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OHIO DISTRICT

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# THE BUCKEYE BULLETIN



*It has been such a  
sweet year, but we  
are not through yet!  
Let's finish the  
2024-25  
Kiwanis year off on  
a high note,  
remembering that  
the work now will  
pay off down the road  
in ways we cannot  
even imagine!*

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# Wow! What a Year!

By Gov. Kelly Brown

It is September and I cannot believe this is the last *Buckeye Bulletin* article I will write as Ohio District Kiwanis Governor. It is definitely bittersweet.



While it has been a busy year and at times exhausting, our district has made some major accomplishments. Yet I feel there is so much more to do. I am looking forward to my new role as Immediate Past Governor and plan to mentor Governor Marcia by sharing what worked well this year and what I would do differently.

There is no manual that tells you exactly what to expect as the district leader, but there are awesome past governors who have helped assist and shape my vision for this year. I am eternally grateful to them.

I have greatly enjoyed making visits throughout the district and meeting many members of our Kiwanis family – I wish I could meet all of you! I have seen parts of Ohio I probably would not have seen if not for this role. From Lake Erie to Amish country to the Appalachian Foothills – it has been an amazing adventure. I did not know there were double wide horse buggies until Marcia and I saw one packed down with Amish children at dusk near Wellington. Black buggy with black horses – thankfully, there were reflectors all around it, something I will never forget!

I am thankful for all of the warm welcomes and special treatment during my visits. It was initially strange for this servant leader to accept the pomp and circumstance, but I grew to treasure it and now wonder how I will feel when people don't stand and applaud when my name is announced. LOL! I am sure I will adjust 😊

I am especially proud of the Governor's Pollinator Project and the impact Ohio Kiwanis has made on pollinator habitats throughout our state. We are still collecting data, so be sure to register your project or home habitat on our district website. I can report we have issued grants for 36 pollinator projects and have a few more pending. There are dozens of home gardens also being reported.



REMEMBER: We are collecting habitat areas from homes and projects; it all counts toward our impact! Governor project grants are available through the end of December or until funds are depleted.

I had a lot of fun attending and participating in special events. I represented Kiwanis in TWO parades -- the Granville 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Kettering Holiday at Home. I visited three Bee festivals, one in Oxford, one in Shel-BEE,

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In the area of membership I am excited to report we have positive expansion of our Kiwanis family throughout our district. Most notably, two clubs have made tremendous strides in growth, the Berea club has inducted 20 new members and Bay Village has inducted 30 new members with even more new members pending for both ... Great job!

We have also expanded by opening new Kiwanis clubs in Greater Loveland and Fairport Harbor, with a few new clubs in the pipeline, and we opened the first ever VIRTUAL Aktion club!

The Ohio District team of Officers, Staff, Lieutenant Governors and District Chairs have worked on many successful initiatives. Be sure to thank them for their commitment to the Ohio Kiwanis Family! See below for listing all these superheroes! Way to BEE!

Stay tuned ... next month I will provide a full year-end report of the 2024-2025 District accomplishments.

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***Ohio District Kiwanis Governor***

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2024-25 District Officers and Staff:

Governor, Kelly Brown

Immediate Past Governor, Jason Miller

Governor-Elect, Marcia Copeland Hudson

District Treasurer, Bob Buescher

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CKI Governor Ella Powell (4/1-9/30)

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## 2024-25 Lieutenant Governors/Ohio District Board Members

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Home Club</b>
LTG Julia Martin	1N	West Toledo
LTG Tina Seiling	1S	Norwalk
LTG Steve Steinbrunner	2	Coldwater
LTG John Coffield	3	Sidney
LTG Richard Honneywell	4	Kettering-Centerville
LTG Mark Haake	5	Mason
LTG Wayne Stein	6 & 7	Cincinnati
LTG Judy Raub	8	East Fork Region
LTG Terri Turner	9	Jackson Area`
LTG William O'Malley	10E	Northern Columbus
LTG Keith Deel	10S	Ashville
LTG Jim Shively	10W	Columbus
LTG Rich Rader	11N	Mansfield
LTG Deanna Brant	11S	Morrow County
LTG Del Ray Fox	12	Seneca County
LTG Carol Burke	13	Wellington
LTG Nancy Andrade	14	Lakewood
LTG Hasani Wheat	15	Cleveland
LTG Sandy Elliott	16	Wooster
LTG Jeff Kershaw	22 W	West Geauga
LTG Sherri Phelps	24	Berea
LTG Doug Falk	26	Salem

