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HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS MONTH

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Ohio District Kiwanis On Track for the Future 2023-2024

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR Jason Miller

HELLO Mighty Ohio District!

April is well underway and do you know what that means? The Kiwanis administrative year is at its halfway point. Six months have passed and we have done many great things to make our communities better. We have had built new Kiwanis clubs, added new Service Leadership Program (SLP) clubs and started new service projects. However, our work is far from over. With only six months remaining, there are many SLP clubs in the works, several Kiwanis clubs in various stages of forming and many unmet needs in our communities.

If you haven't heard the news already, we have a brand new District Secretary and District Events Coordinator. Robin Gagnow from the Berea Kiwanis Club was recently announced as the new District Secretary and Mikayla Bisson of the Northern Kiwanis Club will assume the new position of District Events Coordinator. I cannot wait to see the great things that both of these committed Kiwanians will accomplish! Just around the corner is International Convention in Denver, Colorado. On to International Convention (OTIC) Chair Rich Rader has an article later in this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin, but there is still time to register! Ohio currently has about 40 people registered which is great, but we would love even more to be there in Denver to show all of International how MIGHTY Ohio can be!

Speaking of International, we recently hosted Kiwanis International President Katrina Baranko. Our members came out in full force to welcome her and have a great deal of fellowship in the process. Katrina was able to see the impact of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library that so many of our clubs work with when she was able to read one of the selected books to kids at the Wood County District Public Library in Bowling Green. She was able to help plant a tree in Findlay as they were able to showcase their Brucklacher park project. Katrina trained several members in Southwest Ohio and then helped the Middletown Kiwanis club gain SIX new members during a boost in the afternoon. Finally, Katrina participated in a Divisional service project in 10-W and concluded the visit with a banquet in her honor. It was a fantastic visit and really helped to showcase how awesome Ohio Kiwanis is!

As I close on this month's article, I ask that each person reading this, take a close, hard look, both at what you can do, and what your club can do, to make Kiwanis more impactful in your community. Perhaps there is a member that has been on the fence about joining and just needs one more 'ask' to join. Maybe there is a project that you club has talked about doing and has been stalling. Is your club close to bringing on another Service Leadership Program to your local Kiwanis Family? There is no time like the present to make those things, and more, happen! What are you waiting for? The next six months will be gone before you know it!

2023-24 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

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Treasurer Steve Vrooman vrooman@mac.com

Secretary Robin Gagnow executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org









Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation 67th annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing

July 18, 2024 - Raintree Golf & Event Center, 4350 Mayfair Road, Uniontown. Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

Cost \$90 per player includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes, and dinner.

Open to entire Kiwanis family and friends.

Sponsorships available.

Register or become a sponsor online at ODKF.org. Look for the scrolling golf outing sponsorship and registration links to appear. Questions, please contact Bill Flinta (330-801-6225) or Dave Kuhn (330-730-6254) or e-mail them at golf@odkf.org.

Hope to see you on the course in July!



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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

If you would like to get involved in the District Membership efforts, please contact me at james.f.kaufman@gmail.com. We are always looking for help with making phone calls, visiting local potential members, or helping a new club once it is chartered! We need everyone to help! Congratulations to the newest Kiwanis club in Ohio, the Kiwanis Club of Beachwood!

Our Regional Membership Team is: Region 1 -- 1 N, 1 S, 12, 2 -- Steve Steinbruner Region 3 -- 16, 17, 22, 26 -- Kip Crain Region 5 -- 3, 4, 5, 6/7, 8 -- Judy Raub/Mark Haake

Region 2 -- 13, 14, 15, 24 -- Terry Mazone Region 4 -- 11 N, 11 S, 10 E, 10 W, 10 S -- Ted Barrows Region 6 -- 9, 18 -- Angie Cooper





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W Kiwanis CLUB OF NEW ALBANY



Cash Prize for winning Team members; Basket raffles; Door prizes

WHEN: Sat. April 27, 2024 WHERE: New Albany Middle School cafeteria 6600 E. Dublin Granville Rd, New Albany, OH 43054 \$25.00 per person (includes fun, food, soft drinks)

