

June 2025



**Kiwanis**  
OHIO DISTRICT

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# THE BUCKEYE BULLETIN



**June blooms have bees to thank, and communities have Kiwanians to thank for their selfless volunteering!**

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# It's beginning to look a lot like summer!

**--By Gov. Kelly Brown**

Could it be true? Is Summer really happening? It's been a long and cloudy spring season, so I sure am ready for some fun in the sun!



I am excited to see green grass, leafy trees and bee-utiful flowers in bloom. Many of you have sent photos of your Pollinator Projects in progress; some are tiny little seedlings while others are fully mature plants. My own Kiwanis Club of Dayton just created a 500-square-foot Pollinator Garden at the entrance to the building where we meet. We opted for mature plants from a local nursery, so the garden is now full of native plants and the bees are happy! Remember, every pollinator habitat from a porch pot to a huge garden matters ... a baby bee only needs five flowers to thrive!

Governor's Pollinator Project Grants are still available at [ODKF.org](http://ODKF.org) so get your request in now!

In other summer news, we have a lot of things happening in the Kiwanis World. Our Kiwanis International Convention is just a few short weeks away in Pittsburgh. We will celebrate our successes, share service ideas, get inspired by amazing projects, and hear from inspirational speakers.

I was disappointed to hear Henry Winkler (The Fonz) had pulled out of the event but then I was super excited to hear Martin Sheen would be the new opening Keynote speaker. Did you know Martin is an Ohio native? He hails from my hometown of Dayton. He actually went to school with my dad at Chaminade High School, but he was known by his birth name of Ramon Estevez way back then. I'm sure he will do a great job sharing his passion for advocacy and service.



At ICON we will also elect our new leaders. I am sure all of you are routing for our own Amy Zimmerman in her run for International Trustee. Amy did an amazing job as resident of the Kiwanis Children's Fund so I know she will be a great trustee as she serves from A to Z (get it?).

BEE sure to get your OHIO RED campaign shirt at ICON and be part of Amy's Army!

I look forward to seeing lots of you in Pittsburgh!

But wait, that's not all. Once we catch our breath from the excitement of ICON, we will gear up for our Ohio District Convention! The first weekend of August, Niles, Ohio, is The Place to BEE for fellowship, fun, and food along with some district business.

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Friday night we will play SINGO...a combinations of music trivia and BINGO! I've never played but it seems like a lot of fun! Saturday will be chock full of activities. A morning round of workshops will help you grow as a servant leader and spread the good news about your club by word of mouth and through new technology.

Our Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will host its annual basket auction with a new twist: Art! So, this year you can outbid your buddies in the art and basket category while supporting a great cause.

In the afternoon, we will have a yummy lunch followed by free time to do more bidding, explore our exhibitors hall, or hang out with your Kiwanis family. In the afternoon we will hold our annual business session to review Kiwanis activities, elect our new leaders, and vote on any changes to our bylaws.

After a full day, we will gather in the evening to recognize our achievements and honor our Kiwanis leaders at the Governor's Banquet. After dinner, it's time to PARTY at the Governor's BEE-BOP BALL. Dance your heart out or chill with friends ... it's our time to celebrate each other.

Can't wait to BEE with you this summer!

***Governor Kelly Bee (Brown)***

*June is...  
National  
Pollinator  
Month*





## CALL TO CONVENTION:



**FRIDAY AUGUST 1 TO SUNDAY AUGUST 3**

**EASTWOOD EVENT CENTER IN NILES**

*CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (CLE)*

*ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING*

*WORKSHOPS*

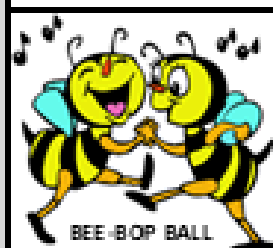
*BASKET AND ART AUCTION*

*INTERACTIVE K-FAMILY EXHIBITS*

*FUN, FRIENDS, AND FOOD!*



SATURDAY NIGHT  
GOVERNOR'S BANQUET  
AND...



