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Let us carry this momentum into rest of year

By Marcia Copeland Hudson, Ohio Governor

Hello Kiwanis Family!

Spring is here – a wonderful season of renewal and growth. As we embrace this vibrant season, let’s take stock of our progress on our theme of this Kiwanis year – Family and District growth – and prepare to carry our momentum forward.

We’ve just completed a major highlight of the year – the MidYear Education Day at the lovely Cherry Valley Hotel near Granville. Imagine a family reunion where familiar faces gather. Kiwanis leaders and members from throughout Ohio shared experiences and learning from each other. It was a great occasion!



Kiwanis International Trustee Scott Sims welcomed everyone with a blunt talk spelling out the prime importance of membership growth – following decades of serious membership decline. His prescription: Build new Kiwanis clubs today to ensure our future success in serving children and families – and continue to help strengthen the clubs we have now.

At the noon lunch, we learned about efforts to shield children from the harms of social media – which are complicating life for pre-teens and teenagers everywhere in the nation today – leading to depression and even suicide in the most vulnerable. Keynote speaker Chris Vineis outlined efforts – including those of the organization she leads (uniteforsafesocialmedia.com) to hold the huge social media giants accountable for decisions that create danger for the young.

Throughout the day, attendees chose from a creative roster of topics, ranging from how to recognize and respond to maltreatment of children in families to education on heart health and wellness – and another workshop teaching breathing techniques to help cope with stress.

Other workshops focused on training for club officers, how to promote your Kiwanis Club using social media, and a new pilot program from Kiwanis International called Kiwanis Voices, primarily directed at young high school graduates outside the reach of Circle K clubs.

Other workshops included one about our First Family Project 2025-26, supporting help for families with seriously ill children through the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation. In addition to First Gentleman Larry Hudson, this workshop also included Port Clinton Kiwanian Connie Roe’s account of her family’s special wish visit to the Central Florida vacationland.

It was a great kickoff for spring! Be sure to join us for the Ohio District Kiwanis District Convention in August. Until then, let’s join hands and continue making a difference for children and families in our communities. Here's to a wonderful spring ahead!

Marcia Copeland Hudson

Ohio District Kiwanis Governor 2025-2026



Springtime at the Children's Hospital

By Larry D. Hudson, Co-Chairman, First Family Project 2025-2026

After the chills, snow, ice and slush of an Ohio winter – it's a great relief to see signs of spring everywhere. New hope is all around, even in the rooms and hallways where children undergo treatment for serious, often life-threatening, conditions.

Parents and families are still there – lives interrupted by illness and the fears and stresses that come with the territory.

We offer our sincere thanks to everyone supporting our First Family Project this year – a project aimed at making life a little better for the children, parents and families now gathered in hospitals around Ohio.

Governor Marcia and I have been presenting our Family Project, known as One True Wish, at Kiwanis division meetings from the Ohio River to Lake Erie. Kiwanians have been interested, attentive and generous in answering our appeal – for financial contributions to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (benefiting Make-A-Wish – which uses money to grant wishes) and volunteer service and in-kind contributions to Ronald McDonald Houses across Ohio.

Both Make-A-Wish and the Ronald McDonald Houses are doing great things for these families and deserve our support. Check out the QR codes below. One leads to a page that details how to contribute to our project – as a club or individually. You can use a credit card if you want. The other code leads to a form where you and your club can record your volunteer hours at Ronald McDonald House, typically by preparing hot meals for guests in the House's kitchen.

You can also help your local Ronald McDonald House by providing items from the House's wish list – typically pantry items, paper items and cleaning supplies – and your club can also provide “care packages” for House guests – including personal care items.

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THANK YOU!!

We are grateful for our awesome MidYear Education Day committee leaders, Sally Schadt and Brian Gottfried, and the Granville Kiwanis Club for hosting our event!

