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for your
community!***



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KI President invites members to ICON

Kamusta po, fellow Kiwanis members!

“Kamusta po?” – meaning “How are you?” in Filipino – is more than just a greeting; it reflects the warmth, hospitality and genuine care that the people of the Philippines emulate.

That spirit of connection will come alive June 24–27 during the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention in Manila. This convention will offer more than workshops. It’s a unique opportunity to experience the vibrant culture and kindness of the Philippines.



By joining together in Manila, we not only continue our mission of serving children and communities but also embrace the essence of what it means to be part of a global Kiwanis family – united in purpose, friendship and service.

During that week, we’ll exchange ideas, celebrate our shared successes and build lasting relationships that transcend borders. I can’t wait to share this incredible experience with you in Manila!

--Michael Mulhaul, 2025-26 Kiwanis International President

Registration for the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention is now open. Enjoy a new cultural experience in Manila, Philippines, where you’ll bask in the hospitality provided by Kiwanians in one of our fastest-growing regions. You’ll also find new ways to serve kids, grow membership and more. Come add value to your Kiwanis membership – in the company of Kiwanians from around the world.

There is a shortened registration window for the 2026 convention. Prices increase on February 3, and registration closes on April 13. There will be no onsite (walk-up) registration offered in Manila. You must register by April 13. The registration fee covers attendance at both the Kiwanis International convention and the Asia-Pacific Region convention.

Accommodations

The Marriott Hotel Manila will be our venue for all meetings, events and education. However, a range of hotel options within reasonable distance of the convention site are available. Reserve hotel rooms as early as you can. We expect some of the hotels to sell out before the April 13 registration deadline.

Early reservation is also important if you have accessibility requirements. Inform your hotel of any accessibility accommodation needs when making reservations – and confirm them ahead of arrival.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity for international travel and new cultural experiences, along with the education and fellowship of the annual convention. Get more details and register today.



Let's Continue to Grow Together in 2026

As we begin 2026, let's give thanks for the new year -- and for the opportunities to serve the new year will bring. With your help, the Ohio District will continue to change and grow in response to the ever-changing needs of our communities. With the emergence of a new division alignment and a renewed identity for each division, our journey toward greater service and unity is just beginning.

In recent visits by the Ohio District Leadership team to several of our clubs, we have encountered an inspiring atmosphere of collaboration. Division leaders and members alike are demonstrating a genuine commitment to our shared mission: serving the children and families in our communities.

This collective spirit is the bedrock of our success, and it's heartening to see how we can unite under a common cause.



This is a critical time for the growth and development of the Ohio District. It will take all of us to achieve success. Under the guidance of District Membership Chairman Rick Fox Jr., our focus has rightly centered on developing new Kiwanis clubs.

But as we push the plan forward, let's not forget the Kiwanis clubs that already exist. It makes little sense to spend all our effort building new clubs while allowing those already in operation to fail. We find ourselves in a critical situation: several clubs are now below charter strength; others are at risk of folding.

Both paths — establishing new clubs and strengthening current ones — are vital. Every member, every effort, matters. New members are essential to our mission. New hands and hearts make our work helping others more effective. It is essential to recognize that we can fuel our growth in more than one way.

Find your passion for service. Whether you are drawn to starting new Kiwanis clubs or revitalizing existing ones, both avenues are essential to our mission's success. It is time to move from discussion to action; we need you to step up, champion your interests, and take decisive steps toward our collective growth.

There is one problem we should solve as soon as possible. It concerns an Ohio Kiwanis division that, as of now, has no Lieutenant Governor. It might surprise you to learn that the division in question includes Downtown Cleveland and the city's eastern suburbs. Given the area's population, importance and potential, it is perplexing that we have not yet identified a leader from the Kiwanis clubs in this prominent community.

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Happy New Year from the First Family Project

Our mission is to make life easier for parents and families of hospitalized children. Your generous contributions support Make-A-Wish, which makes dreams come true for "Wish Kids" and their families.

We're also urging Kiwanians to support Ronald McDonald House Charities with volunteer hours, in-kind contributions and by collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses to recycle. Learn more by scanning the QR code – or by pasting the following in your internet browser:

<https://odkf.org/first-family-project/the-governors-first-family-project.html>.

