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**As we start a new
Kiwanis year, there
are so many ways
to serve our
communities.
What is
your club
doing this fall?**

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This is going to be an incredible year!

By Governor Marcia Copeland Hudson

Greetings Friends!

This has been an incredible journey on the road to becoming your Ohio District Governor.

These past few months I've visited Kiwanians throughout Ohio -- and witnessed exciting initiatives that serve children and families.

The innovative service projects and fundraisers that I have seen strengthen our effectiveness and point to a better future for our clubs, our divisions and our Kiwanis Ohio District. I'm grateful to Immediate Past Governor Kelly Brown for allowing me to travel the district with her during the past Kiwanis year.



"Thelma" and "Louise" wrap up their travels together throughout Ohio, with Thelma taking the wheel for 2025-2026!

During 2025-26, we will all learn ways to work together within our newly redrawn Divisions. Please support your new Lt. Governors as they help develop new Kiwanis clubs and work to strengthen existing ones.

Both efforts are crucial to the growth of our District. Just one new club within your division will add great value.

This I know for sure: WE ARE A FAMILY.

This is our theme for the Ohio Kiwanis District in 2025-26.

During the past year I've witnessed a lot of love and dedication to Kiwanis throughout this Mighty Ohio District. Let's remain good stewards of this mission to make life better for our children, families and communities.



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First Family Project seeks to fulfill wishes for families

by Larry D. Hudson,

First Gentleman and Co-chair of the First Family Project

The serious illness of a child creates a crisis for the entire family – often leading to long stays in the hospital, fear about the future and disruption of family routines. On any given day, hundreds of families in Ohio are dealing with these realities -- facing the prospect of what can become a long ordeal.

These families are the focus of the 2025-2026 First Family Project, known as “One True Wish.”

The project calls on Kiwanians across the Ohio District to support two nonprofit organizations that help families in medical crisis: The Make-A-Wish Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Charities.



The One True Wish Project urges Kiwanis divisions, Kiwanis clubs and individual Kiwanians to support fundraising for Make-A-Wish, an organization that organizes special experiences for “Wish Kids” and their families throughout Ohio and beyond. Make-A-Wish is active in more than 50 countries around the world, has granted more than 550,000 special wishes and is supported entirely by donations.

The One True Wish project aims to raise \$25,000 during the 2025-26 Kiwanis year. The project encourages Kiwanis Clubs to undertake fundraisers for Make-A-Wish and to donate funds raised to the One True Wish project via the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Make-A-Wish focuses its effort on the “Wish Kids” – and looks to them to identify their “One True Wish.” The organization then arranges travel and specialized experiences designed to give the Wish Kid and the family the chance to “leave care behind” – at least for a little while. Families who have taken part in a Make-A-Wish trip typically describe it as “the experience of a lifetime” and the source of treasured memories.

The One True Wish project also calls on Ohio Kiwanians to support the six Ronald McDonald Houses in Ohio – located in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Akron and Toledo – as well as the one in Huntington, West Virg., that serves families in Southern Ohio. The project asks Kiwanis Clubs to organize volunteer support for the Ronald McDonald Houses -- to help prepare meals, stock pantries and help with other projects as requested.

The One True Wish project was inspired by the life of Lauren Diane Hudson, who experienced repeated stays at Dayton Children’s Medical Center (now Dayton Children’s Hospital). Lauren and her family loved her special Wish Kid trip to Disneyland, Universal Studios Orlando and Sea World in 2001. Lauren passed away at Dayton Children’s Medical Center at age 12 Jan. 8, 2002, surrounded by her family.



Sponsors help make installation a success

On behalf of Ohio District Kiwanis, we are thankful for the contributions to the 2025-26 Officer Installation celebration.

We are grateful for the following sponsors' generous support – which helps us strengthen families and build stronger, healthier and safer communities. Together we are advancing our mission to make a positive and lasting difference for children in the Ohio District.

