

# Buckeye Bulletin

Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter

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## Governor's Message

We all know someone we could invite to join our Kiwanis Club and yet time after time we fail to do the ASK!

We need to start thinking about how our Kiwanis Club fulfills our lives with the fun, fellowship, and service, and how that could fulfill someone else's life. Please reach out to

someone today and share.

Our International President Jim Rochford and the Eye of The Tiger Team will be joining our Formula Team May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> to build eight new Clubs in the Cleveland area. This is going to be a huge boost to Ohio's membership and service to the communities where we are building these Clubs. We need all the help we can get for this event in May, so if you have an interest in being part of the Team or just want more information please get in touch with Brad Kunze, Denny Lehman or myself.

I know many of you question why build new Clubs when so many of our existing Clubs are struggling with membership. I want you to know the Formula Team and I agree, and I assure you, once we complete this new Club Building Blitz we plan to turn our focus on strengthening existing Clubs. I believe we must never stop building new Clubs because many existing Clubs have been helped with coaching, but sadly some are not willing to make some needed changes to grow and eventually die.

Barb and I have been to both the Circle K and Key Club Conventions in the last month and we were inspired with their leadership and service. If Kiwanians continue to stay engaged with the SLP Family and encourage them to join a Kiwanis Club when they leave school; I assure you Ohio Kiwanis will be strong for the next 100 years. The former SLP members in Kiwanis that I have had the honor to work with over the last few years, gives me confidence Ohio Kiwanis can continue to grow. It may be in a different way than 100 years ago, but with the same commitment to service in their communities.

The early bird rate of \$150.00 for registration to the International Convention will expire April 15<sup>th</sup> so please get online and register. We are planning an Ohio reception for Friday night the 29<sup>th</sup> in the Bally's Skyview Room and from what I've been told this is the premier reception space with a panoramic view of the city. I will send detailed information out in May after everything is confirmed. See you in Vegas!

**KIDS NEED  
PEOPLE TO LOOK  
OUT FOR THEM.**

We are generous with our time. We are creative with our ideas. We are passionate about making a difference. And we have fun along the way.

**KIDS NEED KIWANIS**

## District Secretary's Notes

As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 101st Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in Toledo, Ohio at the Park Inn Toledo and SeaGate Convention Centre. The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Please mark your calendar for August 10-12, 2018 to attend a truly memorable District Convention as we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a district. Our district was formed at the first Annual Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in September of 1918. The ten clubs active in the district when it was formed are still actively serving their communities and they will be honored at the convention. One of those ten clubs, the Kiwanis Club of Toledo, will be hosting a cookout on Friday evening. After the cookout there will be a free concert by K. C. and the Sunshine Band. You won't want to miss any of the festivities! A tentative schedule can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

**Dave Whiteman**  
**District Secretary**  
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### **Club Election Reports**

Next month Ohio Kiwanis Clubs should be electing their leaders for the 2018-19 Administrative Year. Once that is accomplished please be sure to report your elected officers to Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. The recommended method is the online election form included in the Secretary menu of the Kiwanis Connect Reporting System. The process is very simple and easy. The great thing about using the online version through Kiwanis Connect is that you avoid the hassle and cost of mailing the forms. If you have any questions regarding the process, please call me in the District Office. Last year we still had a significant number who did not file a report. This makes it very difficult for Kiwanis International and the Ohio District to prepare directories in a timely manner. Please make sure your club is not one of those who does not have information included in the International or District Directories.

### **2018 International Convention**

The deadline for early registration to our International Convention in Las Vegas is April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is still not too late to register for the \$150.00 fee. There are important business matters to be handled by the delegates attending the convention that will affect every club in Kiwanis International. The Ohio District also has a candidate for International Vice President. We need to provide maximum support to help elect Past Governor John DeVilbiss as the next Vice President and eventually to the position of International President in 2020-21.

### **District Newsletter Distribution**

Beginning with this issue, our newsletter is being distributed by Constant Contact. That will also be the system we will use for online registration beginning with this year's district convention. Please encourage all the members of your club to sign-up to receive our newsletter by email. That signup form can be found on our district website and clicking on the menu button at the top right-hand side of the screen and going to the News page. You will see in the drop-down box Newsletter Request. When you click on Newsletter Request, you will see a button titled "Sign Up Now". Click on that button and fill out the form to begin receiving our newsletter directly. Please share this information with others in your club who may find this useful.

The 2017-18 administrative year is now more than half over. Be sure to look elsewhere in this newsletter for information concerning various items of interest. Please don't hesitate to call us with your questions or concerns.

#### **Have news to share?**

The Buckeye Bulletin is always looking to share good news about the terrific service that our clubs are doing. To share your club's story in the Buckeye Bulletin, please submit an attached photo of your club members in action. A brief description of the project and who will be benefitting from the activity should be included. If this is a signature project or a new project that information should be included as well.

