nt https://bit.ly/3MkiUA1 Fairfield Inn & Suites: \$149/nt https://bit.ly/44UO20i

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

#### LINK TO THE FULL CALL TO CONVENTION PACKET: bit.ly/packet105



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









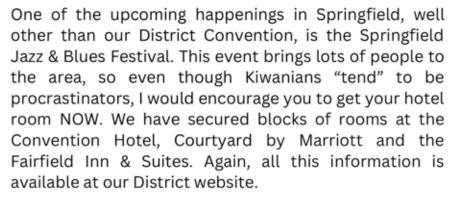




# SPRINGFIELD BECKONS YOU FOR FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Judy Raub - District Convention Publicity Chair

SPRINGFIELD here we come. As I said in last month's Buckeye Bulletin I would include sponsorship opportunities for individuals, clubs, and Divisions to participate in to support our District Convention. There are several levels beginning with the HOME CITY \$100.00; SPONSORSHIP at the **ROSE** SPONSORSHIP at \$250.00, and the CHAMPION CITY SPONSORSHIP LEVEL at \$500.00; along with PROGRAM ADS. All sponsorships levels allow for the convention committee to help keep the costs lower for attendees and the ads could allow for "bragging rights" or THANK YOUs for you and/or your clubs. I encourage you to visit our District website at www.ohiokiwanis.org/districtconvention for more information and for the online forms.



Henrietta Nye from Division 5 is also putting together a tour of the Springfield area to include, but not limited to, Frank Lloyd Wright Westcott House, Hartman Rock Garden, Springfield Kiwanis Children's Garden in Snyder Park, and the Springfield Art Museum. Lunch along the way at a local stop will be available. For more information or any questions, please contact Henrietta at nyehenrietta@gmail.com.

We'll chat again next month, where I will share additional information on workshops, events, and more.





















# **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





SUBMIT ONLINE @ OHIOKIWANIS.ORG UNDER **EVENTS > DISTRICT CONVENTION** 











# 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.











# MEET THE CANDIDATES



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.











# MEET THE CANDIDATES



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.











# BEREA KIWANIS CLUB AWARDS GRANTS

Jeff Haas, Division 22 Lt. Governor

THE Berea Kiwanis Club recently initiated a new grant process. Each summer, the club works several events at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Last year, the club made \$15,000 from working these events. It was suggested to and approved by the club's Board of Directors that \$10,000 of that amount be targeted towards a new grant process one of the club members developed.

It was proposed that each grant be no more than \$2500, so 3-4 grant awards were anticipated. The primary purpose of these grants was to demonstrate a visible and tangible commitment to the Kiwanis mission by striving to positively impact children and/or positively enhance the community. A number of grant requests were anticipated from within the Berea School System as well as outside non-profit organizations within the community. This grant process was strongly endorsed, supported, and promoted by the Berea school system administration.

13 grant requests were received totaling almost \$32,000. Four of them were selected totaling \$8100. Three of them were awarded to teachers and an organization within the school system. The fourth was awarded to a non-profit organization that works with pre-school children.

At Big Creek Elementary School in Middleburg Hts., funding will purchase "Osmos", which provides handson learning and digital fun in a student-led inquiry lab that will be established. At Brookpark Elementary School in Brook Park, a Sight-to-Sound Showtime Panel will be purchased that will be part of a newlyestablished pre-school sensory room. At Middleburg Early Education Center in Middleburg Hts., augmentative devices will be purchased that will used to help establish a high quality literacy program for their pre-school students. Finally, at Berea-Midpark High School, an 88-key digital piano has been purchased for the orchestra to enhance their musical capability.

Representatives from all 4 groups recently attended a Berea Kiwanis meeting to briefly explain how they would use the money and received their check. Later on, they will be invited back to give the members a summary of the impact these grants have made. Our members were invited to make a "field trip" to each location to witness first-hand the children utilizing their new devices and capability. These "field trips" are anticipated to occur at the start of the new school year.

It is hoped that this grant process will be a yearly activity for the club. The club already does several activities and events every year which demonstrate a commitment to children. This grant process augments that commitment and enables the club to further enhance the impact it makes in the community.



