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This Journey as your Governor: An Amazing Year of Memories

By Marcia Copeland Hudson, Ohio Governor



Dr. Martin Luther King said: "Take the first step in Faith. You don't have to see the entire staircase. Just the first step."

On Oct. 1, 2025, when I began my journey as Governor of the Kiwanis Ohio District, I was tasked with this: After a quarter-century, our Ohio District faced TWO BIG CHANGES -- both a districtwide division realignment and a requirement to create names (not numbers) for each division.

We became a new family and had to change the way we did things before. Now we had to work together as ONE. It was a big learning curve for everyone.

This is why I chose the theme of: FAMILY UNITY & DISTRICT GROWTH.

During the past year, my husband and I have traveled as ambassadors across the Ohio District, from Cincinnati to Conneaut and from Bryan to Marietta. Our takeaway is how AMAZING this Ohio District truly is! From the Ohio River to the shores of Lake Erie, all of you are keeping the focus on those we serve.

Folks, I'm blessed to have a soulmate who was willing to drive me thousands of miles and make this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity possible. Larry, your love and dedication mean more to me than words can express.

We've been impressed by the ambition, passion and love of each of our leaders and volunteers. Throughout our Mighty Ohio District, all of you are identifying community needs and finding great ways to deliver service to all the children and families.

"Along the way we met Kiwanians who continue to honor their long-standing commitments to their clubs – including Carlton Hardy, who signed on as a charter member of the Bryan Kiwanis Club 71 years ago. Now 101 years of age, Carlton is alert and always in attendance when the Bryan club meets.

Elsewhere in the District, a few clubs, including the Kiwanis Club of Columbus and the Kiwanis Club of Cincinnati, celebrated 110 years of community service this year, creating a lasting legacy and tradition of service to children and families. We're honored to serve an organization that has continued that tradition of service for more than a century."

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In June, many of you joined us at the Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, Philippines. There, we experienced the Kiwanis family on an even larger scale — a global organization united by a shared purpose and fellowship.

We also learned that our Ohio District is well-known and respected around the world for its knowledge and leadership. This reputation is part of our legacy, shaped by two Kiwanis International Presidents: the late Alan Penn and the late Walter G. Sellers.

Mr. Sellers was Lt. Governor of my former Division 4, now the Wright Brothers Division, which is also home to current KI Trustee and Past Ohio District Governor Amy Zimmerman.

The late Alan Penn encouraged me to run for District Governor and served as my mentor, always making time to listen and offer guidance.

Ohio District leadership appreciates the support of the KI Trustees, including Scott Simms, who continually reminds us to “Focus on the Why” as we work to build, nurture, and retain clubs.

Folks, we must keep our district strong by continuing to build new clubs and strengthen existing ones. Membership must remain our top priority.

Strengthening our current clubs is essential, however building new clubs is equally important. Every new club extends Kiwanis’ reach, welcoming new members and bringing greater support to children and families in more communities.

We are carrying forward Kiwanis’ mission, purpose, and the WHY: children and families need us. We must continue serving the children in our communities—and expand that service into even more communities throughout the Ohio District.

It's the LONG GAME that we MUST keep in our sights.

Dear friends, it has been a great honor to serve as your Governor during the 2025-2026 Kiwanis Year. Thank you for the trust you’ve placed in my husband and me.

I hope you’ll continue to celebrate our Mighty Ohio District’s successes, large and small. The children and families in our communities need us. Let’s continue to BE THERE for them!

Your 2025-2026 Ohio District leaders appreciate the efforts of Kiwanians to move the Ohio Kiwanis District forward in its mission to serve children and families.

Thank you, everyone, from the bottom of my heart.

Marcia Copeland Hudson, Ohio Governor, 2025-26

Marcia.Kiwanis2020@gmail.com

Snapshots from the 2026 DCON



Disabilities Don't Define Us – Abilities Unite Us

The 2026 Ohio District Aktion Club Leadership and Educational Day brought Aktion Club members and the Kiwanis family together Aug. 15 in Westerville for a historic day of leadership, education, fellowship, and inclusion.

For the first time, the event was held in collaboration with the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention, providing a unique opportunity to strengthen connections throughout the Kiwanis family.