**REGISTER AND BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW AT:**

[District Convention – Ohio District of Kiwanis International](#)



## **Official Call to the 107th Ohio District Convention**

May 30, 2025

TO: District Officers, Lt. Governors, Lt. Governors-Elect, Past District Officers, District Chairs, Club Secretaries, Club Presidents

I. In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International Bylaws, official notice is hereby given that the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International will be held at the Eastwood Event Centre, 5555 Youngstown Warren Road, Niles, Oh 4446 from August 1-3, 2025

II. In accordance with Article VI, Section 6, of the District Bylaws, each chartered club in good standing in the district shall be entitled to seat up to three (3) Delegates, two (2) of whom should be the President and the President-Designate.

Three (3) Delegates and the (3) Alternates of each club must be certified to the District Secretary by the president and secretary of said club, using the Certificate of Election of Delegates and Alternates form. The deadline is July 15, 2025. A paper copy is included, or delegates can submit online at <https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/delegate-certification/>

Candidate bios will be included in the July 2025 Buckeye Bulletin.

III. All Resolutions to be presented at said convention should be emailed to the District Chair of the Resolutions Committee, Craig Wallace, [ohiocatfan@gmail.com](mailto:ohiocatfan@gmail.com), thirty (30) days prior to the convention, or no later than July 1, 2025.

ALSO:

I. Early reservation is highly recommended as room blocks are limited at each of the three hotels. Due to contract requirements, registrations are due by 11:59 pm on July 15, 2025.

Booking Deadlines for convention rates at hotels are as follows:

Fairfield Inn: June 28

Residence Inn: July 1

Hampton Inn: July 18

I. There is an opportunity to be involved in and support the District Convention through program advertisements and convention sponsorships. Please see the Link below and visit the district website page for more information.

[Link to Convention Sponsorship/Exhibit Tables](#)





## Foundation offers creative way to generate funds

This year at the Ohio District Convention, the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is organizing a brand-new way to support the Foundation: an Art Auction, happening alongside our traditional Foundation basket raffle.

Do you have a piece of art you'd love to see benefit the Foundation? Organizers are looking for donations of art to make this auction a success.

If you have artwork you'd like to contribute, send the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation a Facebook message, and organizers will send you all the details on how to donate. Art can be brought in Friday afternoon at DCON. Or contact Tom Bollenbacher ([tbollen@windstream.net](mailto:tbollen@windstream.net)), 330-685-2747 if you need further assistance.

Let's make this year's convention even more impactful and creative! We can't wait to see the wonderful art that our Kiwanis family will share.

## Basket room seeks donations for DCON auction

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation once again will be hosting a basket/art room - for the purpose of a "silent auction" at the upcoming District Convention, this August.

Our purpose is to raise vital funds to help the foundation to thrive. We rely on the generosity of our members to make this event a success.

We're seeking donations of exciting items to be included in our "silent auction," and we're hoping you might consider donating either a piece of art or a beautifully crafted gift basket! A themed basket filled with delicious treats, cozy accessories, reflects the Governor's project or even curated experiences could be a real winner.



AWANS

Your donation will not only contribute to our cause but also provide a memorable experience for the event attendees. Plus, it's a fantastic way to show your support for ODKF and make a real difference in the lives of kids and young people which of course, we support.

To donate, bring your gift basket or piece of art to DCON or for pickup arrangements, contact either Gail Keaton (614-395-7126) or Marla Marsh (513-376-3682).

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to ODKF and our mission; to raise, manage, and distribute funds to support the programs of Ohio District Kiwanis Family organizations, aiming to improve the lives of children and families in Ohio.

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Basket Room Committee

**Gail Keaton, Chair**

**Marla Marsh, Vice Chair**

# ODK DCON PRE-GAME FUN

Join Governor Kelly and your Kiwanis Friends for a Fun-Filled Day of Golf or Pickleball as we Kick-Off DCON Weekend!



**Thursday July 31**

**GOLF** Tee Times  
11:20 TO 12:30

**\$86 Per Player which includes cart!**

*There is a golf attire requirement for this course.*



**Squaw Creek Country Club**

761 Youngstown Kingsville Rd. Vienna, OH 44473

[www.avalongcc.com](http://www.avalongcc.com)

**PICKLEBALL**

2 Courts at Squaw Creek

**Time 2:00-4:00**

**\$15 Per Player for 2 Hours**

Please make Golf and Pickleball checks to:

Warren Kiwanis Club

Mail to Randy Beard

41 Evans St. Niles, OH 44446

**The last day to register is July 18th**

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ PB or Golf

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_ PB or Golf

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_ PB or Golf

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_ PB or Golf

**List individual players or a golf team of four**

Circle  
Choice



Questions??

