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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

*Jason Miller*



**HELLO** Mighty Ohio District!

It sure does not feel like it should be December! I wouldn't even know that November was over, had I not eaten so much turkey! Nevertheless, time marches on and we find ourselves in a month marked by the start of many holiday events. For Kiwanis, that could also mean bell ringing, various gift giving campaigns to help local children, or even holiday parades with your Kiwanis Family. Whatever December looks like for your club, make it matter. But what do I really mean by that? It is important that clubs stay visible in the community year round, but are we really meeting the needs of our community? Are we supporting projects that our members WANT to participate in and are those projects what are community truly needs?

One project that my home club took on recently is supporting the efforts of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. No catchy, funny title here. It is literally grandparents, who through any number of reasons, have found themselves in a situation where they must now raise their grandchildren. Many of these grandparents are retired, unable to work or simply do not have the disposable income to meet the basic needs of these children, let alone provide for presents during the holiday season. Members of my club organized fundraisers, identified families in need working with Job and Family Services, and will soon go out and shop for these families. The presents will be wrapped by our members and other volunteers and delivered secretly to the homes of those in need. This is indeed a great project, but it is a new one that was taken on after our club re-evaluated the needs within the community. We found that we were potentially overlooking an impact that we could easily make. This is our second year for the project, and we continue to learn and adapt as we go, but our members enjoy the project, the fellowship and the joy of making a new impact.

Taking on a new project or fundraiser can be daunting at times. But it is only through change that we grow. That change may look different depending on the project, the support given or not given, or even how others choose to react to things. Change is inevitable. Sure, there are unforeseen obstacles that may pop up, or those that will not be supportive of the change, but when you stay true to your mission and work toward expanding your impact, you will make a difference. I find it fitting to include some great words from the late former First Lady Rosalynn Carter:

*"I believe that one of the most important things to learn in life is that you can make a difference in your community no matter who you are or where you live."*

No matter what difference you choose to make this year, and into the next year, make that choice with kindness, with intent to create a sense of belonging, but above all, never stop believing that you CAN make a difference. I would think that these are choices that could be applied to many aspects of our lives.

I sincerely hope that this month is everything that you need it to be and more. Whatever your celebration may look like, please enjoy this time with friends and family and know that on behalf of the Ohio District of Kiwanis, and our entire Ohio Kiwanis Family I am wishing you well this season and always. Thank you for all that you do to make Ohio Kiwanis great and here is to an awesome 2024!

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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Jamie Kaufman, District Membership Coordinator

Give the Gift of Kiwanis this Holiday Season!

It is always the right time to share the gift of Kiwanis membership with friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family. What better way to show your love and appreciation than sharing your passion for serving your community and the children of the world.

We can share Kiwanis by inviting prospective members to our clubs or by sharing Kiwanis with a neighboring community or focus group dedicated to a particular cause. I want to formally welcome our 2 newest Kiwanis clubs in Ohio. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ironton, organized in October -- the first in North America this year!! -- and the Kiwanis Club of Beechwood which will formally organize this month.

A special thank you to Kathleen Moylan, Judy Raub, Bill Flinta, Angela Cooper, Leanne Allen, Dave Kuhn, Dan Corrigan and any of the countless volunteers I may have missed for your efforts opening these two clubs. Kiwanis has a vibrant future improving the lives of children in these two great communities. Fantastic job and welcome to our newest Ohio Kiwanis Family members!

As you work on strengthening your clubs, please make sure you are identifying a club membership chair. Your Membership Chair will be responsible for keeping your membership goals in front of the club and making sure that you are working on your plans. Club Membership Chairs should consider implementing the Two for Two membership program or organizing a Club Open House -- or both. Your Regional Membership Chairs would be happy to connect you with resources to assist you in planning either or both. As you identify these chairs, please report them to your Lt. Governors and your Regional Membership Chairs.

