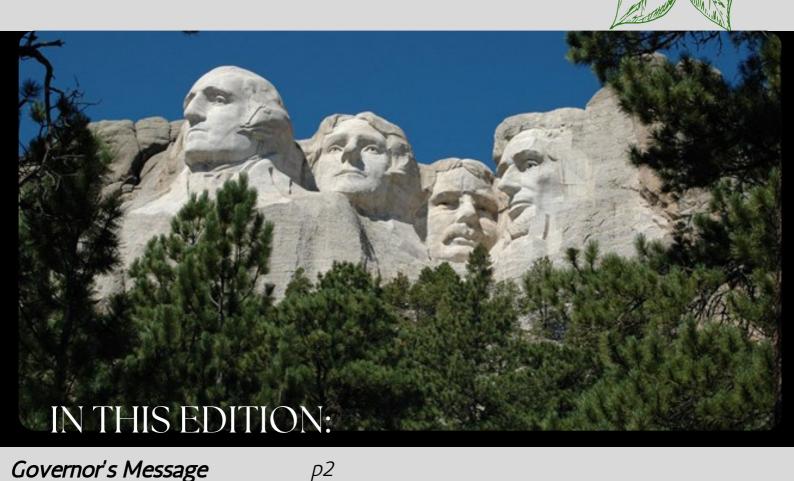
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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Jason Miller



HELLO Mighty Ohio District!

Did anyone else feel like January would never end? It was as if an entire year lasted for 31 cold and dreary days. Despite the mostly sunless days, Ohio Kiwanis showed membership growth for the fourth month in a row! This is attributed to each Kiwanian who asked a friend to join in the experience of making a difference in their community and beyond. Or maybe they sought out a new corporate member to expand their reach even further. There is no time like the present to invite someone to a service project or to share in the excitement of working with one of our Service Leadership Programs!

January also saw the closing of the submission process for the annual Signature Service Project. I am happy to report that Ohio doubled the number of entries from last year! District Service Chair, Amanda Flaute and her committee have a lot of work to do, to narrow down the submissions for the Ohio representatives to Kiwanis International. Look for more information on this initiative soon!

As I continue to travel this district attending projects, official visits and more, I am continually humbled by the amount of work that our clubs perform in their communities. Moreover, the support for our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) is phenomenal! Has your club considered starting a new SLP in your community? If you have been thinking about this, there is no time like the present. There are some outstanding District Administrators that are willing to help you start a new Builders Club (Bob Day), K-Kids (Jennifer Lewis), Key Club (Jeff Eble), Circle K Club (Chad Gardner) or Aktion Club (Dick Brulotte). These great leaders can provide your club with the resources necessary to add to the Kiwanis Family presence in your community. I encourage you to reach out to one (or all!) of them today!

Finally, I would encourage you to take a close look at where your club is and how far it has come since October 1. We are four months into the administrative year. How is your club doing on its goals? Are you recruiting members to meet your membership growth goals? Are your service projects and fundraisers still relevant to the needs of your community? If your club is not quite where you thought it would be at this point in the year, fear not! There is still time to regroup and refocus your efforts for the remainder of the year. Take some time at a regular club or board meeting to reevaluate your goals and ensure you have strong action items in place to exceed them!

I have completed official visits to 21 of 24 divisions so far this year. Each time, I am met with support and excitement for Kiwanis. Thank you, each of you, for sharing your passion for Kiwanis and making our District one of the best in all of Kiwanis International! Here is to an awesome February!

2023-24 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Governor Jason Miller imiller@ohiokiwanis.org

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Governor-Elect Kelly Brown kelly4kiwanis@gmail.com

Treasurer Steve Vrooman vrooman@mac.com

Interim Secretary Ted Coons executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org











OHIO KIWANIS JOB POSTINGS

Ohio District Kiwanis Job Posting Announcement

At the most recent meeting of the Ohio District of the Kiwanis board, two new position descriptions were approved for distribution.

