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For the Love of the Family: Make a Plan

Succession planning is essential for family-owned businesses – and no less essential for Kiwanis Clubs. We need to plan for the time when we lose important leaders.

The Ohio District suffered a profound loss last month with the passing of **Robert L. "Bob" Day Jr.**, 83, a past District Treasurer who at the time of his death was secretary and treasurer of the Lima Kiwanis Club and a Kiwanis adviser to several SLPs -- in addition to serving as the Builders Club administrator for the Ohio District. and several important committees.



Bob's passing (story, Page 19) underscores the need to record some important information in advance of the need – a critical step that many clubs might not be taking.

The phrase "We are a Family" resonates deeply at this moment. Succession plans are essential for ensuring continuity during leadership transitions, maintaining stability and preserving institutional knowledge.

The need for this planning should be evident for a family-owned business. The need for clubs in our Kiwanis family to plan might be less obvious, because our leaders are elected as needed. Still, there are some practical considerations. For example:

- How many signers are on the club's bank account?
- Where are club records kept?
- If important club records are stored on a personal computer, who has access to passwords and login info?

These are not idle questions. When a long-serving Ohio Kiwanis division secretary-treasurer entered a period of declining health several years ago, we discovered he was the sole signer on the division's bank account. Fortunately, he was helpful in arranging to add a second signer to the account. This was crucial when the division official passed away. Had his name remained the only one on the account, **the account would have been frozen pending court approval to open it.**

Access to club records is equally important. Physical files are a big part of a club's history and digital files have become even more important. Who else knows where the physical records are kept? Does someone have logins and passwords to recover digital files?

These are the "succession plans" we need to talk about in our Kiwanis Club family. It's important to plan now to answer questions like the ones above, the type of questions that may not be urgent to answer -- until they suddenly are.

--Marcia Copeland Hudson, Ohio Governor



The 2025-26 First Family Project: Inspired by a Winter Memory

It was a gray afternoon in February. Our little daughter Lauren, then not yet four months old, was having trouble breathing and was beginning to turn blue. The doctor took one look at her, applied a tiny oxygen mask, and called an ambulance. It was the beginning of a months-long stay in Dayton Children's Hospital.

That's the day our family learned what it's like to feel the absolute panic, helplessness and worry that every family feels when its most vulnerable members are confined to hospital rooms.

That's also the day we first met other families facing the same ordeal.

All of this happened many years ago, but I remember it as if it were yesterday.

The 2025-26 First Family Project was inspired by this experience and the 12-year journey that followed. The Project aims to help make life a little easier for these families by supporting two organizations that helped our family during that journey: Make-A-Wish and Ronald McDonald House.

We've volunteered and served on boards and committees at the Ronald McDonald House of Dayton throughout the years since that first trip to the hospital, because the House provided us with a place to stay and hot meals on many a night.



To help the families who spend nights at the Ronald McDonald House, we're asking Kiwanians to volunteer at the RMH near you and to provide in-kind donations of supplies. Equally important, we're asking you to collect "pop-tabs" from beverage cans to support the RMH aluminum recycling program, which provides cash for each facility.

Years after that first hospital stay, Make-A-Wish granted Lauren's wish to visit Disney World with the family. We all experienced a wonderful visit to a magical destination called Give Kids the World, a special resort focused on Wish Kids, which became our home base for visits to the theme parks of Orlando. The memories of that vacation will always be with us.

We're thankful to both organizations that help families in medical crisis. Please join us in supporting the 2025-26 First Family Project. Thank you!

**Larry D. Hudson, First Gentleman & Co-Chairman (pictured here with Lauren, circa 1990),
ODK First Family Project 2025-2026**

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



**FIRST
FAMILY
PROJECT
2025
2026**





#kkidsweek



KI celebrates K-Kids!

Kiwanis International uses the second full week of February every year to shine a spotlight on our amazing K-Kids program.

This year, those dates are **Feb. 9 through Feb. 13**. KI has tons of ideas and suggestions for how to celebrates these elementary school students and their efforts to change the world, one child and one community at a time!

The special week gives members the opportunity to show their community what K-Kids is truly about: service, and developing leadership even at this young age.

K-Kids Week is about sharing its story with club's community – how members feel belonging to their club, thanking supporters, and spreading the news about K-Kids and the Kiwanis family of which it is a part.

For more ideas from KI, click [here](#).

