

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:30 – 10:15 AM

ROUND 1 WORKSHOPS

**Ritz 2 - "Partnering for Purpose: Leave a legacy with our service leadership programs"** -- The future of Kiwanis begins with the students we serve today. In this session discover practical strategies for mentorship, shared service projects, and sustainable engagement. Whether you're starting fresh or strengthening existing ties, this session will equip your club with practical tools and meaningful messaging to grow with the next generation. Learn how to support SLPs the right way -- to not only energize your club but also inspire lifelong commitment to the Kiwanis mission.

**Speakers:** Dr. Willie Heggins III, executive director of the Heir Force Academy with Ohio District Key Club Governor Parth Rajput and Ohio District Circle K Governor Ella Powell

**Warner - "Unlocking our Potential: Building trust, honesty and respect for a stronger Kiwanis club through a DEIB lens"**

-- Participants will engage in discussion regarding a recipe for creating a Kiwanis club environment that reflects trust, honesty and respect. This interactive session will allow participants to take part in a fun, quick activity that encourages open, honest communication and helps people get to know each other, fostering trust and rapport.

**Speakers:** Marla M. Marsh and Monica M. Marsh

**Packard - "First Timers' Encounter"**

-- An exclusive session for First Time Attendees Only.

**Speaker:** Governor Kelly Brown and other district leaders will guide you through the fundamentals of District convention and all things Ohio Kiwanis. Includes an Ask Anything Q&A session. Join Governor Kelly as she brings her customary energy and enthusiasm to the task of helping you get the most from BEE-ing here!

**Idora - "Make an Impact!"** -- Learn how your club can help change the lives of millions of children around the world through the Kiwanis Children's Fund's newest campaign, The Possibility Project"

**Speaker:** Craig Smith, Kiwanis Children's Fund Champion



**Packard - "The AI Advantage: Next Steps"**

-- Welcome to the 21-Century of Artificial Intelligence. Don't forget to bring your laptops!

**Speaker:** George Garrett is the principal at Mathews High School in Vienna, Ohio. This session provides a practical introduction to using artificial intelligence to elevate your Kiwanis projects. You will learn how to leverage Google's AI tools, Gemini and Notebook LM, to streamline every stage of project management. Discover how to use Gemini to instantly brainstorm ideas, create detailed action plans, and draft communications for volunteers and sponsors. We will also demonstrate how Notebook LM can turn your meeting minutes and past project files into a searchable knowledge hub, giving you instant answers and insights. By mastering these tools, you can significantly reduce administrative time and focus more of your energy on what truly matters: serving the community

**Idora - "Every Member Matters: Engaging Every Kiwanis Member for Impact"**

-- Every Kiwanis club thrives when its members feel connected, valued, and inspired to contribute. Whether a member has been part of Kiwanis for 10 years or just one month, we'll explore how to set all members up for success through meaningful service, impactful meetings, and intentional engagement. Join us as we focus on retention through engagement—because when members thrive, clubs grow.

**Speakers:** KI Area Director Emily Saalfrank and KI Trustee Scott Sims

**Warner - "Berea: Our Rock Stars in Membership!"**

--The club's new recruitment program has greatly expanded the membership roster this year. Learn the full story - "soup to nuts" - of how Berea Kiwanis took its membership program to greater heights!

**Speakers:** Jeff Haas and Jeff Wayner of Berea Kiwanis Club.

**Ritz 2 - "Club Advised Funds (CAF)"**

--This is the second of the two meetings the Foundation holds for CAF Clubs to get an update on the funds and the performance of their assets, as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

**Speakers:** ODKF Committee Chair Rita Corbin and Treasurer Travis Humphrey



**Packard - "Tabling your Events: How to maximize the Kiwanis message in a public exhibit"**

--Find out how to organize your table to enhance visibility and attract new members. Learn how to heighten awareness of your organization's mission and foster potential growth.

**Speaker:** KI Area Director Emily Saalfrank

**Idora - "We Are Family"**

**Speakers:** Governor-Elect Marcia Copeland Hudson along with Larry D. Hudson and Hannah Riley present the 2025-2026 First Family Project - an effort to support families with seriously-ill children. Learn how we can harness the power of Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians throughout Ohio to support the work of two organizations that help - Make-A-Wish Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Charities - through fundraising and volunteer service grow.

**Warner - "Momentum for Membership: Real Ideas to Grow Your Club"**

-- Ready to grow your club and bring new energy to your members? Walk away with tips, fresh strategies, and creative approaches to attracting and inviting members who are excited to serve. Whether your club is looking to bounce back or build existing momentum, you'll leave with the motivation to put it into motion. Growth doesn't happen by accident--let's make it happen together.