Thank you! Here's wishing you a happy and prosperous 2026!

**Larry D. Hudson, First Gentleman & Co-Chair,
ODK First Family Project 2025-2026**



**FIRST
FAMILY
PROJECT
2025
2026**



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Northern Columbus, and the Whetstone High School Key Club, recently served a meal at the Columbus Ronald McDonald House.

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The Past Lieutenant Governors Association has been asked to help fill this vital role. So, reach out to your District Leadership team if you know someone who could contribute to this effort.

As we navigate this critical time for the Ohio District, achieving our goals will require the commitment and effort of each member. Your service is invaluable, and together we can forge a path toward a thriving future for the great Kiwanis Ohio District.

On behalf of the District Leaders, thank you for your unwavering dedication to our mission. Let's greet the new year with confidence and determination to grow together.

Wishing you, your families and the children of our District, a prosperous and joyful 2026!

**Marcia Copeland Hudson,
Ohio District Kiwanis Governor**

Mid-Year registration opens this month

On Saturday March 28, Kiwanians from across the state will gather for the Ohio Kiwanis Mid-Year Education Day. It's an annual event built around leadership, hands-on training and service that makes a lasting impact. It's a chance to sharpen skills, share ideas, and strengthen the work Kiwanians do for children and families throughout Ohio. Register at: <https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/mid-year-education-day/>

Hosted by the Ohio District of Kiwanis International, this day is designed to energize clubs, engage members and equip leaders with practical tools they can put to use right away in their communities.

Breakout Sessions and Workshops

This year's program offers a fresh mix of sessions for members at every level. Highlights include:

- Officer training for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers
- Newark Earthworks: exploring Ohio's historic landmark
- American Sign Language basics
- Youth risk mitigation and children's mental health
- Hands-on CPR instruction
- Social media & AI strategies for club success
- Building multi-generational inclusivity

Each workshop is focused on real-world skills and knowledge that strengthen clubs and enhance service projects.

Support the 2025-26 First Family Project

A centerpiece of the day is support for the 2025-26 First Family Project, benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities across Ohio and Make-A-Wish. Members are encouraged to bring donation items and join fundraising efforts that help children and families facing medical challenges.

Requested Donations for Ronald McDonald House include:

- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- Pantry items (snacks, shelf-stable foods)
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent and dish soap
- Paper products (paper towels, tissues, toilet paper)
- Gift cards (grocery, gas, restaurants, retail)
- Handmade blankets or comfort items for children

All donations collected will be distributed to Ronald McDonald House locations across Ohio. Make-A-Wish representatives will also share resources to help clubs continue their support throughout the year.
Networking & Collaboration

Education Day isn't just about workshops – it's also about connection. Members will have time to network, exchange ideas and collaborate on new initiatives. These conversations often spark projects that strengthen clubs and build unity across the district.

Be Part of It

Join us Saturday March 28, 2026, for a day dedicated to growth, service, and the spirit of Kiwanis. Together, we'll learn, serve, and continue making a difference -- one child and one community at a time.

--Sally Schaad and Brian Gottfried, Mid-Year Education Day Coordinators



ODKF efforts touch countless lives

By Steve Vrooman, 2025-26 ODKF president

Thank you to Ohio Kiwanians!

The mission of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is to raise, manage, and distribute funds to support programs of Ohio District Kiwanis family organizations for the improvement of the lives of children and families. The work of the foundation helps the Kiwanis family of programs change children's lives, impact communities, and nurture the next generation in ways that might remain beyond the resources of local Kiwanis clubs.



Thank you to the many Ohio Kiwanians, clubs, divisions and caring friends of Ohio Kiwanis for supporting the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation's programs. Without their backing, the ODKF wouldn't be able to assist countless numbers of Ohio kids and families. During the 2024-25 Kiwanis year alone, ODKF-funded projects have helped more than 365,000 children and families. Your support is making a difference. Thank you!

Since 1988, grants totaling more than \$1.45 million have been awarded to Ohio District Kiwanis clubs to support projects that benefit kids and families in their communities. This number is possible thanks to the support of individuals, clubs and divisions and your recognition of the needs of the communities. Thank you!

Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation provides support to projects of Ohio District Kiwanis governors. Your financial contributions to Governor Marcia's One True Wish project and previous appeals have raised thousands of dollars to improve the lives of kids, families, and communities in Ohio. Thank you!