Don't forget to share your efforts on our district's [Facebook group page](#), which is a private space where Ohio Kiwanians can share bests practices and ideas with one another!

Your Ohio District K-Kids Coordinator, Jennifer Lewis, would love to hear from you about your plans and she has lots of great ideas to promote the program! You can reach her by email at: ohiokkids@gmail.com.



Mid-Year shaping up to be ‘can’t miss’ event

Registration is now open for one of the most exciting days on the Ohio District Kiwanis schedule – MidYear Education Day.

This is one of the few times when Kiwanians from across the mighty Ohio District get together for fellowship, education and inspiring presentations! This year’s event is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at the beautiful Cherry Valley Lodge in centrally located Newark.

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.



How can you help?				
<p>Bring in items from the list below or pop tabs that will be picked up by the Columbus Ronald McDonald House to help the families of children hospitalized at Nationwide Children’s Hospital!</p>				
HAIR DRYER	CLEANER SPRAY	WHITE PILLOW CASE	DISINFECTANT WIPES	PRINTER PAPER
<p>QR CODE TO ACCESS AMAZON WISHLIST</p>				
<p>DROP-OFF LOCATION</p> <p>MidYear Education day at Cherry Valley Hotel</p>			<p>WHEN</p> <p>During the event, all items will be picked up at the end</p>	
<p>ALL POP TABS COLLECTED ARE TURNED IN TO A LOCAL COMPANY TO PAY THE ELECTRIC BILL FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!</p>				



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

OHIO KIWANIS MIDYEAR EDUCATION DAY

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	EXHIBITOR SET-UP DOORS OPEN FOR REGISTERED EXHIBITORS ONLY
8:00 AM	DOORS OPEN FOR ATTENDEES
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	FREE TIME FOR REGISTRATION, FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE, & EXHIBIT HALL
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	WELCOME SESSION FEATURING INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE SCOTT SIMS
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	WORKSHOP SESSION 1 SEE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS BELOW
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	WORKSHOP SESSION 2 SEE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS BELOW
12:00 PM - 1:35 PM	LUNCH FEATURING: • KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY CHRISTINE VINEIS, FOUNDER OF UNITE FOR SAFE SOCIAL MEDIA • 2024-2025 AWARDS PRESENTATION BY IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR KELLY BROWN
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	WORKSHOP SESSION 3 SEE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS BELOW
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	WORKSHOP SESSION 4 SEE WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS BELOW
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	CLOSING SESSION FEATURING HALL OF FAME AWARDS PRESENTATION

TENTATIVE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

OHIO KIWANIS MIDYEAR EDUCATION DAY

BLOCK 01 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	MAINTAINING HEALTH OF KIWANIS & EXTENDED FAMILY TREASURER & SECRETARY EDUCATION CHILD MALTREATMENT: WHAT TO KNOW & HOW TO RESPOND AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE BASICS
BLOCK 02 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	WELCOMING & RETAINING NEW MEMBERSHIP STOP OVERPAYING FOR AI: HOW YOU CAN BUILD CUSTOM AI SOLUTIONS WHILE BOOSTING ENGAGEMENT & INNOVATION PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES
BLOCK 03 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	MEMBERSHIP TIPS FROM TRUSTEE SCOTT SIMS OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION: WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB SPEAKING TO ALL AGES NEWARK EARTHWORKS: MOUNDBUILDERS OHIO HISTORY
BLOCK 04 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB OHIO DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION: CLUB ADVISED FUND (CAF) MEETING KIWANIS VOICES JUST BREATH-BREATHING & COPING SKILLS FOR TODAY'S CRAZY WORLD

We are so grateful to the sponsors who have committed so far! Show your support of this great day of education and fellowship by signing up here:

<https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/myed-sponsor/>

Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation - \$350

Kiwanis Club of Kettering/Centerville - \$350

Kiwanis Club of Granville - \$350

Capital Area South and East - TBD

North Coast Division - \$200

Gov. Marcia Copeland Hudson and First Gentleman Larry Hudson - \$200

John Coffield, Past District Treasurer - \$200

Alan & Jeri Penn, 2011-12 Kiwanis Int. President and First Lady - \$200

S&T Bank - \$100

Steve & Linda Steinbrunner - Past Treasurer & Past Lt. Gov. - \$100



Investing in Our Communities: A Guide to Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Grants

By Steve Vrooman, 2025-26 ODKF president



As Kiwanians, our mission is to serve the children of the world, one child and one community at a time. Often, our most ambitious project ideas require a bit more financial support than a single club's treasury might allow.