Jeff Haas, Berea Kiwanis Treasurer, presents Sue Bell, preschool coordinator at Brookpark Elementary School, a grant check for \$2500 to purchase a Sight-to-Sound Showtime Panel that will be part of a newly-established sensory room.



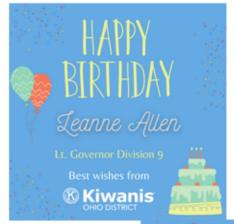


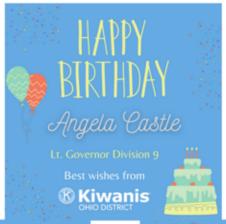






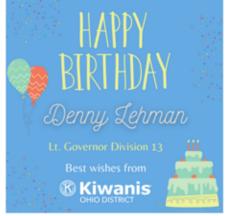
# June Board Member Birthdays













# **Kiwanis** OHIO DISTRICT



Recognize members with the gift of Ruby K recognition for every five members they sponsored. Ruby K pins are free of charge and recognize members for inviting new members — from five to 100 people. (Further Ruby K awards are given for multiples of 25 over 100.) The award is cumulative, so previous recipients are eligible for a new Ruby K when they invite additional members. Request via the form at www.bit.ly/41a4O9g

Check out the new interactive google map that shows all K-Family Clubs in Ohio at www.bit.ly/ ohiokfamilymap Thanks to Ron Hyre for compiling that data!



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.













### AKTION CLUB LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION DAY

Dick Brulotte, Aktion Club Administrator

CALLING all Star Wars Fans - Kiwanians and Aktion Club members! The 2023 Aktion Club Leadership & Education Day Registration and Sponsorship Forms have gone live on the Ohio District Kiwanis webpage. This year's conference will be held at The Center For Innovation and Growth at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, OH on Saturday, July 22nd and is being hosted by The Community Aktion Club and The Kiwanis Club of Berea. The day's event will run from 10:00 AM to 4:00/4:30 PM and will feature a great keynote speaker, entertainment, forums, and of course fun! Our theme for 2023 is "May The Force Be With You!"

Sponsorship options come in the form of three options: Padawan level at \$50; Jedi Level at \$100; or a third option which can be customized by the sponsor to cover a specific cost such as the cost associated with lunch, snacks, t-shirts, or attendee bags.

Registration for attendees is again \$35 each and includes a t-shirt, bag for each attendee, lunch and snacks. Aktion Club advisors will be receiving information in the near future about an opportunity to apply for special funding that will be available to offset transportation or registration costs - thanks to a special grant from The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. If anyone has questions, please contact Dick Brulotte by email - rbrulotte.aktionclub@gmail.com.

#### \$100 JEDI level sponsors receive:

All Padawan level items + 1 Free event registration

Visiti bit.ly/aktionLED to sponsor today!



#### \$50 PADAWAN level sponsors receive:

Custom Social Media Post Listed in Program Podium mentioned during event 1 Event t-shirt













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

LIBERTY Builders Club students helped bag more than 1,500 trees to be distributed to all first and third graders in Allen county. The event is sponsored by the Lima Kiwanis Club in celebration of Arbor Day.



TODAY (April 29) some of our Kiwanis members (East Fork Region) participated in Child Focus Fun Day. Looks like they all had fun, especially the bike winners.





TRIVIA night at Stowthe Falls Munroe Kiwanis yielded over \$8,000 to benefit their community. A great time was had by all. Pictured is the winning team.













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OUR members rock! Last Saturday (May 6) 8 members conducted our 1st of 4 highway cleanups for the year on Rt. 250 and filled 17 bags of garbage! They were so busy, they forgot to get a picture! 5 of our members participated in a city wide cleanup and concentrated their efforts on Kiwanis Park and the waterworks cells alongside the Cedar Point causeway. In just under 3 hours, they picked up 15 bags of trash, a tire, boat cushion, and a dock box lid. However the most surprising find was enough blue wood siding for a small house along with their mailbox with the address of 524 1/2. They also managed to snap a picture in front of the new baseball backstop we donated to the park this year. (Sandusky Kiwanis)



morning (May 6) our Club (Ravenna) completed installation on our playground shade structure at the Community Action Council Family & Children's Center in Ravenna. Thanks to Kiwanis Members, CAC staff community volunteers for their help wrapping up this project - a community asset for years to come! #KidsNeedKiwanis















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OUR Kiwanis Club made a donation to Westfall Elementary School. The reading recovery teacher, Marcia Ruff who won the 2023 Executive Women in Agriculture Trailblazer Award for her work in promoting agriculture in the community. She decided to try to donate a book with some form of connection to agriculture to every student in Westfall Elementary School. The Circleville Kiwanis Club was the first organization to step up with a donation for this project. Each book will have a tag inside it stating who sponsored the book.