Financial support to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation comes through Planned Giving; Ambassador Program; Ohio Vehicle License Plates; Golf Outing Teams and Sponsors; Basket Room Auction; Legion of Honor; Past International Presidents Awards; Schneider, Williams, Sellers, and Penn Awards; and Memorial and Honor Gifts.

Your ODKF all-volunteer staff and board are meticulous about using your donations effectively and efficiently. Thank you!

Ohio kids, families, and communities need Kiwanis and, because of you, the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation support is available to them. Thank you!



Let's resolve to make this a year of active service

Welcome to 2026. I hope everyone had a wonderful New Year's celebration.

It's now time to get our new year thoughts together. Because New Year's resolutions have always been difficult to achieve, possibly changing our focus toward helping others might be more rewarding, more fun and more successful.

Why did you join Kiwanis? Service seems to be a common answer. What kind of service appeals to you? There's a difference that we really should consider. That is the difference between active and passive service.

Active service is what made Kiwanis strong and continues to provide Kiwanis clubs with a reason for existing. It is hands-on work, the face-to-face contact with our communities. It's the smiles on children's faces who receive our caring attention.

It is also the behind-the-scenes work planning the projects, raising the funds and getting the other resources together to make it all happen. Without the backroom activities up front, service would not be as effective or might be nonexistent.

Passive service is writing a donation check, belonging to your Kiwanis Club, or maybe just showing up and socializing with other members, or being seen by your community.

It's time for us to reactivate and expand our service work. Active service work includes all of the backroom activities. It includes being a leader in your club. Active leadership means active service work. Without active and engaged leadership, our clubs are flying on autopilot, not able to adjust to changing conditions or able to sustain themselves as membership declines by virtue of time. There is no way to implement a strategic plan. It takes more effort to stay the course each year. Direct services to our communities eventually suffer.

As we approach the time for annual meetings and elections of club and division leaders, please consider adding this type of service to your Kiwanis resume. Our clubs need you to serve as club president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and directors.

Our divisions need Lieutenant Governors to represent their club's interests at our District. Our District needs Kiwanians to serve as Committee Chairs and so much more.

The service provided as leadership is essential for our club's success in our communities. From project ideas, planning, and execution to membership development, growth and replenishment, service includes it all, from pancakes to board meetings.

The good news is that you don't need to do it alone. Training is available, and a network of fellow Kiwanians is ready to help you. Reach out to your Lieutenant Governor and other District leaders who truly have been there and done that. Visit with other club members and leaders at divisional meetings and at Mid-Year Education Day.

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Because Mid-Year, annual meetings/elections, and Lt. Governor training are starting to appear right around the next turn in the Kiwanis Road, this may be a good time to start the process for those who might be thinking about what they can do to change the future for my club or Kiwanis in general.

Thank you for what you are currently doing. I ask that you think about putting your personal plan in place and help your club grow in service for the good of our community and its children for 2026 and beyond.

In Kiwanis Services,

Judy Raub,
Governor-Elect 2025-2026
Jraub919@aol.com

Save the Date!

2026 Midyear Education Day
March 28th, 2026

2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE, Newark, OH 43055





2026-27 District Officer Elections

If you are interested in serving the Ohio Kiwanis District, please consider serving as the 2026-27 Kiwanis District Governor Elect, District Treasurer, or in one of the two available positions on District Finance and Structure Committee.

Completed and signed nomination forms must be turned into the Ohio District Secretary no later than March 1, 2026. Elections for these positions will take place at 2026 District Convention Aug. 14-16 at the Renaissance, Columbus Westerville Hotel, 409 Altair Parkway.

To obtain a copy of the nomination forms, contact Robin Gagnow at secretary@ohiokiwanis.org.

If you are interested in serving as Lieutenant Governor for your division, please contact your current Lieutenant Governor.

Robin Gagnow,
Ohio Kiwanis Secretary



Help Wanted to lead district youth protection efforts

The Ohio Kiwanis District Seeks Board Chair for 2025-2026. The Ohio District Board needs a Risk Management and Youth Protection Chair. This is an important volunteer position.