This is where the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation steps in to help. The Foundation is dedicated to raising and distributing funds specifically to support the programs of Ohio District Kiwanis family organizations that improve the lives of individuals in our communities.

Strategic Focus: Safe and Healthy Kids

The ODKF primarily focuses its grant-award efforts on the "Safe and Healthy Kids" initiative. While the Foundation supports various community projects, priority is given to service projects that demonstrate a clear impact on children's needs, especially in areas such as:

- Safety: Water safety, bicycle safety, fire safety and internet safety.
- Wellness: Food and nutrition programs, mental health support, bullying prevention and drug addiction education.
- Outreach: Projects that reach underserved populations not currently met by existing services.

Grant Opportunities

The Foundation offers different avenues for funding, depending on the scale and nature of your project:

- Standard ODKF Grants: These grants generally provide up to \$3,000 for projects sponsored by qualifying Kiwanis organizations in Ohio.
- Kiwanis Mini-Grants: For smaller, high-impact needs, the Mini-grant program offers club matching grants up to \$500.
- Governor's Project Grants: Specialized funding also might be available for projects aligning with the current Governor's focus area.

Important Timelines and Deadlines

To ensure your application is reviewed in time for your project's start date, keep these cycle deadlines in mind for the 2025-26 period:

Full Grants – Nov. 30 for January funding; March 31 for May funding; June 30 for August funding.
Mini Grants – Oct. 31, Dec. 31, Feb. 28, April 30, June 30 and Aug. 31.

Key Requirements for Success

A successful application requires more than just a great idea; it needs thorough documentation. Before you submit, ensure you have the following ready:

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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:

[Zanesville Times Recorder: “Builders Club at Zanesville Middle school receives charter from Kiwanis Club” Jan. 24.](#)



[Cleveland.com: “Kiwanis Club donates \\$1,000 to Mock Trial team” Jan. 30](#)

[The Village Reporter: “Edon Resident Newest Member Of Bryan Kiwanis Club” Jan. 16](#)

[WTAP Parkersburg: “Marietta Kiwanis Pancake Days” Jan. 23](#) --- Great TV Video Interview!

[Sidney Daily News: “Sidney Kiwanis Club honors Rebecca Keller as outstanding teen” Jan. 21](#)

Keep up the great work, and please send me a link when your club gets some coverage, either in print, online or on TV or radio! Send those links to cliffwilt@yahoo.com.

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AWANS

1. Sponsoring Letter: A letter from your Kiwanis club describing its commitment to the project.
2. Detailed Budget: A breakdown clearly showing how grant funds will be utilized.
3. Tax Documentation: A copy of the receiving organization’s Tax ID number and IRS tax determination letter.
4. Proof of Impact: A clear description of who will benefit and how the project’s success will be measured.

The ODKF also provides a Pre-Submission Checklist to help club presidents ensure all sections are complete and all supporting documents -- like letters of support from community leaders or school officials -- are included before the deadline.

By leveraging these resources, your club can turn a vision for service into a reality that changes lives across the Ohio District. For more information and to download the latest application forms, visit the official Foundation website at odkf.org.

Small Day of Giving gifts can make huge impact

Help reach 55,000 kids!

The fourth Kiwanis Day of Giving will be on Feb. 25. Think of it as 2/25 -- a fitting date, because \$2.25 is enough to make a difference in one child's life through the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

This year, the goal is more ambitious than ever: to raise \$125,000 -- enough to reach more than 55,000 kids in one day!

As the date approaches, look for more information about Kiwanis Day of Giving via email and on social media.

Then plan to gather online with other Kiwanians Feb. 24-26. It's a chance to share stories of your service projects and ways your club helps kids in your community.

You'll also learn about the Kiwanis causes and hear examples of grants that supported Kiwanis service -- thanks to support like yours. In the meantime, spread the word about the event -- and the Children's Fund. Let people know what's possible when they give!

How can you participate?

- Start things off by making your own gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. It does not need to be a large gift -- just \$5 or \$10 can make a big difference. Imagine the impact if 500 Ohio Kiwanians contributed \$10 each -- that's \$5,000, or enough to serve more than 2,200 children!

