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Remember -- it's not how you start but how you finish that will create the most lasting memories!

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DISTRICT ‘ON TRACK FOR FUTURE’



It is finally here. The last issue of the Buckeye Bulletin for the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year. For the past 12 months I have had the honor of serving as your Governor. A year goes by so quickly when you least expect it. As I look back on our year together, I hope you feel as though your club has worked hard to achieve its goals. I know the District Board has remained focused on making this District better.

I chose the slogan for the year to be “on track for the future.” I might be a bit biased when I say that the 23-24 District board has done a great job of doing that, but the results speak for themselves. While history will tell us what legacy this board has left, I would like to call out a few key metrics.

First, financial stability. The District board made many tough decisions this year. The result of those tough decisions has spawned the ability for the 24-25 board to be able to consider a balanced budget, something that has not happened for years for the Ohio District. This ability allows this board to invest more money in initiatives such as membership growth, public relations & marketing, and our service leadership programs (SLPs), among many other topics. This is definitely keeping the future in mind.

Secondly, District Level operations must be a priority. The 23-24 board took action to re-organize some District Chair positions to work toward ensuring fewer “committees of one” and instead having more committees with groups of people working together. Also, Division sizes have varied from as few as 5 clubs to as many as 17. A proposal is being considered to right-size the divisions and ensure greater equity among all Lieutenant Governors for the size of their divisions.

Finally, a District that is focused on the future must experience growth. To date, we have opened 18 new SLP clubs and 6 new Kiwanis clubs, with several more of each in the works. This year has definitely been focused on membership growth for our Kiwanis Family.

With a focus on financial stability, district operations and membership growth, we are arguably on track for the future, but more importantly, we are creating momentum that will carry us into Governor Designate Kelly’s year and beyond. That is exactly how a District should operate.

As this is my final article as Governor, there are countless people that I should thank. It has truly taken a village this past year to get us to where we are. So many committed Kiwanians have done their parts to ensure that Ohio Kiwanis truly is Mighty and that we are leading the way for other Districts to follow. Having said that, I really want to thank our Service Leadership Program Governors and their respective Districts. Immediate Past Governors **Aleisa & Rhea**, and current Governors **Neha** and **Olufemi** have simply been amazing to work with this past year. I know that each of them has a bright future ahead of them and I am so thankful that Ohio Kiwanis Family has them in our ranks. Past Governor **Jennifer Weinberg** was the first Ohio Key Club Governor to become Ohio Kiwanis Governor and I was the first Ohio Circle K Governor to become Ohio Kiwanis Governor, but with these future leaders (and others like them) in our midst, Jennifer and I will not be the last.

Thank you also to everyone that donated to the District Service Project in support of our SLPs this year. When it is all completed, we will have nearly \$18,000 raised in support of these efforts. I could not be more grateful for everyone that made this a priority.

Finally, it has been a true privilege to serve as your Governor. I am so thankful for each of you, but also for this opportunity to keep Ohio Kiwanis on track for the future. With more than 100 official visits since October 1, 2023, and over 22,000 miles, I have been able to see so many parts of this District and witness first hand all of the good we are doing out there. I will forever be humbled by the power of the Mighty Ohio District. Continue making an impact in all that you do and in the eternal words of a famed TV sitcom, “thank you for being a friend.”

Yours in Service,
Jason D. Miller
Governor, Ohio District of Kiwanis



Membership Matters

Kiwanis is growing in Ohio!

While our membership numbers aren't climbing everywhere, they could be. Districtwide, we have seen 5 percent growth to 5,776 members.

Here are some of the exciting numbers representing membership growth among some of our fellow clubs in the might district of Ohio:

New Clubs – Greater Ironton, 27 new members
Beachwood, 17
Fayette County, 17
Greater Massilon Area, 17

Established Clubs – Granville, 14
Mason, 13
Bowling Green, 11
Fremont, 11
Middletown, 11
Lima, 10

Special mention – Newton Falls, adding 7 members to a club of 19
(37 percent growth)
Northern Columbus, adding 6 members to a club of 25
(24 percent growth)
Ashville, adding 5 members to a club of 18
(28 percent growth)



Kiwanis Foundation grows

WOW! What a great Kiwanis year!

When I was first approached about serving as Foundation President, I wasn't sure I could do the Foundation justice and help it grow. Boy, was I proven wrong. With the support and dedication of all the foundation board, volunteers and volunteer staff we are helping the clubs in the Ohio District.

