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*There's nothing spooky about the work
you are doing to serve our communities!*

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LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!

Happy New Year!

It's October and our new Kiwanis year is in full swing. I am so honored to serve our Kiwanis Family on the District level. Thank you for putting your faith and confidence in me.



As we start the new year, I want to chat about a couple of things that are buzzing around in my mind. First, I want to share my Vision Statement:

As Governor, I will inspire and lead the Ohio District to be THE service organization to meet the needs of children, as well as educate future leaders. As an ambassador for our district in public forums and in the media, I will promote the message of Kids Need Kiwanis. I will unapologetically demonstrate why Kiwanis is necessary to fulfill the needs of children which are not or cannot be fulfilled by schools, families or the government.

Second, my goals for the year:

- Be a transparent and open-minded leader
- Grow public awareness of the Mighty Ohio Kiwanis District
- Improve or Expand Communication channels from the District to all Kiwanis members
- Build working relationships with each Lt. Governor and their divisions
- Open 6 New Clubs in the OHIO District by Sept. 30, 2025
- Have a net gain in membership for 2024-25
- Make a positive impact on the well-being of pollinator bees throughout Ohio



As I have started traveling around the Mighty Ohio District, I want to express how amazed I am by the people I've met and the projects I've learned about. As I've said many times, I believe Kiwanis is needed now more than ever and I see that in my travels and observations. I have no doubt that we can grow clubs and increase membership by inviting others to share in our mission of giving and the joy that we receive each time we put a smile on a child's face.

Let's have an amazing year!

Yours in Service,
Kelly Brown
Governor, Ohio District of Kiwanis



Youth Protection

Nothing is more important than the safety of the children Kiwanis serves. That's why Kiwanis International dedicates a week each year to youth protection.

In 2024, Youth Protection Week is October 7-11. During this time, Kiwanis clubs should take the opportunity to conduct important youth protection training and evaluate the club's compliance. But these resources, available at

<https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection/youth-protection-week>, can be utilized at any time to strengthen your club's efforts to protect our youth.

Kiwanis clubs are required to educate members annually on Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies & Procedures. The resources available during Youth Protection Week make it easy for your club to meet this prerequisite. Kiwanis clubs can host in-person or virtual training for all members of the club who are:

- Using the Youth Protection Policy training for Kiwanis clubs PowerPoint presentation PDF.
- Viewing the Youth Protection Policy training for Kiwanis clubs recording.

We appreciate your club's efforts during Youth Protection Week and the commitment you share to protecting youth.

Take time to train members on youth protection during a Kiwanis club meeting. Club members also can use our online resources to complete the training on their own. After your club completes training for the 2024-25 Kiwanis year, your club secretary should update the reporting dashboard.

Other information and resources:

- List of Kiwanis District Youth Protection managers.
- Youth protection training slide deck.
- Youth Protection policies and procedures.
- Frequently asked questions about background checks.
- How to access Praesidium Academy youth protection and child abuse prevention online courses.
- Information about Kiwanis' dedicated, confidential Youth Protection Helpline.



A new year for Kiwanis Foundation

Welcome to a new Kiwanis Administrative year! 2023-2024 seemed to fly by as we all watched Governor Jason Miller criss-cross the state with his busy schedule of club visits!

What a tremendous year indeed! And we are now looking forward to “Beeing Heroes” as we support our 2024-2025 Governor Kelly Brown and the “buzz” she is creating with her goals for her term. We have very exciting times ahead of us as we support our mission of improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is here to help you with your goals and objectives. From a start of \$10,000 in funding back in 1982, to our current portfolio balance of over \$3.1 million dollars as of August of this year, we have grown to be your resource for project funding through multiple grant programs, club and member recognition programs, assistance with club 501©3 funding through the CAF (Club Advised Fund) program ... we are also your resource for sharing Kiwanis in your communities with our license plate program and our new license plate frames and front plates that identify you as that trusted local community servant! Be sure to share the Kiwanis story as you drive from project to fundraising events in your community!

