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From the desk of the
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



HELLO Mighty Ohio District!

October is such a great month. For many, October holds many popular things like Spooky Season, Trick or Treating, Pumpkin Spice Lattes or even being one step closer to wearing your favorite hoodie again. But most importantly, it should be noted that the new Kiwanis year is upon us. October 1 marks the start of the 2023-2024 Administrative year. By now, newly elected officers should have been transitioned into their roles, goals for the year should have been set, and a new sense of changing your community for the better is beginning. The same can be said about the District board. We have new Lieutenant Governors beginning their terms, new District chairs who are excited to share their ideas with you and even a new leadership team with the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. If you club has not set their goals for the year, please make this a priority. Later in this issue you will find the District Goals and the Distinguished Criteria for members, clubs and Divisions. Use this as a best practices guide as you shape your club and individual goals. While many of these goals are driven by International goals and initiatives, some are intended to ensure that clubs, and in turn the District, are on track for the future of the organization.

Coming off a great weekend at the Tri-K Leadership Retreat and Installation, it is important to note that while the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year is just starting, we are at the midway point for our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). We must continue to make these future leaders a priority, and support their efforts in the coming year with vigor and intent. Many SLPs can certainly use our financial support, but they also need mentors, role models and involvement with their meetings and service projects. Please make it a point to reach out to ALL of your SLPs and determine what you can do to help them.

This is indeed the start of something great...a new beginning for your Kiwanis club. Please focus on the vision that you have for your club in the coming year and direct your focus to making the biggest positive impact that you can for your community. To do that, we must focus on recruiting new members, providing them with an inclusive environment and finding ways to connect with them so that they can truly belong to our beloved organization.

This coming year is going to be fantastic, but we will certainly have our share of challenges. Just know that your District board is working hard to support you. This includes the elected officers and the District Chairs. If there is a challenge that your club is facing, someone on the 2023-2024 Leadership Team will certainly be able to provide you some resources or direct you to a person that can. If I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to reach out at jmiller@ohiokiwanis.org. Thank you for all that you do to make Ohio Kiwanis great!

Jason Miller

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RAVENNA KIWANIS CLUB COMPLETES CAC YOUTH & FAMILY CENTER PLAYGROUND

Pat McCon

THE Kiwanis Club of Ravenna celebrated the official opening of the CAC Youth & Family Center Playground with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 1, 2023. The club began project fundraising for the playground in early 2019 with the intention of raising \$75,000. Brick pavers were sold for a walkway, cash donations were solicited and the club applied for multiple grants to cover the cost of the playground equipment and installation. Multiple delays due to the Covid Pandemic and logistics issues complicated completion of the project and the playground was officially completed in the spring of 2023 with students able to utilize the climber and shade structure for the 2023 Summer Camp program at the CAC Youth & Family Center. Community volunteers provided the manpower to install the structures. The Kiwanis Club of Ravenna and Community Action Council Directors and staff joined the students for lunch on August 1, 2023 and were presented with a thank you poster from the children attending the CAC Summer Camp program.. Representatives of the Kiwanis Club, the City of Ravenna, Main Street Ravenna, Ravenna Chamber of Commerce, NAACP and Community Action Council and the Summer Camp participants were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony as well.

Ravenna Kiwanis Club and Community Action Council would like to thank the many volunteers, individual donors and those purchasing bricks; the Battaglia Family; TS Landscaping; Print & Sign; Lonnie Lovejoy; Portage Foundation; Ravenna United Fund; Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and the City of Ravenna for their support. Anyone interested in purchasing a brick for the walkway to the playground may contact Community Action Council of Portage County at (330) 297-1456 or cacportage.net.



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KIWANIS PARTNERSHIPS

Landscape Structures: Thinking about building a playground but don't know where to start? Invite a playground expert to speak at your next in-person or virtual club meeting. Choose from five topics in our Speaker's Bureau.

Scholastic: Increase book savings by signing up to be a Literacy Partner and ordering expert-recommended books aligned with Kiwanis causes. If you're interested in implementing a literacy-based mentorship program called Read Excel Achieve Lead, email mford1@scholastic.com or call +1 (800) 387-1437 x6333.

Lettuce Grow: With Lettuce Give, an initiative to enhance education of healthy food and hydroponic gardening, Farmstands have reached clubs in 39 U.S. states impacting 21,300 students. The goal is to give free Farmstands, seedlings, and nutrient kits (worth US\$615) to clubs in all 50 states by October 1, 2023. To learn more, email arashid@kiwanis.org and fill out this form.

KidsGardening: Apply to two grant programs launching this fall — the Budding Botanist grant (September 11-October 20) and the Youth Garden grant (November 3-December 15). Join the Kids Garden Community for monthly community chats and networking.

Little Free Library: Build, buy, or support a Little Free Library book-sharing box in your community. Once you become a library steward, register your library by purchasing an official Kiwanis charter sign. Download the mobile app to engage with libraries across 120 countries. Clubs receive a 10% discount on products and a 20% discount on charter signs.