Best practices are:

1. The Chair provides clubs and members advice on how to mitigate risk and promotes awareness of potential liabilities to clubs, officers and members.
2. The Chair must follow the bylaws of Kiwanis International on Youth Protection policies and membership youth protection training.
3. The Chair must have a current background check as given by Kiwanis International. Proof of clearance is required. It cannot expire before October 1, 2026.

Send your recommendation for this position to District Secretary Robin Gagnow: executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org



Kiwanis ICON takes center stage in June

It's already 2026! Before you know it, Kiwanis International Convention will be taking place in Manila, Philippines.

Are you going to be there? The time is now, to get ready for an amazing adventure. Registration has been open for a month already. The deadline to register is April 13. There is one more month before early registration prices increase from \$409 to \$509. Why wait?

June 24-27, Manila will be overrun by Kiwanians visiting the special attractions Manila has to offer:

- Discover the City of Makati, the heart of the Philippines' financial center
- Forbes Park and the American Cemetery and War Memorial
- Learn about the Spanish colonial period on a walk through the Intramuros district to Fort Santiago
- Explore Baroque architectural designs of UNESCO World Heritage-listed San Agustin Church

Be a part of the “bigger picture” ... not only of the city highlights but the main Convention highlights as well. Join Governor Marcia Copeland Hudson as she represents the Buckeye State and voices our opinions and concerns for a bright Kiwanis future. Make it known that Ohio has become a major player in the Kiwanis world.

ICON is the largest annual gathering of Kiwanian members from all over the world. It's an exciting event where members come together to celebrate the past year's accomplishments, engage in leadership training, and participate in various educational workshops.

The convention also features the election of the new International Board, including the International President and Vice Presidents. Attendees can meet and network with other Kiwanians, exchange ideas, and be inspired by keynote speakers and service-related activities.

Experience the different Learning Sessions available at the Convention itself. Short and yet filled with high impact, these presentations will send you home with ideas and inspirations for the forefront. Shop, snap photos, snag swag and more. At the marketplace, you'll find exhibitors and Kiwanis partners who can inspire fresh ideas on impactful service projects and fundraisers. You can browse Kiwanis-branded merchandise, including special 2026 convention items.

Don't be left out of the workshops filled with interesting speakers, who will dazzle you with their knowledge! Meet International President Michael Mulhaul, and watch as the new President for 2026-27, Hope Markes, takes the reins. The time is NOW! Speculate, plan and register to become a history-maker! You don't want to miss out on the biggest Kiwanis event of the year! Register at: <https://convention.kiwanis.org/event/2026-kiwanis-international-convention-1/register>.



Keep sharing your good news to help Kiwanis grow in your community!

We love seeing Kiwanis service and activity get the attention it deserves! People need to hear and see what we are doing before they can decide to join us in our fun and work!

Here are a few “public relations wins” we spotted during the past month or so:

Mansfield News Journal: “Mansfield Kiwanis Club hosts Cleveland baseball luncheon Feb. 12”

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/mlb/mansfield-kiwanis-club-hosts-cleveland-baseball-luncheon-feb-12/ar-AA1TcTt6?ocid=BingNewsVerp>

Cleveland.com: “Sarah Korland named Kiwanis Senior of the Month”

<https://www.cleveland.com/community/2025/12/sarah-korland-named-kiwanis-senior-of-the-month-orange-schools-news-roundup.html>

Delaware Gazette: “50-year celebration continues for Kiwanis Club”

<https://www.delgazette.com/2025/12/24/50-year-celebration-continues-for-kiwanis-club/>

The Review: “Salineville Kiwanis Student of the Month”

<https://www.reviewonline.com/news/community-news/2025/12/salineville-kiwanis-student-of-the-month-16/>

WCPO-TV: “Clermont County community honors veterans, first responders with 'Fields of Honor' display”

AWANS

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/videos/clermont-county-community-honors-veterans-215253604.html>

Kiwanis International has lots of tips and resources to help market your club. Click [here](#) for more!