Thanks also to everyone who prepared the venue and to everyone who supported MidYear as a sponsor and also by showing up! Be sure to check for award winners elsewhere in the *Buckeye Bulletin!*





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P.S. – Special thanks to Port Clinton Kiwanian Connie Roe, a great supporter of Make-A-Wish, who joined me at the Mid-Year Education Day to share details about her family’s Special Wish experience. Thanks Connie!

Don’t forget to collect ring-pull “pop tabs” from your beverage cans for the House. The aluminum recycling plan makes a lot of money for Ronald McDonald Houses.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported our First Family Project this year. We look forward to meeting you at a division meeting soon!

Larry D. Hudson,
Co-Chairman, First Family Project 2025-26

Here is where to contribute to the First Family project

- Checks payable to: Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation (ODKF)
- Memo line: First Family Project 2025-2026
- Mail Checks to: PO Box 668 Circleville, OH 43113



Scan the QR code to get access to the ODKF First Family project page and link to submit card payments!

Reporting of Support Hours

As you are volunteering at your local Ronald McDonald House this year, we ask you to complete the form on the ODKF website to collect how many members have supported the First Family Project in Service



Scan the QR code to get access to the ODKF First Family project page and link to support hours!

ICYMI: Scenes from 2026 MidYear Education Day

Photos by Eric Bush



More from MidYear

Photos by Eric Bush

[Additional photos can be found at the website](https://preservationroom.smugmug.com/Ohio-Kiwanis-MidYear-Education-Day-2026/n-5FjsJs)

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Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation 69th Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing

July 16, 2026 - Raintree Golf & Event Center, 4350 Mayfair Road, Uniontown, OH. Shotgun start at 9:30am.

Cost \$90.00 per player includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes, and dinner.

Open to entire Kiwanis family and friends.

Sponsorships available.

Register or become a sponsor online at [ODKF.org](https://odkf.org). Look for the scrolling golf outing sponsorship and registration links to appear. Questions, please contact Bill Flinta (330-801-6225) or Dave Kuhn (330-730-6254) or e-mail them at golf@odkf.org.

Hope to see you on the course in July!





Consider a planned giving approach with foundation

By Mike Rudolf, 2025-26 ODKF Planned Giving Committee

Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation is your source for grants, member awards and recognitions, Club Advised Funds, and planned giving opportunities.



While the first three topics are very common in our conversations, the fourth topic of planned giving might be somewhat foreign to our members. So, let's explore planned giving.

Planned giving (also called legacy giving) is a method of donating to a nonprofit or charitable organization such as ODKF as part of a donor's long-term financial or estate planning. Instead of (or in addition to) making immediate cash donations, planned giving typically involves arranging a gift now that will be distributed in the future -- often after the donor's lifetime.

Future-oriented: Many planned gifts take effect upon death through a will or trust:

- Financial/estate planning: Integrated with legal and financial strategies
- Tax benefits: Can reduce income, capital gains, or estate taxes
- Flexible assets: Can include cash, real estate, stocks, retirement accounts, or life insurance

Common types of planned gifts:

- Bequests: Leaving money or assets in a will
- Charitable trusts: Structured giving vehicles like charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable gift annuities: Donor gives assets and receives income for life
- Beneficiary designations: Naming a charity on retirement accounts or insurance policies

Someone might include a charity in their will so that after they pass away, a portion of their estate goes to support that organization's mission, such as ODKF.

In short, planned giving is about making charitable contributions in a strategic, long-term way, often as part of your legacy.

Please reach out to your ODKF team to discuss further at www.odkf.org.

