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# THE BUCKEYE BULLETIN



May the road rise  
up to meet you.  
May the wind be  
always at your  
back. ...

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# Let's March into spring!

The long and cold Ohio winter is nearly finished, and I am super excited about the opportunities that March is bringing!

In a few short days, we will gather on March 15 in Columbus for our **MidYear Education Day** which is an opportunity for our Kiwanis family to come together for a day of leadership development, vision planning, inspiration, and fellowship. Our workshops will ignite your passion for service and inspire you to “spread your wings and take flight” throughout Ohio!



The interactive exhibitor's hall will feature Service Leadership Programs, Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, Ohio Kiwanis History, District Convention, International Convention, Bee A Hero, Kiwanis Children's Fund and more.

During our fellowship luncheon, we will hold an awards ceremony and induct **FOUR AMAZING KIWANIANS** into our Ohio District Hall of Fame. Like the Oscars, only the selection committee knows who the recipients are. Be there to experience this very special moment with our inductees.

Our luncheon keynote speaker is Tracy Teuscher, the founder of Save Ohio Bees. Tracy will deliver a presentation on native bees of Ohio and discuss effective strategies to mitigate the threats they encounter. These strategies include creating pollinator habitats, naturalizing lawns, leveraging public programs, and contributing to citizen science.

Attendees will:

- Discover Ohio's Native Bees
- Learn Simple Ways to Create Pollinator Habitat
- Explore Ways to Naturalize Your Lawn
- Hear Inspirational Stories

The second half of our day will continue with even more motivational workshops and conclude with a super fun closing ceremony! See you there!

**REMINDER: MIDYEAR REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH MARCH 15**

**\*REGULAR REGISTRATION: \$80 \*VIRTUAL: \$65 \*FIRST TIME ATTENDEE: \$50 \*ACTIVE SLP: \$50**

See MORE MARCH HAPPENINGS on next page:

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# Key Club’s 100th Birthday is March 23 ... Countdown to 100 years of student-led service!

A message from Key Club ... we are celebrating 100 years of service, leadership and positive contributions to our communities. As we approach our remarkable centennial milestone, we have a heartfelt birthday wish for Kiwanis family members and friends to be part of this historic countdown.

Discover all the ways you can join the celebration. Together, let’s pave the way for the next century of student leaders! Be sure to plan your Key Club celebrations now!

**SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!** March 20 is the spring equinox, an astronomical event that marks the moment when the sun sits directly over the Earth’s equator as it heads northward. With longer and warmer days upon us, it’s the perfect time to plan your Pollinator Habit for the Bee A Hero project. Pollinator gardens can start with seeds or mature plants or a combination of both. Plant a mix of annuals and perennials that will bloom from spring through fall to feed the bees for three seasons. Learn more about the Bee A Hero Project and how to plan your garden at MidYear or online at

Yours in Service,  
Governor Kelly Brown

## Updated MidYear Schedule

Gathering and Early Bird Sessions				
9:00-10:30	Registration in Lobby with Continental breakfast/Networking/Exhibitors - Ohio Inventor Common Area and Morgan 1-3			
9:00-10:00 a.m.	ODKF Club Advised Fund Holder Meeting in Wright 1	Lt. Governor Check in Session with Governor Kelly in Wright 2		
10:00-11:00	Plenary and Business Sessions			
	Flight Path 1: Wright 1	Flight Path 2: Wright 2	Flight Path 3: Edison 2	ONLINE-Only Track (Resnick)
11:15-Noon	Session 1A - Navigating K-Family Relations	Session 1B -Membership Ideas that Soar Panel Discussion	Session 1C- Expanding the Definition of Diversity in our Clubs	Session 1 - Possibility Project
Noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Keynote Address with Save Ohio Bees in Edison 1 and 2			Break
1:45-2:30 p.m.	Session 2A - Save Ohio Bees/Kelly Brown - Governor's Project	Session 2B - Welcoming the Next Generation of Kiwanians	Session 2C - Possibility Project	Session 2- Build-Nurture-Retain
2:45-3:30 p.m.	Session 3A - Service Projects that Soar	Session 3B - Get to know the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation	Session 3C- Build-Nurture-Retain	Session 3- Expanding the Definition of Diversity in Our Clubs
3:45-4:00 p.m.	Ending Celebration - Morgan 1-3			





## Don't miss these great opportunities at Mid-Year!

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.

The deadline for registration has been extended, so sign up now!

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



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 Spread Your Wings and Take Flight!