More clubs have the awareness of what the Foundation can do for them, many more grants have been given, more members being recognized for a job well done, Club Advised Fund for clubs and letting members know how to get involved outside of their clubs.

100% of Governor Jason's division visits were represented by a Foundation member to talk about ODKF. So many members had heard about the Foundation but didn't realize all we could do for our clubs, our SLP's and communities.

We assisted four new clubs with setting up their own CAF's to help them with financial earnings and being able to become a 501(c)3 organization.

More mini grants and community grants were awarded to clubs to aid in supporting their projects and communities. The foundation has added new blood to its board and volunteer group. New people equal new ideas!

The Foundation really appreciates all the participation in our annual golf outing, basket room auction at DCON, donations to the Foundation and our BMV license plate program.

So with all of that and much more, I would like to thank all my fellow Kiwanians for your support, friendship and partnership to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Final Note: as a new fundraiser this year we started selling Kiwanis license plate covers for your car. Don't think twice, just reach out to our Foundation and we can get yours to you in no time. Like I'm always saying more money raised to ODKF means more grants.

I will be passing my hat as president to Mike Rudolph and look forward to where we will be going next.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Rita Corbin, ODKF President



Congratulations, Kenneth Stalder!



The following individuals were present at this summer's Dublin Kiwanis Club golf outing to present Kenneth Stalder a club leadership award.

They were, from left to right: Governor-Elect designate Marcia Copeland Hudson, past Governor Craig Wallace, past KI president Alan Penn, past Governor Faith Levine, Kenneth Stalder, Governor designate Kelly Brown, past Governor Craig Smith, and past Governor Dave Kuhn.

Governor designate Kelly Brown and club member and past Governor Faith Levine presented the plaque to honor Kenneth for years of leadership.



WELCOME THESE NEW CLUBS TO OUR KIWANIS FAMILY!

Kiwanis
OHIO DISTRICT

NEW CLUB ALERT!

**KIWANIS CLUB OF
MASSILLON**

**KIWANIS
DIVISION 17**

Kiwanis
OHIO DISTRICT

NEW CLUB ALERT

Welcome to the
Key Club of
Springfield Clark CTC
Kiwanis Division 4

Sponsor: Kiwanis
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NEW CLUB ALERT

Welcome to the
Builders Club of
Shawnee Middle School
Kiwanis Division 4

Sponsor: Kiwanis
Club of Springfield

Kiwanis
OHIO DISTRICT

NEW CLUB ALERT!

**KIWANIS
CONNECTED CLUB**

**KIWANIS
DIVISION 1-S**





**We see you --
thanks for beeing
sponsors of this
year's installation
of officers!**

**Porch Pride Level -- Ted Barrows of Hilliard
-- Kiwanis Club of Dayton**

**Pollinator Pal Level -- Jeri and Alan Penn, of the Ohio District
Kiwanis Foundation**

**Bee a Hero Level -- The Browns - First Family, of Dayton
-- Norm and Karen Miozzi, Kiwanis Club of Dayton
-- Neal Leffel Kiwanis Club of Dayton**

Flower Power Level -- Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis

Hug to the Hive -- Ann Bizzarro, Dayton



GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Pictures from throughout the District

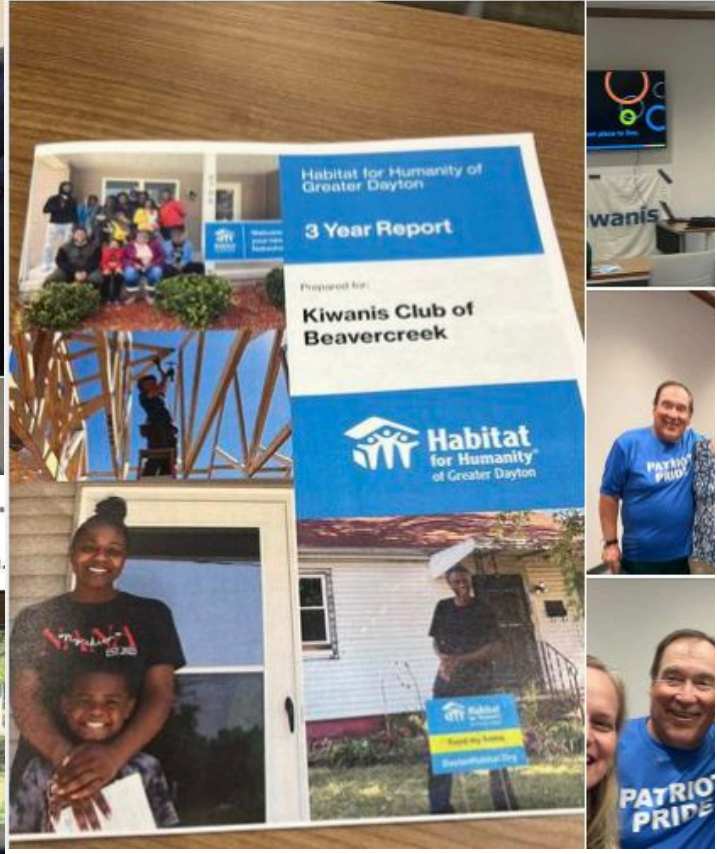
Jason D. Miller
August 18 at 11:41 AM · 🌐