Mike Rudolf, chairman

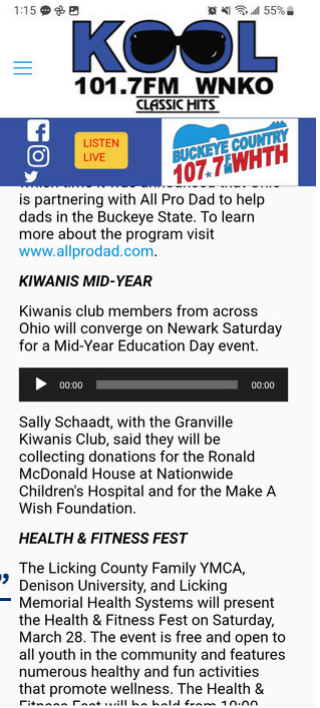
ODKF Planned Giving Committee

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:

Thanks to the WNKO radio station in Newark for its coverage of our 2026 MidYear Education Day



“Hundreds of kids attend Kiwanis Egg Hunt”

“OWU Circle K Club recognized”

“Candidates attend Kiwanis Forum”

“Fort Meigs, American Revolution is Kiwanis Topic”

PRINCETON SHARONVILLE KIWANIS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 8:00AM - NOON
SHARONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Cost: \$8.00/person. Under 5 eat free.
Includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, & drink.**





Membership growth requires a team effort

By Rick Fox, District Membership Chairman

The Ohio District Membership Team has been hard at work in its attempts to bring new clubs to our mighty District and to strengthen our existing clubs.

We meet on the third Monday each month via Zoom to discuss our plans and progress. Kiwanis International contacts are always on the calls to guide and encourage us in what we are doing, and to keep us on track.

In January we were successful in the launch of Huber Heights and Conneaut. Huber Heights is chartering with 22 members, and Conneaut with 16. Both are planning their respective charter celebrations.

February brought the challenge of Wyoming. Our team is very close to achieving its goal there, and it is possible that as of publication of this note the club will be formed. I applaud the hard work this team has done in staying with the process to ultimately make this club happen.

April will bring us Clyde. Plans are in place and a timeline set to build that club in the last week of April. Stakeholder meetings are taking place and data is being gathered so as to keep us on schedule.

Future builds on the schedule are Columbiana and Wickliffe. Due to scheduling issues, we have two open months on the build schedule, so we are attempting to use that time to focus on the Voices Clubs. There is much to learn about this, especially as to how to integrate them without conflicting with our Circle K program. I will keep you posted as to our progress. It is a brand-new concept and we are charged with opening two Voices clubs this year, so we are working on accomplishing that goal.

Club Strengthening programs are slated for at least 14 different clubs so far. There are a lot of details to set in place to make these happen and we are doing our best to ensure success here as well.

These clubs scheduled include Willoughby, Rocky River, Brunswick, Chardon, Carey, Gallipolis, Dublin, South Metro, Silverton Kenwood Medeira, Xenia, Lorain, Akron and East Liverpool. A few of these are rebuilds by definition and will follow the new club build process. But as they still have charters, they are classified here.

In the big picture it matters not on classification, just so the work is accomplished. It is crucial in the strengthening process that the clubs needing the work will want to assist in their growth. It is our duty to provide them with the tools to do so and also to guide them through the process.



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The Team is looking to expand its reach through more volunteers. There is a need for help in data research, site selections, appointment setting through phone calls, club coaching and also folks to help us accomplish these appointments the week of the club builds. We welcome any suggestions of someone you may have to assist us. Kiwanis International also offers regular zoom discussions on Club Coaching, Appointment Setting, Club Opening and many other topics relevant to what we are doing.

Let us know if you want to participate and we can send the necessary links to you. We send these notices to our team regularly.

As has been stated numerous times before, membership is the responsibility of all of us. Any small task each of us can accomplish that benefits our membership growth would make a huge difference and be greatly appreciated.

I am proud to say that the District has a strong plan in place and is only limited by ourselves. If we stay focused and keep the mission front and center, we should have no trouble achieving our goals. I am excited at what the rest of this year holds and how huge a difference we can make with our efforts. It is ultimately due to the outstanding team assembled and the input of all so that we make the best possible decisions on moving forward.

In service,

Rick Fox

District Membership chairman

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District honors Signature Projects

by **Tish Keegan**

We had a great time at MidYear presenting awards for the 2026 Kiwanis Signature Projects.

