

One True Wish



Ohio District Kiwanis
2025-2026

PROGRAM

**For the 108th DISTRICT CONVENTION,
AUG. 14-16, Westerville, Ohio**

Welcome to the 2026 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention!

We're all here for a shared purpose – to remind us of what we can build together when we move with intention, work with discipline and commit to one another to serve children and families across the Kiwanis Ohio District.



It's a great opportunity to learn from workshops and discussions – to sharpen our thinking, strengthen our skills and enlarge our vision. I encourage you to attend with focus, take notes with purpose, and apply what you learn in your clubs. Bring your questions. Bring your openness. Leave with new perspectives!

But learning is only part of the journey. The greater vision is unity— real unity of purpose, lived and proven. We will grow as one Kiwanis family by seeing each other in action. When you participate, when you serve, when you volunteer, when you encourage someone beside you, you help further the unity that helps Kiwanis serve communities. Let what you see in Kiwanians inspire what you become.

Together, we will set an example that inspires others. When one of us rises, we all rise; when one of us improves, we all advance; when we move as one Kiwanis family, we are unstoppable.

So, step forward with confidence: Be present. Be teachable. Be accountable to the mission. And remember: the strength of DCON (District Convention) is not only what we hear — it's what we practice, what we share, and what we become together.

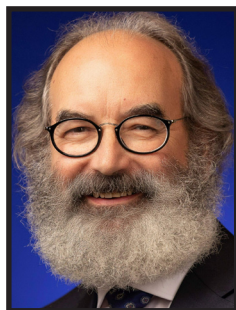
We are ready. Let's grow together in serving the children and families of the Ohio Kiwanis District! Welcome to DCON!

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

Greetings from Michael Mulhaul:

**Dear Ohio Kiwanians,
Friends & Guests,**

Welcome to the 2026 Ohio District Convention! I send you all my best wishes as you are coming together this weekend.



District Conventions are truly a highlight of the Kiwanis year — a time to come together in fellowship, celebrate your accomplishments, deepen your passion for service, and exchange ideas.

This year's convention is especially meaningful as you come together with Aktion Club members. Together, you exemplify the inclusive spirit of our organization, demonstrating that when we serve side by side, we create stronger clubs, stronger communities and a brighter future for those we serve.

Your collective efforts are a powerful reminder that when Kiwanians come together with a shared purpose, the results reach far beyond the projects themselves.

We accomplish far more than any one of us could alone — because, as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

Let's continue coming together and building on this momentum by sharing the incredible impact you're making, welcoming new friends into the Kiwanis family and empowering others to discover the magic of Kiwanis.

Thank you for your dedication to serving children and building stronger communities. I wish you a memorable and inspiring convention.

Yours in friendship and Kiwanis service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Mulhaul".

Michael Mulhaul

2025-26 President, Kiwanis International

OHIO DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2026 — SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14		
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Past District Treasurers meeting	Admiral B
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting	Admiral B
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	2025-2026 District Board Luncheon ^	Admiral A
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Club Leadership Education (CLE) Training	Admiral C
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	2025-2026 Board meeting	Admiral B
3:15 PM - 5:00 PM	2026-2027 Board meeting	Admiral B
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Family Fun Night & Get to know the Candidates +	Backyard, Captain A/B, Ticketed Dinner in Port
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15		
7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	Past Lt. Governors Meeting	Admiral C
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast and Opening Session *	Admiral A/B
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Aktion Club Leadership & Education Day	Captain A/B
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Past First Partners Breakfast ^	Back Porch
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	First Workshop Session	Admiral C, Admiral D, Port, & Helm
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Second Workshop Session	Admiral C, Admiral D, Port, & Helm
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Kiwanis Family Luncheon	Admiral A/B
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Third Workshop Session	Admiral C, Admiral D, Port, & Helm
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	House of Delegates	Admiral C/D
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Governor's Banquet +	Admiral A/B
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16		
7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	Memorial Service	Admiral C/D
8:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Breakfast & Annual Meeting *	Admiral A/B
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Convention Closing Comments	Admiral A/B
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Installation of 2026-2027 District Leaders	Admiral A/B
* Session is open to all attendees; meal cost is additional and must be purchased during the initial registration. + Session and meal are strictly ticketed and must be purchased during the initial registration. ^ Invite Only.		