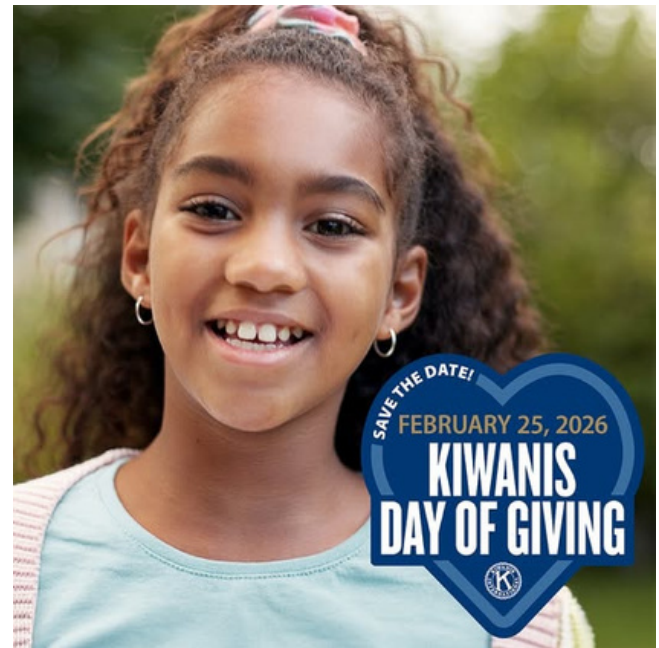
- Encourage others to donate on Feb. 25 by matching your gift or making a gift of personal significance to them. Include a link to the donation page. Individual and club gifts on 2-25 will count toward the final goal.

- Like, share and comment on Kiwanis International's Facebook posts Feb. 24-26. Your interaction will help remind and encourage the people you've shared your page with -- because Kiwanis will post updates about our fundraising progress along with inspiring stories of Kiwanians' impact on kids around the world.

- Use the hashtag #KiwanisDayofGiving in your posts.

- Also consider creating your own social posts. Kiwanis International will post updates that you can share, with inspiring stories of Kiwanians' global impact. However, personal posts sharing what you are doing in your community are the most effective way to reach your Facebook network for support. Make it your own -- don't hesitate to share your Kiwanis story!

- Spread the word at upcoming Kiwanis club meetings or events.





Ohio District Kiwanis Board Needs Risk Management Chair

The Ohio District Kiwanis Board needs a Risk Management Chair for 2025-26. This is an important volunteer position and should have a background in business insurance or risk management.



1. The Chair provides clubs and members advice on how to mitigate risk and promotes awareness of potential liabilities for clubs, officers and members. This includes overseeing risk assessment processes, developing risk management policies, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
2. The candidate has a current background check that is compliant with Kiwanis International's requirements, which does not expire before October 1, 2026. Proof of clearance can be provided upon request.



3. The candidate is committed to fostering a safe environment for our clubs and members and is excited about promoting risk management awareness across our district.

Complete information on Kiwanis International Risk Management is accessible by clicking [here](#).

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

Time is now to throw hat into 2026-27 District Officer races

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**



Deadline extended for ICON

Great news! You have more time to register for the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention at the lowest price! The deadline to save \$100 on registration has been extended to March 2.

You don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime convention experience, June 24-27, in Manila, the capitol city of the Philippines. The price increases March 3, and registration closes April 13.

During those days, 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 homefront. 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.

The keynote speaker this year is Lei Wang, the first Asian woman to complete the Explorer's Grand Slam: climbing the highest peak on each continent and skiing to the North and South Poles.

To register and take advantage of the lower rate, click [here](#)!





I-Next Club honors Dr. Dave for lifetime achievement


On Sunday Dec. 21, I-Next Kiwanis presented Dr. Dave Gallit, one of its charter members and the founder of I-Next, with the I-Next Kiwanis Lifetime Achievement award.

This was presented on behalf of the entire club. Dr. Dave remains a member of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Columbus.

Dr. Dave served as Lieutenant Governor for the former Division 10W (now Capital West) during 2006-07 and also past district treasurer 2017-18. He also was charter club president in 2007-08 and chairman of Ohio District MidYear Education Day in 2008.

Submitted by **Cindy Champer, secretary for I-Next Kiwanis, Past Governor 2006-07, Kiwanis International Foundation 2012-15**





**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


Proceeds benefit Granville Angels Foundation
www.granvilleangels.org

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Aktion Clubs win Kiwanis International contest

The Aktion Club of Licking County won an award from Kiwanis International for the 2024-25 Single Service Project. The Aktion Club of Licking County is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Granville, Heath Moundbuilders and Newark.