Our Regional Membership Team is:

- Region 1 -- 1 N, 1 S, 12, 2 -- Steve Steinbruner
- Region 2 -- 13, 14, 15, 24 -- Terry Mazone
- Region 3 -- 16, 17, 22, 26 -- Kip Crain
- Region 4 -- 11 N, 11 S, 10 E, 10 W, 10 S -- Ted Barrows
- Region 5 -- 3, 4, 5, 6/7, 8 -- Judy Raub/Mark Haake
- Region 6 -- 9, 18 -- Angie Cooper



The Regional Chairs stand ready to assist clubs, divisions, and Lt. Governors with their membership and new club opening goals. Please call on your Regional Chairs as a resource. The entire team is ready to assist you with your membership goals. Let's plan for a net gain in every club this year!

Have a happy, wonderful holiday season and remember to give the gift of Kiwanis. Get your club On Track for the Future!





## WHAT'S THE BUZZ AROUND THE DISTRICT?

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

**Kiwanis Club of Salem, Ohio is at The Brightside Project.** ...  
5d · Salem · 🌐

Thank you to the Salem and United Key Club students and Aktion Club for volunteering at the Brightside Project. These students stuffed 600 stockings for kids! What a fantastic group of students!!!!



Richard Brulotte, Monica Marsh and 46 others · 10 · 12


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**Mason Kiwanis Club**  
November 11 at 1:43 PM · 🌐

THANK YOU to all who joined the 64th Annual Mason Kiwanis Pancake Day Social. We are so grateful to all our sponsors, volunteers, and patrons who came out to enjoy a great breakfast on this special Veterans Day in our community. We will see you next year for the 65th Pancake Day on November 9, 2024! 🍳

#KidsNeedKiwanis #KiwanisNeedsYou #masonkiwanis  
Mason City Schools ... See more



You, Michael A Rudolph, Mark Haake and 37 others · 2 comments · 4 shares

**Ohio Kiwanis - Division 5**  
Michael A Rudolph · November 21 at 12:07 PM · 🌐

Welcome to Jim Kiper as a new member to the **Kiwanis Club of Oxford, Ohio**!



You, Amy Zimmerman, Marla Marsh and 9 others · 4 comments · Seen by 35

Like Comment Share

**Sidney Kiwanis**  
November 10 at 10:35 AM · 🌐

Ohio District Governor, Jason Miller, presented the Kiwanis Beacon of Hope Award to John Coffield and Lori Humphrey. John also received recognition for 45 years of service.

Jason Miller, Kiwanis Ohio District Governor, met with leaders of the Sidney High School Key Club and Sidney Middle School Builders Club.



11 · 2 comments

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## ODKF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Tis the Season! November and December are very busy months for us all. Family and friends to visit, dinners to fix and presents to buy. But always remember those that don't have it as good as others. As Kiwanians, this can be a very busy time for us as we help those in need during the holiday time. (not that we don't do during the rest of the year, but it seems busier this time of year). Keep up the good work, but still take the time to reflect on our lives and those around us.

During the past couple of months, I have or a representative from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has been following Governor Jason to his Division Governor's visit meetings. We are introducing and reintroducing the Foundation to our clubs and members. I have met so many new Kiwanians and learned so much about what our clubs are doing around the State of Ohio. Don't be afraid to share your projects with other clubs. We can learn from each other. I have already copied a couple of projects and taken back to my own club. I am also a little surprised on how many of our members don't realize we have a Foundation in our Ohio District and what we can do for our clubs which also include the Circle K's, Key Clubs, Aktion Clubs, Builders Clubs and KKids. If you have not been able to attend your Division meetings and would like information on what the Foundation is all about, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can solve that issue right away.

Please make sure to follow the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation for any new information and upcoming events. We will be having a couple new fundraisers this year along with our current Golf Outing and DCON Basket Room that we already do. Always remember the more money the Foundation can raise, the more GRANTS can be given. You can honor your club members or SLP members anytime during the year with any of our awards we offer. By the Way, we still have our special this year that we call the SLP/PIP which honors a deserving recipient. Half of the \$500 goes to the Governor's District Project (which is the SLP's) and the other half to the foundation. Take advantage of this special and make it a Win Win for all.

Enjoy the holidays and stay safe and well!!

*Rita Corbin*

ODKF President 2023-2024





# A MESSAGE FROM OHIO CKI GOVERNOR ALEISA TOBIN



Hello Ohio District Kiwanis!