The day also marked another milestone for Ohio Aktion Club. The previous attendance record of 114 was surpassed, with more than 130 participants joining us for this year's event – an incredible demonstration of the continued enthusiasm and growth of Aktion Club across Ohio.



Throughout the day, our theme, “Disabilities Don't Define Us – Abilities Unite Us,” could be seen in action.

A sincere thank you goes to the Kiwanis clubs that sponsored Aktion Club members to attend and to the Kiwanians, businesses, organizations, families, and individual sponsors whose generosity made this experience possible.

Thank you to our presenters and speakers who shared their knowledge, talents, and experiences while providing opportunities for our members to learn, participate, and strengthen their leadership skills.

Most importantly, thank you to our Aktion Club members and participants. Your enthusiasm, friendships, and willingness to learn and lead are why this event exists.

Finally, thank you to everyone who pitched in before, during, and after the event. From planning and registration to assisting participants, setup, and cleanup, every helping hand contributed to the success of this historic day.

On behalf of Ohio District Aktion Club, thank you for believing in our members, our mission, and the abilities within each individual.

Together, we made history, strengthened our Kiwanis family, and proved once again:

Disabilities Don't Define Us – Abilities Unite Us!

Del Ray Fox

Ohio District Aktion Club Administrator



Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Celebrates Service and Generosity at Annual Meeting

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, during the final day of the Ohio District Kiwanis Convention. The meeting offered the opportunity to conduct Foundation business, celebrate another year of service, and recognize the Kiwanians, clubs, and friends whose generosity continues to strengthen communities across Ohio.

Leadership and Foundation business

The ODKF Board announced the appointment of Jason Miller as Interim Executive Director. Bill Flinta and Dave Kuhn will assist him. All three are past governors and past ODKF presidents, bringing extensive experience and a shared commitment to the Foundation's mission.

The Foundation also elected three Kiwanians to four-year terms as directors: Marla Marsh, Linda Steinbrunner, and Cassie Turner. Marla Marsh, of the Middletown Kiwanis Club, will serve as ODKF president for the 2026–2027 year.

Grant impact and Club Advised Funds

ODKF grants continue to make a meaningful difference for children, families, communities and Kiwanians throughout the district. To date during the 2025-26 year, the Foundation has awarded \$36,551.92 in grants. Since 1988, ODKF has awarded a total of \$1,786,000.

Grant applications for 2026-27 will be due Nov. 30, March 31, and June 30. Mini-Grant applications will be due Oct. 31, Dec. 31, Feb. 28, April 30, June 30 and Aug. 31.

The Club Advised Fund program gives clubs the opportunity to invest their funds through the Foundation's investment pool. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation currently manages 49 Club Advised Funds totaling \$1.8 million.

Recognition and resolutions

The Foundation acknowledged two Service Leadership Program scholarship recipients. The Circle K Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Anderson from Bowling Green State University, and the Key Club Scholarship was awarded to Matilda Jankowski from Kirtland High School.

Several resolutions were presented to express appreciation and congratulations. The Foundation thanked members of the Ohio District Kiwanis Family who contributed to fundraising and recognition programs, as well as the many volunteers who supported the Foundation's mission throughout the year.

Special congratulations were extended to Neha Pasupuleti, Past Governor of the Ohio District of Circle K and 2026-27 Circle K International President, and to Amy Zimmerman, immediate past president of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, who was elected to a three-year term as Kiwanis International Trustee.

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The Foundation also expressed profound gratitude for the life and extraordinary service of A. Alan Penn, Past President of Kiwanis International and Executive Director of ODKF. Additionally, in recognition of his humanitarian spirit and lasting impact, he was posthumously awarded the Albert and Iris Gilbert Humanitarian Award by Jason Miller, Jamie Kaufman, Jennifer Weinberg and Brandi Bowen.

Honors and donor support

ODKF recognized several leaders and supporters through Foundation honors. Past International Presidents Awards were presented to Ella Powell, immediate past Circle K Governor; Parth Rajput, immediate past Key Club Governor; Jo Schwartz, Kiwanis International Trustee and counselor to the Ohio District for the 2026-27 year; and Paul Palazzolo, Past International President and Kiwanis International Executive Director.

The A. Alan Penn Award, which provides support to Service Leadership Programs, was presented to Jason Miller and to Jennifer Weinberg.

The Legion of Honor Award, recognizing a donation for 25 or more years of service, was presented to Robert Buescher earlier this year.