Check-in and food service begin at 6:00 pm - Game begins at 7:00 pm (sharp) 7 rounds of 10 questions each (ABSOLUTELY NO ELECTRONICS CAN BE USED)

Sign up your team now! Deadline to Register is 4/20/2024

Team Name:	Team Captain:			
Address:				
Phone:	E-Mail:			
Team Members (4-6)				
OPTIONS TO PAY: (check one)				
1Make checks payable to: <i>Kiwanis Club of New Albany</i>				
Mail to: Debbie Moore, 627 College Crest Rd, Westerville, OH 43081				
2. Send payment by Zelle transfer to: 6144776791				
3Credit cards accepted with \$1.00 convenience fee per team member				
	/			
Credit Card Number Expira	tion Type card (VISA, MC, AMEX, DISCOVER)			
Name on Card	CRV code			
Proceeds benefit the community service projects of Kiwanis Club of New Albany				

COMPLETE THIS FORM, SELECT PAYMENT OPTION and EMAIL THIS FORM BY 4/20/2024 TO: kiwanisclubofnewalbany@gmail.com





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: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ohiokiwanis</u>





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Since it started in July 2022, our car seat program has provided 259 free car seats through the
Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program and donations from our community t... See more



Greenville Kiwanis purchased 10 fifty dollar gift certificates from @ Eikenberry's IGA for the tomado relief effort for our community. Pictured is President Elect Phil Crawford with Angie at Eikenberry's and Grace with Tribute Funeral Home.





East Toledo-Oregon Kiwanis Club

Grab the ladies & reserve your seats or table today!! All proceeds go directly back to the club to help serve children in and around our community

Ps- Please share this out to your friends & family 🔗





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Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation: Empowering Ohio's Children

by Rich Rader, ODKF Board Chairman

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation stands as a beacon of hope for Ohio's children. Every Kiwanis member in the mighty Ohio District is a part of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Committed to providing support, resources, and opportunities, the foundation relies on fundraising to fuel its mission. Here's why fundraising for the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is crucial:

1. Local Impact: Every dollar raised directly benefits Ohio children. From funding educational programs to providing healthcare assistance, the foundation's initiatives have a tangible and immediate impact on the lives of young Ohioans. Many times a ripple effect takes place when we see children empowered in local communities to help other children and communities well beyond out physical reach.

2. Community Unity: Fundraising events bring together Ohioans from all walks of life. Through shared participation and support, communities unite in their dedication to improving the well-being of local children, fostering a sense of collective responsibility and solidarity.

3. Sustainability: A robust fundraising strategy ensures the foundation's sustainability. By securing ongoing financial support, the organization can continue its vital work, planning for the long-term success and growth of its programs and initiatives.

4. Advocacy and Awareness: Fundraising activities serve as platforms for advocacy and awarenessbuilding. They shed light on the challenges facing Ohio's children, sparking conversations and inspiring action to address these issues at both local and state levels.

5. Empowerment: Fundraising empowers both donors and beneficiaries. Donors find fulfillment in knowing their contributions directly improve the lives of Ohio's children, while young recipients gain confidence and hope knowing their community stands behind them. We have upcoming fundraising opportunities including Kiwanis license plate frames, the annual ODKF Golf Outing, the basket room at the 2024 Ohio District Convention in Toledo this August, and a bowling-related event taking place statewide later this fall. Stay in touch with odkf.org for further information.

However, as fellow members of ODKF, we would love to hear from you! Are there ideas you would like to share through which we can raise even more money to fund other Kiwanis family projects throughout Ohio?

Please feel free to contact me with your ideas by sending an email to rich@mygpsinc.com. In our role as members of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, let's all champion fundraising efforts together with creativity and dedication. Through our collective commitment, we can ensure that every child in Ohio has the support and opportunities they need to thrive. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of Ohio's children.