Approval came after much discussion about the current role and workload of the district secretary/executive director. As a result of this discourse, and to better meet the needs of the Ohio District of Kiwanis, the board took the following actions:

First, more tasks have been assigned to the district treasurer including the oversight of a third-party bookkeeper who will facilitate basic accounting journal entries and other financial related tasks. Secondly, a new position is being created -- the district events coordinator -- who will facilitate all Ohio Kiwanis family events while partnering with current standing events committees and service leadership programs.

Finally, by removing a lot of the financial- and events-related tasks, the role of district secretary, while still performing some administrative tasks, will be enabled to provide greater support to the clubs of the Ohio Kiwanis family.

Both of these positions are part time and will be employed by the Ohio District of Kiwanis as 1099 contracted employees. Hours for both positions will vary from week to week, with increased hours closer to district events. Both positions will work remotely.

Full position descriptions can be found here:

Https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/ohio-district-kiwanis-job-postings/

Please submit your resume to ohiokiwanisemployment@gmail.com.











MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Jamie Kaufman, District Membership Coordinator

We need you to get us on track to grow Kiwanis!

The Ohio Kiwanis Membership Team Needs You! The Membership Committee is actively looking for members from throughout the district to contribute their talents locally to assist in coaching new clubs, existing clubs, or assisting with the opening of new clubs.

Ideal candidates would be any Kiwanis member that has a passion for Kiwanis and wants to share it. Club Coaches assist clubs by providing an outside perspective and a sounding board for new ideas and challenges. They help advise younger clubs by providing Kiwanis experience and help mentor existing clubs by offering fresh perspectives to challenges.

There is no pre-set mold for a club coach. Some of the folks who have made excellent coaches in the past have been past club officers, past club committee chairs and past Lt. Governors. But, really, it is any experienced Kiwanian that is committed to helping a club in an advisory capacity. Training would be provided to all members wishing to participate as a Coach.

Are you a member that enjoys talking to folks on the phone? If you are, please talk to us! The committee would greatly benefit from additional members that are willing to call prospective individuals and businesses to arrange one-on-one meetings with members of the New Club Opening team or Club Boosting Team to discuss Kiwanis with them.

Pre-set, quality appointments are an essential part of the club opening and boosting activities when the Membership Team comes into a community to open a new club or revitalize an existing club. Volunteering to assist with setting appointments is a great way to contribute to club openings around the Ohio District without ever leaving the comfort of your home -- or wherever you happen to be at the time. You can contribute from any location where you have a phone!

Please consider lending your talents to the membership initiative by getting involved. Many clubs and divisions are also in need of Membership Chairs. Growing Kiwanis starts with each of you. You can be the positive force that gets Ohio Kiwanis on Track for the Future!

If you would like to get involved in the District Membership efforts, please contact me at james.f.kaufman@gmail.com.

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

Theses Regional leaders 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!











The big day is March 16, when we will connect online utilizing Ring Central (previously known as Hop-In) – allowing even more people to participate in a cost-effective way.

Starting Feb. 6, registration will be open on the district web site for MidYear Education Day 2024. It will be a day of connecting and learning for both our new and seasoned members.

We will have not one, not two, but three keynote speakers! We will hear from Paul Palazzolo, Executive Director of Kiwanis International; Ty Sell, motivational speaker from Youth 2 Youth International; and Allen Lynch, Medal of Honor recipient, from the Medal of Honor Veterans Foundation.

Additionally, we will have workshops that cover everything from how to receive a foundation grant for your club to how to mobilize and motivate volunteers. There will be something for everyone and best of all you can participate from the comfort of your own home.

Please share the excitement with your other club members as we gear up in "Creating a link to the Future.

If you are so excited for MYED that you would like to help sponsor the event, please visit MidYear Education Day – Ohio District of Kiwanis International where you can become a Grow, Serve, or Mentor level sponsor.

For the most up-to-date information, and to register, visit the web site k20.site.kiwanis.org/mid-year-education-day/.