**Speaker:** KI Trustee Scott Sims

**Ritz 2 - "Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation in Action"**

--Learn how the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation benefits Kiwanis clubs and supports service projects with grants throughout the Ohio District.

**Speaker:** ODKF President Michael Rudolph

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Dr. Willie Heggins III** -- *Executive Director, Heir Force Community School (Lima, OH)*

Dr. Heggins is very busy this summer as the charter school he runs, Heir Force Community School, moves out of space owned by a church and moves into renovated buildings nearby. He has extensive experience as a mentor for youth, and is a strong backer of Kiwanis service leadership programs, including Builder's Club.

**Ella Powell** -- *Ohio District Circle K Governor*

Ella begins her senior year this fall at Baldwin-Wallace University, where she studies physical therapy, biology and sports medicine. Already hard at work as a personal trainer at five recreation centers, Ella also serves a number of campus organizations, including Dance Marathon, which holds BW's largest fundraiser aimed at finding a cure for pediatric HIV/AIDS.

**Parth Rajput** -- *Ohio District Key Club Governor*

This fall Parth enters his senior at the Dayton Regional STEM School. This is his fourth year in Key Club, and third year serving on the OHKC District Board. Parth loves playing racket sports, including tennis, ping-pong, and pickleball. His favorite service projects are his school's blood drive, food packing for the Lesotho Nutrition Initiative, and anything related to the Thirst Project.

**Marla M. Marsh, M.Ed.**

**Educational Background:** Marla is an educator who retired from the Middletown (OH) City School District in 2014 following a 30-year career. Within the district she served in the following capacities: teacher and principal (elementary and middle school experience). Marla is currently an adjunct instructor at Ashland University and the University of Dayton.

**Kiwanis Experience:** Marla has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Middletown since March 2013 and is the current president. Marla is also a charter member of the Greater Loveland Kiwanis Club (Loveland chartered 2.20.25). She serves on the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation board, is chairperson of Governor Kelly's project, and is a member of the DEIB committee for the Ohio District.

**Honors and Awards:** Marla, who has served as president twice before, is a past Distinguished Club President, Past Lieutenant Governor for the 5th Division (2018 and 2019) and a Hixson Award recipient.



**Monica M. Marsh, M.Ed.**

**Educational Background:** Monica retired in 2013 as an educator with Butler Technology Career Development Schools (Hamilton, OH). Her career in education included the roles of teacher, elementary school principal, high school principal and supervisor of special services. Monica is currently an adjunct instructor at Ashland University and the University of Dayton.

**Kiwanis Experience:** Mónica has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Middletown since March 2013 and is the immediate past president. Monica is also a charter member of the Greater Loveland Kiwanis Club (Loveland chartered 2.20.25). She volunteers on the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation board, is chairperson of the DEIB committee for the Ohio District.

**Honors and Awards:** Monica is a past Distinguished Club President and is the incoming Lieutenant Governor for Division "E" – the Queen City division (2025-2026) and is a Hixson Award recipient.

Both Marla and Monica have co-authored publications and two curricula which focus on Cultural Competency and Character Education. They also are very experienced in Leadership Development and have co-authored 10 participant modules on the subject. Although they are retired from education, they are very much involved in teaching, serving as consultants for Did You Know Publishing, Inc. – Cincinnati, OH. They have presented on the local, state and national level on multiple occasions.

**Kelly Brown --ODK Governor 2024-2025**

Kelly is a native of Dayton and a graduate of Wright State University where she earned a B.A. in Organizational Communication. She has worked in mission driven organizations for over two decades.

Her K-Family experience started with the Kiwanis Club of Dayton in 1998 where she has served in myriad leadership roles as well as hands-on service. Her most recent passion is with her Governor's project, Bee A Hero; it's a program to encourage Kiwanians to grow native pollinator gardens at home or in their community to help provide natural habitats for bees in peril. Kelly is now serving in a full-time volunteer position as ODK Governor and is honored to be the leader of 5600 adults and over 10,000 students in the Ohio Kiwanis family. She resides in Kettering with her husband, Larry, and their two fur babies. She is a Christ follower and people lover. Her faith gives her the courage to help those who cannot help themselves, like children and animals. Kelly finds balance in the practice of yoga, solace in daily doggie walks and she stays grounded in gardening and bee watching.