Contact

Randy Beard

330-509-1527

[randy.beard@saswealth.com](mailto:randy.beard@saswealth.com)

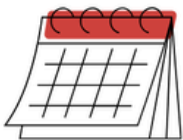




# ARE YOU READY?

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HELP YOU HELP YOUR CLUBS

**Mike Rudolph, Judy and Bob Raub**  
INSTRUCTORS



**JULY 12, 2025**



**BATAVIA "ARMORY"**  
65N. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
BATAVIA OH 45103



**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



Light Refreshments  
Available

**SAVE MY SEAT!**

**RSVP:**

jraub919@aol.com; 717.917.2741  
mrudo200@aol.com; 513-254-5466

Club Leadership Education session will also be held 1:00 to 5:00 on Friday, Aug. 1,  
as part of Ohio Kiwanis District Convention at Eastwood Event Center in Niles.



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# Madison club honors students for service

Key Club International, founded in 1925, is the oldest and largest service program for high school students.

Often referred to as simply Key Club, it is a student-led organization with a goal to encourage leadership through serving others.

Each year the Kiwanis Club of Madison recognizes Key Club members who carry out its mission, which is to serve the children of the world. Madison High School student members of Key Club who go above and beyond to perform acts of service in the communities receive this Service Award.

Madison Kiwanis was proud to award this year's Service Award to Madison High School Key Club members Ariona Cline and Abbey Rodenhausen, who performed a combined 176 hours of volunteer community service.

This remarkable service to the community included organizing blood drives, collecting toiletry drive for the Care Closet, creating and running a teacher stocking drive, volunteering at the Father Daughter Dance, and helping with many other community member events.

These young women are always there to help with a smile and the first to volunteer, no matter what the task. They truly live the key club motto: "Caring – Our way of Life."

In addition to the Service Award, Madison Kiwanis also recognized the club's sponsorship and involvement in the annual 5K Red Bird run, which had 116 runners participating in this year's event.

Madison Kiwanis continues to support the youth of our community from road race sponsorship to replacing the "little Library," we are a small club doing big things.

**Northern  
Kiwanis Club  
honors two  
students  
with  
scholarships**





# Eble earns Litwack Leadership Award

Kiwanis International and its International Key Club announced that Ohio Key club advocate and adviser Jeff Eble has been named recipient of this year's Marc H. Litwack Leadership award.

Now in its fourth year, this award honors former Key Club members who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and made significant contributions to their professions and communities.

The award honors the legacy of Marc Litwack -- a former KI Governor, Circle K International and Key Club international leader -- by celebrating alumni who exemplify personal growth, service and a commitment to excellence. These traits shape leaders while encouraging prospective members, and the award also reinforces the importance of service and leadership as cornerstone of personal and community success.



During the 1970-71 school year, Jeffrey Eble was an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Medina High School. He became one of the first Medina HS Key club charter members, and then went onto to serve during his senior year as his club's second treasurer -- all before graduation -- then attended the University of Akron before returning to Medina City Schools to serve as its business manager.

Eble has served as a member of the Ohio District Kiwanis committee on Key Club for the past 19 years, the first 18 of which he served as assistant administrator for Zone G, mentoring the Key Club Lt. Governors; serving as lead adviser for the annual district convention; and also serving as lead adviser for the annual International tour.

For the past 21 years, Eble has served the Ohio District of Key Club as district administrator, and is the longest serving Key Club District Administrator in Ohio Kiwanis history.

"Mr. Eble exemplifies the most important experience Key Club hopes to give its members: empowering leadership," said Olufemi Odiah, 2024-25 Key Club governor for Ohio.

"When I served as Lt. Governor, I worked closely with Mr. Eble as Fall Rally chair. ...I can confidently say that such an achievement would not have been possible without his expertise and strategic planning," said Rhea Pasuleti, ODKCI Immediate Past Governor.

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“Mr. Eble has always ensured our district board could continue our creativity while being able to develop our leadership and organizational skills.”

“I first met Jeff Eble in 1996 as a newly elected Key Club Lt. Governor,” said past Ohio Gov. Jamie Kaufman. “While Eble was not my Zone Administrator, he took a genuine interest in all of the student leaders on the board and worked to mentor each of us. ... He is as engaged today as he has ever been. He has provided that guiding hand and stable presence that helped Ohio Key club navigate the challenges faced by the global COVID-19 pandemic.”