These signature projects are a testament to the transformative power of our commitment, showcasing the profound impact we can make on our communities. From revitalizing playgrounds parks to orchestrating festivals and fundraisers, these initiatives embody the essence of Kiwanis clubs' contributions to their communities.



As a member of the Ohio District Kiwanis Signature Service Selection Committee, I am excited to highlight the remarkable efforts of our Kiwanis clubs through the Kiwanis International 2026 Signature Project Awards. This year, we received 24 inspiring nominations, reflecting the active service spirit within our clubs. A sincere thank you to all participating clubs for showcasing innovation and the significant difference Kiwanis makes in the lives of children and communities.

In Group I, for clubs with up to 27 members, nominees included the following 10 clubs: I-Next Kiwanis, Kiwanis Club of Greater Ironton, Kiwanis Club of Avon Lake, Kiwanis Club of Beavercreek, Kiwanis Club of Harrison, Kiwanis Club of Newton falls, Kiwanis Club of University Columbus, Kiwanis Club of Vermilion, Kiwanis Club of Wellington and Kiwanis Club of Sunbury Big Walnut.

Third place -- Kiwanis Club of Sunbury Big Walnut

Second Place -- Kiwanis Club of Greater Ironton

First place -- Kiwanis Club of Wellington: This year marked the first collaboration of three service clubs on the Good Knights program, which collectively boasts 400 years of service in Wellington and southern Lorain County. The event, held outdoors on the Town Hall lawn, received considerable community attention.

The Adventure Raffle featured 11 gift baskets and tip boards, with prizes such as event tickets, travel excursions, and gift certificates, alongside a large 50-50 raffle. The inaugural event was a resounding success, producing a record 105 beds in less than four hours, all set for delivery and assembly in homes by Thanksgiving, complete with bedding and stuffed animals. Plans for the second annual Adventure Raffle and Bed Build are already under way.

In Group II, for clubs with 28 or more members, nominees were:

Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, Kiwanis Club of Berea, Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green, Kiwanis Club of Columbus, Kiwanis Club of Findlay, Kiwanis Club of Lancaster, Kiwanis Club of Mason, Kiwanis Club of Middletown, Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville, Kiwanis Club of Portage Lakes, Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth, Kiwanis Club of Sandusky, Kiwanis Club of Springfield and the Tiffin Kiwanis Club.

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Nygren leads risk-management efforts

Jeffrey Nygren has accepted the position of Ohio Kiwanis District Risk Management Chairman.

Nygren is a Risk Management Consultant with the Thomas Fenner Woods Agency in the heart of downtown Columbus. TFW is an independent insurance agency specializing in commercial insurance for Ohio businesses. He represents the fourth generation of family at the firm, which was founded in 1932 by his great-grandfather -- and Kiwanian -- A.C. "Tommy" Thomas.

Before joining TFW in 2019, Jeff spent five years as a commercial property and casualty underwriter at Grange Insurance. Today, he continues a multi-generation tradition, following in the footsteps of his great grandfather, grandfather, and uncle through both his work at TFW and his membership in the Kiwanis Club of Columbus.

Since joining TFW, Jeff has developed a distinctive and unique approach to serving businesses. Rather than the common approach of focusing on quick quotes and trying to shave 10 percent off the cost, he conducts a detailed risk management audit for prospective clients which are offered at no cost other than a minimal time commitment.

This audit produces an in-depth analysis report that highlights operational strengths, identifies risks and opportunities for improvement, and outlines a strategic action plan. Only after strengthening the organization's risk profile does Jeff design a customized insurance program aligned with the business's improved strategy. This process creates a strong foundation for productive, long-term partnerships and frequently positions clients for more confident, sustainable growth by lowering their overall cost of risk.

Nygren said he is excited to bring his risk management expertise to the Ohio District of Kiwanis International. He looks forward to supporting clubs across the district in building safer, stronger and more resilient service environments.