The project was directly motivated by Ohio Kiwanis Governor Kelly Brown's First Family Project. Thanks to Mike Wesley from Newark Kiwanis and Terry Van Offeren from Granville Kiwanis for guiding the Aktion Club through this project.

Aktion Club of Licking County in Ohio, U.S., educated people about the threat to bee habitats from pesticides and climate change as it distributed pollinator seed packets and seed bombs to the public. Members also contributed pollinator plants to a Kiwanis Club Pollinator Garden. Kiwanians helped the club purchase materials and secure seed donations from a company.

Also, Sunshine Aktion Club in Ohio, U.S., raised an inspiring \$1,650 by selling custom-designed T-shirts. Members then purchased school supplies and filled backpacks, delivering them to local schools and to organizations for students in need.

Sunshine Communities' Aktion Club -- sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Maumee -- introduced a new approach to the traditional model last year. While most clubs are hosted by Boards of Developmental Disabilities or independent providers, Sunshine hosts its club directly, offering residential, vocational, therapeutic and recreational services under one roof.

Here's a glimpse at how these clubs served wide-ranging causes and made a difference in their communities:



ARC Fresno Aktion Club in California, U.S., supported the Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch with a day of volunteering.

Highlands County Aktion Club in Florida, U.S., knew that learning how to serve food safely would allow the club to do more food-related service projects, so 15 members and three volunteers participated in a four-hour course to earn food handler certification.

Aktion Club of Lady Lake in Florida, U.S., made bright and cheery paper flowers and bookmarks -- and added snacks to Easter baskets for the local Ronald McDonald House.

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Aktion Club in Illinois, U.S., held a drive to collect children's books.

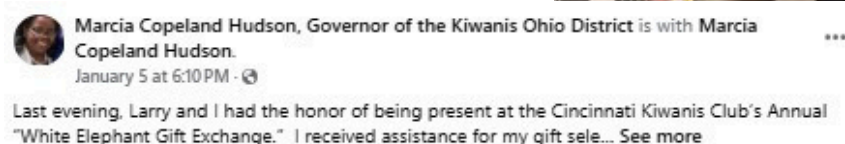
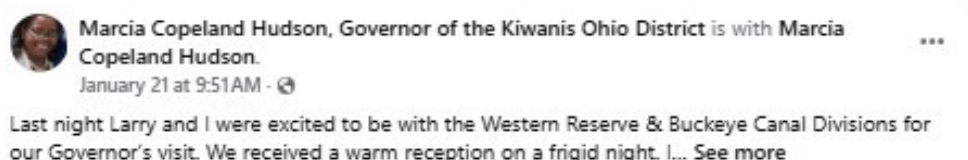
Westminster Aktion Club in Maryland, U.S., successfully applied for a parks program initiative, which will give members responsibility for cleanliness and trail maintenance at one of the city parks.



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!



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.



Del Ray
January 25 at 4:42 PM · 🌐
<https://www.facebook.com/100064656230130/posts/1328002279364967/>



Kiwanis Club of Seneca County is at Hopewell-Ioudon School.
January 25 at 4:36 PM · Bascom, OH · 🌐
Kiwanis Club of Seneca County Partners with Tiffin Moose Lodge to Launch Lending Library
The Kiwanis Club of Seneca County, in partnership with the Tiffin Moose Lodge, ... See more

Marla Marsh is with Monica Marsh.
All-star contributor · January 24 at 2:55 AM · 🌐



Kiwanis Club of Middletown, Ohio
January 24 at 2:53 AM · 🌐

The Kiwanis Club of Middletown, OH, continues to celebrate World Kiwanis Week from January 21-26. Each year, Kiwanis International marks the occasion with a weeklong ce... See more

Celeste Chury Brlas
Rising contributor · January 23 at 8:10 AM · 🌐

Kiwanis Club of Elyria welcomes North Coast Division Lt Gov Carol Burke and Lt Gov Elect Warren L. Remein.