The Foundation also gratefully recognized annual club gifts and donations supporting specific programs from East Fork Region Kiwanis, Seneca County Kiwanis, Mason Kiwanis, Port Clinton Kiwanis, Willard Area Kiwanis, Cincinnati Kiwanis, Xenia Kiwanis, and Springfield Kiwanis.

Donations to Kiwanis Investing in Circle K (KICK) were recognized from Division Capital West, Beavercreek Kiwanis, Willard Area Kiwanis, Kiwanis Connected Club, University Kiwanis Foundation, and all participants in the heads-or-tails fundraiser at Mid-Year Education Day 2025.

Memorial donations were received in honor of First Lady Marjorie Martin and Past Circle K District Treasurer John E. McHenry, Jr.

Thank you for supporting ODKF

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, honored others, and supported the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation during the 2025–2026 year. Because of your involvement, the Foundation continues to support children, families, communities and Kiwanians across Ohio.

For more information about the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, go to odkf.org.

Steve Vrooman,

ODKF chairman, 2025-26



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Looking back, looking ahead

By now you've probably heard about the Ohio District Kiwanis First Family Project and its mission to help children and families in medical crisis. Perhaps you've also gotten word of the recent passing of Alan Penn, past Kiwanis International president and recent Executive Director of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.



Mr. Penn was a bold leader whose life of service in Kiwanis touched the lives of people around the world. He was someone Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Marcia Copeland Hudson and I got to know in recent years.

Mr. Penn was in the audience last winter when Governor Marcia and I made a "Governor's Visit" to a Kiwanis division meeting in Wooster. I was standing in front of the gathering, telling the story of the Project and what inspired it -- and that, of course, was our own experience with our daughter Lauren, who became a cancer patient at 11 years of age.

Lauren had a strong will to survive from the first weeks of her life, when she beat the long odds against her. For all her easy smiles and gentle manner as she grew into girlhood, the kid was a fighter, a determined survivor, and was forced to fight to beat her lifelong health challenges. She was a smart, creative little girl who built close friendships, and we often wondered what she would grow up to be.

But two weeks after Christmas one year, her life reached its tragic end, mere weeks after her twelfth birthday. We have been left to ponder the question of what Lauren might have become for the rest of our days.

The loss of a child is devastating -- as many parents know from sad experience. A surviving parent carries a wound to the heart that never really heals. Questions abound: Why did this happen? Why would God allow this to happen?

I was thinking of Lauren that cold winter night when I talked to the folks at the division meeting in Wooster. I'm not sure why I shared it, but it was a thought that kept pressing on my mind. In measuring the worth of a life so brief, Lauren's life, I had come to a tentative conclusion. As I told the meeting that night, I had come to understand that even a brief life was a full lifetime in the sight of God.

At the back of the room I saw Alan Penn, the strong leader who had given wise advice to hundreds of people, nodding his head in affirmation of my words. It felt like a meaningful moment, and it was.

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

We love seeing Kiwanis service and volunteer 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:

[Findlay Club collects spices](#) --- *The Courier*



[Lakewood club donates trauma bags to first responders](#) --- [cleveland.com](#)

[Port Clinton Kiwanis Club learns of fragile future of fish](#)
--- *The Beacon*

[Mansfield club plants flags to honor veterans 9/11](#)
--- *Mansfield News Journal*

[Mount Vernon Kiwanis pie auction nets \\$4,910 for children's literacy](#) --- [Knox Pages](#)

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I'm not sure anyone else noticed. But to have this son of Christian missionaries affirm my thought about the meaning of Lauren's all-too-brief life was healing and gave me comfort. It was a gift.

I thought of that night recently when I attended Mr. Penn's Celebration of Life, where we learned more about his family's Christian mission in Guatemala years ago.

I thought of the times Governor Marcia and I talked Kiwanis with Mr. Penn. He always spoke thoughtfully, in measured words, drawn from years of experience. His wise advice helped steady our way.

But in the end, even the most informed counsel could never match the way Alan Penn lifted my spirit that night in Wooster -- without uttering a single word.