Granville Kiwanis, Key Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club

Annual Pancake Breakfast

~ With Our Own Maple Syrup ~

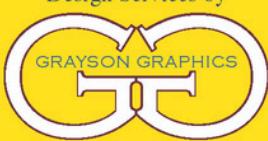
“All You Can Eat Pancakes”

Adults ~ \$8 Children 5-12 ~ \$5

**Saturday, February 7th
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at St. Edwards Church in Granville**

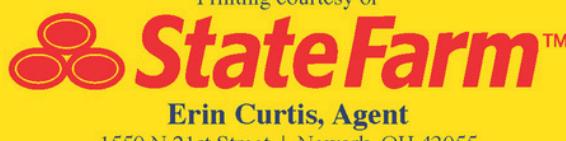
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Nominate your special project for Signature Project Recognition!

The nomination period for the 2026 Signature Project Contest is now open! This is an important club and district event that has been growing each year since it started in 2017. Here are the key details to share with your clubs:

- The contest opens on Tuesday, January 6, and closes on Thursday, January 29, 2026
- Entries can only be received by completing the online forms found at www.kiwanis.org/signatureproject. The links will be available and live on January 6. Note we are using a new platform for the contest so it will look a little different, but is greatly improved!
- When a club submits an entry, a copy will be generated to the club, its district secretary and district governor.
- The districts will need to submit their top entry for each group by Thursday, February 26. A link will be provided closer to this date. As a reminder, clubs with fewer than 27 members are Group 1 and clubs with 28 or more members are Group 2.
- Districts and clubs will be notified in early April if their club projects have been selected to the Top 10 of each group.
- NOTE: We will not be having the Signature Project Breakfast at the convention this summer. Instead, we will package and send this celebration to the districts that have top 10 finalists for use at their district conventions.

Thank you for your continued support of this project. Please reach out with any questions!

Elizabeth Warren, Director of Programs and Partnerships, Kiwanis International
U.S. & Canada: 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 211

New Aktion Club starts in Butler County

Three Kiwanis Clubs from the Queen City Division have been working together to cosponsor an Aktion Club in Butler County. The Kiwanis Clubs of Lindenwald/ Hamilton/Fairfield, Middletown, and Oxford (of the 11 clubs) sit within Butler County. Organizers are very appreciative to Dick Brulotte and Del Ray Fox for their support.

The Aktion Club of Butler County officially chartered on Dec. 9. They are still waiting on the pins and certificates to arrive. There are 21 members who are all clients of The Lodge Activity Center in Hamilton. The club has established officers under the direction of their site adviser, Michele Stanfield and has been meeting since October at 11 a.m., the first Wednesday of the month.

Monica and Marla Marsh, club president, serve as the Kiwanian representatives from the three clubs. Members of all 3 clubs will continue to be encouraged to attend meetings and events.

The first Wednesday of January members will be assembling blessing bags for an event in Middletown, where people who are homeless will be fed.

--Marla Marsh, president, Kiwanis Club of Middletown



Follow our Governor's Travels

Governor Marcia and her First Gentleman Larry been been on the road conducting installations and visiting clubs throughout the Mighty Ohio District!

Click here at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579035076996> and follow her to keep tabs on where she visits!

 Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District is with Marcia Copeland Hudson. December 17, 2025 at 10:05 AM - [View](#)

Nice going to the Kiwanis Club of Kirtland, Ohio. (Lieutenant Governor Kathy Talty of the Lake Effect Division) for their efforts with "Kirtland Schools Student of the... See more



 Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District and 1 other December 17, 2025 at 10:05 AM - [View](#) 2 shares

 Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District is with Marcia Copeland Hudson. December 27, 2025 at 12:15 PM - [View](#)

<https://www.peakofohio.com/.../bellefontaine-kiwanis...>



 PEAKOFOHIO.COM
Bellefontaine Kiwanis welcome District Governor, induct new members - Peak of Ohio

 You, Colton Morton and 2 others

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 Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District is with Kiwanis Club of Kettering-Centerville, Ohio at Kohler Catering & Presidential Banquet Center. December 12, 2025 at 10:37 AM - [View](#)

Larry and I didn't have to travel far for last evening's Governor's visit. A special thank you to our home club, the Kiwanis Club of Kettering-Centerville and the Wri... See more

Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District is with Marcia Copeland Hudson.

December 12, 2025 at 2:09 AM - [View](#)



 Kiwanis Club of Beaver Creek is feeling thankful with Robert Buescher and 3 others December 11, 2025 at 10:48 PM - [View](#)



WHAT IS OUR DISTRICT FAMILY UP TO IN OHIO?

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.