Kiwanis Club of Medina
Nancy Abbott · Admin · Top contributor · 16h · 🌐



Nancy Abbott is with Dale Weygandt and 12 others.
16h · 🌐

The Kiwanis Club of Medina, Morning Kiwanis Club, Medina Kiwanis Satellite Club, and Spark Medina gathered for a Fifth Thursday Social and service project. Members used their many talents to solder and adapt toys for RePlay for Kids. Thank you to Amy, Joe and Michael for keeping everyone safe and on track.

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

February 2026

Feb. 4 – Governor’s Visit to Capital South-East and Capital West

Feb. 5 – Governor’s Visit to Kirkland’s 67 Anniversary Party

Feb. 7 – Lt. Governors Family Meeting time, via Zoom

Feb. 14 – Happy Valentine’s Day

Feb. 16 – Happy Presidents Day

Feb. 25 – Governor Visit to the TWELVE Division

Feb. 28 – ODKF Mini Grant Deadline for March Approval

Feb. 28 – Ohio District Submits Signature Projects to Kl (top two)

Bexley/Berwick Kiwanis 55th Annual
(Now sponsored by the Gahanna Kiwanis)

SPAGHETTI DINNER ***ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!!***

Sunday, March 8, 2026
12:00 Noon – 6:00 pm

Berwick Manor Party House
3250 Refugee Road (at Winchester Pike)

Proceeds go to: School Children – Priority One
and other Service Projects



Donations: **Carryout Available**
Adults: \$16.00
Children: (11 & under) \$9.00

For tickets contact: *A Gahanna Kiwanian or Rita Corbin*

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 for more details and to sponsor, by visiting:

<https://k20.site.kiwanis.org/mid-year-education-day/>

Foundation seeks applications for spring grants!

ATTENTION CLUB LEADERS: Do you have a project that needs a boost?

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation exists to help fund your "Safe and Healthy Kids" initiatives. Whether it's an inclusive playground, a literacy program, or a community safety project, we want to hear from you!

Deadline: The Spring Grant application window is open until March 31.

Don't wait – Start your application today by visiting [here](#) and let us help you make a bigger impact in your hometown.

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 might help you collaborate with your officers and members.

- 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 Feb. 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, starting at 9 a.m. at the Cherry Valley Hotel, Newark, Ohio. Registration is now open. 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.

Robin Gagnow, Ohio District Secretary

2025-26 Ohio District Kiwanis Directory Available

If you would like a copy of the 2025-26 Ohio District Kiwanis Directory, you will need to access the Ohio District Kiwanis website. Under the menu item "About," you will see the District Newsletter heading. Please fill out the request form with your information.

Once that is completed, you will receive a copy by email within 24-30 hours. At the beginning of each month the Directory is updated as current information is submitted.

Robin Gagnow, District Secretary

District joins Lima club in mourning after Day's passing

Beloved Kiwanian Bob Day, a member for 45 years and active at the district as well as local levels, passed away unexpectedly last month.

During the weeks that followed, there was a outpouring of support and reflection on a life well-lived. The following is a message shared by Lima Club President during a special gathering to honor Day and his many decades of service to his community and its youth.

To view Bob's obituary, click [here](#).

Dear Members of the Kiwanis Club of Lima,

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of one of our most beloved members, Mr. Robert L. Day. Bob was a devoted Kiwanian for more than 45 years, and his life was a powerful testament to service, leadership, and compassion.

Born on February 13, 1942, Bob proudly served our country in the United States Air Force as a Transportation Officer during the Vietnam War. He later dedicated 32 years to the banking industry before retiring in 2006. Bob's commitment to Kiwanis was extraordinary — having been a member of several clubs across Ohio and serving in numerous leadership roles including Club President, Treasurer, Secretary, Lieutenant Governor, and Ohio District Treasurer. His service extended to the Ohio District Board, Foundation Board, and multiple committees, with a special passion for Service Leadership Programs and Builders Clubs.

Bob was widely recognized for his leadership and dedication, receiving honors such as the B. David Whiteman Award, the David B. Gillespie Award, a Tablet of Honor, and the Jefferson Award for Community Service. Beyond Kiwanis, he generously gave his time to many community organizations, churches, and charitable causes, always finding ways to uplift others. He will also be remembered for his kindness, love of golf, and the joy he shared through visiting care facilities with his beloved therapy dogs.

Bob Day leaves behind a lasting legacy of service and friendship. He will be deeply missed, but his impact on Kiwanis and our community will never be forgotten. Please keep his family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

With sincere sympathy,

Kiwanis Club of Lima, Dr. Willie Heggins, President