## 2024-25 Ohio District Chairs

Dick Brulotte	Aktion Club	Delaware
John Coffield	Budget	Sidney
Robert Day	Builders Club	Lima
Craig Wallace	Bylaws, Policies, Resolutions	Dublin
Chad Gardner	CKI (10/1-3/31)	Columbus
Shawn Sech	CKI (4/1-9/30)	University
Hannah Riley	Community Service	Kiwanis Connected
Randy Beard	District Convention Co-Chair	Warren
Dave Kuhn	District Convention Co-Chair	Stow Munroe Falls
Jamie Kaufman	District Membership	West Toledo
Monica Marsh	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging	Middletown
Bill Flinta	Finance & Structure	Stow Munroe Falls
Marla Marsh	Governor's Project	Middletown
Amy Zimmerman	Installation Co-Chair	Cinci/Beavercreek
Sandy Zimmerman	Installation Co-Chair	Beavercreek
Jeff Eble	Key Club	Medina
Kelly Schaffer	Key Leader Co-Chair	Brecksville
Brian Schaffer	Key Leader Co-Chair	Brecksville
Brian Yacucci	Key Leader Site Coordinator	Cincinnati
Janet Molineaux	Kiwanis Children's Fund	Seneca County
Jennifer Lewis	K-Kids	Granville
Colton Morton	Leadership Development	Cincinnati
Susan Black	Mid-Year Education Day	Columbus
Mike Rudolph	Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation	Oxford
Eva Lazear	On to International Convention	Springfield
Hasani Wheat	Partnerships Coordinator	Cleveland
Dave Kuhn	Past Governors	Stow Munroe Falls
Julia Martin	Past Lt. Governors	West Toledo
Steve Vrooman	Past Treasurer	Springfield
Cliff Wiltshire	Public Relations	North Columbus
Ron Hyre	Risk Management & Youth Protections	Cuyahoga Falls



# Help welcome our newest governor, Marcia Copeland Hudson, as she is installed!

In celebration of the 2025-26 Kiwanis term, join incoming Governor Marcia Copeland Hudson and her board for a fellowship luncheon to install our Ohio District Kiwanis Leaders.

The installation ceremony is a special opportunity to show your appreciation of the District leaders who dedicate themselves to cultivating our Kiwanis family. Show your unending support and encouragement by attending this joyful event!

## **WHEN**

Saturday, September 20, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

## **MENU**

Choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Quinoa Stuffed Mushroom (GF and Vegan)  
Baked Potato (GF and Vegan) and Broccoli Spears (GF and Vegan)

## **WHERE**

Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way, Kettering, Ohio 45429

## **DRESS CODE**

Please dress in your “Sunday Best” for this celebratory luncheon

## **COST TO ATTEND**

\$35 per Kiwanian/Guest      \$25 per Active SLP Member  
Register by Sept. 13.

To sign up as a sponsor of this event, visit:  
[k20.site.kiwanis.org/installation-banquet-sponsorship/](https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/installation-banquet-sponsorship/)

For tickets to attend, visit: [k20.site.kiwanis.org/installation/](https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/installation/)







*You are Cordially Invited to:*  
*A Celestial Celebration!*

*Join Your Ohio Kiwanis Family as We Install Our  
2025-26 Ohio District Kiwanis Leaders  
Governor Marcia Copeland Hudson  
Immediate Past Governor Kelly Brown  
Governor-Elect Judy Raub  
Secretary Robin Gagnow  
Lieutenant Governors and Committee Chairs*

*Saturday, September 20, 2025 1:00-3:00 (Doors open at 12:30)  
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4543 Presidential Way  
Kettering, Ohio 45429*

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\$35 Per Person*

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[Click Here to Register](#)

*Sponsor Opportunities Available on Event Page*





## *Proper training is important for Kiwanis leaders*

With the start of a new Kiwanis year on Oct. 1, we will welcome a new slate of club leaders.