P.S. – Thanks to everyone who supported the First Family Project during the 2025-2026 Kiwanis year. Want to help grant a wish for a special child facing serious medical challenges? Scan the QR code on previous page (Page 8) to reach our special Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation page – where you can contribute using your credit or debit card. The account will remain open through December 31, and benefits the Special Wish Kids of Make-A-Wish. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

Larry Hudson,
First Gentleman,
First Family Project- Co-Chairman

Convention offers time to shine spotlight

The Governor's Awards honor those who have made great contributions to the Ohio Kiwanis District this year. These dedicated volunteers would be valuable on any team – and the Ohio District is fortunate to have them.

Sally Schaad and Brian Gottfried stepped up to organize a very successful Mid-Year Education Day, held in Newark March 28th. Despite being brought to the task late, Sally and Brian, backed by their team of volunteers from the Granville Kiwanis Club, found ways to arrange all the details. They chose workshop topics and speakers, set up displays including a collection point for supplies for the Ronald McDonald House, and even arranged a field trip to the nearby Newark Earthworks – built thousands of years ago by some of the earliest inhabitants of what is now Ohio. Thank you, Sally Schaad and Brian Gottfried for bringing the Ohio District an excellent Mid-Year Education Day!

Craig Wallace – the event chair for this District Convention -- is a past District Governor who rose to the challenge of organizing a major event on an abbreviated timeline. Craig created the plan for this great convention we've all been enjoying this weekend. He organized more than a dozen committees for different aspects of the planning and reached out to both the Gahanna and Westerville Kiwanis Clubs to help carry out the plan. Craig has been the conductor who directed all the details, all while continuing his full-time employment. Thank you, Craig, for organizing this great DCON weekend!

Marla Marsh has a great understanding of the power of social media -- and she's put her knowledge to work for the Ohio Kiwanis District. Since the beginning of the Kiwanis year, Marla has been helping Governor Marcia document her travels and activities around the District and has shared the Governor's messages to Kiwanians on a dedicated Facebook page. Marla has also helped get the word out about important announcements and activities on the Ohio District Kiwanis Facebook page. Thank you, Marla Marsh, for keeping us all informed!

Carol Burke, Lieutenant Governor of the North Coast Division, has done important work to advance the District's club building plan – a plan always identified by Kiwanis International as a top District priority. Carol took part in all the calls with District leadership and KI Trustee Scott Sims on this important topic – and was always quick to identify potential sites for new Kiwanis Clubs. Her recommendations were always backed by research making clear why each recommended site could support a new Kiwanis Club. Carol also led the successful effort to merge the old divisions 13 and 14 to form the new North Coast Division. Thanks, Carol Burke, for your extraordinary leadership.

Jennifer Lewis, Ph.D., the District K-Kids administrator, has long experience with Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs and has long been a great resource for the District or Kiwanis every day. That proved to be especially important earlier this year. The largest cluster of Service Leadership Programs in the Ohio District is in Lima – where there are multiple K-Kids Clubs, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs and a Circle K Club. The developer and Kiwanis advisor for the clubs was Robert Day, Junior, and when we suddenly lost Bob a few months ago, there were plenty of questions about what to do next. That's when Jennifer Lewis and her knowledge and experience of SLPs became especially important to help carry on Bob's legacy. Thank you, Jennifer!



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Hannah Riley has been the heart and soul of the First Family Project 2025-2026. From the very beginning, her ideas and guidance helped Governor Marcia and me understand how our project could help children and families facing medical crisis. Her experience as a critical care nurse at the state's largest children's hospital provided a new perspective. Hannah helped us define our project and refine our message – that our project could help families most by supporting two organizations that help families in medical crisis: Make-A-Wish and Ronald McDonald House. Hannah Riley, thank you for working side-by-side with us to create a project that helps children and families in crisis!

Cliff Wiltshire is the force behind the *Buckeye Bulletin*, the monthly online publication that keeps the Ohio District up to date on everything Kiwanis. This is a big undertaking, involving writing, design and editing – all under deadline pressure. But there's more – in his role as District public relations chair, Cliff keeps all Ohio Kiwanians up to date on urgent news and announcements via email blast. It's all in a day's work for Cliff, who accomplishes all this while publishing two suburban newspapers in Columbus. Cliff Wiltshire, thanks for keeping us all up to date!