My name is Aleisa Tobin and I have the pleasure of serving The Mighty Ohio District of Circle K International as Governor. I am a fourth year student at Bowling Green State University studying science education.

On October 22, we hosted Fall Rally at Baldwin Wallace University which was a day filled with service projects, fellowship activities, and leadership opportunities. We had over SIXTY Circle K members attend which is the largest group we have had in years. We are so thankful for the support of Kiwanis and our sponsors for making this memorable Fall Rally possible. We hope this amazing momentum we created at Fall Rally will carry to our District Convention.

Our District Convention is taking place February 16-18th at Capital University (Columbus, Ohio). Throughout the weekend, we will have amazing workshops, serve out in the community, hear from guest speakers, share meals together and celebrate our club's achievements. All Kiwanis Family members are invited to attend! Additionally, our sponsorships and registration page for District Convention is open [HERE](#). We appreciate any support.

The District Service Project is Seasons of Service which will focus on a Circle K Service Initiative each season. From August 1st to October 31st, our District focused on serving childhood development. We estimate that our clubs served about 350 hours dedicated to childhood development. Our new season of service is focusing on mental health awareness which started on November 1st, 2023 and will end on January 31st, 2024. We encourage Kiwanis to try to complete service projects with Circle K clubs centered around mental health awareness in this time period!

We have five clubs in the making in our Mighty Ohio District! The clubs are Tiffin University, The Ohio State University: Newark, Ohio Northern University, The University of Dayton, and a branch of Cuyahoga Community College. If you know of any students at these schools, please contact our Club Building Chair, Ashley Reynolds, at [Reynol68@miamioh.edu](mailto:Reynol68@miamioh.edu). If you would like to assist with the chartering process at any of these schools, please let us know! Chartering is an all-hands on deck situation!

Thank you Ohio Kiwanians for everything you do. Circle K International is truly appreciative of you!

Yours in service,

*Aleisa Tobin*

2023-2024 Governor, Ohio District of Circle K







# PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL



Hasani Wheat,  
District Partnerships Coordinator

Hello, fellow Kiwanians. I am Hasani Wheat, serving as your Partnerships Coordinator for the Ohio District of Kiwanis. As the Partnership Coordinator, my job is to highlight the many partners that Kiwanis International have teamed up with and to maximize service opportunities for all of the Kiwanis Family. You can access the Kiwanis partners by going to <https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/partners/>.

One of my goals this year is to get Kiwanis members and clubs to think outside of the box in order to maximize service opportunities in their communities. By learning, scouting, researching, and working with a Kiwanis partner organization, more opportunities to serve our children will present themselves.

One of my other goals is to create a log of Kiwanis family clubs that have utilized and benefitted from utilizing resources from a Kiwanis partner. This is a long-term project but I believe that developing relationships amongst our Kiwanis partners will only make Kiwanis and its members as well as our Kiwanis partners stronger.

In case you are not on Facebook, I posted my first highlighted Kiwanis partner organization for the Kiwanis administrative year: Reading is Fundamental (RIF-<https://www.rif.org/>). RIF is the nation's leading children's literacy nonprofit. As this is prime time for many schools and libraries to be in session, there are many ways in which Kiwanians (and its Service Leadership Programs) can utilize the resources that RIF offers. I highlight three of those ways here:

Be a RIF Reader- <https://www.rif.org/literacy.../get-involved/be-rif-reader>

Plan a RIF Motivational Literacy- <https://www.rif.org/.../08/motivational-activities-guide.pdf>

Access RIF Literacy Resources- <https://www.rif.org/literacy-central>

Another Kiwanis partner I will briefly highlight here and will be my next feature for my Facebook posting is Scholastic (<https://www.scholastic.com/home>). One of the ways that my Kiwanis club has utilized Scholastic as a Kiwanis partner is through conducting Book Fairs at our local elementary school. It is a great way to engage students, teachers, and even peer organizations such as K-Kids or Builder's Club.