Last night was the charter celebration for the **Kiwanis Club of Fayette County, Ohio**. What a fantastic evening. It was a true honor to install the officers and members alongside Division 10-W Lieutenant Governor **Brandi Bowen**. So much support from all over Ohio for this new club!



Amy Zimmerman is with **Jason D. Miller** and 9 others.
August 27 at 9:08 PM · 🌐

VP **Brit Burchett** did a great job leading the Beaver Creek Kiwanis meeting tonight! Inspiring and educational guest speaker from the Dayton Kiwanis Club and Dayton Humanity, Norm. And **Bill Pees** helped induct 2 new members to our club!! ❤️ our growing! Do you want to join us? We are open to new members. -#kidsneedkiwar



Jason D. Miller is in **Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH**.
August 17 at 4:34 PM · 🌐

A fun meeting/picnic with Kiwanis Division 4 and then some time spent in the Air Force museum.



Jason D. Miller is at **Amelita Mirolo Barn**.
6 days ago · Upper Arlington, OH · 🌐

Attended the last Divisional meeting under Lieutenant Governor **Celebrating a successful year with her and the entire Division**. I am **Gardner** with his Robert Hobart Award for Service to Circle K award also presented a few more Beacon of Hope awards. 36 more day day count!



Jason D. Miller is with **Amy Zimmerman** and 6 others.
August 18 at 8:03 PM · 🌐

Concluded a busy Kiwanis weekend today with a fun time at the **Kiwanis Club of Seneca County** Purse bingo. What a great fundraiser for their community! Even ran into Division 12 LtG **Beth Rice**!



Public Relations Matters

By Cliff Wiltshire, District PR Coordinator



Loved seeing this kind of coverage of Kiwanis, fresh from the “Sandusky Register” last month:

SANDUSKY – Two local women belonging to area Kiwanis Clubs recently received statewide recognition for going above and beyond in their communities:

- Tish Keegan, who represents the Sandusky club, won the President of the Year Award. She topped all other candidates across 220 clubs in Ohio.

Keegan, of Wakeman, serves as the club’s president and also as its membership chair. She is married to her husband, Troy, and they have three children and two grandchildren. She’s worked for Lamar Advertising in Cleveland for 20 years and serves with the region’s American Red Cross on its board of directors.

- Beth Rice, who represents Fremont’s club, received the Lieutenant Governor of the Year Award. She topped all other candidates across 24 divisions in Ohio. Rice owns two businesses: Nails by Beth @ Hair Artistry and BDR Travels in Fremont. Married to her husband, Dan, who also serves with the club, they have one child, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bio blast

Kiwanis represents a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world “one child and one community at a time,” an organizational statement read. The organization’s mission: “Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide so that, one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive,” according to the organizational statement.

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Many Kiwanis Clubs partner on reading initiatives. For instance, Sandusky's club offers Dolly Party's Imagination Library of Ohio, which mails children one age-appropriate book each month until the child's 5th birthday.

Nationwide, as of 2023, more than 2 million kids – including those in Sandusky and Erie County – are registered for the program, gifting nearly 190 million books across the country.

Speaking up

Jason Miller, who serves as governor for the Ohio Kiwanis District, called these distinctions “tremendous honors.”

He read comments aloud about each during a ceremony occurring earlier this month in Toledo honoring both women:

- On Keegan: She “has not only led their clubs to new heights but continues to mentor their members, make service a priority but also have fun. This first-ever recipient is someone that exceeds all of these expectations and still keeps coming back for more. I am so impressed with (her) leadership and (her) willingness to make (her) club a priority. When I have interacted with this president, I am continually in awe of her sincere demeanor and her passion for all things Kiwanis. I am so excited to present the 2023-24 club President of the Year Award to the club president from the Sandusky Kiwanis Club: Tish Keegan.”