Westfall is a rural school district without a public library or any place to purchase books, so getting books and reading materials in the hands of children is a real challenge. This program will make certain each child will have at least one book of their own, which they will select and take home before the end of school. The project purchased nearly 620 books for grades pre-k through 5th grade.



**HILLTOP** Kiwanis volunteering at Jordan's Crossing with the Aktion Club!







THANKS to Sunbury Christian Church and Sonshine Preschool for letting us plant our first little free library at 250 Rainbow Avenue in Sunbury. We were honored to have Sunbury Mayor, Joe St. John join us at the official ribbon cutting. Pick up your summer read today! (Sunbury Big Walnut Kiwanis)













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THE Kiwanis Club of Southern Hill Region celebrated its 75 th anniversary on Saturday May 20, 2023. The club was originally chartered on May 25, 1948, as the Russellville Kiwanis Club by Robert E. Hill, Governor of Ohio Kiwanis District with thirty-seven Charter Members. The Club, on January 20, 2022, voted to change its name to the Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills Region and with approval of the Ohio Kiwanis District and Kiwanis International we continue the traditions of the Russellville Club into the next 75 years of service to children of Brown County. The honored guest were David Kuhn, Governor Ohio District of Kiwanis International, Jason D. Miller, Governor-Elect Ohio District, Kathleen Moylan, Kiwanis international New Membership Chairwoman, and Amy Zimmerman Kiwanis International Children's Fund President-elect. It was fitting that at our 75 th celebration, the Kiwanis Club of Southern Hill Region Chartered the first Service Leadership Program in Brown County, the Kiwanis Key Club of Eastern High School. Under the guidance of Club Representative Joan Garrett and Key Club Faculty Advisor Johnna Kattine this new Key Club will flourish and join thousands of other Key Clubs to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities. Welcome and congratulations to the new Kiwanians. The Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills Region meets on the 1 st and 3 rd Thursdays at Noon at the F.O.Eagles Club, 600 Mt. Orab Pike, Georgetown, Ohio. Call Ron 513-720-1909 for info.



There will be an in-person Club Leadership Education opportunity from 2-5:30pm on August 11th at the Hollenbeck Conference Center Room 114 at Clark State University in Springfield.













### SUPPORT GOOD MENTAL HEALTH IN YOUTH

Steve Vrooman, Community Service Chair

A recent division meeting featured a panel of local community leaders discussing how Kiwanis clubs can help a community. Support of programs that promote good mental health in young people was a unanimous response. Children have always experienced anxiety in their lives but unceasing social media exposure (not just Facebook), covid-related disruptions, and food and housing insecurity have heightened the students' apprehension. Reliable research indicates that 3.6% of children ages 5 to 11, and 4.9% of children ages 12 to 18 have experienced frequent mental distress, defined as a mental health condition or emotional problem that prevented participation in school, social relationships, or other daily activities.

Good mental health is an important part of overall health and well-being. Being mentally healthy in childhood means reaching developmental and emotional milestones, and learning healthy social skills and how to cope and stay resilient when there are problems. Children's mental health is strengthened by supportive relationships and environments. School districts are continually bolstering their mental health support services but there is always a need for additional help.

Schools officials across the country say they're seeing an uptick in disruptive behaviors. Some are obvious and visible, like students trashing bathrooms, fighting over social media posts, or bolting from classrooms. Other behaviors are quieter calls for help, like students putting their head down and refusing to talk. Comments that have been made only online are being brought into schools, causing disruptive behaviors.