**** Schedule changes and revisions to room assignments are always possible after deadlines for this program, and up to the last minute, so be sure to check posted information at the hotel and listen to announcements during general sessions and meals in case adjustments are made! ****

We are grateful for our DCON sponsors!

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Kathleen and Mike Moylan John Coffield, Past District Treas.

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Michael Rudolph - Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Division 5

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Barney & Emily Riesbeck - Middletown president-elect

Amy Zimmerman, Trustee 2025-28 & First Mom Sandy

Kelly Brown - BEE All You Can BEE at DCON - Imm. Past Gov.

Tracy Hahn, Lt. Gov. Capital West Division, Lt. Gov.-Elect Mid
Ohio Mosaic Div.

Jeff & Jeanne Haas - Berea Kiwanis Club

MEET SOME OF OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS

Paul Palazzolo serves as the executive director of Kiwanis International. He holds a degree in finance from the University of Illinois, which led to a career in local government. Paul has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Springfield-Downtown since 1984 and served as Kiwanis International president in 2009-2010.

For his work with Key Club as an adviser since 1989, Paul received the Key of Honor, the highest award given to an adult by the Key Club International Board. Outside of Kiwanis, his local civic engagement includes serving on boards such as Salvation Army, Springfield Urban League, Hoogland Center for the Arts and other organizations. He is married with two adult children.



LUNCHEON TOPIC:

**“Nurturing Stronger Kiwanis Clubs:
The Five Essential Ingredients”**

POST-LUNCH WORKSHOP:

“Value - Why Kiwanis Exists ... ”

Leila Kuebsch – Have you ever stepped up to help, launched a project, or served with the very best intentions – only to have it not go quite as planned?

Let's hope it hasn't happened to you ... but to Leila Kubesch (pronounced Lay-lah Koo-behsh) it happened often enough that she once considered herself the master of mistakes.

Fortunately for us, instead of hiding those moments, she turned them into lessons about resilience, connection, and the power of serving others. In her closing keynote, "S.O.C.K.S.: Spark Opportunities, Collaborate, & Keep Succeeding," Leila shares a story that reminds us that our greatest impact often comes not from our successes, but from what we learn when things don't go according to plan.

Just like Kiwanis, her message is rooted in service, relationships, and the belief that small actions can create lasting change. Through humor, storytelling, and practical wisdom, she'll challenge us to spark opportunities, strengthen partnerships, and keep moving forward – even when the path isn't perfect.

An international keynote speaker, author, trainer, and Fulbright Scholar, Leila has spent her career helping leaders build trust, strengthen communities, and create opportunities for others to thrive.

**When was the last time you
or your club took a look at what your
community's current needs might be,
and how you could address those?**

Jo Schwartz of Abilene, Kansas, was elected to a three-year term as a trustee of Kiwanis International during the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver. She serves as a trustee for the United States and Pacific Canada regions of Kiwanis.

A Kiwanis member since 2003, Schwartz is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. She is also a charter member of the Salina Kiwanis Club in Kansas and the Kiwanis Club of Likasi, Democratic Republic of Congo-Virtual. At the club level, Schwartz has served numerous years on the board of directors, where her roles have included secretary and president. In the Kiwanis Kansas District, she has been both lieutenant governor and governor.

As a donor to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, Schwartz has received a Walter Zeller Fellowship. She has worked to grow Kiwanis in places ranging from Africa to the U.S. and has been a member of the Africa Growth Committee since 2022.

In addition, Schwartz helped organize the nonprofit Neighbor to Neighbor Abilene, which focuses on helping women, and served that organization for six years. An artist and an author, she has owned and run an art gallery for several years. She and her husband, Thomas, have been married for 47 years and have three children and three grandchildren.

**What is your “Kiwanis moment” that
you are ready to share when
someone asks you: Why are you a
Kiwanis member?**

The Inspiration Behind “One True Wish”



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

ON THE COVER:

The First Family Project “One True Wish” is a campaign to harness the power of Kiwanis in order to support two organizations: Make-A-Wish Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Charities

There are two ways we are helping:

Raising funds for Make-A-Wish

Volunteering for Ronald McDonald House

DCON Education Options:

Session 1 (10:15-11 a.m.)

Kiwanis Voices Club: a way of welcoming young adults to our worldwide family!