I highly request and recommend that if your club has worked with any of the Kiwanis partner organizations to post on Facebook or to post here through the Buckeye Bulletin. Club officers: Please be on the lookout for more Kiwanis partner information from Kiwanis Communications in your email; there is usually one or more Kiwanis partners that are highlighted in each article. If you have ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me at [sophasani@yahoo.com](mailto:sophasani@yahoo.com)



# GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Pictures from around the District



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**NEW CLUB ALERT**

Welcome to the  
Kiwanis K-Kids Club of  
Kirtland Elementary School

**Kiwanis Division 22**

Sponsor: Kiwanis  
Club of Kirtland



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**NEW CLUB ALERT**

Welcome to the  
Builders Club of  
Bethel-Tate Middle School

**Kiwanis Division 8**

Sponsor: Kiwanis  
Club of East Fork Region




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# WELCOME TO OHIO KIWANIS!

## NEW MEMBERS ADDED IN NOVEMBER

New Member	Sponsor	Club Joined
Joann Scott	DiAnne Karas	Sidney
Greg Thewes	Donald Laubacher	Bath-Richfield
Heather Patterson	Robert Day	Lima
Brenda Halker	Candace Newland	Lima
John Piepsny	Donald Laubacher	Bath-Richfield
Harvey Hyman	Traci Koenig	Paulding County
Simran Kaur	Joseph Ferguson	Ada
Sharon Baglione	Sue Chaney	Delaware
Rod Coffey	Stanley Davis	St. Marys
Jennifer Denike	Emily Sullivan	Findlay
Tony Beck	W Minahan	Bellevue
	Brad Kunze	Bellevue
Jacob Hershberger	Brock Rogers	Barnesville
	Marsha McCort	Barnesville
Ian Adams	Richard Levine	West Geauga
Andrew Broderick	Jeff Kershaw	West Geauga
George Minello	Jeff Kershaw	West Geauga
Jeri Good	Janet Bickle	Newark
Jeffery Poling	Stephen Henderson	Wapakoneta
Rita Edwards	Lynn Coons	Columbus
Tom Demko	Robert Barnes	Columbus
Karen Wood	Janet Molineaux	Seneca County
Tiffany Peters	Suzanne Allen	Magic City, Barberton
Charles Fowler	Vincent Morber	Magic City, Barberton
Joan Gilliland	Vicki Hoyng	Coldwater
James Lukas	Patricia Taylor	Princeton-Sharonville
	Wendell Herrin	Princeton-Sharonville
Cole Oberli	Paul Oberli	Cloverleaf Area
Marcel Madaras	Barry Polley	Mason
Margo Roseum	Sue Roseum	Willoughby
	Thomas Roseum	Willoughby
Jacob Cox	Kara Tieman	Portsmouth
Elijah Duduit	Angela Duduit	Portsmouth

New Member	Sponsor	Club Joined
James Kiper	John Skillings	Oxford
Wendy Hughes	Ron Grey	Salem
Lori D Rockwell	Anita Rogers	Barnesville
Cheryl Hecker Garrison	William Pees	Kettering-Centerville
Lorene Martin	Sondra O'Donnell	Salem
Barbara Bostwick	Don Yeasted	Salem
Robert Van Stone	Todd Keyes	Mariemont
Thomas Moore	Jennifer Lewis	Granville
	Michael Moore	Granville
Brian Morrice	Melissa Miller	Granville
David Zelmon	Penny Hoekstra	Troy
Karen Swartz	Kristine West-Kahl	East Fork Region
Dexter Simpson	Kenneth White	Mariemont
Lynda Farkas	Larry Hunter	Portage Lakes, Akron
Seth Bear	Miranda Burton	Greater Ironton
Kathy Blankenship	Miranda Burton	Greater Ironton
Brian Eichenlaub	Miranda Burton	Greater Ironton
Jodie Hunt	Miranda Burton	Greater Ironton
Chris Perry	Miranda Burton	Greater Ironton
Carrie Russel	Miranda Burton	Greater Ironton
Debbrah Snodgrass	Miranda Burton	Greater Ironton
Amanda Cleary	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Sam Cramblit	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Crystal Lewis	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Robert Bradley	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Diane Porter Cozart	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Amy Stephens	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Taylor Reynolds	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Rebecca Hall	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton
Abby Kuehne	Kathleen Moylan	Greater Ironton