Michael Jay, Lieutenant Governor of the TWELVE Division, led the way in building the new Clyde-Green Springs Kiwanis Club. In developing the new club, Mike followed all the recommended procedures outlined by Kiwanis International and found the advice to be good, leading to success. He helped build a strong foundation for a strong Kiwanis club serving the children and families of Clyde and Green Springs. Michael Jay, thank you for your leadership in bringing Kiwanis to two new communities!

Jeffrey Eble has been a leader in Key Club since his days at Worthington High School, and has continued with a long tenure as Ohio District Kiwanis Key Club Administrator. His leadership has long attracted notice – and He was given a special honor at last year's Key Club ICON in Orlando as the first recipient of the Marc H. Litwack Legacy of Leadership Award. We very much appreciate your leadership of Ohio District Key Club in the year since you received that well-deserved honor. Jeffrey Eble, thank you for your continued dedication to leadership!

New Club Awards

Finally, we want to honor and welcome the newest clubs in the Ohio Kiwanis district. Each one gives its members the opportunity to serve children and families while building friendships and developing leadership skills.

Here are the four newest clubs that have begun serving their communities. Welcome to the Ohio District Kiwanis family!

*The Clyde-Green Springs Kiwanis Club (Charter pending September 10, 2026)

* The Conneaut Kiwanis Club (Chartered May 6, 2026)

* The Huber Heights Kiwanis Club (Chartered May 20, 2026))

* The Springfield Pike Kiwanis Club (Charter pending September 13, 2026)



Ohio District Kiwanis Awards

We're recognizing the volunteers who make Kiwanis in Ohio possible—those who give their time, passion, and service to children and families in our communities.

Whether you lead at the club or division level, support Service Leadership Programs, strengthen Circle K, or work behind the scenes, your efforts matter. You help our district grow, improve our programs, and strengthen the teams carrying Kiwanis forward.

Most importantly, you invest in people and help keep Kiwanis focused on building brighter futures for children and families. Thank you for all you do and for the heart you bring to Kiwanis.

Walter G. Sellers Leadership Award

We recognize Robert “Bob” Buescher with the Walter G. Sellers Leadership Award for his steady, dependable leadership throughout the year.

Bob and I began working together during a difficult time in our division following the passing of Paul Price, a trusted leader who served for more than two decades as both Lt. Governor and Treasurer. As District Treasurer, Bob provided the strength, reassurance, and calm we needed.

His leadership is reflected in the way he serves others—with patience, thoroughness, and a genuine willingness to help. Even when I needed multiple lessons on the budget, Bob explained it with kindness and confidence. His “patience of Job” is a true testament to his character and commitment.

Congratulations, Bob, and thank you for your leadership, patience, and support of our team and district.

David B. Gillespie Award

We honor Gail Keaton with the David B. Gillespie Award for her outstanding work and dedication to the District's Key Club and Service Leadership Programs.

I've seen Gail's tireless efforts at many rallies and conventions. She is always present, engaged, and focused on helping our SLPs succeed. Through club visits, newsletters, meetings, training conferences, communication, and community service initiatives, Gail supports members and advisors while strengthening our programs.

Congratulations, Gail, and thank you for your commitment, energy, and servant leadership.

Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award (Two given)

We recognize Tracy Hahn with the Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award for her exceptional service, leadership, and willingness to support others.

Tracy stays informed and engaged, understanding the needs of her clubs and fellow Lieutenant Governors. As President of the 2025–26 Lt. Governor Class, she has gone above and beyond—guiding and encouraging others with purpose and compassion.

This is the second person to receive the Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award. Whenever I needed advice on leadership matters, Monica M. Marsh (and her sister Marla) were among the first people I could turn to. Monica demonstrated remarkable leadership and served as a key adviser to the Office of the Governor. She worked tirelessly on behalf of her district, visiting every club multiple times. Her reports reflected her deep understanding of the needs and circumstances of each club—and the members knew her personally.

Monica also played a vital role in her community through her leadership in the Kiwanis Foundation, emphasizing the importance of service and providing support to individuals in need.

Club President of the Year award

We recognize Dr. Willie J. Heggins III with the Club President of the Year Award. In his first year as president, Willie has shown remarkable strength and character, especially after the sudden passing of his mentor and club leader, Bob Day.

Despite that loss, Willie rebuilt the club's leadership team and secured advisors for three Service Leadership Programs—requiring five people to fill the roles Bob once handled.

Through it all, Willie has led with steadiness, positivity, and compassion. His club will also sponsor North America's second Kiwanis Voices club, reflecting his vision for the future.