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 Virtual; and \$80 now through March 15.

To register, visit <https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/mid-year-education-day/>



# BEE a Hero is perfect for spring!

By Mike Rudolph, ODKF President

By the time you are reading this, I hope you are seeing some green grass, warmer temperatures and the sense that spring is around the corner. I am writing this article viewing a few inches of snow outside my office window and dreaming of warmer times. This made me think of our Governor Kelly Brown's project titled "Bee A Hero" and the types of grants that our ODKF is making currently from the funds raised from our most generous Ohio District Clubs.

Last month ODKF Grants Committee Chairman Rich Rader provided a tremendous Buckeye Bulletin article on the many ways grants are provided to our Ohio District Clubs and organizations. These grants are in the forms of larger Children and Community Grants up to a maximum of \$3,000, and our Mini-Grants, which are up to \$500 each with a Club matching amount. Both are very popular and have provided Ohio District Clubs with much needed funding to extend their service reach in their communities.

This month I want to highlight the "Bee A Hero" grant program that is specially designed to support the service efforts of our Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs organizations in their local schools and communities. This grant is available to all SLP organizations who wish to help the efforts of increasing bee populations by expanding pollinator gardens and habitats.

A great spring SLP Project that could be planned right now would be to build a pollinator habitat at your local school or in your community, turn a brown space into a native wildflower garden, and to introduce the pollinator project and curriculum to the other schools in your district.

This "Bee A Hero" Grant, in the amount of \$100 and available for up to two Club supported SLP organizations, can be used to provide seed and supplies to grow a garden, help provide snacks and information to share with the community and local festivals and outings ... the opportunities are only limited by our creativity! And we all know that our SLP organizations are filled with boundless energy and creativity!



*The grant application for the "Bee A Hero" grant is found on the ODKF website at [www.ODKF.org](http://www.ODKF.org) and found under the Grants section. Imagine what can BEE possible in our communities as we engage and encourage our SLP organizations with projects and service!*





## Bryan Kiwanian reaches magic numbers

This is a special year for Carlton Hardy of the Kiwanis Club of Bryan.

The longtime Kiwanian turns 100 this month, shortly before he celebrates his 70th year as a Kiwanis member in June.

"Carlton is a true inspiration to me and many others," said current club President Chasity Yoder.

"It's rare to find individuals who have dedicated several decades to the same job, not to mention volunteering for the same organization. His loyalty and commitment to the Kiwanis Club of Bryan, our community, and especially the youth of our community are truly commendable."

The Kiwanis Club of Bryan was formed on June 15, 1955, with 29 charter members. One of those was Hardy, who was born and raised in Bryan and graduated from high school there in 1943.

He joined the club, he said, because it was a new club focused on children, and he also joined for the friendships. He loves the fellowship of the weekly meetings, he said.

"Carlton always helped set up for the weekly meetings. He always has a smile and is extremely consistent with his attendance. Carlton is always just being incredibly dedicated," said Tom Thompson.

He has served numerous roles throughout the years, including president, past president, vice president, president-elect and board member. Hardy has had perfect attendance for many years and even managed perfect attendance for 27 years straight.

"Carlton is generous in his donation of time and money. He is very dedicated to the overall membership," said Dr. Shay Purse.

Hardy has been married to Evelyn for 77 years and they have children Kent and Beth, grandchildren Brandi, Ryan, Caleb, Alyson and Ethan; and great-grandchildren Emma, Mary and Charlie.

Before his retirement in 1990, Carlton managed the Isaac Tire Center in Bryan for 20 years.

In addition, Carlton was elected the "False Irishman" in 1968 for his continuing service to the club. He is a Legion of Honor recipient, Bryan Parade "Grand Marshall" in 1955, and Kiwanian of the Year in 2001.

What advice would he give to someone considering joining the Kiwanis? "Come and visit, ask questions, and learn about the Kiwanis history," he said.





## What are you doing to celebrate Key Club's 100th?

**Every Kiwanis Club** which sponsors a Key Club should be thinking about what it can do to celebrate 100 years of Key Club! Key Club International's 100th birthday – a century of service, leadership and making a difference. The big day is March 23! We're inviting you to join the celebration! Here are some ways you can get involved:

Visit the centennial webpage at <https://www.keyclub.org/centennial/>. 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](https://www.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.

Together, we can make this centennial year unforgettable.