DAY March 16, 20249:00 AM - 4:00 PM



PAUL
PALAZZOLO
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL



DIRECTOR OF SPEAKER SERVICES, YOUTH TO YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

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Registration Open! ohiokiwanis.org



WHAT'S THE BUZZ AROUND THE DISTRICT?

Our clubs throughout Ohio were busy in December. Here are just a few activities gleaned from social media posts the past few weeks. Post your good news at the district's official Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ohiokiwanis



Jason D. Miller and 7 others





Marla Marsh is a eating lunch with Monica Marsh and 3 others at Java Johnny's

Kiwanis International! Today we took time to celebrate the 109th Birthday of Kiwanis

Coffee Roaster & Cafe.

4d - Middletown, OH - @

Happy 109th Birthday (1/21/15) to

International with the Kiwanis Club of M... See more











Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation "Grant Presentations"



ODKF BOARD MEMBER TIM CORNELIUS PRESENT A
MINI-GRANT CHECK TO NORTH OLMSTED KIWANIS CLUB!



ODKF BOARD MEMBER STEVE VROOMAN PRESENT A MINI-GRANT CHECK TO STACY BOWERSOCK NELSON, PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE TIPP CITY KIWANIS CLUB!

With funds to support Safe and Healthy Kids programs such as water safety, bike safety, fire safety, internet safety and mental health initiatives, Disaster Relief, as well as each of our signature Service Leadership Programs, coupled with the incredible and creative new programs your clubs begin, your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is here to serve you and your Club. **Support** your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, **Invest** in the future of your Club, your community and Kiwanis, and **Receive** funding to support your footprint in your community!













MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR DENVER!

BY DR. RICH RADER, D.MIN.
PRESIDENT, KIWANIS CLUB OF MANSFIELD
LT. GOV. ELECT, DIVISION 11-N; OHIO DISTRICT CHAIR, 2024 ON TO ICON

Happy New Year 2024 from the Mighty Ohio District of Kiwanis. Can you believe the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention is ONLY 5 months away? Well, registration is OPEN and you can click <u>REGISTRATION</u> to reserve your spot TODAY!

Our goal for 2024 is to experience ICON with AT LEAST 106 Ohio Kiwanians. We also have a great option for housing as the Mighty Ohio District has been assigned to the <u>Hyatt Regency Denver</u>, conveniently located across the street from the Colorado Convention Center. Make sure to click the hotel link to reserve your room.

This year's ICON will bring Kiwanians from around the globe to the beautiful city of Denver, CO from July 3-6, 2024, and we want to see YOU there for this tremendous experience. Top notch speakers, meaningful education, world-class entertainment, and a lot of fun awaits as we join together to take our love for children and service to new heights.



As a way to inspire and motivate in preparation for this life-changing event, we will spend some time each month here in the Buckeye Bulletin gaining insight into all this experience will offer as we prepare to converge on Denver for this special time.

Speaker Highlight: Chris Singleton -- The opening session features Chris Singleton, a former professional baseball player who was 18 when his mother died in a racially motivated mass killing. He has dedicated his life to sharing his message of love over hate.

Looking forward to seeing you soon...in Denver!











RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PROTECT YOUTH AND CLUB MEMBERS

Ronald Hyre, District Rick Management & Youth Protection Chairman

Hello Kiwanis Friends!

I am your 2023/24 Risk Management and Youth Protection District Chair. If you have questions pertaining to these topics, please do not hesitate to contact me. I do currently have a pretty full schedule with work and family. Email typically will be the easiest way to reach me, or texting. Unfortunately, I am most likely unable to attend your club meetings in person, but will be happy to help as best I can and provide resources and information as needed.

Please remember a couple very important guidelines from Kiwanis...