It is important that all have Club Leadership Education (CLE) training - even those who have held this role in the past. Kiwanis is constantly evolving and changing especially this year with the new Engage platform.

Virtual CLE training is currently available online for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs. The Engage module is also offered on the same site.

Each module about an hour and a half, so not overly taxing to do.

To access the training, visit the website:

[kiwanis.org/members/for-leaders/officer-guide/kiwanis-led-training/](https://kiwanis.org/members/for-leaders/officer-guide/kiwanis-led-training/)



- [Club President Slides](#)
- [Training Q&A chat](#)
- [Important links](#)



- [Club Secretary Slides](#)
- [Training Q&A chat](#)
- [Important links](#)

# Welcome to the Kiwanis Family!

The Kiwanis Club of Fairport Harbor invites everyone to its first-ever event – its Charter Party, 5-7 p.m. Oct. 16.

Ticket Price is \$30. Included with the ticket will be food, fun, drinks, 50/50 and basket raffles!

Get to know club members and leaders and learn about their goals. Let them know what your visions for Fairports Youth are and hopefully we can work together to make it happen!

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

For more information, email Amanda Hawley at [amanda@vproofing.net](mailto:amanda@vproofing.net).

KIWANIS CLUB  
OF FAIRPORT HARBOR  
CHARTER PARTY

**OCTOBER**

**16**

**2025**

**5 PM - 7 PM**

Hungarian Culture Club  
633 High Street  
Fairport Harbor, OH 44077

**Kiwanis**

CLUB OF FAIRPORT HARBOR

SAVE  
THE  
DATE



*The Kiwanis Club of Greater Loveland held its charter party August 10. (Photo courtesy of Margaret Eilert)*



# Do you know a Kiwanian who has gone above and beyond?

Perhaps it is someone who embodies the spirit of Kiwanis service and fellowship? In August 2009, the Ohio District Kiwanis Board approved the formation the Ohio District Kiwanis Hall of Fame.

The Ohio District Kiwanis Hall of Fame will feature Ohio Kiwanians who were nominated and selected because through their time, talent, dedication and leadership in Kiwanis, they managed to Building Better Lives and Communities.

Take time to nominate a friend to the Ohio District Kiwanis Hall of Fame. This recognition is available to any Kiwanian who is a member of the Ohio District.

The application process is simple, but deadlines are approaching fast. Saturday, November 1, 2025. Additional information is available on the Ohio District Kiwanis website:  
[k20.site.kiwanis.org/ohio-kiwanis-hall-of-fame/](http://k20.site.kiwanis.org/ohio-kiwanis-hall-of-fame/)

## Ohio District Kiwanis Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Kiwanis Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year joined: \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held (include years): \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Perfect Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Not measured by the club \_\_\_\_\_

Division Offices held (Year served) \_\_\_\_\_

District Offices held (Year Served) \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a one-page typed letter explaining why the nominee should be recognized.

Your signature indicates that you understand the responsibilities of nominating a candidate which includes presentation of the award at the Mid-Year Education Day (Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Newark, Ohio).

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Kiwanis Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form, with attachment, should be forwarded to the Ohio District Kiwanis Secretary by November 1 to be forwarded to the Committee. Email to: [ExecutiveDirector@ohiokiwanis.org](mailto:ExecutiveDirector@ohiokiwanis.org) or mail to: Ohio District Kiwanis, PO Box 588, Berea, Ohio 44017.