You never know, your project could inspire another club in the district to do something similar in their community. We are also interested in your Service Leadership Program clubs' activities, since they often do amazing projects with minimal resources available to them.

Send articles to: [secretary@ohiokiwanis.org](mailto:secretary@ohiokiwanis.org). We will use them as space allows.

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## Aktion Club Contests

As Aktion Club's District Convention, clubs and members have the opportunity to participate in contests. The winner of each contest is then submitted to Kiwanis International for consideration at that level. Despite members and clubs winning at the International level, each year, the contest turnout is fairly low. I suspect that contests are thought of last minute, so clubs do not participate. This guide should be a kick start for you to help your Aktion Club prepare for the contests.

The theme for 2018 is: ABILITY IN AKTION

**Video:** This new contest will follow the theme for the year, ABILITY IN AKTION. For the video contest, each club that enters will create a two-minute promotional video that shows its particular ABILITY IN AKTION. This can include clips from service projects, fundraisers, social events and Kiwanis-family events — as well as snippets of members, advisors and others sharing information on the club, club activities and club membership.

**Social Media:** This contest will focus the club's presence on all social media outlets related to club service projects, fundraising, social events, advocacy, leadership and Kiwanis-family events. The quality and quantity of posts will be judged as well.

**Speech:** The member should discuss how he displayed his ABILITY IN AKTION with Aktion Club this year. The members should provide examples of how Aktion Club helped improve his ability to make a difference in the community. The member should prepare a speech beforehand and practice to gain comfort in front of an audience. The member will compete in front of the attendees of the Ohio Aktion Club Convention.

**Poster:** The member should draw a picture of the club showing ABILITIES IN AKTION. Be sure to follow size guidelines in order to be eligible.

**Single Service:** With fellow club members, tell about a service project where the club showed ABILITIES IN AKTION with your community service. Forms are available at [www.aktionclub.org](http://www.aktionclub.org).

**Scrapbook:** With fellow club members, create a scrapbook showing the club's ABILITY IN AKTION through the events, service and fundraisers of the Aktion Club year. This is a great social project that the club can start now and build through the year.

Please remember that all contests must follow KI's guidelines which are available at [www.aktionclub.org](http://www.aktionclub.org). All submissions should be provided to Jennifer Weinberg at the Ohio Aktion Club Convention or prior to the event. (Convention date is to be determined but will be in July or August 2018.)



## FEEDING OHIO'S CHILDREN



Throughout the month of February, the Aktion Clubs of Logan, Darke, Miami, and Shelby County challenged each other to a Feed the Hungry food drive! This project was in conjunction with this year's Governor's Project, which is, "Feeding Ohio's Children." The Aktion Clubs included the Kiwanis, Key Club, and other local organizations in this challenge.

As a division, there were over 17 agencies and clubs working together to help feed the hungry! We are eager to announce that Miami County Aktion Club is the winner of this 2018 Feed the Hungry Food Drive. Miami County collected 1,116 Food items! TOGETHER the 4 counties collected over 2,433 food

items. So while they will be presented with the traveling trophy for this year, every club and every community is a winner for assisting those less fortunate!



## Check Your Email...

Often we hear "why do you need my email address?" The truth is, much of our communication is done via computer. Ohio has an electronic newsletter and we send out monthly notices when the newsletter is ready for viewing. We like to think the newsletter is part of educational and information benefits of being a Kiwanian in our District and we would like it to be accessible to everyone.

Other times, we need to contact someone during the day or send requested information and the quickest way to get information to them is through e-mail. Unfortunately, many times, this is not possible, because their contact information is out of date, missing or incorrect. Every member can double check their contact information via the Kiwanis International website. [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org)

By clicking on Member Resources, you can log into an area where you can review your personal information. You can update your biography, check your status for background checks (they need to be updated every so often!) and see which classes you have taken. You can even add a photograph of yourself for the member directory!

Club secretaries are encouraged to review and update member rosters and encourage club members to visit the district website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org) to sign up for the district newsletter. It's a quick and easy way to stay "in the know".



I'm sending a great big THANK YOU to all Kiwanians who donated food at Mid-Year. I also want to thank Martin Butler, Executive Director of Neighborhood Services, Inc. for sharing his passion for families who are food insecure. The need is real!

Thank you to Thecala Acord from the South Bloomfield UMC weekend pack ministry for sharing her experience in the First Ladies session. All of the food that was donated was given to groups that are serving those children in need. The food was donated to 5 groups that give weekend food packs to children. The 5 groups are: Division 9, Division 18, South Bloomfield UMC Food Pack Ministry, Worthington Resource Pantry Family Mentor, NNEMAP Food Pantry serving children in the Linden area. Our plan is to have a food drive at District Convention in Toledo, so we can also help children in that area. I look forward to seeing what Kiwanians can do for the children in that area.