One of the indicators of students' poor mental health is poor school attendance. School attendance has not recovered to the level of pre-2020. Attendance avoidance is now considered a mental health disorder. Students tend to withdraw from contact with others when there is a problem. That withdrawal can lead to undesirable outcomes.

The question is - How can a Kiwanis Club or individual Kiwanians help with this serious societal issue?

Discussion with a professional counselor who works with school-aged children stressed a need for more positive activities in which the students and their families can participate. Some of the positive activities Kiwanis clubs can support include:

- · Providing strong support to existing Service Leadership Programs (SLP) or, if none exist, work to start programs - this is one of the greatest strengths of Kiwanis and it's ready to go.
  - o Consider a focus on elementary school programs K-Kids, Terrific Kids, Bringing Up Grades.
  - o Ohio has district chairs for all levels who can help your club create or strengthen groups. Check the ODK website for contact information.
  - Students want to "belong" to groups so offer ones that can be a positive influence.
  - o Positive leadership skills develop through the opportunity to make decisions about ways to help others. Kids want to be noticed. They want some control over their lives. SLPs provide the opportunities to be involved in decision making.
  - o In Ohio, there are 59 active K-Kids, 79 active Builders Clubs, 196 active Key Clubs, 11 active Circle K clubs, 34 active Aktion Clubs. Terrific Kids and Bringing Up Grades are easy and rewarding programs that can be implemented and are very successful means of recognizing student accomplishments.











# MENTAL HEALTH (CONT.)

- o Involvement must start at the elementary school level where students' need for recognition begins and is especially critical. Looking at the SLP participation numbers, that's an area for growth.
- Supporting activities to help improve school attendance.
  - · Reward programs
  - Recognition assemblies
- · Participating in or helping to organize mentor groups at all levels. There is a tendency for volunteer mentoring groups to be formed at the elementary school level but there is a critical need for mentoring groups at the middle and high school levels.
- · Sponsoring individual school family night/day activities many schools have spring festivals but the Kiwanis Clubs could sponsor a fall or winter activity event.
  - Movie night/day
  - · Game day/night
  - · Activity day at a local recreation center
  - · Family day at area major or minor league baseball game
- Sponsoring a positive community event.
  - Concerts
  - Culture Fair
  - A combination of activities. In Columbus, WonderBus is a weekend music, arts, and culinary festival featuring multiple stages of contemporary concerts and events including art, activities for all ages, adventure, education, and food offerings. A scaled-down version could be organized for your community/region with the support of a Kiwanis division.
- · Sponsoring a youth sports team....or a league
- · Sponsoring a youth fine or performing arts program
- Sponsoring/supporting programs that educate young people about social media safety.
  - https://ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-The Ohio School Safety Center schools/cyber-safety (State of Ohio site) is a resource for cyber safety materials and videos.

Kiwanians always step up to support activities that are good for kids, families, and communities. Mental health issues affect each of us every day, directly and/or indirectly. Consider what your Kiwanis club can do to make a difference with this crisis.















# **ODKF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

ODKF Celebrates Kiwanis Club Milestone Anniversaries!



THIS year, the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is recognizing Kiwanis Clubs within the Ohio district who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of 50, 75, and 100 years of service. Between MidYear and DCON, we will celebrate and honor these clubs and their members for the outstanding service they have provided their communities over the years. We're hopeful this program continues for many years to come so that ODKF can recognize and support all Ohio Kiwanis Clubs in this manner.

Each club listed has (will) receive a certificate and \$100 check to be applied to a service project within their club, or in support of one of their SLPs. The only criteria is that clubs are in good standing within the district and KI when they reach their celebrated anniversary dates of 50, 75, and 100 years.

Niles Kiwanis Club - November 2022, 100th anniversary Bucyrus Kiwanis Club - December 2022, 75th anniversary Downtown Athens Kiwanis Club - January 2023, 50th anniversary Marysville Kiwanis Club - March 2023, 100th anniversary Southern Hills Region Kiwanis Club - may 2023, 75th anniversary Wooster Kiwanis Club - June 2023, 100th anniversary Woodsfield Kiwanis Club - June 2023, 100th anniversary Silverton/Kenwood/Mederia Kiwanis Club - July 2023, 75th anniversary West Akron Kiwanis Club - September 2023, 75th anniversary Beiden Village Kiwanis Club - September 2023, 50th anniversary



On behalf of ODKF, congratulations for achieving this milestone anniversary and thank you for everything you've done in your community to make the lives of the children we serve, better! For any club planning a special celebration around these anniversary dates, please feel free to reach out to ODKF in advance so that we might be able to coordinate your milestone presentation in person. 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.