LET'S HIT THE ROAD TO COLORADO

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

Hello Kiwanians of the Mighty Ohio District! Our 2024 International Convention in Denver, Colo., gets closer everyday. We want you to join us July 3-6 for an unforgettable experience of learning, service, fellowship, and fun. We have reached a total of 40 registered from Ohio and are looking forward to many more. Keep in mind that the early bird price for the convention (\$399 for the whole experience or \$199 to attend the Annual Meeting ONLY) is ONLY good through MAY 31, 2024. After that



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date the prices go up \$100, so get in on the action NOW.

I can also tell you that there are 834 registered from all the other districts so far for a total of 874. What does that mean for you delaying your registration? There are still 126 Colorado Rockies tickets available for the July 4 game and fireworks that will be included with your registration fee. Click REGISTRATION to reserve your spot TODAY! Also, make sure you have a place to sleep by contacting the Hyatt Regency Denver, conveniently located across the street from the Colorado Convention Center.

Governor Jason has announced there will be a dinner gathering in Denver for the Mighty Ohio District on Friday evening, July 5. This event is in the preliminary planning stages, and more details will be shared as we get closer to ICON. Needless to say, when the Ohio Kiwanians get together, a good time is always had by all. Keep your eyes open for more.



Speaker Highlight: Kiwanis Launchpad, Embracing the Change

Three dynamic speakers will all be sharing workshops on change, each bringing their own unique experience and expertise. Above from left to right you will find Ray Sandoval, Anne Bonney, and Theresa Pore. Change is always difficult. But as my mentor, Dr. John C. Maxwell, reminds me regularly... there is no growth without change, and if you don't like change, you will like irrelevance even less. *(CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)*







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"Hit the Road," contd. from previous page)

Ray Sandoval's dedication and mentorship have inspired participation in Zozobra, a popular Kiwanis event, by countless New Mexicans. Find out how the Zozobra Event Chair keeps projects fresh and growing.

Anne Bonney is a mindset-shifting motivator who fires people up to catalyze powerful change in their lives, their teams and their organizations. She is also an authority on change management and an experienced workshop facilitator.

Theresa Pore is a women's empowerment coach, nonprofit consultant, business coach, entrepreneur and motivational speaker who talks about the urgent need within people to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Special Event Highlight. Dancing through the Decades Gala

Make sure to pack an outfit that reflects your favorite decade! Whether its go-go boots or platform heels, you'll want to wear your dancing shoes to the closing-night gala featuring Your Generation in Concert.

This eight-piece band performs songs from five generations of pop, rock, dance and R&B hits. The US\$80 ticket includes dinner, dancing, and a lot of fun.

An eight-piece band, Your Generation in Concert transports the audience on a musical tour through the soundtrack of their lives with outstanding musicianship and remarkable vocals. The group is an international favorite for corporations, festivals, concerts and private events and has shared stages with Lenny Kravitz, Flo Rida, Jason Derulo, The Billy Joel Band, Sheryl Crow, Huey Lewis and more. This eight-piece band might be the world's finest tribute show.

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

<u>ANNOUNCEMENT!! --</u> Pick Up Club Supplies at Kiwanis International Convention

Did you know you can avoid shipping fees by picking up supplies for your club at the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention? Be prepared for the year and save time and money by preordering <u>member pins</u>, <u>officer pins</u>, <u>recognition certificates</u>, <u>event supplies</u> and more.

Place your order online at the <u>Kiwanis Family Store</u> by June 1 and select the option to pick up at the convention in Denver, Colorado. You'll find your order waiting for you at the Kiwanis Family Store in Kiwanis Marketplace. While you're there, you can shop for convention-exclusive products as well!









GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

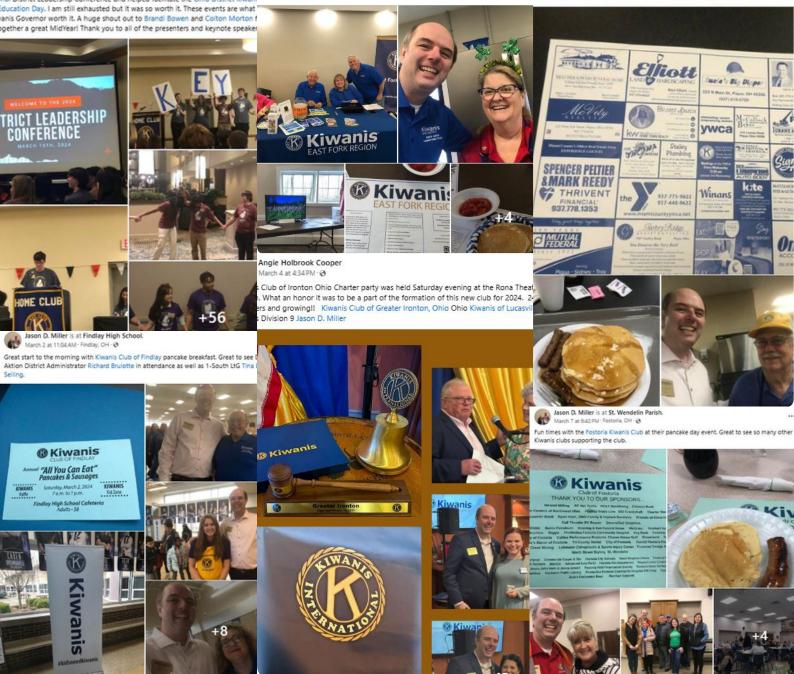
Pictures from throughout the District

son D. Miller is with Erica Tamsen Gould and 27 others. $\cdot \mathfrak{S}$

Jason D. Miller is with Judy Raub and 3 others at Pattison Lodge. March 9 at 11:46AM · Batavia, OH · ⊘

Jason D. Miller March 2 at 4:03 PM · @

weekend was a double dose of Kiwanis as I attended the Ohio District of Key Cli^{at} start to the morning with the Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region pancake breakfast. They March 2 at 4:03 PM · So manual control of the Cliat start to the morning with the Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region pancake breakfast. They have a control of the Cliat start to the morning with the Kiwanis Club and Key club members out in full force to help! Stop #2 was with Mark Wion and the Kiwanis Club of Piqua for more than the Kiwanis Club of Piqua for more than the Kiwanis Club and Key club members out in full force to help!









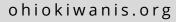


KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT KATRINA BARANKO VISITS OHIO

Ohio was honored to host International President Katrina Baranko. The visit was full of service projects in Bowling Green, Findlay and Division 10-W as well as member recruitment training at a club boost in Middletown which yielded SIX new members, and even included the induction of THREE Service Leadership Program members on Saturday, who have all committed to join Kiwanis. The Saturday evening banquet was fellowship at its best!











PUBLIC RELATIONS MATTERS, FROM CLIFF WILTSHIRE, DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

We have a great story to share!

There is no doubt in mind that Kiwanis has a terrific story to tell.

In a world in which negative news often leads, people are hungering for the positive tales that can come from your local Kiwanis Club.

This is especially true during National Volunteer Month, when the service efforts of Kiwanians (and many others) should be highlighted in your community newspaper, on your radio and TV stations and throughout social media pages everywhere.

But we cannot sit back and expect our media storytellers to stumble upon on our story. We need to be active in sharing it, through Facebook posts and press releases and good old-fashioned conversations with our neighbors and fellow community members.

Do you have a club member or two who happens to have a gift or two to help, whether that is writing or social media posts or photography. Put their skills to use for your club!

With a person or two in place to lead your club's efforts, consider coming up with a brief calendar listing the kinds of good news you hope to share during the coming year.

Maybe it's a guest column to the local newspaper in April on the importance of volunteering.

In May you are promoting your fish fry or involvement in the Memorial Day parade.

How about a salute to your Key Club high school graduates for June?

Whenever you share your story, be sure to include how people can learn more about your club, through your web site or Facebook page or a phone number to call!





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DON'T DELAY TO PLAN FOR DCON

By David Gigler, District Convention Co-chairman

Please mark you calendars for the 2024 Ohio District Convention taking place August 2-4, 2024 in Toledo, Ohio.

The event will take place at the Renaissance Hotel in Downtown Toledo. The educational sessions are in the planning stages.

We are hoping to include a visit to Imagination Station for children as well as A tour of the Toledo area on Friday, which will tentatively include a visit to the Duane and Virginia Stranahan cottage and grounds along the Maumee River in Perrysburg, the National Museum of the Great Lakes, and the Glass City Metropark in downtown Toledo.