Eble joins the following prestigious past leaders to receive this award -

\*2022 - Bill Nelson, 1959-60 Key club international president

\*2023 - Sue Petrisin, 1979-80 Key club governor

\*2024 - Scott Sims, 1983-84 Key club governor

As recipient, Eble will now attend the 2025 Key Club international convention in Orlando and will also teach a course for the Global Leadership certificate program and serve on the 2026 Nomination committee.

His award will be presented at the KCI convention leadership convention luncheon July 4. Register here: <https://keyclubalumni.Kiwanis.org/e/2025-key-club-international-convention/alumni-events>.

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## **Sponsors still needed to make DCON a success**

For the Ohio District team to make its annual District Convention financially viable, and keep costs down for attendees, sponsors play a key role.

If you, your club or your division would like to support the district in this way, by becoming a sponsor, please start by visiting the web site <https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/2024-dcon-sponsorship/> to review sponsorship benefits and the level that works for you.

Also, if you know of a business or vendor who might want to support Kiwanis efforts – and get their brand in front of hundreds of service-minded volunteers who are well-connected in their communities – please point them to that web site or have them contact the district staff and we will work on getting those potential supporters on board!



# VOTE AMY ZIMMERMAN FOR KIWANIS TRUSTEE

*Forging the Future - Pittsburgh, PA 2025*



## Inspire • Engage • Achieve

Together let's build a stronger, more vibrant Kiwanis International, where every member is empowered, engaged, and inspired to uplift our communities, united in our mission to serve the children.

### A LITTLE ABOUT AMY

*In Key Club, Amy discovered her lifelong dedication to serving the children of the world. With a unique ability to break barriers through collaboration and thoughtful leadership, Amy unites people to build a better future. As a Past Governor and Past Kiwanis Children's Fund President, Amy has made leadership her life's mission, tirelessly working to create meaningful change.*



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

The Possibility Project continues! The current 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 [\\_kiwanis.org/category/kiwanis-childrens-fund/](https://www.kiwanis.org/category/kiwanis-childrens-fund/)

The campaign has generated \$7.9 million in donations and pledges so far, with \$1.6 million coming from the Midwest Region including \$320,457 from Ohio clubs.

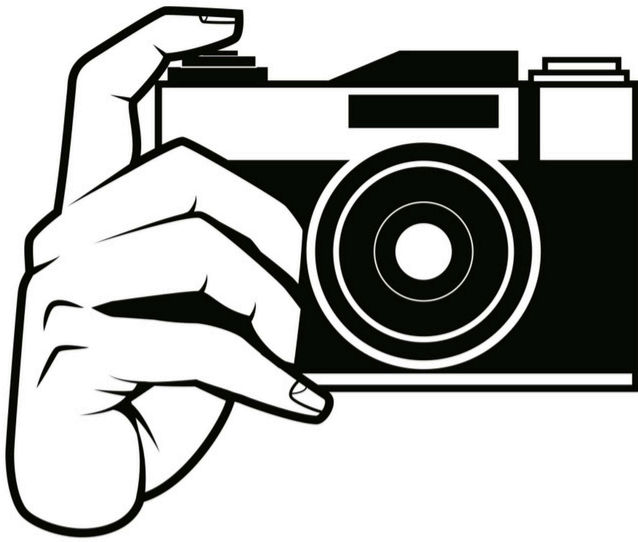
## Bees come in many shapes and sizes

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Willard recently organized several games for children during the Willard Spring Festival in May.

While attending and volunteering at the event, members were treated to a visit from Bumblebee, known from the *Transformer* movies.







2025 Ohio District Kiwanis

# Photography Contest

Sponsored by Ohio District K-Kids

*Send us your best photographs of Flowers, Gardens and Pollinators!*

## Rules and Instructions:

1. Each person can submit 2 digital photographs of Flowers, Gardens and/or Pollinators to support the District Pollinator Project.
2. The photos must be original and by the person submitting.
3. If people are included in the photo, please have them sign the Kiwanis Photo Release.
4. Email each photograph separately to Jennifer Lewis at [OhioKKids@gmail.com](mailto:OhioKKids@gmail.com) and include in the subject line "Pollinator Photo Contest." Include in the email your name, club name, location (city) and phone number.
5. Winners will be announced at the Ohio District Convention. Participants do not need to be present to win. Select photographs will be displayed at the conference..
6. Winners will receive gift cards and recognition in the Buckeye Bulletin.
7. Deadline to submit is August 1, 2025 at midnight.