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# MIDDLETOWN KIWANIS CLUB PANCAKE DAY

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

8 A.M.-NOON

1300 FIRST AVE., MIDDLETOWN

**\$10**



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MIDDLETOWN YOUTH



**\$45**



## Bourbon and Bags BINGO FUNdraiser

Wednesday, October 15th  
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

4350 Navarre Avenue  
Oregon Senior Center

\*Must be 21+ to participate in our event  
\*10 rounds of bingo, plus one Cover-All Round

\*Refreshments, including various snacks, soft drinks, beer, wine. Limit of 2 drink tickets per person.  
\*Tickets available on the Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/OregonKiwaniis?mibextid=PKPJg> or  
<https://cur8.com/40688/project/133517> to purchase tickets directly or use QR code

\*Guests have the chance to win one of eleven (11) designer handbags and/or bottles of bourbon.  
\*Doors open at 6:00 PM. Games begin promptly at 7:00 PM



# Kiwanis offers new option for young adults

Kiwanis International President Michael Mulhaul has introduced a new pilot program approved by the Kiwanis International Board.



**Kiwanis<sup>®</sup>  
VOICES**

The program is called “Voices.” It is a new club option for individuals who are 18 to 26 years of age and are not in a current Kiwanis club or a Circle K club.

Kiwanis International thrives on energy and passion — qualities that are abundant in young adults. Through the program, we’re giving young adults a supportive experience that follows them wherever life takes them.

Kiwanis Voices is about more than any individual club. It’s a movement that helps young adults join Kiwanis with their peers — and allows them to move together through the early years of their service journey.

Kiwanis Voices club members create their club’s identity, values and mission while forging lasting friendships and making a real difference in their communities. That flexibility helps build a bridge to lifelong service through Kiwanis.

Our organization graduates more than 60,000 Key Club members each year. Many do not join Kiwanis clubs. Many do not go to a college or a university. It is not meant to replace or compete with Circle K clubs. After all, we need the energy and enthusiasm of young adults. And they need the voice that Kiwanis can give them.

Kiwanis Voices is our way of welcoming them to our worldwide family — and helping them stay connected, wherever they may live and work as the years pass.

Through Kiwanis Voices, we’re using the advantages available to us — from technology and flexibility to service and fellowship — to create the lasting connections that bond the members of every strong family. Kiwanis Clubs in Ohio are asked to sponsor a Voices club with an organization fee of \$100 payable to Kiwanis International.

Information on how the Voices club functions and the annual dues can be found on the Kiwanis International website at [kiwanis.org/voices](https://kiwanis.org/voices). If you have questions email [kiwanisvoices@kiwanis.org](mailto:kiwanisvoices@kiwanis.org).

In addition, if your club is interested in exploring the Voices club option in your community you can contact Alan Penn who is a member of the North American committee on Voices. Alan can be reached at [alanpenn99@gmail.com](mailto:alanpenn99@gmail.com) or 330-421-3283.

Let’s make Ohio a leader in the creation of Voices clubs in the Kiwanis world.



# The Governor's Travels

Summer is a busy time for our beloved pollinators, and it is for our Ohio District Governor as well. Gov. Kelly Brown was buzzing throughout the state during August, with some of her stops pictured here:







# FALL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

LOTS OF VENDORS | FOOD | RAFFLES

NOVEMBER 15TH 10AM-4PM

SHARONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

10990 THORNVIEW DRIVE  
SHARONVILLE, OHIO 45241

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# 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.