With Jo Schwartz, International Trustee *(IN PORT ROOM)*

They have energy. They have ideas. They have social media skills! Discover how Kiwanis Voices is redefining community service for young adults ages 18–26. This dynamic, 45-minute presentation explores how this innovative pilot program bridges the gap between youth leadership and traditional clubs. Learn how these clubs operate with full autonomy, discover the organizational process, and find out how your club can sponsor and coach the next generation of local leaders.

ODKF Grants, Giving, Etc. – Helping Your Kiwanis Club Make a Bigger Difference with ODKF Grants

With ODKF Board Members *(IN HELM ROOM)*

This session is designed to help Kiwanis club leaders and members understand how Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation grants can expand service projects that improve lives of children, families and communities.

Clubs Responsibilities of Sponsorship

With Berea Club members *(IN ADMIRAL C ROOM)*

Sponsoring a K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, CKI, or Aktion Club is one of the highest honors and greatest responsibilities of a Kiwanis club. However, effective sponsorship goes far beyond paying annual charter fees or attending occasional induction ceremonies. This highly practical breakout session unpacks the operational blueprint required to fulfill your club's structural, financial, and moral obligations to our youth. Participants will dissect the specific administrative duties mandated by Kiwanis International, learn how to navigate modern youth protection policies, and discover the art of building collaborative partnerships with school faculty advisors.

Amplify Your Impact: The Power of Kiwanis Children's Fund

With Mark Haake and Jennifer Coffey *(IN ADMIRAL D ROOM)*

Discover how the Kiwanis Children's Fund transforms gifts into grants that support children around the world through Kiwanis-led service projects. Learn about funding opportunities for clubs, global service initiatives, and how your support can expand the impact of Kiwanis in your community and in every Kiwanis community.

DCON Education Options:

Session 2 (11:15 a.m. - Noon)

Sharing your stories

With Brynn Schaadt and Brian Gottfried *(IN PORT ROOM)*

Looking to strengthen your club's online presence? This session will walk through key social media platforms, how to create and promote events, using AI to draft posts, designing simple graphics, and making the most of your Kiwanis website. Your presenters both manage social media for their clubs and will share practical tools and examples you can apply right away.

Signature Projects – How they can Impact your club and community *(IN HELM ROOM)*

With Kelly Brown, Tish Keegan, Bob Raub, Craig Smith

Discover the transformative power of a Signature Project to elevate your Kiwanis club's identity and deepen your local footprint. This interactive session explores how a single, identifiable service project can re-energize current members, attract new volunteers, and significantly scale your community impact.

Clubs Must Do More Than Meet – They Must Matter *(IN ADMIRAL C ROOM)*

Members are looking for meaningful experiences, measurable impact, strong connections, and a clear return on their time and commitment. This workshop will explore what "value" really means in a Kiwanis context — beyond meetings and service projects. Participants will learn practical strategies to strengthen member experience, increase engagement, enhance community relevance, and build a culture that attracts and retains passionate leaders.

Growing Your Impact: Human-Centered Social Media for Community Organizations

With Leila Kubesch *(IN ADMIRAL D ROOM)*

Social media can be one of the most effective tools for expanding your organization's reach, engaging volunteers, attracting supporters, and strengthening your impact in the community. Yet many nonprofit and service organization leaders struggle to keep up with changing platforms, create meaningful content, and find the time to manage it all.

DCON Education Options:

Session 3 (2:15-3 p.m.)

Club Membership Best Practices, with Club boosting tidbits

With Kathleen Moylan and Sam Slater ***(IN PORT ROOM)***

“Membership Matters” Not for numbers, but for increased service. Keeping members engaged is vital for the long-term success of any Kiwanis club. This 45-minute panel on modern retention strategies. This session delivers practical methods to improve the volunteer experience from day one. Learn how to prevent burnout, revitalize your roster, and transform passive members into active leaders through meaningful service alignment. You will walk away with actionable tools to build a stronger, more connected Kiwanis community.

ODKF CAF—Setting up a Club Advised Fund

With Brian Burke, ODKF CAF Committee Vice-Chairman, and Travis Humphrey, ODKF Treasurer ***(IN HELM ROOM)***

This session is for those Kiwanians and Clubs who wish to learn more about the ODKF Club Advised Fund program and for Kiwanis clubs that already have a CAF. This meeting will provide an update about the current status of the Club Advised Fund program and will provide the opportunity for clubs to confirm contact information.