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Third place -- Kiwanis Club of Lancaster

Second Place -- Kiwanis Club of Portage Lakes

First place -- Kiwanis Club of Bay Village: The annual Bay Days celebration, a cherished four-day event in Bay Village, brings together community members across generations to celebrate not just Independence Day, but the strong sense of community. The Kiwanis Club of Bay Village has proudly led this event since 1952, and 2026 will mark their 75th year of hosting it, coinciding with the country's 250th birthday.

In recent years, the club has focused on updating and revitalizing Bay Days to align with new goals and ensure its long-term success, positively affecting the community in various ways.





Follow our Governor's Travels - MidYear Edition

Governor Marcia and her First Gentleman Larry been on the road , visiting clubs and supporting the Kiwanis family 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!



Following our Family on Facebook

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.



Join Us for the First Annual
Baileys & Bacon 5K
Presented by the Kiwanis Club of Lebanon

Event Details

- Date: Saturday, April 18
- Time: 8:00 - 10:30 AM (Race starts at 8:00 AM)

Post-Race Treats!

- ✓ Race Shirt for Those Registered by April 1
- ✓ Maple-Glazed Bacon Donut
- ✓ Coffee with Baileys (21+)
- ✓ Hot Chocolate for Participants Under 21

*Baileys served to participants 21+ only.

Run, walk, or just join us for the fun – all are welcome!

Proudly Supporting Lebanon's Youth Since 1936
Kiwanis Clubs improve the world one child and one community at a time.

Sign Up Now!

Cost: \$40 per person

Register Online:
Scan the QR code or visit:
www.runsignup.com/BaileysBacon5K

Scan to Register!

Kiwanis Club of the Jackson Area
March 27 at 10:46 AM · 🌐

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Next meeting for the S.S. Harbor Lights Festival is April 9th at 6pm!

This Thursday at 6PM
S.S. Harbor Lights Committee Meeting

Interested

Wellington Kiwanis
April 2 at 12:58 PM · 🌐

Join our evening meeting to hear an amazing speaker!

All are Welcome!

Third Thursday Evening Speaker Series

April 16 - "Loop of Lost Souls"
Local Artist and Author Shauna Healy will share her book about addiction and how she is working to help local youth avoid and overcome it.

Inspiration for:

- Artists
- Writers
- Families living with Addiction
- Anyone wanting to make a positive impact in the world!

Available on Amazon

Next month: May 21 - "How Money Works"
Brian Hurst, with Primavera, shows the power of investing versus saving for college, retirement, and more.

Celebrating a new year in the
Kiwanis Family!
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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

April 2026

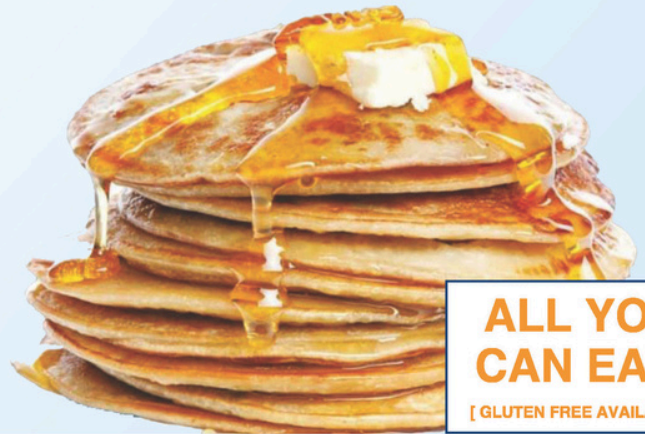
April 5 – Happy Easter

April 8-11 – CKI (GATC) Governor and Admin. Training Conference, Indianapolis

April 24-26 – Key Club (GATC) Governor and Admin. Training Conference, Indianapolis,

April 30 – ODKF Mini Grant Deadline

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Breakfast*



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Sponsored by the Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis Club as a fundraiser, with 100% of the proceeds going to help youth in our community.