- On Rice: “This lieutenant governor has proven to be a dedicated leader, going above and beyond wherever asked to help serve our district and (her) division. Whether assisting a club, attending events or making division membership a priority, I have been continually impressed by her commitment. She heard the call that membership was a priority and rushed to appointing a divisional membership chair. This effort has proven beneficial as her division is showing some of the best net growth in membership out of any division in Ohio. She remains humble often apologizing for asking too many questions or inviting me to attend too many things. This humility serves her well as she is well respected and will continue to do great things for Ohio Kiwanis. Please help me congratulate Division 12 lieutenant governor Beth Rice.”

WHAT'S THE BUZZ THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT?

We have scoured the posts of **Facebook** to see what Ohio Kiwanis clubs have been up to this past month. Follow the **Ohio District Kiwanis Page**, and join the **Ohio District Kiwanis Group**, to see more and add your activities!



Marla Marsh is with Monica Marsh and Belon Hill at Java Johnny's Coffee Roast Cafe. 2 days ago · Middletown, OH ·

The Kiwanis Club of Middletown sincerely would like to thank Bel'on Hill for being our speaker on 8/29/24. She shared about her position as a Youth Prevention S... See more



Fremont, Ohio Kiwanis 2 days ago ·

Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region August 17 at 11:08AM ·



Kiwanis Club of Middletown, Ohio is at Middletown Historical Society. August 19 at 6:51 PM · Middletown, OH ·

Thank you to Kiwanians Barney Riesbeck, Beth Jones, Emily Wadway, and Deborah Patterson who were in attendance at this evening's reception for the new Middletown... See more



Kiwanis Club of East Fork Region is at Batavia Township Community Center and Park. August 17 at 8:37 AM · Batavia, OH ·

Passing water out at the Bulldog Blast 5K. Kristine West Kahl Karen Swartz David Snow Calvin Bowling John Nordmeyer. #kiwanisclubofeastforkregion #KidsNeedKiwanis #KiwanisNeedsYou

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David Gigler
August 7 at 8:46 AM

Clubs in the 1North Division recently donated funds to pay for 25 beds as part of the Lets Build event. Thanks to all who donated bedding at the Convention.



Beth Rice
August 13 at 3:13 PM

We scooped up our Lt. Governor Logan Kilgore of Division 12west for Key club along with Division 12 membership chair Dan Rice and headed over to Fostoria for their annual New Educators luncheon this noon. What a great time. It was such a wonderful program. Fantastic way to start off the year for these teachers and administrators. Thanks to President Shelly Pahl for letting us be apart of this.



Kiwanis
CLUB OF FOSTORIA

NEW EDUCATORS LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024
NOON-1:30 P.M.

Fostoria City Schools
1001 Park Avenue
Fostoria, Ohio 44830

Thank you to our Sponsors:
Mennel Milling Company
United Way of Fostoria
Fostoria Police Division

Debbie Slater
August 7 at 8:22 PM

When people lack the resources to get through today, it's difficult for them to focus on tomorrow. The Kiwanis Club of Mason Ohio is proud to partner with Soles4Souls and City of Mason, Ohio - Government to help make a difference, turning shoes into opportunities for education and employment for a more hopeful future.



The Kiwanis Club of Mason Ohio
August 7 at 8:13 PM

PORTAGE LAKES KIWANIS QUARTER AUCTION

**September 14 • 4pm-7pm
at the Tadmor Shrine Center**

\$10 for admission and one paddle.

\$5 for additional paddles.

**Doors open at 3 for vendor shopping
& food available for purchase.**

ORDER NOW

**SCAN
ME! >>>**



**This event is organized as a fundraiser by the Portage Lakes
Kiwanis to raise money for our community projects.
Tickets ordered online will be assigned random ticket numbers.
Admission tickets will be available at Will Call.
No one under 18 will be permitted at the Quarter Auction.**





2023-2024 District Officers



Jason Miller
Governor
Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green



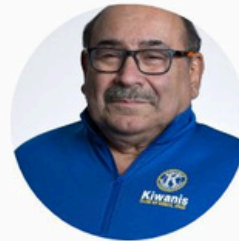
Kelly Brown
Governor-Elect
Kiwanis Club of Dayton