Congratulations, Willie, and thank you for your leadership, resilience, and heart.

Kiwanis Club of the Year Award

This was a difficult decision, as many clubs achieved impressive growth. But the Kiwanis Club of the Year Award goes to the Bryan Kiwanis Club of the Black Swamp Division—the “Little Engine That Could.”

After the pandemic brought membership losses and low morale, Bryan chose to rebuild. They reorganized, ensured every member had a committee role, and stayed committed to teamwork. Long-time member Carlton Hardy, at 101 years young, helped keep the club energized.

Congratulations to the Bryan Kiwanis Club for rebuilding with purpose and showing what persistence can accomplish.

David Whiteman Award—the Club Secretary of the Year Award

We recognize John Shoulvin of the Ashtabula Kiwanis Club with the David Whiteman Award for Club Secretary of the Year.

John serves as secretary for both his club and the Lake Effect Division. For more than 40 years, he has been a dependable and dedicated Kiwanian, keeping members informed, completing reports accurately and on time, and supporting club and division activities.

Known as the “glue” that keeps things connected, John exemplifies excellence in service. Congratulations, John, and thank you for your commitment and steady support.

Robert Hobart Service to Circle K Award

We honor Shawn M. Sech with the Robert Hobart Service to Circle K Award for her unwavering commitment to protecting and strengthening the Circle K program.

Shawn has been a true “Momma Bear” for her Circle K members, leading with heart and determination. She championed Circle K growth across the district and encouraged Kiwanis clubs to support the program in every region.

She also led efforts to strengthen Circle K’s international finances, personally visiting clubs and sharing her message with dedication and care.

Congratulations, Shawn, and thank you for your fierce leadership and tireless support of Circle K.

Douglas R. K. Everett Award

We recognize Richard J. Fox Jr. for his exceptional service as District Membership Chair and recipient of the award honoring Past Ohio District Governor Douglas Everett.

In his first year, Rick helped create a strategic plan to build, strengthen, and retain district membership, including the Ohio District Kiwanis Membership Leadership Manual. His willingness to learn, enthusiasm, and servant’s heart quickly made him a confident and effective leader. Congratulations, Rick, and thank you for your dedication and commitment to Kiwanis.

Kiwanian of the Year Award

We honor William “Bill” Flinta with the Kiwanian of the Year Award for his outstanding dedication to district growth and leadership.

Bill has supported Kiwanis through thoughtful event planning, budgeting, advising F&S, and consistently doing what is best for our clubs and members. His knowledge, experience, and guidance have also helped advance the club-building process and support the District Membership team.

Bill’s steady, generous leadership reflects the heart of Kiwanis. Congratulations, Bill, and thank you for your service and commitment to helping Kiwanis grow.

Club Treasurer of the Year award. (Selected by the ODK Treasurer Association)

We recognize Lyndon Thomas of the Belden Village Kiwanis Club with the Club Treasurer of the Year Award for his outstanding leadership and dependable service.

Lyndon is organized, prepared, and thorough, managing the club’s finances with integrity and attention to detail. His work helps the club move forward with confidence and clarity.

Congratulations, Lyndon, and thank you for your commitment to your club and Kiwanis.

Keep up with our Governor on her travels

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!

Marcia Copeland Hudson, Governor

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🇺🇸 Kiwanis on Parade! ❤️

What a wonderful way to celebrate community, service, and America! Members of the Kiwanis Club of Kettering-Centerville proudly participated in the 46th annual Holiday at Home Parade, held each Labor Day.

I joined the celebration in a bright red Mustang convertible alongside Kiwanis Trustee Amy Zimmerman of the Beavercreek Kiwanis Club and Brad Kunze of the Bellefontaine Kiwanis Club.

Adding to the celebration, longtime Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis member Bill Pees served as this year's Grand Marshal, accompanied by his grandson Jack.

With this year's theme, "250 Years Celebrating America's Independence," the parade was a beautiful reminder of what Kiwanis does best—bringing people together through service, friendship, leadership, and community pride. 🇺🇸 ❤️

Congratulations to the entire Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis family on a wonderful day of Kiwanis visibility and community spirit!