*Sponsored by Ohio K-Kids and PR Committee for Gov. Kelly Brown's Pollinator Project.*



# The Governor's Travels

Our Ohio District Governor puts on plenty of miles throughout the year, so Gov. Kelly Brown can be hard to track down. But we'll do our best to share some of the highlights of her travels right here in your Buckeye Bulletin.





# 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 posts and add your club's activities! We can learn from each other and better serve the youth in our communities.



**Kiwanis of Lima Ohio**  
6 days ago · 🌐

During the recent Lima Senior Convocation Terrionna Bagley (L) and Rachel Fronzaglia (R) were presented with Service Leadership Program Scholarships in recogni... [See more](#)

**Jamie Kaufman**  
4 days ago · 🌐

Great job Sunshine Aktion Club and Kevin Whitlatch!



13ABC.COM  
**Sunshine Community honors veterans**  
Memorial Day is about honor, service and sacrifice. Now, a new tradition is ensuring patriotism...

**East Toledo-Oregon Kiwanis Club**  
May 21 at 8:05 PM · 🌐



**Wellington Kiwanis**  
May 9 at 11:40 AM · 🌐

The Kiwanis Club of Wellington held its annual end of the school year picnic at the Wellington Recreation Park to salute the work of Wellington High's Key Club, McCormick Middle School's Builders' Club and Westwood Elementary's K-Kids. With Kiwanians and advisors, we had about 90 people enjoy the picnic on a chilly morning. The fire department and ambulance squad cooked the hot dogs. A true community effort. We also had President Elect Terry Mazzone present one of our scholar... [See more](#)



**Kiwanis Club Of Shelby Ohio**  
May 22 at 4:56 PM · 🌐

Here are some photographs from our visit at the Shelby High School yesterday. Congratulations to the lucky winners! [Ohio District Kiwanis](#) [Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation](#)





## **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

### **June 2025**

14 Ohio District Board meeting, 9 a.m. via Zoom

30 ODKF Grant Deadline for August Approval

30 ODKF Mini Grant Deadline for July Approval

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

Aug. 1-3, Ohio Kiwanis District Convention, Niles, OH

Sept. 20, 2025-26 District Installation, Kettering, OH







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# Strawberry Festival



**JUNE 12-14**

**Kirtland Schools on Route 306**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**EVERY DAY:**

**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKES, SUNDAES AND SUPREMES • CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES**  
**RIDES and GAMES by LSKO FAMILY MIDWAYS • MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT: D.J. JOHNNY SCIULLA** (Sponsored by K&D)  
**KIDDIE LAND ENTERTAINMENT** (Sponsored by Smolic Machine) • **CONTESTS • CRAFTER AND COMMERCIAL AREA**  
**PONY RIDE • PHOTO OP AREA • DUNK TANK** (Sponsored by Down the Block and Rimeco Products)  
**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE EATING CONTESTS** (Sponsored by Angelos Pizzeria)  
**KIWANIS LEMONADE** (Sponsored by Sams Team /Howard Hanna, and Dr. J.Bailey D.D.S.)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12 5:00-10:00PM

**5:00 pm** OPENING CEREMONIES  
**5:30 pm** STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE EATING CONTEST  
**6:00 pm** TRIVIA CONTEST  
 (Sponsored by Steven DiFranco Jewelers)  
**7:00-close** MUSIC BY BILLY MARCH

### FRIDAY, JUNE 13 3:00-11:00PM

#### MAIN STAGE

**3:00-4:00 pm** SALSA DANCING and LESSONS

#### KIDDIE LAND STAGE

**4:30-5:30 pm** Jungle Terry (Sponsored by Kirtland Sunoco)

**6:30 pm** PARADE - Assembles at 5:30 pm  
 (Sponsored by The Well and Kirtland Veterinary Clinic )  
[www.kirtlandkiwanis.org/parade](http://www.kirtlandkiwanis.org/parade)