Our Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has grown thanks to the diligent efforts of your elected Board of Directors over the years and their stewardship of the funds you have donated. But it is your support and the continued personal and club donations that allow our Foundation to thrive and provide the resources needed to improve our communities.

Make an annual Birthday gift of \$3.00 per member to the Foundation a part of your Club’s strategic plan, donate handsomely to the Governor’s Project Fund at the Governor’s Visit to your Division, make a donation to the Foundation to honor or recognize a truly outstanding member of your club with a Legion of Honor plaque or Leadership Award from the Foundation ... and explore making the Foundation a part of your estate planning with a planned giving commitment that will allow you to leave a legacy for Kiwanis in the future!

It is truly my honor to serve as your 2024-2025 Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation President and I promise my best efforts in leading our talented Board of Directors in serving our District, as well as grow the Foundation and its outreach in new and exciting ways. A member of our Board will be at each Governor’s Visit with Governor Kelly to share the exciting news of the Foundation and how we can partner with all of our Ohio District Clubs, members and Service Leadership Programs to “Bee” the heroes our communities need!

Yours in Service!

Mike Rudolph

2024-2025 ODKF President



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News from our CKI family

Fall Rally is an exciting day where all of the clubs from the Ohio District are invited to join us to complete service projects, make friends, and develop leadership skills.

This year Fall Rally is taking place on Nov. 3 at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware.

Registration will be \$25 and will include breakfast, lunch, snacks, official ODCKI tote back and merch, service project, and educational materials.

Register at ohiocki.org/fall-rally-2024/

Sponsors are needed to help make this special event a success. To sign up as a sponsor, visit:

<https://c20.site.kiwanis.org/fall-rally-2024/>





WELCOME THESE NEW CLUBS TO OUR KIWANIS FAMILY!

 **Kiwanis**
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NEW CLUB ALERT!

**KIWANIS CLUB OF
VANDALIA-BUTLER
TOWNSHIP**

 **KIWANIS
DIVISION 3**

 **Kiwanis**
OHIO DISTRICT

NEW CLUB ALERT

Please welcome the
Circle K Club of
Central State University

Kiwanis Division 4

Sponsor: Kiwanis
Club of Xenia





A new year of Kiwanis pancake fundraisers begins!

Let us know when your event is scheduled so we can help publicize and Kiwanians can support fellow Kiwanians!

Middletown Kiwanis Club 59th Annual

PANCAKE DAY

Saturday, Nov. 2

7am to 1pm

Fraternal Order of Eagles
1300 First Ave., Middletown

All You Can Eat!

\$8



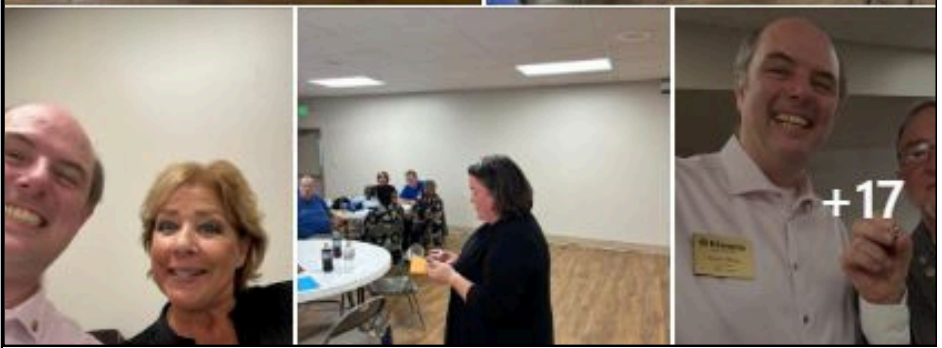
GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Pictures from throughout the District! As now past-Gov. Jason Miller topped 22,000 miles driven for Kiwanis business since last Oct. 1, we share images from some of his final visits ...



Jason D. Miller is with Brandi Bowen and 6 others. September 14 at 7:21PM

afternoon with the I-Next Kiwanis club and their officer installation. Best of luck to President-Elect Betsy. It's going to be a great year! I even got to take home some Jamaican white elephant gift raffle. Also great to see Hope Markes!



Public Relations Matters

By Cliff Wiltshire, District PR Coordinator



Loved seeing this coverage, shared on social media, of the Lima club's efforts to support other local agencies! This is a great reminder to reach out to your local press -- newspaper, TV, radio -- especially when you are involved in an initiative that touches a large number of people in the community!

https://www.hometownstations.com/news/three-local-agencies-receive-donation-from-lima-kiwanis-club/article_bfca66b6-802d-11ef-9de4-eb05828731a1.html

Three local agencies receive donation from Lima Kiwanis Club Article written by Todd Cummins Oct 1, 2024 LIMA, OH (WLIO) - The Lima Kiwanis Club helps out local agencies that share the same mission of helping children.

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The club presented checks to Guiding Light Ministries, Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio, and the Lima Rescue Mission's after-school program for Lima City School children. The Kiwanis have been helping these organizations and others like them for a long time, and the executive directors are all grateful for the continued support for their programs.

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"Donations are key for Guiding Light because we wouldn't be able to exist without them. Sure, we get support from other local agencies for their clients with their families, but donations are our key income, so we really need the support of those in the community. Kiwanis have been so consistent, so supportive from the beginning, in our early years, so, I am grateful for that," says Julianne Burk, Ex. Dir. Guiding Light Ministries.



"Donations like this help us expand. We are currently physically in three counties, but there are other counties that we do serve. And this

donation can help us expand our reach to help the kiddos that we are not currently serving," says Portia Smith, Ex. Dir. Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Ohio.

"Donations like this are very important. We really appreciate their interest in our ministry and what we are doing. We definitely are operating by donations, so every little bit helps, and this will go towards our after-school children's ministry," says Chuck Ferguson, Ex. Dir. Lima Rescue Mission.

The Kiwanis raise money through projects like their annual chicken and ham dinner and the upcoming Halloween 5K run. The Kiwanis raise money through projects like their annual chicken and ham dinner and the upcoming Halloween 5K run.

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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!



GOV. KELLY HAS BEEN A BUSY BEE

Here are a few images from her first few days as Ohio District Governor!



Aktion Club gets into gear

The Aktion Club of Licking County ended the summer in high gear, participating in a classic car show sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Heath Moundbuilders Sept. 15.



The Aktion Club members are sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Heath, Granville and Newark. They secured the donation of a beautiful yellow convertible Corvette Stingray from Coughlin of Pataskala and spent the day educating show attendees about their club and the many service and social activities they are involved with every year. Aktion Club leader Kimberly Burgess and Roxana Dillon led the way for the club.

The show was held at Grand Monuments, owned by Heath Kiwanians Becky and Dave Finkel.



Northern **Kiwanis**



Pancake Breakfast !

Sat. Oct. 26th 8:00 - 11:30

Clintonville Woman's Club

3951 N. High St.

Sausage - Coffee - Juice - Milk

\$ 10 Adults. - \$ 5 Kids

What's the Buzz about Bees?

As many of you have read or heard, "Bee A Hero" is this year's Governor's Project and it's all about building Pollinator habitats for bees.

Why Bees? Because Bees are in peril largely because of loss of habitat due to development and death from pesticides and herbicides. I believe if humans cause a problem, then humans should fix the problem. Bees pollinate one-third of our food supply. If bees go away, then so does our food.



WE MUST ACT NOW TO PROTECT THE FOOD SUPPLY FOR OUR CHILDREN.

Details of Bee A Hero are in this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin and will soon be available on ohiokiwanis.org, or you may email me for more information at Kelly4kiwanis@yahoo.org.

I've also assembled a BEE Team who will be helping with the project throughout the year. Marla Marsh as the Chair will be our No. 1 Worker Bee with the help of Sister Bee, Monica Marsh. Our Community Service Coordinator Hannah Riley, will be sharing all of the Buzz about Bees on our ODK web site and in Social Media.

Meanwhile, as we head into Fall and Winter, please take this time to learn more and plan out your pollinator projects. Tis the season to talk with schools and SLPs about pollinator curriculum as this project fits nicely into STEM initiatives for all ages. There are lots of references online and included on the Resource Sheet I created for the project.

There are also some things you can do at home to help pollinators prepare for winter like:

•**LEAVE THE LEAVES:** Don't rake fallen leaves and other foliage out of your flower beds or away from your house. Many pollinators will winter-over in the leaf beds.

•**SAVE THE STEMS:** Don't cut stems to the ground after blooms expire. Instead, strategically trim them so that cavity-nesting bees can move in and lay eggs. Leave spent flowers up through the fall and winter so migrating birds can feed on seeds. Then, in spring, trim stems at heights ranging from 8 to 24 inches high to provide homes for species such as mason bees.

•**BUILD A BEE HOUSE:** You can build bee houses out of scrap wood (which is a fun project) or buy them at garden centers. (Example \$10 at Lowe's) The Bee House should be placed against a flat surface and located in an area protected from high winds. The front of the house should have a south or southwest exposure where it will get the most sun in winter to keep bees warm.

Together, we can make a huge impact on bee populations throughout Ohio. Let's get bizzy!

Yours in Service,
Gov. Kelly



Governor's Pollinator Project Resources



Save Ohio Bees™



- Education
- Information
- FREE guides
- NO PESTICIDE PLEDGE



Bee Friendly Seed Mixes | OPN Seed

- Native Prairie Grass Seed Mixes
- Native Wildflower Seed Mixes
- Eco-Friendly Lawn Alternatives



Kids Gardening

- Kiwanis International Partner
- Pollinator Education
- Projects
- Fun Activities



The Bee Conservancy



- Education
- Projects
- Science



The Ohio State University—BEE LAB

- Research
- Outreach
- Education



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BEE A HERO



Ohio Kiwanis: Governor's Pollinator Project

BEE A HERO is an opportunity to be a global citizen on a local level

Bees provide community service to all mankind

Mankind can provide community service to all bees

We need each other to survive



Imagine a grey world without almonds, apples, or fragrant flowers...Seems terrible, right?

Unfortunately, that's the shocking future we face if we don't work to help our most precious pollinator: bees. Far from being a niche concern, bees lie at the heart of our survival – and they have been dying at unprecedented rates. Their hard work is not only essential to healthy ecosystems, but to sustaining animal and human life too. Each year, bees are experiencing massive die-offs throughout the U.S. Pesticides, herbicides, development, predators, mites and environmental change all contribute to die off and loss of habitat.

ONE BILLION POUNDS of pesticides were used in the US in 2023!

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT SERVE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD? WE MUST PROTECT THEIR FOOD SUPPLY



Bees pollinate ONE-THIRD of the food we eat.

From apples and squash to buckwheat and coffee, bees are responsible for pollinating most of the fruits, vegetables, seeds, and nuts that are essential to our diets. Ohio is an agriculture state; one in seven Ohioans work in the agriculture industry.

How Kiwanians can BEE HEROES

As bee populations decline, individual Kiwanians can help by expanding pollinator habitats

- Create and maintain native pollinator habitats in your own yard. Large gardens to potted plants —it all matters
- Read labels and use non-toxic herbicides and pesticides in your yard. Take the NO PESTICIDE PLEDGE at SAVEOHIOBEES.ORG
- Overseed your lawn with low growing pollinator plants, like clover and violet. Let your yard go wild!
- Encourage and support neighbors, friends, and family to create and maintain pollinator habitats
- Support local bee keepers by purchasing and promoting their products



How Kiwanis Clubs can BEE HEROES

- Build a Pollinator habitat in your community/Turn a brown space into a native wildflower garden
- Introduce the pollinator project and curriculum to schools

*Provide seed and supplies to grow a garden

*Teach kids empathy (the heart of service) for tiny creatures and their community/Teach them to BEE friendly.

*Encourage kids to care about environmental issues

- Support SLP's to build BEE habitats
- Partner with local organizations to support a garden with seed, supplies and labor
- Donate to the BEE A HERO project at <https://odkf.org> to help provide grants
- Have Club supported SLP clubs apply for a \$100 supplies grant from ODKF
- Imagine what can BEE possible in your Community!



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