Value – What if Kiwanis Didn't Exist? ***(IN ADMIRAL C ROOM)***

With Paul Palazzolo, Kiwanis Executive Director

The secrets to a healthy Kiwanis Club. Learn the 5 elements of member value that all successful clubs have used to be as healthy as possible. Service, Marketing, Fun, Leadership Development, and Membership — while answering the question, “Why does Kiwanis exist?” Discover how these elements strengthen clubs, engage members, and increase community impact. You won't want to miss this!

Leadership Live! A look at Ohio Key Club and Ohio Circle K

With Brooke Ehorn 2026-2027 Governor, Ohio District of Circle K; Jason Miller 2023-2024 Distinguished Governor, Ohio District; Ramsey Verhoff, 2026-2027 Governor, Ohio District of Key Club

(IN ADMIRAL D ROOM)

Go beyond the brochures and hear directly from the student leaders of Key Club and Circle K. In this engaging interview-format session, the District Governors will share their leadership journeys, discuss the opportunities and challenges facing their organizations, and offer practical ideas for how Kiwanis clubs can provide meaningful support and strengthen the Kiwanis family.

Governor Designate Judy Raub and Bob



Welcome, Ohio Kiwanis Members and guests, to our 108th District Convention. I hope that you attend workshops with an open mind, that you welcome new conversations, and have fun along the way.

Bob and I are hosting a reception in our suite on Saturday, August 15, at approximately 9:30 p.m. following the banquet.

Many of our incoming Lt. Governors and District Officers, who will be installed on Sunday morning after the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Annual Meeting, will be in attendance. We would all like to meet you as we begin our year of service together.

Please stop in and join us for this special celebration and toast to our new Kiwanis Year.

Be sure to fill out those post-session surveys, and let us know what topic you would like to see covered at future Mid-Year and District conventions!



Kiwanis Club of Kettering-Centerville congratulates Marcia Copeland Hudson on her successful term as Governor of the Ohio District!



We're proud of you, Marcia!

Best Wishes to District Governor-Elect, Judy Raub and all other incoming officers in their service to our District in the 2026-2027 year!

Capital Area South and East Division
welcomes you to Central Ohio!