Dave Kuhn
Immediate Past Governor
Kiwanis Club of Stow-Munroe Falls



Steve Vrooman
District Treasurer
Kiwanis Club of Springfield



Robin Gagnow
District Secretary
Kiwanis Club of Berea



2023-2024 Lieutenant Governors



Ray Patterson
Division 1-North
Kiwanis Club of Maumee



Tina Seiling
Division 1-South
Kiwanis Club of Norwalk



Dale Hart
Division 2
Kiwanis Club of Celina



John Coffield
Division 3
Kiwanis Club of Sidney



Dick Honeywell
Division 4
Kiwanis Club of
Kettering-Centerville



Henrietta Nye
Division 5
Kiwanis Club of Middletown



Wayne Stein
Division 6/7
Kiwanis Club of Cincinnati



Judy Raub
Division 8
Kiwanis Club of
East Fork Region



2023-2024 Lieutenant Governors



Terri Turner
Division 9
Kiwaniis Club of Jackson Area



Sally Schaad
Division 10-East
Kiwaniis Club of Granville



Joan Miller
Division 10-South
Kiwaniis Club of Lancaster



Brandi Bowen
Division 10-West
Kiwaniis Club of University



Al Allender
Division 11-North
Kiwaniis Club of Mount Vernon



Diana Keplinger
Division 11-South
Kiwaniis Club of Delaware



Beth Rice
Division 12
Kiwaniis Club of Fremont



Toni Krone
Division 13
Kiwaniis Club of North Ridgeville



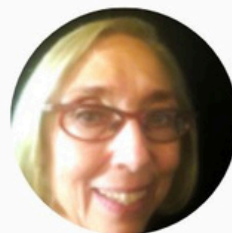
2023-2024 Lieutenant Governors



Nancy Andrade
Division 14
Kiwaniis Club of Lakewood



Dan Corrigan
Division 15
Kiwaniis Club of Richmond Heights



Laura Miller
Division 16
Kiwaniis Club of Copley-Fairlawn



Tom Stahlhever
Division 17
Kiwaniis Club of Belden Village Oct-May

Add a little bit of body text



Marsha McCort
Division 18
Kiwaniis Club of Barnesville
Oct-Jan



Les Scott
Division 22
Kiwaniis Club of West Geauga



Sherri Phelps
Division 24
Kiwaniis Club of Berea



Doug Falk
Division 26
Kiwaniis Club of Salem

Kiwanis Partners help increase our impact

By Hasani Wheat, District Coordinator

The fall season is approaching quickly, and schools are now back in session. Our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) will be meeting in no time and lots of projects will be completed across the globe. Kiwanis clubs will be busy supporting our SLPs and looking for ways to help maximize our service footprint in our respective communities. September is a great month to begin thinking about expanding service opportunities.

You may be asking “How can we do that?” Luckily, Kiwanis has paired up with several partner programs that offer high-quality goods for clubs to give back to our communities.

The first partner to mention is Kiwanis Warehouse. Kiwanis Warehouse is an important resource available to Kiwanians in the United States to help increase their organization's buying power. Kiwanis Warehouse is paired with DollarDays, which is an online destination for groups such as Kiwanis to buy items in bulk and get wholesale prices on products needed to accomplish community goals.

If your Kiwanis club is looking for items to do a service project, Kiwanis Warehouse has exactly what a club would need. From backpacks and school supplies, to clothing, to toiletries and other health and beauty products, Kiwanis Warehouse is worth reviewing and discussing at a future club meeting.

The following link is a toolkit that describes the Kiwanis Warehouse in more detail:
<https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Kiwanis-Warehouse-toolkit.pdf>

Another partner to highlight is ODP Business Solutions, formerly known as Office Depot. Kiwanis International is partnering with ODP Business Solutions to provide exclusive savings in-store and online, plus other benefits, to Kiwanis clubs. Information regarding ODP Business Solutions was previously mentioned in the July 2022 Buckeye Bulletin.

Kiwanis Clubs can utilize the resources offered by ODP Business Solutions in various ways:

- Obtain a Store Purchasing Card- Shop the savings at Office Depot OfficeMax retail locations.
- Sign Up for an Online Purchasing Account- Enjoy discounted online ordering at ODP Business Solutions.

- Acquire a Business Account- A dedicated rep sets up invoice billing, special pricing, and more. Kiwanis Clubs can save money and be on the lookout for great discounts with this partnership.

Kiwanis Clubs can buy office supplies in bulk, get free shipping on products, and get a nice discount on copy and print jobs.

Garden Party installation was a festive affair

Photos, from 9-8-2024 event at Capital University, By Cliff Wiltshire & Jennifer Lewis



More photos posted on the Ohio District Facebook page.