#Kiwanis #OhioDistrictKiwanis #KidsNeedKiwanis #KetteringCentervilleKiwanis #CommunityService #HolidayAtHome #ServingTheChildrenOfTheWorld See less



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

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105 years of service is certainly something to celebrate! ❤️🇺🇸

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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.



 **Kiwanis Club of Kettering-Centerville, Ohio**
September 6 at 2:08 PM · 🌐

From our Governor herself!



.. **Amanda Hawley · Follow**
August 30 at 1:05 PM · 🌐

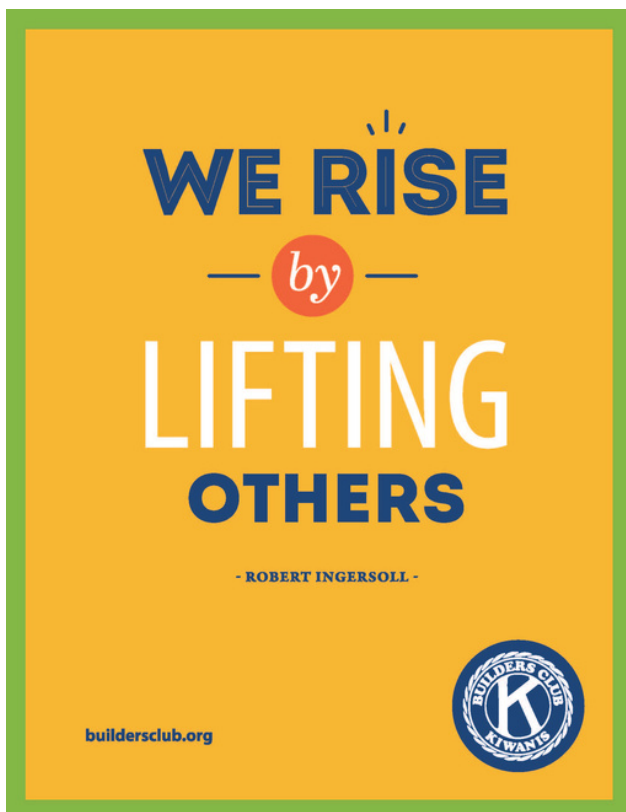
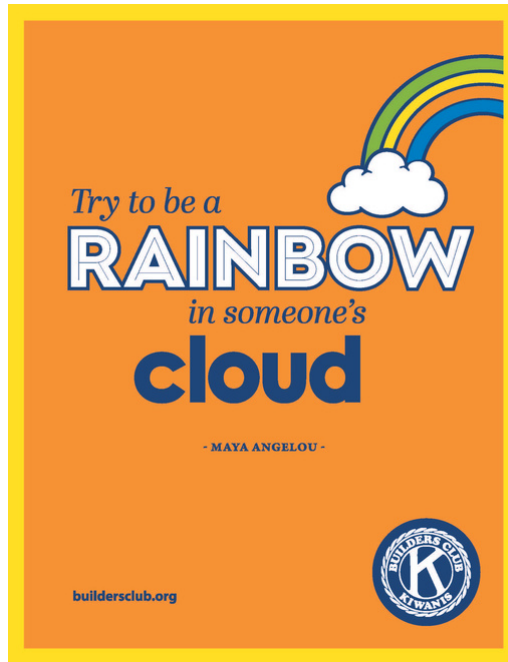


 **Kiwanis Club of Newark, Ohio**
about an hour ago · 🌐

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our annual fish fry had a great turn out! ❤️ ... See more



Check out these new posters from Kiwanis International created to help our SLPs market themselves and build morale in their schools!



These are available through Kiwanis International, which shared that Aktion Club posters are being developed as well!

The
Jim Matheny
Memorial



Classic Car Show

Sponsored by Heath Moundbuilders Kiwanis



\$10 Entry
Fee

Music by James Matheny

Proceeds go to Hanover American Legion

● Food ● 50/50 ● Door Prizes ● Awards

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th 2026

11:00 am - 3:00pm



Located at Grand Monuments



1600 East Main Street Newark, OH 43055

Questions, Call Mike 740.403.4663

District seeks public relations support

Hello Ohio District Kiwanians!

My name is Hannah Riley and I will be the Public Relations chair for the 2026-2027 service year. As we are approaching the Kiwanis New Year, I wanted to let everyone know of some updates regarding social media for the next service year.