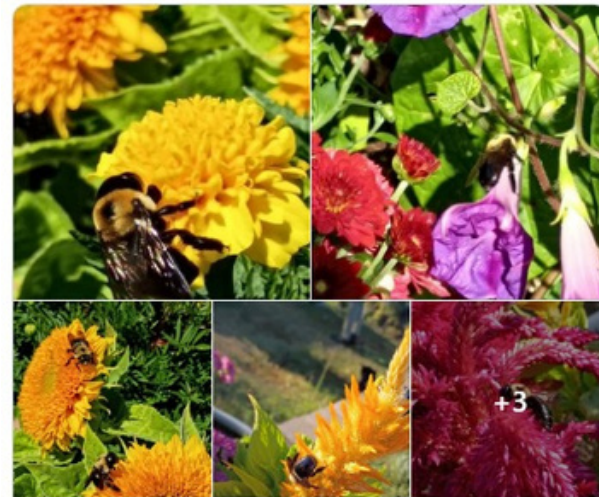


**Fremont, Ohio Kiwanis**  
August 29 at 3:16 PM · 🌐  
Jamie Belcher, Health Educator at Sandusky County Public Health, presented about Keeping Youth Safe Smoke-Free Parks and Vaping Prevention at the August 28th Fremont Kiwanis luncheon. She shared a power point including a proposed city ordinance to back up the smoke-free signage in parks, the incidence of vaping in Sandusky County, sale to minors compliance checks, availability, etc. More about these SCPH initiatives may be learned by visiting their website: <https://www.scphealth.com/> Thanks to Angie Ruiz for arranging and introducing this informative youth centered program.



**East Toledo-Oregon Kiwanis Club**  
August 28 at 9:40 PM · 🌐  
Big thanks to Board Member Derek Bailey, a corporate Kiwanian with GenoaBank for introducing Chrissy Miller at Monday's meeting!  
Chrissy is the Education Director for Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful. Inspired us with practical ways to recycle more-and waste less. From curbside tips to community programs, she reminded us that every small action adds up.  
One powerful reminder: Food waste doesn't belong in landfills. There are local composting options that turn trash into delicious soil. From the smallest action it part of the solution!

**Maria Marsh** is with Kelly Kuhlman Brown and Monica Marsh.  
All-star contributor · September 1 at 4:39 PM · 🌐  
The **Kiwanis Club of Middletown, Ohio** (Queen City Division - E OH Kiwanis) is so proud of our biggest Bee pollinator garden project. The Middletown BluePrint Community Garden is amazing!



**The BluePrint 8872**  
September 1 at 11:31 AM · 🌐

**Richard Ulmes**  
August 25 at 11:46 AM · 🌐



**Kiwanis Club of Findlay**  
August 24 at 9:34 AM · 🌐

Bruckdacher Memorial Park is getting something new - swings! Kiwanians spent Saturday morning setting the frame, keep an eye here for more progress updates coming soon!

**Kiwanis of Lima Ohio**  
Top contributor · August 27 at 4:14 PM · 🌐



**Lima City Schools**  
August 27 at 3:45 PM · 🌐

Lima Senior's Key Club is back at it! At its first meeting, President Simaya Morgan guided members to brainstorm and come up with community service projects for the school year. Love our Kiwanis student clubs! #SpartansGiveBack



## **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**

### **September 2025**

**Sept. 17 ODKF Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. via Zoom**

**Sept. 20 Buckeye Bulletin deadline**

**Sept. 20 2025-26 District Installation, Kettering, OH at Presidential Banquet Center Time: 1-3 p.m.**

**25 Circle K International's 78 birthday**

**27-28 Key Club Fall Board Meeting in Columbus, Ohio  
(Tentative, call to confirm)**

**30 Key Club Kiwanis Sponsorship email will be sent out**

**31 ODKF Mini Grant Deadline for September Approval**

**31 Deadline for all districts requirements to be submitted to KI to remain "District in Good Standing"**

**October 2025 (2025-26 Kiwanis Administrative Year begins)**

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## **‘Join or Die’ film shares powerful message**

Join or Die -- it's a serious message. Originally it was a political cartoon showing the disunity in the American colonies in the context of the French and Indian War in 1754, and it is attributed to Benjamin Franklin.

The modern-day reference is to a documentary which explores the importance of civic engagement in our communities and each other. It shows us what is possible when people and communities pull together. It also contributes to our organization's longevity.

Watch *Join or Die* on Netflix to learn more.