• Risk Management (Insurance)

- o KI has a large national group policy that all clubs' dues go toward
 - This is ONLY Liability Insurance, meaning NONE of your club's property (think food trailers, tents, signs, equipment, etc.) is covered for incurring damage. Your club would need to purchase a policy on its own. I typically recommend using one of your members who is an insurance agent. I am an insurance agent and can help answer questions.
 - This policy does NOT cover your cash/assets. For any reason. KI does offer an OPTIONAL Crime Policy
 - This helps cover assets (cash, bank accounts, etc.) from someone stealing, be it a club member, someone with access to checking accounts. It also can help toward Cyber Crime.
 - Clubs have been tricked by scammer emails and lost many thousands of dollars.
 - Link for more information on the optional policies from KI: https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/optional-insurance-guide-2023-24.pdf
- What IS or is NOT covered... types of evens, activities, etc.
 - VERY Important Information please read through the guidelines
- o Certificates of Insurance
 - Please ensure if you are hiring anyone, they provide you a COI.
 - Typically, you would want your club added to their policy as an Additional Insured
- $\circ\,$ There is a LOT more to review but these are a few highlights.
 - See my attached presentation, along with the guide from Kiwanis
 - Online resource guide (also attached here): https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/club-insurance-resource-guide-2022-23.pdf

• Youth Protection Guidelines

- o Every club is required to complete the annual Youth Protection Guidelines training with their club
 - This shouldn't take more than 15 minutes it's a great topic for a meeting, especially if you need to find a 'speaker'
 - There is no set 'rule' as to how this done... the important part is to ensure ALL your members have a copy of the guidelines, and understand them. (I have attached here.)
 - https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/YOUTH-PROTECTION-POLICIES-PROCEDURES.pdf
- Once completed all you need to do is simply 'check the box' in the Kiwanis Portal on the Secretary Dashboard page (it's below the section where you input your Board members)

• Background Checks

- o These tie into both Risk Management and Youth Protection... KI has rules for both
- o Here is a great resource/website with many FAQs answered
 - https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection/ki-background-checks/
- KI basically wants anyone that is in charge of SLP clubs, advisors to the Clubs, or on the District Board to have a background check done.
 - Many Clubs make it a standing practice to have their Board members all background checked.
- Your Club can setup an account to have the background checks directly invoice the Club instead of your members needing to pay and then your Club reimburse

I will send out emails every month or two with Club Secretaries who have still not completed the Youth Protection Guidelines or have required folks still needing a current background check. Thank you all for your service and help!











GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Pictures from around the District



Are you interested in serving as a district officer?

At the upcoming District Convention in Toledo, August 2-4, we will elect the following:

- 1. Governor-Elect
- 2. District Treasurer
- 3.2 members to the Finance & Structure Committee.

You can request the appropriate candidates paperwork by emailing executive director@ohiokiwanis.org













WELCOME TO OHIO KIWANIS! NEW MEMBERS ADDED IN JANUARY

New Member	Sponsor	Club Joined
John Morrison	Jeffery Moore	-Granville
	Elizabeth Moore	
John Lawrence	David Thomas	Granville
Brenda Gift	John Eisenhart	East Toledo-Oregon
Margaret Smith	Sarah Michael	Oxford
Megan Saxby	Leanne Allen	Lucasville
Christina Myers	Leanne Allen	Lucasville
Nichole Coleman	Shannan Connelly	Findlay
Jeffrey Zullo	Kenneth Neuzil	North Olmsted
Brian Stucky	Denise Gawlik	Brecksville
Jill Harsanje	Deanna Dunn	Genoa Area
Ashley McVicker	Deanna Dunn	Genoa Area
Howard Traul	Zebulon Wagner	Bellefontaine
Debbie Shearer	Carolyn Young	Stow Munroe Falls
Amy Kentner	Kelly Westgerdes	Celina
Matt Eisenbraun	Andrew Kobs	Harrison
David Misner	Janet Molineaux	-Seneca County
	Del Fox	
Nettie Hoffman	Del Fox	-Seneca County
	Janet Molineaux	
Pamela Joseph	Millie Hughes	Lima
Marylou Stucky	Denise Gawlik	Brecksville
Jennifer Martin	Shay Pursel	Bryan







PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTERS,

FROM CLIFF WILTSHIRE, DISTRICT CHAIRMAN



Many great ideas and resources are available through Kiwanis International. Take advantage!