Reading Is Fundamental: Kids need Kiwanis and a joy of reading! Give students a strong start to the school year with RIF's back-to-school book collection. Plus, books are one of the most important tools to engage children to learn about culture and history: visit RIF's Hispanic Heritage Month book collection.

Kiwanis Warehouse: Powered by DollarDays. Hosting back to school service projects? Supplies can be purchased at rock-bottom pricing.

ODP Business Solutions (formerly known as Office Depot): Office supplies at discounted prices.

Colonial Flag Foundation: Rethink club fundraisers. Healing Field and Field of Honor Display fundraising programs are designed to help amplify fundraising projects. Team up with local businesses to sponsor your events. Successful fundraisers can bring your club five figures!





KIWANIANS ARE PART OF A GLOBAL NETWORK OF CLUBS AND MEMBERS WHO PARTNER WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE MISSIONS ALIGN WITH OURS – SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD. SO WE'RE STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED TO PROTECT THOSE CHILDREN AS WELL.

Youth Protection Week is October 9-13, giving Kiwanis clubs the opportunity to conduct important youth protection training and evaluate the club's compliance. It's the perfect time for your club to conduct its annual mandated youth protection training.

Visit the [Kiwanis Youth Protection Week webpage](#), where you'll find links to:

- Updated training presentations and recording for [Kiwanis International Youth Protection Guidelines](#).
- A list of [district youth protection managers](#) and information about their role within Kiwanis leadership.
- Guidance on how youth can create a [Culture of Care](#).
- Information on how to get your [background check](#).
- Updated [Praesidium Academy youth protection and child abuse prevention training FAQ](#).
- Information about Kiwanis' dedicated, confidential [Youth Protection Helpline](#).
- [Live webinar dates](#) to learn more about youth protection.

Follow the links to learn more about these new resources as we work together to serve the children of the world – and protect them as well! After your club completes training for the 2023-24 Kiwanis year, your club secretary should update the [reporting dashboard](#).

Through this annual training, your club is helping to protect youth – and the Kiwanians who work with them – while strengthening the Kiwanis family's continuing status as a leader in building the next generation of servant leaders.

Thank you for your service,

Melissa McMann

Service Leadership Programs Training and Education Administrator



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Kiwanis International-Lancaster, Ohio Club

1h · 🌐

Some of our local Kiwanians attending 250 Plates supporting our local food pantries and @kellermarkethouse! Thanks to the @fairfieldcountyfoundation and @destinationdowntownlancaster for putting on a spectacular event!



Mason Kiwanis Club

3h · 🌐

Today at the Manor House The Kiwanis Club of Mason welcomed 21 guests to "Bring a Guest Day!" Guests learned about the community service the Club provides in our community and what it means to be a Kiwanian. Our Club is growing and we are always welcoming new members. To learn more about kiwanis go to [Masonkiwanis.org](https://masonkiwanis.org) or join us on Thursdays at Noon at the Manor House in Mason!



Key Club International

2d · 🌐

Every year, talented Key Club members illustrate their creativity by developing a poster that focuses on membership recruitment. Winners from each district compete in the Club Poster Contest. Here are the top 3 internationally from each category. keyclub.org/news/2023postercontest

Non-digital poster contest results

- 🥇 First place: Northside Key Club, Carolinas District
- 🥈 Second place: Battlefield Key Club, Capital District
- 🥉 Third place: Jonathan Law Key Club, New England and Bermuda District

Digital poster contest results

- 🥇 First place: Lake Braddock, Capital District
- 🥈 Second place: Brunswick, Ohio District
- 🥉 Third place: Danbury, New England-Bermuda District

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THE Wilmington Kiwanis Club presented the 10th Annual Gridiron Meeting between the Clinton Massie HS Falcons vs Wilmington HS Hurricanes for the Wilmington Kiwanis Backyard Bash Trophy on Friday, Sept 22, 2023. Clinton Massie won 17-14. Wilmington Kiwanians Vernon L. Dillon & David Burton presented the Trophy to the Winning Team Captains of Clinton Massie. Also helping with the Presentation are the Clinton Massie and Wilmington Area Key Clubs.



THE K-Kids of Heritage Elementary School in Lima served their school and community with their annual road cleanup. Decisions had to be made as there were two forks in the road.



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Berea Kiwanis Club, Ohio
September 11 at 7:06 AM · 🌐

What a great event and a huge turnout! Thanks to the Berea Arts Fest for hosting this event. Thanks to everyone for stopping by and taking part in the Kiwanis color our logo contest. More thanks for coming by our Community Aktion Club table and painting rocks! Fun for all!!



Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region
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Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region is at Empower Youth.
2d · Bethel · 🌐

Another good day of food packing at Empower Youth. Thank you Calvin Bowling, Ryschel Bowling, Harold Hardy, Beth Snow, Dave Snow, Maynard Holcombe, Kristine West Kahl, Niyah Bowling, Scott Conley and members of our Aktion Club! #KidsNeedKiwanis

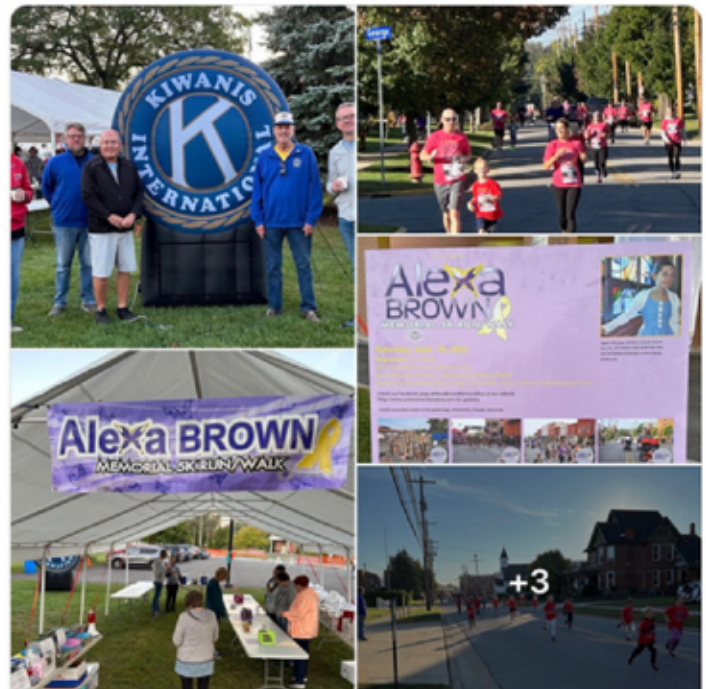
Newark High School Key Club
2h · 🌐

Our officers did an outstanding job leading today's Newark Kiwanis meeting!



Newark City Schools
6h · 🌐

The Newark High School Key Club is leading today's Newark Kiwanis meeting #we_are_ncs



Fremont, Ohio Kiwanis
September 16 at 12:01 PM · 🌐

Several Fremont Kiwanians volunteered at the 14th annual Alexa Brown Memorial 5K Run/Walk in Clyde, Ohio early Saturday morning, Sept. 16th. Sponsored by Fremo... See more



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Send us your event
info to be shared:**

**[https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/
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Did you know?

**Canva.com is a great way to easily
design flyers for your events.**

**Non-profits can request a free PRO
subscription as well.**



Ohio District of Key Club International
September 23 at 7:17 PM · 🌐

Get ready to set sail into service at Fall Rally 2023! Join us at the Columbus Zoo on October 29th to kickoff this service year. Registration is open and we can't wait to see you there!

#fallrally23 #fallrally #keyclub23 #ohiodistrictkeyclub #ohiodistrictfallrally



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ODKF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



WHO'S ready to start out our 2023 -2024 Kiwanis year? It should be an exciting new year. I am looking forward to serving as the ODKF's President this coming year. Just a little background on me - I am a member of the Gahanna Kiwanis and have been since 1997. I joined after my dad asked me to join. I attended a key club meeting and was automatically hooked on what Kiwanis stand for. I come from a family of volunteers and we have passed down even now to our grandkids. My mom even teases me that she will have to schedule her funeral around my Kiwanis commitment dates.

We have acquired a few new board members (which is always a plus to work with new ideas). We have also changed our deadline dates for grant submissions. Updated information is on the ODKF website, but for your convenience, they are as follows: Safe and Healthy Kids grants, Community grants and Children's grants (which can be up to \$5,000) are now: November 30th for late January assistance, March 31st for late May assistance, and June 30th for late August assistance. Mini grants deadlines (which are matched funds up to \$500.) are now: October 31st, December 31st, February 28th, April 30th, June 30th and August 31st. The mini grants will be considered in the following month after their deadline date. Hopefully this will help clubs out a little faster with their projects.

A lot of our clubs and members still are not sure what the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation can do for their clubs. Every Ohio Kiwanis member is a member of the ODKF. We give grants out to clubs and SLP's for their service projects. We also have what is called Club Advised Funds (CAF) which will help take the burden off of clubs that may have a foundation within their club or large amounts of money in their clubs funds. (We handle all that IRS paperwork and audit work so your club doesn't have to). Representatives from the ODKF will also be attending meetings along side Jason on his Governor's visits to help spread the word about the Foundation. If at anytime, you have any questions or want a ODKF representative come and talk at your club meetings or Division meeting, please reach out to us and we are there.

We currently have a couple fundraisers during the Kiwanis year to help build our funds so we can have money for grants. A goal this year is to add another fundraiser to our calendar year. (The more money we raise, the more grants can be given). Mark your calendars for our Annual golf outing which will be held July 18th. We also hold a basket auction at DCON which is usually successful because of our clubs donations to the event and of course our members who bid on those baskets. Even though we were 28 fewer baskets this year, we were still able to raise \$3,628 this year at DCON. I can't thank everyone enough for all their support.

I look forward to working with the ODKF board members, all our clubs and Kiwanis members this coming year.

Rita Corbin

ODKF President 2023-2024