Look for email alerts to participate in group discussions with Governor Kelly in September. Learn how the Join or Die documentary can be a tool to grow our Kiwanis family in your community! For more information, visit the website [joinordiefilm.com/](http://joinordiefilm.com/)

## Kiwanians mourn loss of dedicated servant

The following obituary merely scratches the surface of a passionate servant leader who proudly called himself a Kiwanian for many years, most recently with the Kiwanis Club of New Albany in Division 10-E.

*It was published by "Legacy Remembers" on Aug. 6.*

*Philip Clarke Caito, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and lifelong resident of Columbus, Ohio, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on August 4, 2025, at the age of 71.*

*Born on January 7, 1954 to extraordinary parents Thomas Joseph (deceased) and Mary Morse Caito, Phil lived a life rooted in community and generosity. He was the devoted husband of Teresa, with whom he shared 46 years of marriage.*

*He was a proud and loving father to Laura Caito and Natalie Caito (Chris Scudder), and nothing brought him greater joy than being "Poppy" to his cherished granddaughter Molly Caito. He also deeply loved Dawn and Orli Fisch. Being the brother of Kit, Connie (Frank Aluise), Tommy (Eileen), and Anthony filled him with pride.*



*Phil was a proud graduate of St. Charles Preparatory School, an institution that helped shape his values of integrity, service, and commitment. Those same values carried through his lifelong involvement with Kiwanis, where he dedicated many years to serving others and improving the lives of children in the community.*

*A Celebration of Life honoring Phil's legacy was held at St. Charles Preparatory School, located at 2010 E Board St., on Thursday, Aug. 7.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you "round up" in honor of Phil. Whether it's for a cause, a stranger, or a moment of kindness. Phil believed the little things made a big difference, and he would be honored to have that tradition carried forward.*

*Another option, to support a cause that was especially meaningful to Phil, is to make a contribution in his memory to **Karis Cause**.*





## Delaware County Noon 50th Anniversary

The Delaware County Noon Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, September 6

The event was highlighted with Proclamations by

- \*Mayor Carolyn Kay Riggle
- \*Past Kiwanis International President, Alan Penn
- \*Ohio Kiwanis District Governor, Kelly Brown

Charter members Daniel Bennington and Robert Holm shared the club history.



*A very special moment of the evening was Past Governor Jack Hilborn receiving his Hall of Fame Award. Jack was not able to attend the MidYear Education Day where the awards were presented, so Past Governors Jason Miller and Craig Smith presented the award at this celebration.*

Molly Meyers LaBadie and her team did a great job organizing this beautiful event.

Governor Kelly thanked the organizers for selecting native pollinator plants as centerpieces. She also reminded the guests that the basic needs of children today are not much different than they were in 1975 when she was a child, she went on to say “unless and until all needs are met for all children, kids will continue to need Kiwanis and communities will need Kiwanians”.





## This flier, left out of last month's *Buckeye Bulletin*, shares more important info from Red Cross:

### Are your employees Red Cross Ready?

It's important to prepare for possible disasters and other emergencies. Natural and human-caused disasters can strike suddenly, at anytime and anywhere. There are certain actions everyone can take that can help make a difference.



American Red Cross

#### Hold a Be Red Cross Ready Program For Your Team

Schedule a free "Lunch and Learn" program and trained Red Cross instructors will show your employees how to prepare for disasters before they happen by taking three easy steps.

**Get A Kit. Make A Plan. Be Informed**

#### Get a kit

- 1 gallon of water per person per day
- 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Medical items
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Copies of personal documents
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Maps of the area



#### Make a plan

- Meet with your household members; discuss how to prepare for emergencies likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each family member.
- Choose two places to meet, if separated by an emergency:
  - Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as fire.
  - Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.
- Choose out-of-area emergency contact; all household members should have emergency-contact information in writing or in their cell phones.

#### Plan what to do if you have to evacuate

- Decide what route you would take and how you would get there.
- Practice evacuating home twice a year.
- Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters.

#### Be informed

- Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get information, whether through local radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio stations.
- Know the difference between different weather alerts, such as watches and warnings, and what actions to take in each.

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