Get your club noticed!

Did you know that Kiwanis International has a wealth of free resources to help you promote your club and catch the attention of your community? www.kiwanis.org

Every club should have someone to coordinate their "public relations" and it does not need to be the president Anyone can use these tools!

Check out these social media posts that are easily shareable, helping to spread the word quickly to hundreds if not thousands of people in your community: https://www.kiwanis.org/members/branding-marketing/social-media-assets/

KI staff will create a custom logo for you, whether it's a new club logo for shirts, a special anniversary or something else. Start the process by visiting: https://www.kiwanis.org/members/branding-marketing/kiwanis-custom-logos/

Need a photo to promote an event or activity and don't have your own? Check out this KI photo gallery, for some high quality and free options: https://www.kiwanis.org/members/branding-marketing/photos-for-club-use/













GAHANNA GOES DISTANCE FOR VETERANS

Several times during the year, Honor Flight flies veterans to Washington, DC, to visit monuments and memorials built in honor of their service to our country. Gahanna Kiwanis has sponsored the program with monetary donations to help with the cost of sending veterans in the past.

Recently, the club not only sponsored three veterans to participate in the honor flight program, but it was for three of their own club members. They were Frank Walker (Navy), Bill Sams (Air Force) and Terry Warren (Navy). Rich Gandarillas, who is also a Gahanna Kiwanis member was their Honor Flight Guardian. He volunteers on his own to ensure the veterans have a safe and memorable trip.

The group of veterans and guardians leave early in the morning, fly to Washington, DC, have a fun, busy day and then fly home later in the evening. They are then greeted at the airport by so many (family, friends, community members).

As an individual who has been at the airport to greet the veterans home, let me just say it is awesome. Smiles, clapping, crying, and goosebumps all rolled up in one. A band is playing music, a gentleman dressed as Abe Lincoln, other military groups and tons of people to greet veterans. One of the veterans coming off the plane told one of our club members as he was crying, "I wasn't greeted at all when I came home from serving or even told thank you or glad you made it home, but this made my day."

Not only did Gahanna Kiwanis sponsor three veterans to participate in the trip, it also had eight of club members and three Key Clubbers attend the welcoming-home portion of the day. What an experience! If anyone is interested in sponsoring or supporting the Honor flight program, information can be found at www.honorflightcmh.org.













NEWS FROM THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND



Kiwanis Children's Fund celebrates its 85th anniversary with a very special Day of Giving on Feb 21.

Show your support for the children all over the world with a gift to the Children's Fund. Please also consider sharing the link and-or setting up a personal fundraiser for KCF on social media.

With the Kiwanis Children's Fund, just US\$2.25 is enough to make a positive impact in the life of one child.

For more information, visit the web site: <u>kiwanis.org/who-we-are/kiwanis-childrens-fund/ways-to-give/kiwanis-day-of-giving/</u>.

"BECOME A 'FRIEND!"

We all have a part in supporting children in our local community and children throughout the world.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund helps to amplify your impact and to identify and support meaningful work of Kiwanians all over the world. So I invite YOU to consider supporting our Children's Fund as a "friend."

Anyone can be a friend, whether you are a Kiwanian, an SLP, a former SLP, a community member, a supporter of our Kiwanis mission in any way with a donation of \$100 or more.

Link: Friends of Kiwanis Children's Fund











OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION 2024 BICYCLE HELMET PROGRAM

Program Purpose:

Provide Bike Helmets to Kiwanis Clubs, Kiwanis members, and K Family.

Helmets sold and provided by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation for the prevention "TBI" Traumatic Brain Injury and other head injuries that are preventable. This program has been successful for the Foundation, Kiwanis Clubs, and the communities they serve in the Ohio District for the last 6+ years. With changes in costs in production and distribution we have explored alternative ways to manage time and people requirements to improve this program. The goal is to successfully continue this project to allow this program to continue for future years.