Ashville

Circleville

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Granville

Heath

Lancaster

New Albany

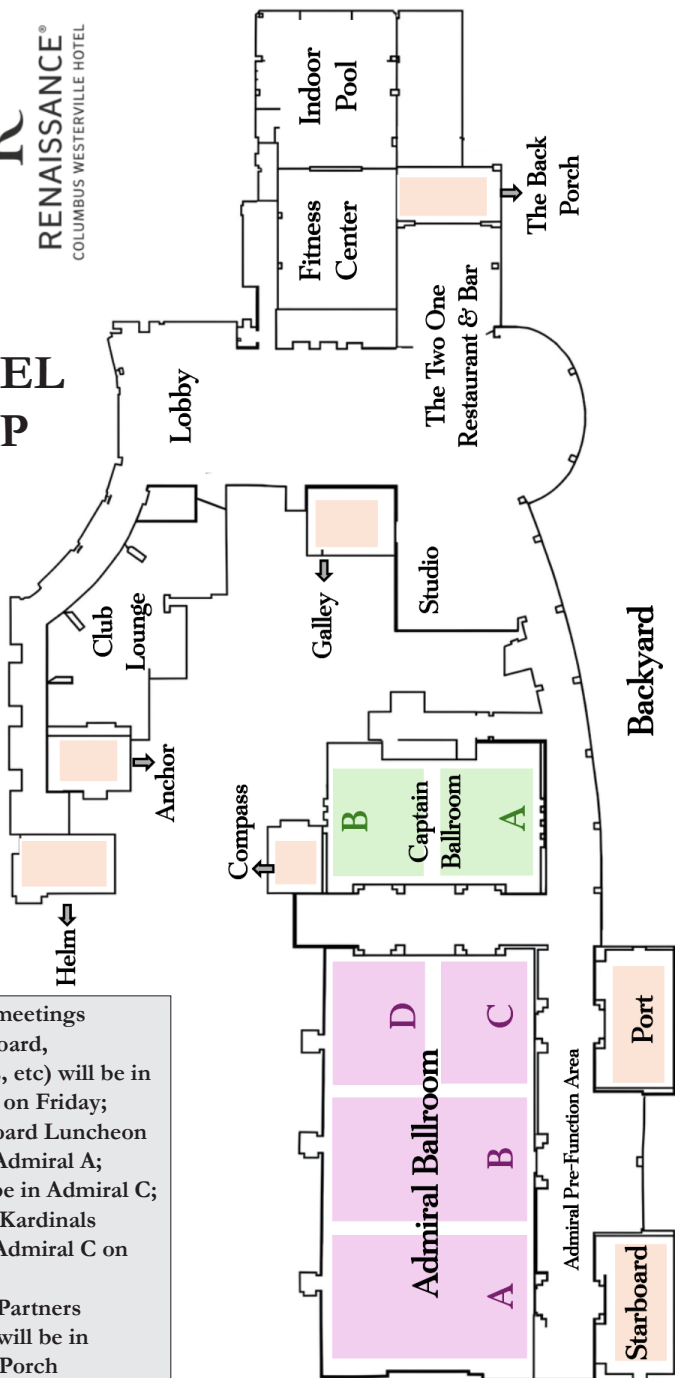
Newark

Northern Columbus

Westerville

HOTEL MAP

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All board meetings (ODKF, Board, Treasurers, etc) will be in Admiral B on Friday; District Board Luncheon will be in Admiral A; CLE will be in Admiral C; Past LTG-Kardinals will be in Admiral C on Saturday
Past First Partners Breakfast will be in The Back Porch

The Objects of Kiwanis International

- ♦ To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life
- ♦ To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- ♦ To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards
- ♦ To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- ♦ To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- ♦ To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.



Welcomes Kiwanis International President Hope Markes

**You are invited to join us in the
celebration welcoming our newly elected
2026–2027 Kiwanis International
President, Hope Markes, with a special
dinner and celebration.**

Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 6:00 PM

**Holiday Inn - Eastgate
4501 Eastgate Blvd.,
Cincinnati, OH 45245**



**Dinner \$60.00 per person
Cash bar available**

Register Today



**When was the last time you invited
a friend, neighbor or coworker to
one of your Kiwanis meetings or
service projects?**

Your 2025-26 Ohio District Officers

Gov. Marcia Copeland Hudson

Immediate Past Governor Kelly Brown

Gov.-Elect Judy Raub

Treasurer Bob Buescher

Executive Director/Secretary Robin Gagnow

District Events Coordinator Mikayla Bisson

District Committee Coordinators:

Aktion Club

Del Ray Fox

Budget

John Coffield

Builder's Club

Jennifer Lewis & Sam Payne

Key Club

Jeff Eble

Bylaws, Policies, & District Resolutions

Craig Wallace

Circle K International

Shawn Sech

Leadership Development

Colton Morton

District Convention

Craig Wallace

Inclusion & Belonging

Marla Marsh

Finance and Structure

Connie Potter

District Service Project

Hannah Riley

Key Leader

Kelly and Brian Shaffer

Kiwanis Kids

Jennifer Lewis, PhD

Kiwanis Children's Fund

Mark Haake

Membership

Rick Fox

MidYear Education Day

Sally Schaadt & Brian Gottfried

Onto International Convention

Eva Lazear

Partnership Coordinator

Eva Lazear

Past District Governors

Dave Kuhn

Past District Treasurers

Steve Vrooman

Past Lt. Governors

Julia Martin

Public Relations

Cliff Wiltshire

Risk Management

Jeffrey Nygren

Webmaster

Anthony Elbon

Ohio's Lieutenant Governors, 2025-26

Rhonda Kowalski	Northwest
Tim Hammel	Black Swamp
Michael Benanzer	West Central
Richard Honneywell	Wright Brothers
Monica Marsh	Queen City
Wayne Stein	Gateway
Jay Hash	Mightly Ninth
Gail Keaton	Capital South and East
Tracy Hahn	Capital West
Dr. Rich Rader	Mid-Ohio Mosaic
Micheal Jay	TWELVE
Carol Burke	North Coast
Nancy Andrade	Emerald
Ray Fain Co-Lt. Gov.	Western Reserve
Barb Baley Co-Lt. Gov.	Western Reserve
Steve Hess Co-Lt. Gov.	Buckeye Canal
Al Grzeschik Co-Lt. Gov.	Buckeye Canal
Kathy Talty	Lake Effect
Doug Falk	Rust Belt