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

**RIGHT: Kiwanis Clubs in Licking County hosted a special 100th anniversary celebration in Newark March 4, when more than 65 people attended to commemorate this special year.**





## Madison Kiwanians share giving spirit

Kiwanis Club of Madison continues the spirit of giving in fulfillment of their mission, once again hosting a table at “The Taste of Madison” to meet community residents, and share the contributions Kiwanis makes to the community.

The highlight of the evening was presenting the annual Kiwanis \$300 donation to Madison Public Library for Gram’s Children’s Fund. The Children’s Fund program is designed to support and encourage children and families to read, learn, and expand their world. Kiwanis Club of Madison is proud to support this program.



At the club’s March meeting, a \$500 donation was made to End 68 Hours of Hunger. This program provides a weekend food bag for children; each bag contains enough food for seven meals. It is estimated that one in five children face 68 hours of hunger every weekend; through this contribution several children will not go hungry.

Planning is now under way for the eighth annual Father Daughter Dance, which will be held April 25 at 6:00 PM for K – 5th grades. The theme for this year’s dance is “Glow Party” that will have some new surprises for attendees.

Volunteers are welcome to help prepare the decorations on April 24th. As always, 100 percent of proceeds are reinvested back into our local community through various channels by Kiwanis of Madison.

Follow the club on Facebook @Kiwanisof44057 for event updates, raffle sneak-peaks, and other announcements.

Madison Kiwanis’ mission statement “To help make Madison a better community by making a positive impact on our residents and children” is demonstrated by the donations and community projects.

All are welcome to attend meetings at Brewstreaks on the first and third Wednesday of every month.





**AUGUST 1-3  
2025**

**Save the dates as we head to Niles  
for a weekend of Kiwanis learning,  
business & fellowship!**

# 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!

**Kiwanis of Lima Ohio**  
 ★ Rising contributor · February 26 at 5:52 PM



**YOUR NEWS NOW** / KIWANIS BUILDERS CLUB  
 HEIR FORCE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

HOMETOWNSTATIONS.COM

**Students strengthen character and leadership through Builders Club**  
 Welcome to the Heir Force Community School's "Builders Club" meeting, part of the Lima Kiw...

**Wellington Kiwanis**  
 February 21 at 9:49 AM

Bowling Green 42-year Kiwanian Congressman Bob Latta gets to enjoy a pancake breakfast with the Wellington Kiwanis rather than serve beverages at his home club's pancake days. Council President Gene Hartman and Beth Hannon are with Mr. Latta. He was greeted by club president Tess Reiland, president-elect Terry Mazzone, past president and Division 13 Lt. Governor Carol Burke, and treasurer Brian Burke.




**Kiwanis of Lima Ohio**  
 ★ Rising contributor · February 26 at 2:02 PM



**Kiwanis Builders Club**  
 February 24 at 10:30 AM

Show your Builders Club pride—tell everyone you know about Builders Club by spreading the word about it. It's easy! Wear Builders Club gear, host a party with f... See more

**Kiwanis of Lima Ohio**  
 ★ Rising contributor · February 26 at 3:17 AM

**Your Hometown Stations - Lima Ohio**  
 February 25 at 8:00 PM

Kiwanis Club's virtual pet contest benefits [Ohio SPCA & Humane Society Adoption Center](#), [Deb's Dogs](#), and [A Lotta Love Pet Rescue](#).



**YOUR NEWS NOW** / DONATIONS TO ASSIST ANIMAL AGENCIES  
 LIMA KIWANIS CLUB

HOMETOWNSTATIONS.COM

**Local animal rescues receive boost from Kiwanis Club's virtual pet contest**  
 The Lima Kiwanis Club has donated proceeds from their virtual pet contest to three local o...



# Berea inducts record number of new members

On a frigid on Feb. 18, the Berea Kiwanis Club warmed things up with a club record 15 new member inductees. This brought the total count since Oct. 1 to 19, with one more pending but was unable to make that meeting.

The meeting opened with short presentations from Tim Cornelius, a former Ohio Kiwanis governor, and Berea Mayor Cyril Kleem. Tim mentioned that in his 33-plus years in Kiwanis, he does not remember this many new members being inducted at one time.

Jeff Haas, Berea Kiwanis president, then handed over the induction process to President-Elect Terry Brennan. Terry proceeded to call up each inductee along with his or her Kiwanis sponsor.

Each sponsor introduced the new member to the club. Each member then shared why they chose to become a member and what they hoped to accomplish in the Berea Kiwanis Club. Each member was given a Kiwanis pin, a name badge, a hat and a certificate of membership.