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Ohio District Kiwanis Leadership Team 2025-26

2025-26 District Officers and Staff:

Governor, Marcia Copeland Hudson

Immediate Past Governor, Kelly Brown

Governor-Elect, Judy Raub

District Treasurer, Bob Buescher

CKI International Trustee Neha Pasupuleti

CKI Governor Ella Powell

Key Club Governor, Olufemi Odiah

Key Club Governor, Parth Rajput

Robin Gagnow, District Secretary

Mikayla Bisson, District Events Coordinator

(Additional Leaders listed. on next page)



2025-2026 LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS *

New Lt. Governor	New Name	Home Club
Rhonda Kowalski	Northwest	East Toledo-Oregon
Tim Hammel	Black Swamp	Lima
Michael Benanzer	West Central	Sidney
Richard Honneywell	Wright Brothers	Kettering-Centerville
Monica Marsh	Queen City	Middletown
Wayne Stein	The Gateway Division	Cincinnati
Dumitru "Raz" Sabaiduc	The Mighty Ninth	Athen Club
Gail Keaton	"Name to be Determined"	Gahanna
Tracy Hahn	Capital West	Northwest Columbus
Rich Rader	Mid-Ohio Mosaic	Galion
Mick Jay	TWELVE	Fremont
Carol Burke	North Coast	Wellington
Nancy Andrade	Emerald	Lakewood
Downtown Area and Eastside of Cleveland	VACANT	Lt. Governor Needed
Ray Fain	Western Reserve	Medina Breakfast
Steve Hess	Buckeye Canal	Portage Lakes
Alfred Grzesvhik	Buckeye Canal	Portage Lakes
Tacy Bates	Country Roads	Cambridge
Kathy Talty	Lake Effect	Kirtland
Doug Falk	"Name to be Determined"	Salem

* List as of October 2025

Ohio District Kiwanis District Chairs 2025-2026

Aktion Club : DelRay Fox

Budget : John Coffield

Builders Club: Robert Day Jr.

Bylaws, Policies and District Resolutions : Craig Wallace

Circle K Admin: Shawn Sech

Community Service & First Family Project Co-Chair: Hannah Riley

District Convention Chair: Past Gov. Craig Smith

District Mid-Year Education Chair: To Be Announced

Education & Leadership Development: Colton Morton

First Family Project Co-Chair: Larry D. Hudson

Finance and Structure: Connie Potter

Historical Preservation Chairs: Cindy Champer & Fred Franklin

Inclusion & Belonging Chair: Marla Marsh

International Convention & Partnership Coordinator: Eva Lazear

K-Kids Admin: Jennifer Lewis

Key Club Admin: Jeff Eble

Membership Chair: Rick Fox

Ohio Key Leaders: Brian & Kelly Schaffer

Public Relations Coordinator: Cliff Wiltshire

Risk Management & Youth Protections: Vacant

Website Chair: Anthony Elbon

#KidsNeedKiwanis – An Acrostic Poem

By Monica Marsh,
Lt. Governor, Queen City Division

I have been thinking about a conversation I had in a United Dairy shop recently, regarding Kiwanis. I gave my typical elevator speech and noted our popular hashtag **#KidsNeedKiwanis**.

Fellow Kiwanians understand that Kiwanis, although technically a noun, is actually a verb. It is what we DO!

So I wrote the following acrostic poem, which uses every letter in a word or phrase starts a phrase which relates to the poem's subject:

Kindness shared in every deed.
Investing in a child's bright future.
Dedicated volunteers who help them succeed.
Service to the children of the world is the mission.

Nurturing and supporting those in need.
Empowering young people to grow.
Encouraging leaders of tomorrow.
Doing good for one another.

Knowing that every kid can thrive.
Improving communities and changing lives.
Working together to make a difference.
Always serving, through generosity and fun.
Nobody achieves alone what a team can accomplish.
Inspiring the best in each of us.
Serving the children of the world.