**Craig Smith** --*Kiwanis Children's Fund Champion*

Craig Smith is one of the Ohio District's Champions for the Kiwanis Children's Fund. He is currently secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus, which serves Upper Arlington, Grandview Heights, and Marble Cliff. Craig is a past president of the club, has served as Division 10W Lt. Governor, was Ohio District chair for the KI Children's Fund, and is a past Ohio District Governor. Craig holds a degree in Earth Sciences from The Ohio State University and served for more than 30 years as an Environmental Specialist with the State of Ohio prior to his retirement in 2021. He and past First Lady Laura live in Upper Arlington.

**George Garrett** -- *Educator*

George is the principal at Mathews High School in Vienna, Ohio, where he has dedicated more than two decades to serving the school community. His extensive experience at Mathews includes roles as a teacher, coach, and administrator. George began his career in education as a language arts teacher before becoming a technology educator, sharing his expertise with junior high and high school students as well as adults through evening programs at the Trumbull Independent Public Libraries.

**Emily Saalfrank** --*KI Area Director*

Emily serves Area Director serving the Northeast Region at Kiwanis International. She's no stranger to the Ohio District, where she has presented numerous training sessions. Emily brings experience from her previous roles at Kiwanis International, Sigma Kappa Sorority and Edfinancial Services. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in French Studies from East Tennessee State University.

**Scott Sims** -- *KI Trustee*

Scott is beginning the second year of a three-year term as Kiwanis International Trustee for the United States and Pacific Canada regions of Kiwanis. A lawyer from Birmingham, AL, Scott was recognized as a Distinguished Governor of Alabama during the 2021-2022 Kiwanis year, among a number of other awards. He began his service to Kiwanis International in 2022, when he became area coordinator for North America.

**Jeff Haas** --*Berea Kiwanis Club*

Jeff Haas is the current president of the Berea Kiwanis Club. He also served as President during the 2018-19 club year and was Division 24 Lt. Governor during 2022-23.





**Jeff Wayner** --*Berea Kiwanis Club*

Jeff Wayner joined Berea Kiwanis Club in April, 2023. He volunteered to chair the membership recruitment effort in October, 2024. He's currently running for a seat on the club's board of directors.

**George Garrett** is the principal at Mathews High School in Vienna, Ohio, where he has dedicated more than two decades to serving the school community. His extensive experience at Mathews includes roles as a teacher, coach, and administrator. George began his career in education as a language arts teacher before becoming a technology educator, sharing his expertise with junior high and high school students as well as adults through evening programs at the Trumbull Independent Public Libraries.

**Rita Corbin** -- *Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Club Advised Funds Committee Chair*

Rita Corbin has been a member of the Gahanna Kiwanis Club since 1997. She has served as Kiwanis advisor to the Gahanna Lincoln Key Club and has served as Gahanna Kiwanis Club president twice and served four terms as Lieutenant Governor of Division 10-S. She has served on the Finance and Structure committee and as president of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. Ms. Corbin served as a multi-divisional chair for the Maternal Neonatal Tetanus project, has joined new club building efforts, and has received numerous Kiwanis awards.

**Travis Humphrey** --*Treasurer, Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation*

Travis Humphrey has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Circleville since 1986 and is a charter member of the I-Next Kiwanis Club, an Ohio internet-based club. His Kiwanis journey began even earlier through active participation in Key Club and Circle-K in the Florida District. Travis has held numerous leadership roles, including club president and treasurer of both the I-Next and Circleville Kiwanis Clubs. He currently serves as treasurer of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and the Past Lt. Governors Association. Travis is in his 26th year as treasurer of the Circleville club and 11th year with I-Next. He is also a past Lt. Governor of Division 10S and former Ohio Kiwanis District Treasurer. Honored as a "Bird Bird" and inducted into the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame, Travis exemplifies steadfast dedication to Kiwanis ideals and youth-focused service.

**Marcia Copeland Hudson** -- *ODK Governor 2025-2026*

Marcia is a former video production company partner and television newscast director. She holds a degree in organizational management from Wilberforce University and has been active in Kiwanis leadership at the club, division and district level for nearly ten years. The 2025-2026 First Family Project was inspired by Marcia and husband Larry's journey through the fatal illness of their daughter Lauren Diane Hudson.



**Larry D. Hudson** -- *First Gentleman 2025-2026*

(Co-Chair, First Family Project)

Larry was a video production company partner, writer and presenter. A former television and radio reporter, producer and newscaster, Larry earned journalism degrees from Ohio University and The Ohio State University, and has served Kiwanis as club secretary, club president, club foundation president and Lt. Governor. He's grateful to Make-A-Wish Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Charities and hopes to inspire Kiwanians to lend support to both.