\$7 per person*

(Children under 3 free)

\$8 at the door

*Tickets available in advance from a Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis member

PURCHASE HERE



**Saturday
April 25, 2026
8 am – 12 pm**

»» Christ United Methodist Church ... 3440 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429 ««



RAFFLE at the PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

**\$5 ticket gives you a chance to win
ACTIVITIES ... DINNERS ... ITEMS**



Donate New Kids Shoes for "Shoes for the Shoeless"

If you are interested in getting involved in helping others in Kiwanis, call: Bill Pees — 937-361-8694

Kiwanis family saddened by passing of Elyria's club president



The Kiwanis Family joins relatives, friends and fellow club members in mourning the sudden passing of Stanley Wojdyla, who was president of the Kiwanis Club of Elyria. His obituary follows:

Stanley R. Wojdyla 75, of Elyria passed away unexpectedly on Thursday April 2, 2026, at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center. He was born March 24, 1951, in Elyria where he was a lifelong resident. Stan was a 1969 Elyria Catholic School graduate and retired from the city of Elyria where he served as the superintendent of Elyria Cemeteries. As most people who knew Stan he was active with numerous civic organizations; Kiwanis, Fraternal Order of Police Associates, Apple Festival, PERI Group, Knights of Columbus, and The Elyria United Polish Club, Lorain County Sheriff's Auxiliary. He will surely be missed by all who knew and loved him. Survivors include his wife of 41 years; Sandra L. (nee: Keller), a daughter; Cari E. Wooley (Joseph) of Amherst, a son; Bradley J. Wojdyla of Elyria, a grandson; Henry Wooley, a sister; Barbara Houston (Michael) of Virginia Beach, VA, a brother; Joseph Wojdyla (Henny) of Jacksonville, FL. Stan was preceded in death by his parents; Henry and Rose (nee: Siwierka) Wojdyla. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday April 9, 2026, at the Laubenthal Mercado Funeral Home, 38475 Chestnut Ridge Road in Elyria (440)322-4626. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday April 10, 2026, at St. Agnes Church 611 Lake Ave. Elyria. Please meet at church. The Rev. Father Charles T. Diedrick, Pastor will be the Celebrant. Burial will be at Ridgelawn Cemetery in Elyria. Stan's family suggest that memorial contributions in his memory be sent to the charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences to the family may be expressed at www.laubenthalmercado.com



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Join us for Tea, Desserts, and 10 Rounds of Bingo for Designer Purses!

MAY 9 | 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Chinese Raffles & 50/50

TICKETS \$45.00 | Available on Eventbrite: <https://NorthOlmstedKiwanisPurseBingo.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Call Amber 440-506-0317

From the desk of our District Secretary

Here are several updates from Ohio Kiwanis Secretary Robin Gagnow that might help clubs collaborate with your officers and members.

From the Ohio Kiwanis Secretary



- 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 June 30, December 31 (Grants up to \$3,000). Link: <https://odkf.org/>

·Mark your calendar for 2026 Ohio District Convention, August 14-16, at the Renaissance, Columbus Westerville, Hotel, Westerville.

Many sponsors (and attendees!) will be needed to make this centrally located convention a big success. Watch the district's website for updates soon on how to be a sponsor and also for registration. If you or your company would like to sponsor, please let us know!

I look forward to meeting you 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

Save the Date!

2026 District Convention
August 14th-16th, 2026
409 Altair Pkwy, Westerville, OH 43082





Possibility Project already changing lives

Dear Kiwanis Family,

What does The Possibility Project look like in action? It looks like a food pack placed in a child's backpack on a Friday afternoon, so they don't go hungry during the weekend. It looks like 4 million children around the world receiving support because Kiwanians chose to give. It looks like possibility, real and tangible.

The Possibility Project has raised \$10.5 million toward our \$25 million goal, and the impact is already being felt by children and families right now. Here is one story that shows what that looks like on the ground.

Think about a child heading home on a Friday afternoon knowing that the school cafeteria won't be there for them until Monday. For hundreds of students in Hilliard, that used to mean two days of uncertainty. The Kiwanis Club of Hilliard, Ohio, decided that it couldn't continue.