Please visit www.odkf.org to learn more about the grant and scholarship opportunities available through ODKF. Our next grant request deadline is June 30, for decisions in August,. Thanks for allowing ODKF to be a part of all the amazing things you are doing within your local community. Please reach out if you have any questions about grants, scholarships, special programs, or other ODKF resources that may help your club close out the year strong.

In Kiwanis Service, James Minter ODKF President 2022-2023 614-374-3341 ODKFpresident2022@odkf.org



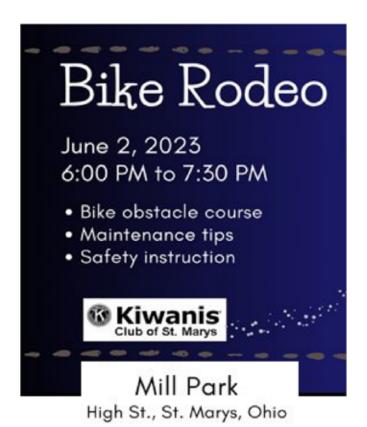


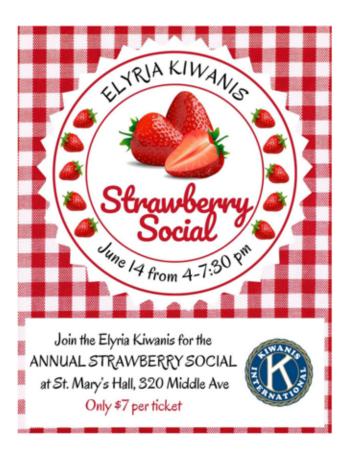






# **UPCOMING EVENTS**





# 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

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













# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



July 20, 2023 Visit odkf.org for more info





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

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 9am Kings Mill Golf Club 2500 Berringer Rd. Waldo, OH 43356

The Kiwanis Club of Morrow County is proudly holding the 9th 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

Team Name:		
Player 1:		
Player 2:		
Player 3:		
Player 4:		
Contact: (please list one player as o	ontact)	_
Phone:	Email:	
Registration form and fees must be	returned by August 13th.	
DON'T GOLF BUT W	ANT TO HELP OUT? PLEASE SPONS	OR A HOLE!

#### It can be your business, your family, or you personally.

The cost is \$100 to sponsor a hole. Hole sponsors w

Business name:			_	
Contact phone and em	ail:			

For any questions, please contact erinkelty70@gmail.com 419-560-4448

### 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.













# FROM THE ARCHIVES

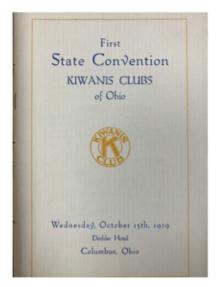
**CONVENTION** season is upon us. At the District Office we keep a collection of programs from events dating back to the very first District Convention in 1919. But in our recent efforts to archive the materials we noticed that there are a few missing. If you happen to have any of the following programs would you please consider sending to the District Office for posterity?

**DISTRICT CONVENTION** Missing 2007, 1961, 1956, 1953, 1944-51, 1936-41, 1933, 1929-31, 1926-27, 1920-24

MIDYEAR EDUCATION DAY Missing 2005, 1991, 1988

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Missing 2021-22, 2017, 1999-2014, 1992, 1958, 1918-56 **DISTRICT INSTALLATION BANQUETS** Missing 2012, 2005-08, 1998, 1993-94, 1971-76, 1967, 1960, 1950-58

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISITS Missing any that occurred 2004-current

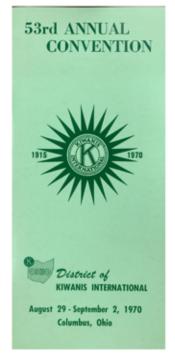




























# **ODKF Basket Room at DCON 2023**

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"