**Hannah Riley** -- *Secretary, Kiwanis Connected Club (Co-Chair, First Family Project)*

Hannah is a rising leader in Ohio District Kiwanis. A former Key Club and Circle K officer (who served two terms as Circle K International Trustee), Hannah is a pediatric cardiac ICU nurse working at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio's largest. She was attracted to the field after spending considerable time as a child patient herself in the same children's hospital where she now helps young patients.

**Michael Rudolph**

Mike joined the Oxford Kiwanis Club in 1997, joining one year after his son Matthew was born. Mike has been a leader in his Club and in the Ohio District. Mike has served as Oxford Kiwanis Club president, Kiwanis Advisor to K Kids and Builders Club, chartering the first of three K-Kids Clubs that the Oxford Kiwanis Club sponsors. Mike has also been the Chartering Organization Representative to the local Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scouts Troop that his club sponsors. In the 5th Division, Mike has been a 4-time Lieutenant Governor, twice as a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor and was Class President during his 3rd year.

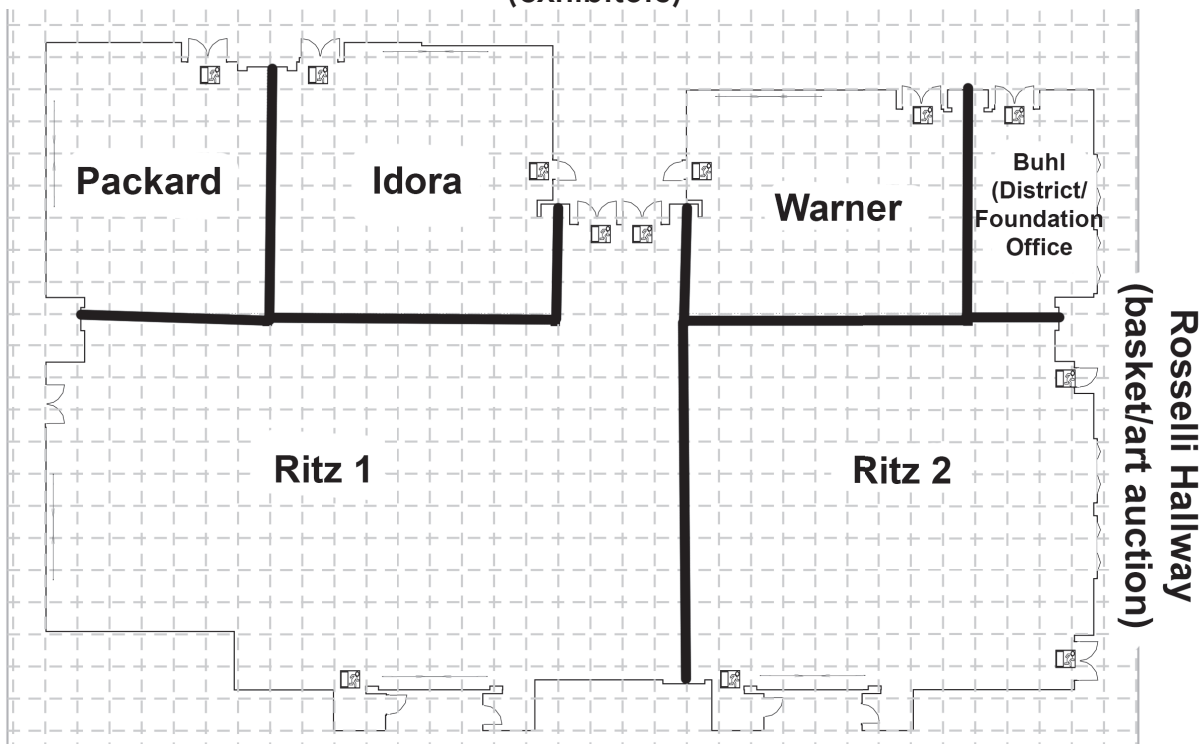
In the Ohio District, Mike has served on the Finance and Structure Committee, served as Club Administration Chair and Risk Management Chair, President of the Past Lieutenant Governors Association, Serves as the Kardinal Big Bird in 2022, served with Governor Jamie Kaufmann to chair his Governor's Project, served on 3 District Convention Committees and has been a Certified Leadership Education (CLE) instructor for more than 14 years. He currently serves as president of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.





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