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STANDING RULES, HOUSE OF DELEGATES

1. Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates.
2. The House of Delegates will not be closed.
3. Only delegates with official delegate badges may present or speak on a motion and vote.
4. Any main motion of amendment will be written, signed by the maker and seconded, and presented to the District Executive Director sixty (60) days in advance before it is moved.
5. No delegate may speak more than three (3) minutes at a time unless allowed to do so by the orders of the day or by a majority vote of the delegates.
6. No delegates may address the assembly a second time on the same question until all delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.
7. The maker of a motion will be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.
8. Debate will alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against a motion.
9. When appropriate, microphones will be designated by number. The Chair will recognize microphones in rotating order.
10. If, in the judgment of the Chair, a proposed amendment to any proposed resolution or amendment is closely linked, then debate may proceed on both the proposed amendment and the proposed resolution or amendment together.
11. A delegate will not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.
12. Debate on any proposed resolution or amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws, including any amendments thereto, will be limited to thirty (30) minutes.
13. A motion to move the previous question will not be in order until fifteen (15) minutes of debate has taken place or all microphones are clear.
14. The Candidate for Governor may have one nominating speech not to exceed three (3) minutes and a seconding speech not to exceed one (1) minute.
15. Candidates for Governor-Elect may have one nominating speech not to exceed one (1) minute with a second from the floor. The candidates may then address the delegates not to exceed three (3) minutes.
16. Candidates for Treasurer may have one nominating speech not to exceed one (1) minute with a second from the floor. The candidates may then address the delegates not to exceed two (2) minutes.
17. Candidates for the Finance and Structure Committee will be nominated and seconded from the floor, with no speech, giving only the name, club, and division number of the candidate. The candidates may then address the delegates not to exceed one (1) minute.
18. Any rule herein above may be suspended by a majority vote of the delegates.
19. Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) will be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International and the above standing rules.



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**We wish to
CONGRATULATE
our club members**

**JUDY RAUB,
Ohio District Governor**

**KRISTINE WEST-KAHL,
Gateway Division,
Lt. Governor
and**

**Meghan Gaitskill,
Club President**

★ **DISABILITIES DON'T DEFINE US - ABILITIES UNITE US** ★

OHIO AKTION CLUB

LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL DAY

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE THE OHIO DISTRICT
OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

We Are Family...



AUGUST 15, 2026

SCHEDULE



SERVING THE CHILDREN
OF THE WORLD®

★ *K-Family is encouraged to attend
all Aktion Club Workshops and Events* ★

Leadership & Educational Day 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Aktion Club Registration Open	★ Hotel Lobby
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast and Opening Session with Kiwanis District Convention	☐ Admiral Ballroom
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	First Workshop Session	★ CAPTAIN A/B
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Second Workshop Session	★ CAPTAIN A/B
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Kiwanis Family Luncheon	★ Admiral Ballroom
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Third Workshop Session	★ CAPTAIN A/B
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Aktion Club Keynote Address and Closing Comments	★ CAPTAIN A/B

☐ Session is open to all attendees; meal cost was additional and required prearrangement.



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AKTION CLUB
OHIO DISTRICT
2026

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Aktion Club of
Licking County

10th. Anniversary

Welcome New
Aktion Clubs:

- ★ Butler County of Ohio
- ★ GreeneMont

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Celebrates
AMERICA 250TH

TIFFIN ★ FOSTORIA ★ LUCAS COUNTY



K-FAMILY SUPPORTING PARTICIPANTS

Together,

We show that abilities unite us and make a lasting impact
on the lives of Aktion Club Members across Ohio.

Amy Zimmerman, Trustee
& First Mom Sandy

Kelly B(ee)
Immediate Past
Governor &
First Fella Larry Brown

Lt. Governor
Nancy Andrade,
Emerald

Baldwin Wallace
Univ. Circle K Intl.