**3:00-8:00pm** DJ  
**7:15 pm** STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE EATING CONTEST  
**8:00-Close** MUSIC by ULTERIOR MOTIVE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14 Noon-11:00PM

**12:00-8:00 pm** ROBOTICS CLUB DEMONSTRATION in KES Gym  
 (Sponsored by Yert Insurance)  
**1:00-3:00 pm** SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST  
 (Sponsored by Molly Maids)

#### KIDDIE LAND STAGE

**12:00-2:00 pm** SWIFTY THE CLOWN: BALLOON TWISTER  
 (Sponsored by State Farm Lori Smul)

**4:00-6:00 pm** MAGICIAN Show begins at 5:00PM  
 (Sponsored by J-Mar Construction)

#### MAIN STAGE

**1:00-4:00 pm** MUSIC by JUSTIN GERACI  
**5:00 pm** STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE EATING CONTEST  
**6:00 pm** MISS KIRTLAND CONTEST (Sponsored by Tavern Six)  
**7:00-Close** MUSIC by BAD BETTY

#### FOOTBALL STADIUM

**8:00-8:45PM** RUDY RUETTIGER: Motivational Speaker  
 and former football player at the University of Notre Dame

**SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE GRANT FROM**



**INFORMATION: MIKE SAMS (216-244-7335) • [www.kirtlandkiwanis.org/strawberryfestival](http://www.kirtlandkiwanis.org/strawberryfestival)**

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## Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation 68<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing

July 17, 2025 - Raintree Golf & Event Center, 4350 Mayfair Road, Uniontown, OH. [Shotgun start](#) at 9:30am.

Cost \$90.00 per player includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes, and dinner.

Open to entire Kiwanis family and friends.

Sponsorships available.

**Register or become a sponsor online at [ODKF.org](https://odkf.org). Look for the scrolling golf outing sponsorship and registration links to appear.** Questions, please contact Bill Flinta (330-801-6225) or Dave Kuhn (330-730-6254) or e-mail them at [golf@odkf.org](mailto:golf@odkf.org).

**Hope to see you on the course in July!**



# Pitch in to save our history

*By Cindy Champer*

Are you interested in helping save our Ohio Kiwanis history? Please tune in, because at our upcoming district convention, you will have several opportunities to do so.

First, come to our “Save Our Kiwanis History” booth, with several ways to participate:

\*Donate gently used Kiwanis merchandise, and you can put your name in the drawing box; prizes to be presented most likely at Saturday night’s dinner

\*All funds raised will SUPPORT GOV. KELLY’S “BEE” project, which in itself is a great opportunity to help save the pollinators, the environment and more. You get the idea.!

Second, come to our “Save Our Kiwanis History” booth – Yes, same as above! Bring your club or division written ideas for how you are preserving and saving part of Ohio Kiwanis history and put in a second drawing box. Again, winners will be drawn at some time during the convention and prizes will be awarded.

Third, Gov. Kelly & Governor-elect Marcia, are planning to have a work day to clean out our Ohio District storage bin. Some items may be sold to support our Governors Project.

Turn this into an Interclub opportunity with your SLP members and other Kiwanians, it’s all a great time for fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.



## Aktion Club members enjoy sweet volunteering opportunity

Leaders of the Aktion Club of Licking County were busy helping and selling strawberry-themed cookies during the Newark Strawberry Festival.

The extremely active club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Granville, Heath and Newark.

# District hosts training for new Lt. Governors

*By Gov.-elect Marcia Copeland Hudson*

The 2025-26 Ohio District Kiwanis Lieutenant Governors completed their training weekend last month in Central Ohio.

Ensuring that leaders are well-trained is part of the Kiwanis' mission, because all children and communities deserve effective and passionate leaders willing to make a positive difference.

So, Kiwanis International and the Ohio District make resources available in many ways throughout the year, including in-person training, continuing education opportunities at events such as Mid-Year Education Weekend and District Convention, and on-line tutorials.

The training was held in Columbus May 16-17. Attendees heard from both District and Kiwanis International leaders, who explained the role of the Lt. Governor in great detail.

The Lt. Governors represent the Ohio District Kiwanis Governor and the statewide Ohio District in 19 geographical divisions around Ohio.

The new class of Lt. Governors officially take office Oct. 1, the same day the new Kiwanis year begins.

Pictures from the weekend are shared here.

