Good evening to all **165 ICON attendees** from the Mighty Ohio District! We have officially made it to the week of Kiwanis International Convention - let the countdown begin!

We know that there are lots of questions and logistics involved for the week. Please read through this email for important information and consider bookmarking it or printing it for reference during convention.

# **CONVENTION DETAILS:**

We have a page on the <u>Ohio District Website</u> dedicated to ICON, <u>Kiwanis International</u> has their own page that requires you to log in with your Kiwanis credentials. You can find the program, schedule, and other useful information on these pages.

- **DATES:** Wednesday, June 25th Saturday, June 28th
- **LOCATION:** David L. Lawrence Convention Center (1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15222)
- **HOTEL:** Kimpton Hotel Monaco Pittsburgh (620 William Penn Pl, Pittsburgh, PA 15219)
  - o Check-In 4:00 PM | Check-out 11:00 AM
  - o Pet-friendly Hotel
  - Food & Beverage
    - The Commoner Restaurant Menu
      - Wednesday Thursday
        - o Breakfast 7:00AM 10:30AM
        - o Lunch 11:00AM 2:00PM
        - o Dinner 5:00PM 9:00PM
      - Friday
        - Breakfast 7:00AM 10:30AM
        - o Lunch 11:00AM 2:00PM
        - o Dinner 5:00PM 11:00PM
      - Saturday Sunday
        - o Brunch 8:30AM 1:30PM
        - o Dinner 5:00PM 11:00PM
    - Rooftop Biergarten Menu
      - Tuesday Thursday 5PM-9PM
      - Friday & Saturday 5PM-11PM
      - Sunday 12PM 6PM

### INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATE

We trust you all are aware that we have BIG NEWS for the Ohio District. Our very own, AMY ZIMMERMAN, will be campaigning to serve on the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees! This year, Ohio has the largest delegation of members attending - a first for our district. This means that registered delegates will have the chance, during the House of Delegates Saturday, to cast a vote for Amy to represent our district on the board over the next 3 years.

There are a number of ways to get involved with Amy's campaign throughout the week:

- Be sure to stop by campaign booth #39 to show your support during the following hours:
  - Wednesday: 3:00 PM 6:00 PM
  - o Thursday: 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
  - o Friday: 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
  - o Pick up your **Ohio delegate ribbon** and **red Amy campaign shirt** to wear:
    - Friday to Caucus
    - Friday at the (ticketed) baseball game
    - Saturday at the Annual Meeting/House of Delegates
- Attend the Kiwanis Children's Fund luncheon to support Amy as she is retired from the Board
  - o Thursday 11:30 AM
  - o Ticketed Event must be purchased in advance
- Sign up to volunteer at the booth by emailing Cindy Champer at cindychamper@aol.com
- Post-Election Celebration to celebrate the election of Amy Zimmerman to trustee
  - Saturday 3:00 5:00 PM
  - o Rialto Room, rooftop of the Kimpton Hotel
  - o There will be snacks and a cash bar
  - All are welcome to attend!
- Remember "Vote Amy Z for KI Trustee!"

# **DELEGATE INFORMATION**

- Ohio District Caucus
  - o Clemente Room on the first floor of the Kimpton Hotel
  - o Friday, 8:00 AM, doors will open at 7:45 AM
  - Check in with District Secretary, Robin, to receive your delegate card and/or get his signature on your form.
- House of Delegates (2025 Kiwanis International Annual Meeting)
  - Convention Center Hall A
  - o Meeting 9:00 AM 12:00 PM
    - Doors open at 8:30 AM
  - Follow signage for delegates vs. non-delegates seating

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

- When you arrive at the convention center, you don't need to check in. Your
  registration packet was recently mailed to you. The packet contains your name
  badge, lanyard, event tickets, delegate card (if applicable), tickets to trade for a free
  water bottle and tote bag, and a ticket to enter a daily door-prize drawing. Your name
  badge will be your ticket throughout convention. The convention program will be
  available to pick up onsite in Kiwanis Marketplace (Hall B).
- Stay up to date with the convention app
  - Don't miss a moment of the Kiwanis International convention when you're in Pittsburgh. Download our new convention app! You'll have workshop and event schedules, convention center maps, speaker bios and more at your fingertips. And you can connect with other attendees!
    - Using your smartphone, go to my.yapp.us/KIWANISCON25.
    - You'll be directed to download the Yapp app.
    - Open Yapp, and the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention app will be ready to go! (Use the same email address you used to register for convention.)
- To help prepare for the 2025 Kiwanis Annual Meeting, Executive Director Paul Palazzolo has recorded a "Report to Delegates" for you to watch before arriving in Pittsburgh. This presentation takes a detailed look at the financial highlights of the 2024-25 Kiwanis year.
- The Store and Convention Center are cashless
  - Neither the store nor any vendors at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center accept cash, so plan ahead!

# FRIDAY NIGHT FUN & BASEBALL GAME

ALL ARE INVITED to join us at the Kimpton Hotel's Rooftop Biergarten on Friday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. This will be an informal gathering where individuals may purchase a drink from the bar or just mingle with other Ohio District Kiwanians. For those who are going to the baseball game, we can leave from here to walk to the stadium together for the first pitch at 6:40 PM.

If you have purchased a ticket to the baseball game, you will receive a separate email with the subject line: "2025 ODK Baseball Tickets" from Event Coordinator, Mikayla Bisson (events@ohiokiwanis.org) with more information on how to pick up your tickets. If you do not receive this email by Sunday 6/22 at 11:59PM, please email her directly to inquire about the status of your tickets.

We are currently sold out of tickets to the baseball game, but if you are interested in joining our waitlist, please sign up <u>here</u>. We will contact you if anyone requests a refund for their tickets.