Jeepfest events will also be taking place this weekend so there will be plenty of activity in downtown Toledo.

We are also planning a service project during the weekend packing lunch products for Connecting Kids to Meals.

Another project that Division 1 North has been involved with the past two years has been Let's Build Beds. In further support of that project the committee is asking clubs to collect bedding and pillows for twin beds. All donations will be presented to a representative of that organization at the Convention.

Take a look at this YouTube link from Destination Toledo: https://youtu.be/6Qxkae6LhVQ?si=tsBexEf8gFpzXKo7

More information will be available in future Buckeye Bulletins.





Hello Kiwanians!

My name is Neha Pasupuleti and I am so excited to serve as Governor of the Ohio District of Circle K International!

I'm currently a first year at The Ohio State University studying business operations management and public health. GO BUCKS! I grew up in Dayton, where I was an active member of the Dayton STEM Key Club, and had the opportunity to serve as Divsion 4 Lt. Governor and Secretary-Treasurer for the Ohio District of Key Club.

At OSU, I'm involved in the Mount Leadership Society Scholars program focused on service and leadership, BuckeyeThon, a philanthropy aiming to end pediatric cancer and blood disorders, and the Morrill Scholarship Program. I'm looking forward to working with our Circle K clubs



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throughout Ohio to build membership and retention, outreach with our service partners and Kiwanis-Family members, and welcome new clubs. At our District Convention, we revealed a 45 membership increase totalling 254 CKI members and chartered a new club.

We are currently working on rebuilding clubs at Terra State University, Ohio Northern University, OSU-Newark, University of Dayton, and Central State University, so we're very excited to bring CKI to more campuses around Ohio next year. Thank you for your support with Circle K and I'm excited to continue this momentum we have.

It is because of our strong Kiwanis support and relations that we are the mighty Ohio District. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

Yours in Service, Neha Pasupuleti District Governor Ohio District of Circle K International







Greetings from new Key Club Gov. Olufemi Odiah

Hello, Ohio Kiwanians! I'm Olufemi Odiah, a rising senior from Mount Vernon High School, and I'll be serving as the Ohio District Key Club Governor for the 2024-2025 Key Club year. I've had a great time being a part of the Kiwanis family through Key Club at my home school as well as recently serving as Lieutenant Governor for Division 11, and I can't wait to continue supporting our district on a deeper level.

As a Lieutenant Governor, my biggest goal became reuniting clubs and improving connections within my division. I worked with each Key Club

adviser, president, and my school to plan visits that would allow me to introduce myself on a more personal level as well as observe the unique ways each club ran themselves. For my visits during the winter months, I engaged with the members through a Christmas ornament service project that was fun and welcomed creativity. Across the five clubs that participated, we made more than 80 ornaments to share across three organizations around Ohio, and it was amazing to see what we could accomplish when we did it together.

I've had so many meaningful experiences and met so many wonderful people I wouldn't have otherwise in the past year, so as Governor, I hope to continue the efforts made to better connect the Key Clubs within our district to each other and to Kiwanis as a whole. It takes more than just reaching out to clubs and offering support to spark connections, but willingness to take the time to be there for each of them, in person, to truly address the drift between each club to their division and to the district.

It's an honor to be a part of something that holds such a significant part of my heart, and I can't wait to see what the future brings for our mighty Ohio District!

Olufemi Odiah





Welcome to these new members of our Kiwanis families!



Where do we want to grow tomorrow?



Club of University

Each new club means the opportunity to serve more people in more communities.



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Welcome to the Key Club of Walsh Jesuit High School

Kiwanis Division 16

Sponsor: Kiwanis Club of Cuyahoga Falls

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BGSU Circle K International is at Bowling Green State University. 5d · Bowling Green, OH · 👁

A couple of weeks ago we made tie-blankets for the Kiwanis in Findlay! They put these blankets into lockers of local schools for students that need them! We had... See more

Hats to our awesome SLPs for all the service they provide!











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Click here for donation link



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