Kim Huffman
★ Rising contributor · December 19, 2025 at 10:56 AM ·



Fremont, Ohio Kiwanis
December 19, 2025 at 10:43 AM ·

What a great way to get into the Holiday spirit!! President Tom Bowlus suggested that we make our "ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT" project a group effort. Our last meeting before... See more

Samuel Kiner
· December 23, 2025 at 11:32 AM ·

Gotta love those Whetstone Key Club members. Always looking for a way to serve others.



Kiwanis Club of Middletown, Ohio is with Monica Marsh and 2 others.
December 21, 2025 at 9:40 AM ·

We are thankful for the opportunity to participate in this year's Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. We appreciate the Key Club members and Advisor Jill Hickle from... See more

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East Toledo-Oregon Kiwanis Club
- December 19, 2025 at 11:12 PM ·



East Toledo-Oregon Kiwanis Club
December 19, 2025 at 8:15 PM ·

Today members of our club had the privilege of serving others by helping raise funds for the Salvation Army. 🎉 ... See more



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

January 2026

Jan. 1 Happy New Year's!

Jan. 4 Ohio District CKI Board Meeting via Zoom

Jan. 9-10 2024-25 Governors Conference in Indianapolis

Jan. 17 ODK Board Meeting via Zoom

Jan. 21 111th Anniversary of Kiwanis





Ohio District Kiwanis 2026 Mid Year Education Day Sponsorship and Exhibit Table Options

Gold Star Level - \$350

- Two event registrations
- Podium mention at opening session and luncheon
- Full page ad in digital program if desired
- Name listing on event signage, Ohio District Kiwanis website event landing page, and social media recognition
- Event table in exhibit area if desired



Silver Star Level - \$200

- One event registration
- Podium mention at luncheon
- Half page ad in digital program if desired
- Name listing on event signage, Ohio District Kiwanis website event landing page and social media recognition

Bronze Star Level - \$100

- Name listing on event signage, Ohio District Kiwanis website event landing page and social media recognition

Exhibit Table

- For profit - \$50
- Non profit - \$25

Check back at the district's web site soon for more details and to sponsor:
<https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/mid-year-education-day/>

From the desk of our District Secretary

The following information was taken from a regular newsletter that Ohio Kiwanis Secretary Robin Gagnow sends out to club secretaries.



I have several updates that may help you collaborate with your officers and members.

- Kiwanis Clubs are required to submit 2025-26 Membership Plan the deadline has been extended to Thursday, January 15, 2026. As of December 22, 2025 (ONLY 21 Ohio Kiwanis Clubs submitted their Membership Plan). This is a great tool for recruiting new members during the Kiwanis year. This timely submission is a criterion for the 2025-26 Distinguished Club, Division and District Recognition.
- 2026 Signature Project Contest will open January 6, 2026, and entries are due from Kiwanis Clubs by January 31, 2026. More information will be available after January 1st. Link: [Signature Project Contest | Kiwanis International](https://kiwanis.org/SignatureProjectContest)
- New Kiwanis Members, you have the option of adding them to the Ohio Kiwanis Buckeye Bulletin. As new members they would appreciate getting the monthly newsletter. You can access the site under the Resource tab, on the Ohio District Kiwanis website (Note: we are updating section each week). Website: <https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/>
- Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Mini-Grants due March 31, June 30, December 31 (Grants up to \$3,000). Link: <https://odkf.org/>
- Ohio District Circle K International will be hosting its annual District Convention in Columbus February 20-22. This year's theme is "Go All in For Service." Registration is now open: \$75 or \$135 with quad hotel room. Registration Link: <https://c20.site.kiwanis.org/dcon/>
- Ohio District Key Club will be hosting its annual Ohio District Convention in Dublin, March 13-15.
- The 2026 Midyear Leadership Education Day will be Saturday, March 28, 2026, starting around 9 a.m. at the Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, Ohio. Registration will be available in early January. The conference committee has been hard at work selecting presentations and activities that will benefit new and returning members.
- Mark your calendar for 2026 Ohio District Convention, August 14-16, at the Renaissance, Columbus Westerville, Hotel, Westerville.

I look forward to meeting you at Midyear or at DCON conference in August. As always if I can be of assistance, please contact me at secretary@ohiokiwanis.org
Sincerely,

Robin Gagnow
Ohio District Secretary