For this coming year, I would love to have a social media committee made up of members around the district and the job will be to make posts for Facebook and Instagram. If interested, please click [here](#) and fill out an interest form.

Next, we will be starting a new policy regarding the use of AI. In this day of age, the use of AI has become more useful to make flyers and different promotional materials. There have been some concerns raised regarding following branding guidelines on those flyers and promotional materials. Kiwanis has strict font and color guidelines to be followed so please be mindful of that. Also, when using AI with pictures that have been taken, they often will change the faces of people where they do not look as they normally would. This change has raised concerns for people being uncomfortable having images that are not fully them on social media.

We are asking that you do not AI change any photos and if you do, you must ask permission of those in the image first. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at Hannah.kiwanis@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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Cincinnati club has great reasons to celebrate

The Kiwanis Club of Cincinnati on Sunday marked 110 years of service to the community – and it has helped bring a new Kiwanis Club into being.

The new club is the Springfield Pike Kiwanis Club, serving the Cincinnati suburbs Woodlawn and Wyoming and surrounding neighborhoods.

Kiwanians from Cincinnati and beyond gathered Sept. 13 to celebrate both milestones at the Key Spot Event Center on Springfield Pike in Woodlawn, where the new Kiwanis Club meets.

The Cincinnati Kiwanis Club continues its long history of serving Cincinnati families, providing a great inspiration for the new Springfield Pike Kiwanis Club.

The new Kiwanis Club began its volunteer service during the summer -- aimed at meeting the needs of children and families living nearby.

Perhaps the greatest message of the afternoon was this:

Kiwanis is both legacy and possibility.

We honor those who came before us and built the foundation upon which we stand. We celebrate those who serve today. And we encourage those who will carry our mission forward tomorrow. 110 years of history.

A brand-new charter.

Generations of Kiwanis leadership.

One Kiwanis family.

And one shared commitment to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Cincinnati on 110 remarkable years of service, and congratulations and welcome to the Kiwanis Club of Springfield Pike!

Additional photos on next page.

Follow this club on Facebook by clicking [here](#).



Snapshots from the Springfield Pike Charter Party





District welcomes Clyde-Green Springs

A Charter Celebration was held Sept. 13 for the Kiwanis Club of Clyde-Green Springs.

Dedicated volunteers are invaluable to any membership team, and the Ohio District is fortunate to have such a team who brought this new club into existence.

Michael Jay, Lieutenant Governor of Division Twelve, led the effort to build the new Clyde-Green Springs Kiwanis Club. Key to the development of this club were Ohio District Membership Chair Rick Fox and Kiwanis International Area Coordinator Linda Lawther, along with a team of dedicated Kiwanis leaders who worked diligently to achieve the successful results celebrated today.



Additional recognition goes to Kathleen Moylan, Angie Duduit, Governor-Elect Judy Raub, Bill Flinta, Steve Steinburner, and local leaders Jodi Albright and Morgan Stanley, all of whom volunteered their time to help build this new club.

It was an exciting night hosted at The Copper Whale Winery, which donated its space for the event and welcomed approximately 70 attendees.

For more information on this wonderful event, visit their Facebook Page by clicking [here](#).

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Sandusky club continues longtime support of Imagination Library



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library stands as a living legacy of the beloved entertainer, continuing its nationwide mission to support childhood literacy – by encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

Since 2012, the Kiwanis Club of Sandusky has supported the Imagination Library as program partner in Erie County. Throughout the years, more than 7,000 Erie County children have received books through the program – at the rate of one book per month through their fifth birthdays – at no cost to their families.

The Sandusky Kiwanis Club's financial support (backed by a long list of local contributors) is matched by funding from the Imagination Library itself, supporting the current enrollment of more than 2,380 Erie County children. Families can enroll their children in the five-year book delivery program as newborns.

Since the Erie County partnership began in 2012, the Imagination Library has delivered more than 286,150 books. Nearly 6,000 Erie County children have “graduated” from the program and accumulated 60-book “libraries” of their very own.

The goal of Imagination Library programs around the world will be to continue Dolly's legacy and ensure that every community will be able to reap the benefits of her own dream for children everywhere to “Learn More, Care More and Be More.”

Members of the club are grateful to the Erie County Community Foundation, Firelands Health, Sandusky Library, local foundations, Witches' Walk and the many individuals whose support helps sustain this important program.