Installation launches new Kiwanis year

The stars were out in Dayton Sept. 20 as the Ohio District Kiwanis celebrated the installation of officers for the 2025-26 Kiwanis, signaling the start (albeit a little early) of the official Kiwanis year.

Master of Ceremonies Marsha Bonhart made sure the event highlighted the installation of Marcia Copeland Hudson and her husband First Gentleman Larry, from the Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis club.

Their theme for the year is “One True Wish,” highlighting work being done through the Make a Wish Foundation along with asking members to provide volunteer service hours at the Ronald McDonald House.

Also congratulated for “being 110 percent in her service to our District during the past year” was Immediate past Governor Kelly Brown and her husband Larry, of Dayton.

Congratulations were also in order for Ohio’s Amy Zimmerman of the Cincinnati/Beavercreek area, who was recently elected to a three-year term as a Kiwanis International Trustee.

The 100-plus Kiwanians enjoyed lunch and homemade cake, while also recognizing 2025-26 Lt. Governors and District board members; the Ohio District Foundation and the Kiwanis Children’s Fund; Kiwanis Service Leadership programs; and installations of the District Secretary Robin Gagnow; District Governor-elect Judy Raub; and Immediate Past Governor Kelly Brown.



Our District Installation

This year's District Installation event was a festive affair, with Kiwanians from throughout Ohio gathering in Kettering to celebrate the new leadership team heading into the 2025-26 Kiwanis year which started Oct. 1.



I look forward to successful year ahead

By Judy Raub,
Ohio Governor-Elect, 2025-26

It is my honor to serve the Ohio District in this role at this time. I will be working on assembling my team for the 2026-2027 Kiwanis year, as well as continuing my work on the membership team under the leadership of Chairman Rick Fox.

However, before I could really start, I needed to finish out my fourth term as Lt. Governor for Division 8.

I have attended meetings for all of my clubs -- Anderson Hills Region, Mariemont, Milford, Southern Hills, and, of course, my home club, East Fork Region. I ensured they were up to date on district happenings and caught up on their individual club projects. They all have great community involvement, and it serves them well.

I also provided all the incoming club leaders, who have not participated in our district's in-person Club Leadership Education, with links to where they can find the Kiwanis International video training courses. Many of the incoming club leaders have viewed their positional training and have thanked me for the information.

I have also participated in many service opportunities, and the Greater Loveland club, of which I serve as one of the club coaches. It's been a busy time of year.

I look forward to seeing you and working with many of you during the coming year. I wish you all great success in your clubs and the goals that you have set.



If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at jraub919@aol.com or my cell 717-917-2741

In Kiwanis Service,

Judy Raub,
Governor Elect, 2025-2026

Proper training is important for Kiwanis leaders

With the start of a new Kiwanis year on Oct. 1, we 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/



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



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

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OCTOBER 16 2025

SAVE THE DATE

5 PM - 7 PM

Hungarian Culture Club
633 High Street
Fairport Harbor, OH 44077

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The Ohio District K-Kids Chairwoman, Jennifer Lewis, announced that a new club for elementary school students has been launched at Eastwood Elementary School. The K-Kids Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green. Welcome to the family!

Speaking of Bowling Green, check out this club's impressive monthly newsletter:



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/

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 or mail to: Ohio District Kiwanis, PO Box 588, Berea, Ohio 44017.





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<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

Governor's Travels

Governor Marcia has been on the road conducting installations in more than a dozen divisions since late September. She said it has been great to meet so many members -- all showing how "We Are A Family!"

Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District
October 2 at 3:06 PM · 🌐



Marla Marsh is with Monica Marsh.
October 1 at 2:58 PM · 🌐

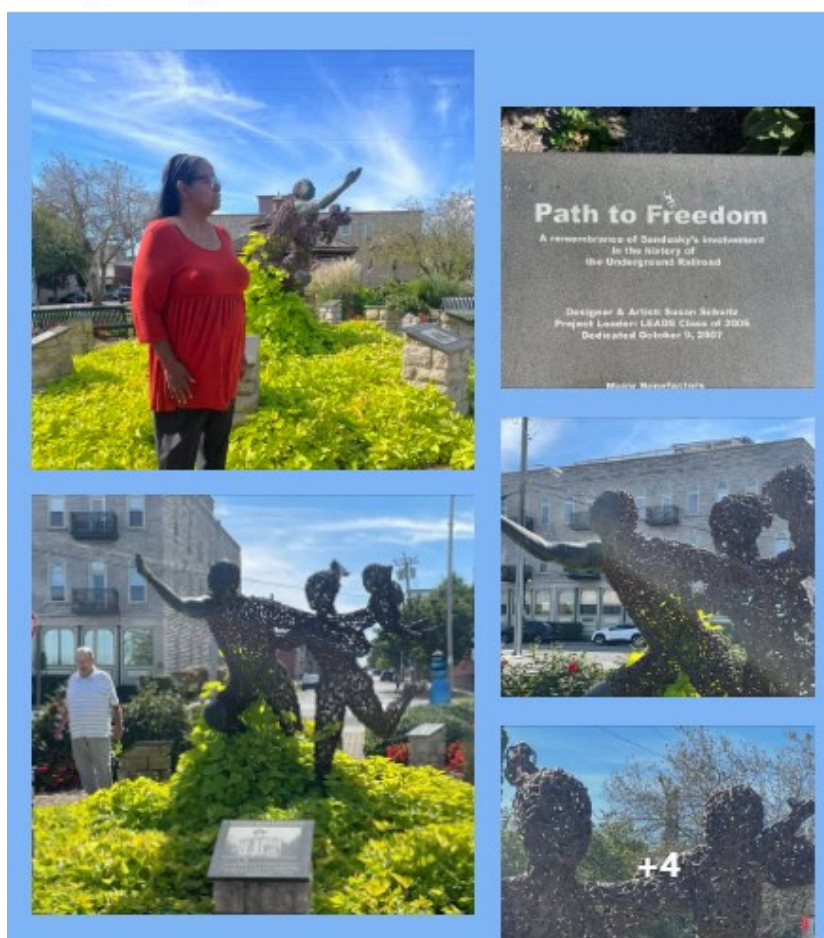
Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District
October 3 at 11:59 AM · 🌐

What a glorious time we had yesterday (10/2/25) with the Kiwanis Club of Kirtland. I had the pleasure of installing the club Officers and Board of Directors. The icin... See more



Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District is in Sandusky.
October 2 at 2:24 PM · 🌐

Hello, friends. Thank you for liking my Governor's page and being a part of my year's journey. 10/1/25, my first official day as the Ohio Kiwanis Governor, was spent with the Kiwanis Club of Sandusky, Ohio. I had the honor of installing their officers and Board of Directors. I also spent some time exploring the city and took pictures of downtown Sandusky. The statue in the picture was a monument for escaped slaves headed toward Canada. It's right along Lake Erie. There is a point where you can see Canada's Pelee Island.





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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

October 2025

October 2025 (2025-26 Kiwanis Administrative Year begins)

- Oct. 4** District Board meeting in Worthington
- Oct. 6-10** Youth Protection Week
- Oct. 11** ODKF Orientation, Dublin
- Oct. 14-20** Kiwanis participates in Celebrate Community
- Oct. 15** District Expenses Reports deadline for 2024-25
- Oct. 13-18** CKI Week
- Oct. 19** CKI Board meeting via Zoom
- Oct. 20** *Buckeye Bulletin* deadline
- Oct. 26** Key Club Fall Rally at Scene 75, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31** ODKF Mini Grant Deadline

‘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.

Can this *Join or Die* documentary be a tool to grow our Kiwanis family in your community?

For more information, visit the website joinordiefilm.com/



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