The meeting concluded with Jeff Wayner, recruitment chairman, introducing each member of the Kiwanis recruitment committee. He explained he wouldn't have been able to accomplish such a wonderful event without the committee's contributions.

He also added that there are quite a few more prospective members who wish to join in the near future. Finally, at the end of the meeting, a photo shoot was conducted of this historical event.

To learn more about Berea Kiwanis, visit their [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page or reach out to [jeffwayner@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwayner@gmail.com).





## It's not too early to plan for convention!

Registration is open for the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh.

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

## Amy Zimmerman seeks support as KI Trustee

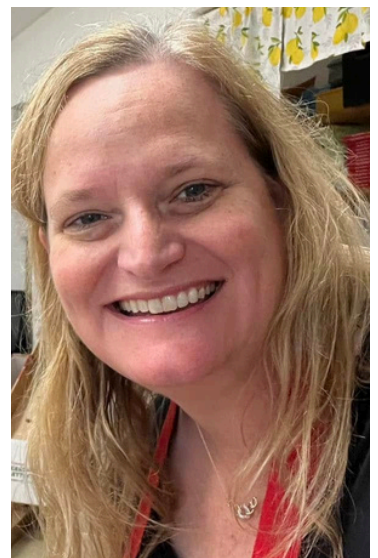
Amy Zimmerman is running for Trustee of Kiwanis International! Amy is a very qualified candidate and will represent the Ohio District very well.

She will work hard to serve all Kiwanians! To run a successful campaign, we need donations. The Ohio Past Governors are collecting donations for Amy's campaign.

Please send donations of any amount to: Ohio Past Governors, 7016 Waters Edge Drive, Dublin, OH 43016. Please make checks out to: Ohio Past Governors.

Thank you!

Craig Wallace, campaign chairman, Amy Zimmerman for Trustee





Several Ohio clubs have stepped up to be designed Impact Clubs. Are you ready?

**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/>

On a related note: Results are in for the Kiwanis Children's Fund's Day of Giving:

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is pleased to thank everyone who participated in our third annual Kiwanis Day of Giving. The work we do to help kids around the world through our grants cannot be done without support like yours.

On February 25 and 26, Kiwanians came together to raise **\$186,000**. We surpassed our goal of \$100,000 – and it will help Kiwanis reach more than 82,000 kids around the world.

Thanks to everyone who made a contribution!



# Welcome to the KI Family!



***Special congrats to the Kiwanis Club of Vandalia-Butler, which will host its Charter Celebration March 22!***

# Public Relations wins

We were alerted to some great public relations wins during the past month, including these newspaper articles covering Kiwanis activities in communities across Ohio!



## Having breakfast on Kiwanis Pancake Day

MARIETTA TIMES

The Marietta Kiwanis Club is celebrating its 69th annual Pancake Days, an event that has become a cherished tradition in the community.

Held as the club's primary fundraiser, the event brought together families, friends, and neighbors to enjoy a hearty meal while supporting a worthy cause Friday. ...

"Our organization has been in existence since 1922, and we've been hosting this event for a very long time," said Shoshanna Brooker, president of the Kiwanis Club of Marietta. ... "



(Photo by Gwen Sour) Attendees enjoy the food, country store and silent auction at the Marietta Kiwanis Club's 69th annual Pancake Days.



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Join us for two classes in March 2025, Carri J. Jagger, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator with the Morrow County OSU Extension Office will be presenting:

# BEES - BEES - BEES

CREATING POLLINATOR HABITATS

# &

# SEED STARTING

GETTING READY FOR THE GARDENING SEASON

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MARCH 13TH**



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Edison, OH 43320  
(419) 946-5900







# **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 Bulletin deadline for submissions**

**March 2025**

**3-7 Aktion Club Week**

**15 Ohio District Kiwanis Board Meeting, 4:30 pm, Quest Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio (Registration still open!)**

**14-16 Key Club Convention, Dublin, Ohio**

**May 16-17 Board Training for Lt. Governor Elects. Columbus, Ohio**

**23 ODKF Board Meeting at 3:00 pm via Zoom**

**23 Key Club 100th Anniversary!**

**30 Deadline for ODKF Board Application**

**31 Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Grant Deadline for May Approval**

**TBA Key Club Board Trainer**



## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**April 13, Circle K 'Spring Officers Training (SpOT) Conference at BGSU**

**June 25- 28, Kiwanis International Convention, Pittsburgh, PA**

**August 1-3, Ohio Kiwanis District Convention, Niles, OH**