Every week, club members prepare and deliver weekend food packs to 350 to 500 students, ensuring they have reliable meals beyond the school day. The program continues through the summer at a local children's camp, so no child falls through the cracks when school is out.

Facing rising food costs, the club has taken it a step further, adding fresh produce to the packs and installing refrigerators in schools to make healthier meals possible. A grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund helped make it happen.

This is what happens when a club shows up for kids every single week, and the Children's Fund shows up for the club. Because of Kiwanians who give through The Possibility Project, this tradition continues and the impact grows.

In fact, the Kiwanis Children's Fund has granted more than \$100,000 to clubs right here in Ohio District – making an impact on 40,000-plus children.

There Is Still Time to Become an Impact Club

Here is how to keep the momentum going:

- Invest in more children receiving the resources they need by committing to become an Impact Club.
- Encourage your club members to consider making a gift of at least \$8.34 monthly, affect the lives of nearly four children every month (It only takes \$2.25 to impact the life of one child).
- Make your club's annual gift to the Children's Fund, if you haven't already, with consideration of an increased gift.
- Share with your members and community about how Kiwanians aren't just making an impact locally, but in Ohio and worldwide.

The Possibility Project is proof that Kiwanis clubs, working together, can change the trajectory of a child's life. Let's keep our momentum going!

Jennifer Coffey, CFRE, Kiwanis Children's Fund
Associate Director of Development, Northeast USA & Europe



District adds members to Hall of Fame

By Jason Miller

Since the first induction in 2010, Ohio Kiwanis has been honoring some of its most active and involved members. Each year, the selection committee reviews nominations and chooses up to four members for this prestigious honor.

It is always a difficult decision to be made and this year was no different. The committee selected four inductees ranging from a past District Governor to two past Lieutenant Governors to a long time Key Club adviser and mentor, each with their own legacy and plethora of lives touched. While their list of accolades is indeed long, please see below for a very brief summary of what made these individuals so deserving.



Tim Mohr from the Kiwanis Club of Lakewood. Tim not only maintains 38 years of perfect attendance at Kiwanis meetings, he has served in many Club, Division and District leadership positions. Membership growth has been a huge focus for Tim along with making doughnuts at fundraisers, chairing club events and serving the District as Membership Chair. Tim always has a kind word and a good message for all of those new members that he meets. The 2007-08 Lieutenant Governor has actively supported the Kiwanis Children’s Fund and been involved with scholarship related activities.

Bob Callecod from the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green. Bob has been a Kiwanian for nearly 40 years. In that time, he has told countless jokes, some of which were even surprisingly funny. The 2011-12 Lieutenant Governor continues to serve as a Division Secretary even today. As club president, he led his club to achieving membership levels nearing the 130-member mark and served in many Club and Division offices. Throughout the years, when a Lieutenant Governor seat was vacant, Bob would fill double duty to ensure the clubs of the division received the support that they needed. Bob continues to serve as a vital member of the club membership team facilitating new member inductions.

Ted Coons from the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. Ted has served in many leadership roles across the District. Most notably as the 1997-98 District Governor and the 2023-24 Distinguished District Secretary. While his passion for Kiwanis runs deep, it should be noted that Ted has a special place in his heart for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund where he has not only helped to raise funds through different initiatives, but he also supports KCF financially on his own. Ted holds life membership with Kiwanis and stays active with the Past Governor’s committee helping to mentor and develop future leaders.

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Jan Preston from the Kiwanis Club of Elmore. While holding offices as Club President, Club Secretary and Club Treasurer, Jan's true passion lies in supporting our Service Leadership Programs, most notably Key Club. Jan served as the adviser to the Woodmore Key Club from 1996 until 2021, giving her 25 years of mentoring countless future leaders and helping hundreds of students find their passion for having a servant heart. As a Kiwanian for more than 30 years, Jan stays active in the Division and her home club. Jan's mentoring methods have helped her support students, many of which she stays in contact with to this day.

Congratulations to these very deserving individuals!

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