What will ODKF do to secure the Helmets:

- We will place one order for each Kiwanis year. Based on information and past requests we will Bulk order helmets in December. Our first order was placed December 29, 2023.
- · All helmets are one color and model. Sliver Graphic Bike Helmet with Touring attachment
- Each Helmet will be labeled by the manufacturer "Ohio Kiwanis". Helmets will arrive at ODKF by April 30th.
- We will set up at least 2 Ohio District wide pickup dates and locations. This will be determined based on helmet ordering selected sites.
- The helmet pickup days, times, and locations, will be advertised as "ODKF Annual Safe and Healthy Kids Helmet Day"

How can Ohio Kiwanis Clubs participate in the program:

- · Clubs can place orders for helmets beginning February 15th.
- Helmets are sold in Case quantities and there are (20) helmets per case for sizes Small, Medium, and Large. Case quantities for size X Large are (18) helmets per case.
- · Cost per helmet is \$16
- Orders forms are available on the ODKF website under Safe and Healthy Kids Bike Program There are two ways to order:
- Download the order form, complete form, and mail form and check made payable to ODKF to:

ODKF c/o Tim Cornelius

20755 Valley Forge Drive

Fairview Park, OH 44126

- Complete the form online and pay for helmets with credit card
- · Once the order is placed your club will receive a confirmation
- ODKF will provide the date, time, and site of helmet pick up after May 15th.
- Helmet sizes and quantities available are:
 - 200 Small, 200 Medium, 120 Large , 108 X-Large
- Bulk orders of 100 helmets or more of specific sizes are available upon request Place your orders beginning February 15th.

For questions contact: Tim Cornelius at ttcorny2O2Ogov@att.net or call 44O-336-549O

Safe and Healthy Kids Committee Chair





MidYear Education Day



March 16, 2024



PRESENTER

Mike Rudolph, Vice President, Ohio **District Kiwanis Foundation**

Topic: ODKF Grants



PRESENTER

Vicki Hermanson, Area Director, Kiwanis International

Topic: Virtual Recruitment



PRESENTER

Bob Day & Jennifer Lewis. **District Administrators**

Topic: Builders Club & K-Kids

ROUND 1 WORKSHOPS 10:15AM - 10:00AM



PRESENTER Ben Hendricks, **Chief Marketing &** Communications, Kiwanis International

Topic: Dues Increase



Monica &

Marla Marsh, District DEIB Chairs

Topic: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging



Register now at:



MidYear (9) Education Day



March 16, 2024





PRESENTER

Chris Martz,
Director of Global
Membership & Engagement,
Kiwanis International
Topic: Recruitment



PRESENTER

Brad Boyd, Area Director, Kiwanis International

Topic: Recognizing Club Members



PRESENTER

Emily Saalfrank
Area Director,
Kiwanis International

Topic: Utilizing Effective Teams



PRESENTER
Rita Corbin,
President, Ohio District
Kiwanis Foundation

Topic: What is ODKF?



PRESENTER

Shannan Connelly & Kim Foster, Findlay Kiwanis

Topic: Fun Fundraisers



Register now at:



Mid Year (3) Education Day



March 16, 2024

ROUND 3 WORKSHOPS 1:45PM -2:30PM











PRESENTER

Emily Saalfrank
Area Director,
Kiwanis International
Topic: Improving the Club
Experience

PRESENTER

Erica Howe
Administrative Business
Analyst,
American Red Cross

Topic: Mobilizing & Motivating Volunteers

PRESENTER

Chris Martz,
Director of Global
Membership & Engagement,
Kiwanis International

Topic: Recruitment

Rhonda Vrell
Area Director,
Kiwanis International
Topic: Being Votal to your
Community

PRESENTER

Josh Hiscock, Ph.D.
Governor-Elect,
Capital District of Kiwanis

Topic: Leadership in a changing world

PRESENTER

Amy Zimmerman & Erica Gould
Kiwanis Children's Fund
President & Development
Director

Topic: Kiwanis Children's Fund





Register now at: