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KIWANIS CLUB

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Lima K-Family Day is a special tradition

Happy New Year! It's kind of crazy to think about being a quarter of the way through this century! Do you remember 25 years ago when we were freaking out about Y2K? Seems like yesterday. Yet here we are and now we are nearly a quarter of the way through our Kiwanis year, time flies.

As I reflect back on the first 90 days of my term as Governor, the words

AMAZING AND HOPE come to mind. I can't help but be amazed by the commitment and creativity I have witnessed throughout the Ohio District. The projects and programs of our Ohio Kiwanis clubs are just fantastic.

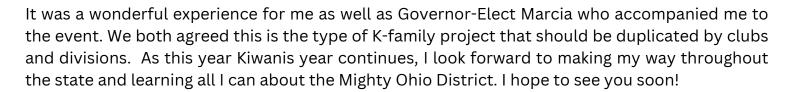
I found the Family Day program presented by the Kiwanis Club of Lima to be simply AMAZING. It was held in November which is Kiwanis Family Month. The Lima club hosts a joint lunch meeting where representatives from each of their THIRTEEN service leadership clubs including students, faculty and advisors attend. Lima club sponsors one Aktion Club, one Circle K Club, one Key

Club, five Builders Clubs and five K-Kids Clubs. WOW!

There were 89 attendees at this year's event, and I was one of them. The Lima club invited me to talk about my "BEE A HERO" project. It was great fun to teach the kids about the importance of BEES in a speed round of interactive Q & A where I rewarded them with Smarties candies for answering questions. Those kids were so smart and so fun that I actually learned a thing or two about bees.

After the kid-friendly buffet lunch, students from each club were asked to provide a summary of their club activities. This is where the word HOPE comes into play for me. To see so many students working in their school and community to help other kids their age gives me great

HOPE for the future. These kids are learning empathy which is at the core of community service and that is a lifelong lesson.



Yours in Service, Governor Kelly Brown











Meet Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

As we now are into month five of our new Kiwanis Administrative Year, your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation thanks all for your personal, Club and Division contributions! We also thank our Clubs for your initial wave of Mini-Grant applications and look forward to your Children and Community Grants applications coming in soon!

If you need to be reminded of the Grant Application deadlines please be sure to check our website at www.ODKF.org.

Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation team has been accompanying Governor Kelly as she has started her Governor's Visits across our District. It has been my pleasure, along with Vice President Steve Vrooman, Immediate Past President Rita Corbin, LTG Del Ray Fox and Board Member Jessica Dulle, to present our Foundation as your resource at these visits.

So far, we have been present at Divisions 2,3,5,6/7,8,12,13,16 and 26, and have had a wonderful response to our message. We have been receiving applications for ODKF leadership Awards, Legion of Honor awards, and inquiries about starting new Club Advised Funds for a number of Clubs. Thank you for your increased interest in ODKF!

We thought you should be introduced to your ODKF Board representatives and Staff in case you have questions. These are faces and names that you will see throughout the Ohio District!

President Mike Rudolph (Oxford)

Vice President Steve Vrooman (Springfield and Champaign County)

Immediate Past President Rita Corbin (Gahanna)

Secretary Brandi Bowen (University)

Treasurer Travis Humphrey (Circleville and I-Next)

Executive Director Alan Penn (Medina Breakfast)

Financial Advisor Steven Zangmeister

Board Member Becky Skiles Gorby (Springfield)

Board Member Tim Cornelius (Fairview Park)

Board Member James Minter (Westerville)

Board Member Rich Rader (Mansfield)

Board Member Richard Ulmes (Findlay)

Board Member Gail Keaton (Gahanna)

Board Member Marla Marsh (Middletown)

Board Member Jessica Dulle (Mansfield)

Board Member Robert Day, Jr. (Lima)



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LTG Board Representative Mark Haake (Mason)
LTG Board Representative Del Ray Fox (Seneca County)
Circle K Governor Neha Pasupuleti The Ohio State University)
Key Club Governor Olufemi Odiah (Mt. Vernon High School)
Past Treasurer Association Bob Williams (I-Next)

We also thank our ex-officio representatives Circle K Administrator Chad Gardner, Key Club Administrator Jeff Eble, KCF Chair Janet Molineaux, Governor Kelly Brown, Governor Elect Marcia Copeland Hudson, Immediate Past Governor Jason Miller, ODK Treasurer Bob Buescher and ODK Executive Director Robin Gagnow, for all of your input and contributions!

Please reach out to any of these tremendous Kiwanis leaders with any questions, contributions, planned giving or grant requests that you need help with. We are here to serve the Ohio District!

Yours in Service!

Mike Rudolph, President 2024-2025 ODKF















News from our CKI family

Hello Ohio CKI

It was great to see you all at Fall Rally 2024! I hope you all enjoyed the event put together by our OWU and OSU Club Presidents, Elisabeth and Megan.

As we continue with the service year, I'm excited to announce that our District Convention is right around the corner! DCON will take place from February 7-9 at Bowling Green State University.

Every year in February, the entire Ohio District comes together at District Convention, hosted by BGSU Club President Hannah and District Secretary-Treasurer Jacob. At DCON, we celebrate our year of service, elect new district officers, socialize, give out awards, and have a blast! Everybody is greatly encouraged to attend, regardless of their position in the club.

This year, our DCON theme is "Parade into Service," so I hope to see you dressed up and ready for our celebration! If you're interested in running for a district position, DCON is the place to do it! Joining the district board helps you increase your involvement in CKI, sharpen your leadership skills, and have a ton of fun! If you have any questions about running for a position, \do not hesitate to ask.

I can't wait for DCON and hope to see you all there! Registration is out now at ohiocki.org/dcon.

By Ohio District Governor Neha Pasupuleti, governor@ohiocki.org



Key Club prepares to celebrate historic anniversary

The countdown is on! On December 13, 2024, we were officially be 100 days away from Key Club International's 100th birthday — a century of service, leadership and making a difference.

We're inviting you to join the celebration! Here are some ways you can get involved:

Visit the centennial webpage. Explore the page for stories, resources and inspiration to commemorate this milestone.

Share your Key Club story. We'd love to hear how Key Club has shaped your life! Inspire others to get involved.



Host a Key Club birthday party. Throw a celebration with your friends, family or local club — and post about it on social media. Tag Key Club's official accounts and use the hashtag #KeyClub100.

Share photos. Help us capture the spirit of Key Club by sending us your favorite Key Club moments, old or new.

Make a donation. Support the next 100 years of service and leadership by donating to the Key Club Centennial Fund. Your contribution empowers young leaders to make lasting change and take advantage of new opportunities. Learn more and make your gift today: keyclub.org/donate.

Show your Key Club spirit. Visit the Kiwanis Family Store to grab exclusive Key Club Centennial gear and celebrate in style. Join the Key Club Alumni Network. Sign up to stay connected! It's a great way to continue your journey of service and leadership.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 23, 2025 — Key Club International's 100th birthday. Let's make the next 100 days count! Together, we can make this centennial year unforgettable.

Connect with us fellow KI leaders and Key Club alumni using the hashtag: #KidsNeedKiwanis











GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Pictures from throughout the District! Gov. Kelly has been one busy bee as our Kiwanis year begins!













Public Relations Success Stories

By Cliff Wiltshire, Ohio PR Coordinator

Great to see this kind of coverage of Kiwanis activities in traditional media! We want our communities to know the wonderful things you are doing to serve youth in your towns, so don't be shy about contacting your local editor and reporter and share your good news!

4C | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 | THE GRANVILLE SENTINEL

Kiwanis Club of Granville honors John Mathis, other dedicated members

Special to Granville Sentinel

Granville Kiwanis held its annual dinner meeting on Nov. 4 at the Gran-ville inn to honor immediate Past Presi-dent John Mathis and for him to recog-nize members' achievements. The event-also celebrated the club's 62 years of service, having been chartered on Nov. 10, 1962.

19, 1962.
The Granville High School Chamber Quartet performed during dinner. Past President Dave Thomas led the event as Master of Ceremonies. Distinguished guests included Newark Kiwanis President Janet Bickle and Ohio District Kiwanis Div. 1016.11. Georgrap Will (2):41wanis Div. 10E Lt. Governor Will O'Mal-

Past President Lesa Miller presented John Mathis a plaque for his outstand-ing service as President reflected in ing service as President reflected in photos from the year. John shared his passion for education as past Chair of the Scholarship committee. This year John and the committee awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to students at Granville High School, Welsh Hills School, Granville Christian Academy and with the Aktion Club of Licking

and with the Aktion Club of Licking County to C-TEC's I-TEC program. John thanked his Board and fellow officers. He commended each of the committees, including the tent and stage crew, for their dedication and hard work. He recognized a successful 4th of July and the \$15k grant from the Gran-ville Community Foundation for the fireworks. He recognized the memberfireworks. He recognized the member-ship committee and a record 104 current ship committee and a record BO4 current member roster. He recognized the fol-lowing members who had a leadership role with a Distinguished Service Award: Kevin Blackstone, Bill Brady, Jean Cation, Ken Cation, Kevin Clouse, Brad Cook, Butch Curtis, Tom Esh, Brian Gottfried, Tim LePontois, Alice Lewis, lennifer Lewis (Parlene Lossing, Brad Gottfried, Tim LePontois, Alice Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Charlene Lossing, Brad Mason, Steve Matheny, John Mathis, Val Matula, Lisa Matula, Jerry Miller, Lesa Miller, Melissa Miller, Beth Moore, Jeff Moore, Tom Moore, Nick Moulakis, Mark Mykulyn, Vince Paumier, Barb Po-lack, Rick Pyka, Sally Schaadt, Rod

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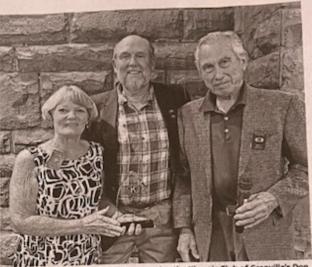
Schaadt, Tom Stone, Dave Thomas, Terry VanOfferen, Gail Venrick, Jennifer Stires, Craig Washka, and Fred Wolf.

John thanked the audience and members for their hard work and partic-ipation. He emphasized, "Our club is successful because of all of our contri-butions and leadership. Our members

play an active role to make these great projects happen."

John recognized Jerry and Lesa Mil-ler and presented the Don Lewis Impact Award for their annual management of Award for their annual management of the July 4th event for the community and for their outstanding service to the club and community. In addition to this dedicated task, Jerry chaired the parade dedicated task, Jerry (charled the parade for many years and is a Past Kiwanis Lt. Governor and President. He is the Gran-ville Township Fiscal Officer and offici-ates basketball in the county. Lesa was Immediate Past President. She recently retired from the Granville Recreation District and helped both Wildwood Park Playground builds. Both are life-time residents of Granville and active supporters of Granville and Kiwanis. Don porters of Granville and Kiwanis. Don Lewis is a past President of Granville Kiwanis who helped lead the Wildwood Playground Park Rebuild and through his other service in Kiwanis and our community, made a lasting impact on both. The award is selectively awarded and much deserved by the Millers.

Jennifer Lewis received the Kiwanism of the Year Award for her outstanding involvement in the club, District and support of the service leadership programs. She is the Ohio District Kiwanis



Lesa and Jerry Miller, left and center, receive the Kiwanis Club of Granville's Do Lewis Impact Award on Nov. 4 from the club's immediate Past President John Mathis, right, PROVIDED BY KIWANIS CLUB OF GRANVILLE

Administrator for K-Kids and helps advise the GHS Key Club and Aktion club. She actively supports the 4th of July committee and leads the maple syrup project. She is an alumna of the GHS Key Club, a Past Kiwanis Lt. Governor and

President, and inaugural recipient of the Don Lewis Impact Award. Roger Lossing, Dan Rogers and Fred Wolf were awarded the Legion of Honor Award for 40, 30 and 25 years of ded-icated service to Kiwanis, respectively.

John concluded by thanking the en-tire club. He emphasized the remark-able commitment and dedication shown by each member. He said, "Granville Kiwanis is a great club. I enjoyed serving as President. I credit our suc-cess this year to the members." He addcess this year to the members." He add-ed, "I never belonged to a service club before. I Joined Kiwanis when I moved to town to find out which plumbers and electricians I should use. But I stayed in it because of the people and all the won-derful things we do for the community. I enjoy helping others and knowing all of you."

The Kiwanis Club of Granville announces its 2024-25 leadership board. The following members took office on October 1st: President Brad Cook, President-elect Vince Paumier, Vice Presi-dent Brian Gottfried, Secretary Lorin Lappin, Asst. Secretary Charlene Loss-ing, Treasurer Val Matula, Immediate Past President John Mathis, Directors: Steve Brown, Ken Cation, Melissa Mil-ler, Beth Moore, Doug Mock, Nick Moulakis and Jennifer Prindle

The club meets biweekly on Monday nights at 6:15 p.m. at the Granville Inn. Guests are welcome. Granville Kiwanis is a volunteer community service organization, focused on serving children and the community. The club raises funds for its service throughout the year July festival, tent, table, chair and stage rentals; Pancake Day and the maple syr-up project. For more information go to GranvilleKiwanis.org or Facebook Kiwanis43023

Information submitted by Kiwanis Club of Granville.











Sponsors needed -- Mid-Year will bee here before you know it!

Dear Friends: On March 15, 2025, Ohio District Kiwanis will once again host Mid-Year Education Day, an opportunity for Kiwanians across the Ohio District to come together for learning and celebration in the middle of the administrative year.

This year's event will feature nine leadership development opportunities, a District business meeting, and awarding of recognitions from the previous administrative year. Your club, business or family has an opportunity to show their support of ODKI while receiving valuable exposure before and during the event.

Sponsorship levels begin at just \$100 and allow you to link your business or club to the outstanding mission of ODKI. We hope you will join us by sponsoring this year's event.

Return your completed form by February 15, 2025. We appreciate your consideration of this worthy cause and hope to see you at the event in November.

Sincerely, Susan Black, CFRE, CAP® Mid-Year Education Day Chair

<u>Sponsorship Opportunities</u> *Queen Bee Sponsor \$500*

Opportunity to speak at the event
Logo/name on all materials including
collaterals, event signage and media
Exhibit table as desired
Full page ad in program
Two registrations

Honeycomb Sponsor \$250

Name on all event signage and media Recognition from the podium during event Shared exhibit table as desired ½ page ad in program One registration

Worker Bee Sponsor \$100

Name listed on event signage 1/4 page ad in program





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!









About 60 of our K-Kids members spent their meeting today writing holiday cards to school staff members, and cards to our local service men. They also began their tie blanket project for needy folks in Lake County. Key Club, Builders Club, school board members and Kiwanis members assisted in all these neat service projects.

So proud of the great things these kids are accomplishing. And grateful for all the school and faculty support!















Time to spotlight your Signature Project!

It is nearly time for the 2025 Signature Project Contest to open.

This is an important club and district event that has been growing each year since it started in 2017. Here are the key details to share with your clubs:

- The contest opens at 11:59 a.m. EST on Tuesday, January 7, and closes on Thursday, January 30, at 11:59 p.m. EST.
- Entries can only be received by completing the online forms found at www.kiwanis.org/signatureproject. The links will be available and live on January 7.
- When a club submits an entry, a copy will be generated to the club, its district secretary and district governor.
- The districts will need to submit their top entry for each group by February 28. A link will be provided closer to this date. As a reminder, clubs with fewer than 27 members are Group 1 and clubs with 28 or more members are Group 2.
- Districts will be notified in early April if either of their club projects have been selected to the Top 10 of each group.
- The Top 10 are honored at the Signature Project Breakfast during the International Convention. And the Top 3 in each group are awarded US\$2,000 for 1st place, \$1,500 for 2nd place and \$1,000 for 3rd place.

Thank you for your continued support of this project. Please reach out with any questions!

Elizabeth Warren

Director of Programs and Partnerships Kiwanis International



It's not too early to plan for convention!

Registration is now open for the <u>2025 Kiwanis</u> <u>International Convention</u> in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This year, Kiwanis International is giving you more time to plan for the biggest and most important Kiwanis event of the year. You'll be part of an event that can help you transform your club and its impact on your community. Explore the ways the Kiwanis International convention can help you forge the future — for your club and for our worldwide organization.

For more information and to register, visit https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-international-convention-pittsburgh/



Club grants are providing possibilities

The Possibility Project continues!

The new fundraising campaign is the first that solely supports Kiwanis and the children we serve.

When you give, you help the Kiwanis Children's Fund reach its \$25 million goal — enough to serve 10 million kids around the world. You also make an impact in children's lives now by funding Children's Fund grants that help Kiwanis clubs serve kids.

See some inspiring examples — and how grants have made them possible -- at the web site

https://www.kiwanis.org/category/
kiwanis-childrens-fund/

Remembering Faith

Kiwanians, family and friends will gather this month to celebrate the life and impact of beloved Faith Levine, who passed away after a short illness in November.

The following is her published obituary, followed by an article submitted by Cynthia Champer, which was published in her club's newsletter last month.

Faith Levine- beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend to many passed away on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at the age of 71 in Columbus, Ohio. Faith was born in Erie, PA to Harold and Ruth (Johnston) Moore. She is a proud alumna of Upper Arlington High School in 1971 and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Administrative Sciences and Northwestern University with a Master's degree in Business. Faith was a devoted Kiwanian as an active member of the Dublin and I-Next Kiwanis



Clubs, past Club President; past Lieutenant Governor and Past Kiwanis District Governor of Ohio, 2018-2019. Faith was a firm believer in following your passion and her passion was improving the lives of kids throughout the Kiwanis organization. Faith always had a smile on her face, and was compassionate and loving. She loved to cook and doting after her only grandson, Caden. Faith is survived by her daughter, Lisa Sires and husband Chip; beloved grandson, Caden Sires; sister, Deborah Lynn Wallace and niece, Kristin Nichole Smith and husband Tyler as well as her countless friends and fellow Kiwanians in Ohio and throughout the Kiwanis International family. A Celebration of Life will be held 12:30 pm Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the Amelita Mirolo Barn, 4395 Carriage Hill Lane, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43220. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, c/o P.O. Box 668, Circleville, OH 43113 in support of the Dublin Kiwanis Club Advised Fund, I-Next Club Advised Fund or the 4-H Scholarship Fund, in Faith's name. Arrangements Entrusted to SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST, 1740 Zollinger Road, Columbus, OH 43221.









Faith made incredible impact

We have all mourned the passing of our member and friend Faith Levine, but let us now concentrate on all of her positive impacts.

On a personal level, Faith and I (your club secretary) served together on the Business & Professional women's clubs, both serving as past state presidents. BPW back several years ago offered training on such areas as career development, public speaking & more.

Faith was also deeply impacted by the positive role model that her father left as a past Kiwanian & Lt. Governor in Grove City, Pennsylvania, where he served as Lt. Governor 4 times.

Educationally, Faith was a graduate of Leadership Dublin; and also held degrees from both the Ohio State University in urban planning, and Northwestern University, with an MBA in industrial marketing.

Serving as Ohio District Kiwanis Governor in 2018-19, Faith presented us with the Hedgehog Concept from Jim Collins book "Good to Great". With this in mind, she challenged us all

to meet the following 4 goals:

- 1. Find what we are passionate about.
- 2. Grow GREAT clubs
- 3. Make the member experience more meaningful.
- 4. Increase service.

In November 2018, Faith announced that the new Short North Columbus club was added as the district's 220th club - making Ohio not only one of six district to exceed their October goal, but putting Ohio as #1 in goal attainment.



In May 2019, under Faith's leadership, the Ohio District stood at 7,042 members, with only one other single state district - Florida - being larger with 7,060 members.

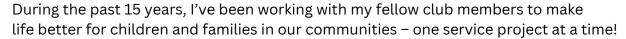
Faith was also extremely passionate about work with our SLP, and convinced Past First Lady Cheryl Snellgrove to make a LARGE donation to I-Next, allowing it to form a Club Advised Funds program through ODKF, and thereby being able to fund scholarships.

Additionally, Faith served on the local level as Dublin's club secretary & president for numerous terms; and was Distinguished President for I-Next for 2023-2024. Faith - we will miss you.

A memorial service will be held Sunday Jan. 26, 12:30 p.m., at the Amelito Barn in Upper Arlington.



GET TO KNOW A KIWANIAN -- WITH GOV.-ELECT MARCIA COPELAND HUDSON





After serving as president of the Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis Club, I began two terms as Lt. Governor for Ohio District Kiwanis Division 4. It was during that time that the Dayton region was struck by 20+ destructive tornadoes in one night – Memorial Day weekend, 2019.

Plenty of families in four clubs needed help after the disaster – and I was grateful to be able to help clubs secure Kiwanis grant funding and recovery efforts in devastated neighborhoods where many homes were seriously damaged or destroyed. For this work I received the Outstanding Lt. Governor award from Past Governor Faith Levine.

After this experience, I worked with Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Craig Smith to promote his 2021-2022 Governor's Project: an effort to help Kiwanis Clubs around the District become prepared for natural disasters. It was a great opportunity to visit several Kiwanians in divisions around the state.

I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. I sincerely believe "Kids Need Kiwanis" and I also believe grown-ups need Kiwanis, too – for friendship, for service and for purpose.

I've certainly found a sense of purpose in Kiwanis. My husband Larry and I are enjoying our Kiwanis volunteer service now that the kids from our blended family have grown up. With our careers in broadcasting now behind us, we're enjoying our work on projects that help others.

I look forward to serving as Ohio District Kiwanis Governor-Elect and helping our great Ohio District continue to build upon its century-long tradition of service to children and families!

I'm excited about Kiwanis - and I hope you are, too!

Marcia Copeland Hudson Ohio District Kiwanis Governor-Elect







KIWANIS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

Standing dates:

5th of the month - Circle K and Key Club Monthly reports due 10th of the month - Kiwanis Monthly reports due 20th of the month - Buckeye Bulletindeadline for submissions

January 2025

- 1 New Year's Day
- 10 CKI Circleof Service and Outstanding AlumniAwards due
- 19 ODKF Board Meeting at 3:00 pm via zoom
- 21 110th Anniversary of Kiwanis International
- 30 Deadline for Key Club LTG Elections

February 2025

TBA Key Club Board Meeting

1 Scholarships for CKI and Key Club - application open

6/7 Circle K District Convention, Bowling Green, Ohio

10-14 K-Kids Week

27 Finance & Structure, 7:00 pm

via Zoom

28 ODKF Mini Grant Deadline

for March Approval

March 15, 2025

Quest Conference

9200 Worthington Road, Suite 400, Westerville, OH 43082

Mid-Year Education Day is an opportunity for Kiwanians across the Ohio District to come together in the middle of the administrative year for leadership development, a bit of business meeting, and member recognitions. Building on Governor Kelly Brown's Pollinator Project and the space



and flight themes of our location, the theme for this year's event is <u>Spread Your Wings and Take</u> <u>Flight!</u>

This year's event will include an opening plenary and business session, lunch keynote and awards program, and a total of 9 breakout sessions throughout the day. Three of these breakout sessions will be repeated for an online-only audience via Zoom. In person attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch, and ending celebration. Cost: \$50 for first timers; \$65 for Early Bird and Virtual; \$80 after February 15



SAVE THE DATE!

OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS
CONVENTION 2025

August 1—3

Niles, OH

(Youngstown Area)

Details coming soon