Kiwanis Club
of Fremont

Kiwanis Club of
Seneca County

Cindy Chamer &
Fred Franklin, First Gentleman

Kiwanis Club of
Port Clinton

EmPath For Autism

Special Olympics Ohio

Distinguished LTG &
President
Janet Molineaux

Kiwanis Club of
Northwest Columbus



Marcia Copeland Hudson
Governor & Larry Hudson,
First Gentleman

Kiwanis Club of
Delaware County

Del Ray Fox
Ohio Aktion Club Administrator &
Distinguished LTG, Div. 12

Jessicka and Tatumn

Dick Brulotte
Immediate Past Ohio
Aktion Club Administrator

Kiwanis Club of
Bellevue

Tiffin Kiwanis Club

Bill & Peggy Flinta,
Past Governor

Kathleen and Mike Moylan



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OHIO AKTION CLUB LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL DAY WORKSHOPS

PLEASE NOTE: Workshop timings, track assignments and room allocations are subject to change.
K-Family is encouraged to attend workshops.

★ FIRST WORKSHOP SESSION ★ 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM



ASL Basics: Communicating Beyond Words

Presented by:
Amy Mullins
ASL Trainer

ROOM: CAPTAIN A

Learn the basics of American Sign Language (ASL) in this fun, interactive workshop. Practice common signs, greetings, and everyday phrases while discovering how ASL can strengthen communication, build connections, and promote inclusion. You'll leave with practical signs you can begin using right away.

**No experience is necessary—
all are welcome!**



Building an Inclusive Mindset

Presented by:
Special Olympics Ohio
Athlete and Staff

ROOM: CAPTAIN B

Please join Special Olympics Ohio for a discussion on building an inclusive mindset. We will discuss the components of an inclusive mindset including universal dignity, empathy and perspective taking, and courageous action. You will hear from a Special Olympics athlete who will share real-world examples of these components in action. See how a shift in mindset can lead to a change in behavior and help build a more inclusive community for everyone!

★ SECOND WORKSHOP SESSION ★ 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM



K-Family Connections: Growing Aktion Club Together

Presented by:
• **Paul Palazzolo**,
Executive Director,
Kiwanis International
• **Governor Marcia
Copeland-Hudson**,
Ohio District Kiwanis
• **Neha Pasupuleti**,
President, Circle K
International
• **K-Family Service
Leadership Program
Leaders**

ROOM: CAPTAIN A/B

Join leaders from across the Kiwanis Family for an inspiring and interactive conversation about the power of Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). Learn how K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International, and Aktion Club work together to develop leaders, strengthen communities, and create lifelong opportunities for service. Discover how we can increase awareness of Aktion Club, build stronger partnerships throughout the K-Family, and inspire future growth. Bring your questions, share your ideas, and be part of the conversation as we celebrate the message:

**Disabilities Don't Define Us—
Abilities Unite Us.**

★ THIRD WORKSHOP SESSION ★ 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM



Hands-On Leadership – Building Together

Presented by:
Melissa Balsom Fisher
Greene-Mont Aktion Club &
Kiwanis Club of Beavercreek

ROOM: CAPTAIN A

Leadership is more than giving directions—it's about working together, communicating, and supporting one another. In this interactive workshop, participants will complete a fun, hands-on craft project that highlights the importance of teamwork, cooperation, creativity, and problem-solving. As everyone works together toward a common goal, they'll discover how each person's unique abilities contribute to the success of the group.



The Magic of Leadership: Discovering the Power of Teamwork, Inclusion, and Believing in One Another

Presented by:
Magician Rodney Biggett
Owner, Preferred Pathways

ROOM: CAPTAIN B

Join Magician Rodney for an interactive and inspiring experience where magic becomes a powerful reminder of what can happen when we believe in ourselves and one another. Through amazing illusions, humor, and audience participation, Rodney will demonstrate how leadership, teamwork, inclusion, and service can create extraordinary results. Discover that the greatest magic isn't found in tricks—it's found in encouraging others, embracing everyone's unique abilities, and working together to make a positive difference. Prepare to be amazed, laugh, and leave inspired to create a little magic in your own community.

★ KEYNOTE ADDRESS: KYLE FISHER & CLOSING CELEBRATION ★ 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM



Keynote Address: Kyle Fisher & Closing Celebration

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Kyle Fisher, a Seneca County resident, Preferred Pathways participant, and Heidelberg University student, will share his inspiring journey of determination and achievement. He'll reflect on his college experiences and the unforgettable opportunity to be part of the excitement at the 2026 NFL Draft, where he has alongside his favorite team, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

We'll conclude the day with a fun game of Kahoot!, closing reflections, and a celebration of Aktion Club, leaving inspired to lead, serve, and make a difference in your club and community.