**First Family Project  
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**Community Services Chair, Rick Kidwell and First Lady Barbara Litzinger stand in front of the donations collected at the Kiwanis Mid-Year.**

## Don't Miss the 61st Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing

The Ohio Kiwanis Foundation and its golf committee are actively planning and excited for this summer's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing. The event will include prizes by age group for all senior teams, non-senior teams as well as prizes for all female teams. The date of this year's event is Wednesday July 11, 2018. The fun will begin with a shotgun start at 10:00am. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org) under the event tab which can be found from the rotating display or visiting the July events calendar and opening the golf outing link on the July 11 date. Online registration will require credit card payment. To pay by check please print the appropriate registration or sponsorship form and mail it with payment to the address on the form.



The event continues to be sponsored by the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation making a portion of the registration fee and all sponsorship donations tax deductible, and the net proceeds being used to help support the Foundation's Safe and Healthy Kids campaign. The event will be held at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Canton, Ohio again this year. Tam O'Shanter is located at 5055 Hills & Dales Road NW, Canton, very near I-77. As always, this event is open to the entire Kiwanis family and all friends of Kiwanis.

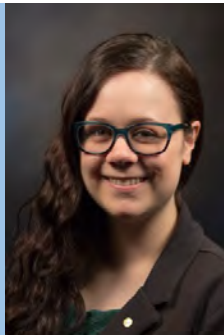
The format of play will be a scramble. There will be games of skill on the course with prizes. In certain categories there will be separate skill prizes for men, women and seniors. Mulligans will be available for all golfers.

The price of this year's event remains at \$85.00 and includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes, and a great dinner. The registration deadline is July 4, 2018. To continue to make this event a success and help raise funds for the Safe and Healthy Kids campaign and grants given as part of this campaign sponsorships will again be sold. Sponsorship levels are as follows; a hole sponsorship for \$100.00, a par sponsorship for \$250.00, a birdie sponsorship for \$325.00, an eagle sponsorship for \$400.00, a double eagle sponsorship for \$500.00, and an ace sponsorship for \$1,000.00. The hole sponsorship will get a professional sponsor sign on one hole with special recognition in the dinner program. The par sponsor will receive a sign on each course, special recognition in the dinner program plus golf and dinner for one person. The birdie sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for two. The eagle sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for three. The double eagle sponsor will receive all the benefits of the par sponsor plus golf and dinner for four. The ace sponsor includes all the benefits of the double eagle sponsor plus individual signage at the event. We need strong support in sponsorships to help keep the tournament at the quality level everyone has come to expect and benefit the Foundation so please seek event sponsors from your club members and businesses you may know who would like to support this worthy cause.



Please mark you calendars and arrange your teams now to take advantage of the great fun, food and fellowship that takes place at this event every year. The event is held rain or shine. No cancellations can be accepted after July 4, 2018. If anyone needs help with lodging arrangements, please contact us by June 8. Please encourage your club to send one or more foursomes to this great District event. If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please contact either Dave Kuhn (330) 730-6254 or Bill Flinta (330) 801-6225. Thanks for supporting this event. We look forward to seeing everyone in July.

**Bethany Sara**  
**Governor**  
**Ohio District Circle K**  
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Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

It has been a wonderful year being able to attend your district events and having the opportunity to get to know so many of you. As the end of my term comes to a close, I look forward to the next set of leaders, not only on the district board, but on the club level as well. Within a few short weeks, The Ohio District of Circle K International is holding "SpOT", or "Spring Officer Trainer" at the University of Akron.

Club officers and general members are invited to join us for a day dedicated to prepping them for their upcoming year of service, leadership, and fellowship. This event is taking place Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a variety of workshops such as training for individual positions, divisional workshops, fellowship, district board interest, and much more! As it's important for many of you to attend Club Leadership Education for Kiwanis, SpOT is a wonderful opportunity for Circle K members to learn more about our organization, their individual roles, and get to know other members around the district. I encourage you to reach out to your nearby Circle K clubs and make them aware of the benefits and various opportunities available to them during this weekend. Registration information is available on the District Circle K website; [www.ohiocki.org](http://www.ohiocki.org). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (440)665-9540 or email [basara@bgsu.edu](mailto:basara@bgsu.edu).

**Ohio District Treasurer**  
**Dave Gallit, Ph.D.**  
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**Most US Kiwanis clubs are aware that they** must file a Form 990 annually with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), but there is more.

For example, do you know that your club's by-laws require an annual financial review? A Financial Review is a formal or official examination and verification of accounts maintained by an organization. It is an essential tool for sustaining a successful organization.

In order to promote a healthy environment for a club's members and donors, it is vitally important to conduct an annual financial audit or review. A review helps to establish and maintain adequate processes and internal management controls, providing a number of benefits for the long-term health and the continuing success of a club. An internal review can provide additional, independent layer of oversight and may deter any dishonest practices, even though it is not designed to prevent or detect fraudulent activities.

A financial review provides accountability, avoids confusion and chaos, and protects the Board, as well as the person(s) handling the funds. Financial Reviews provide the club's leadership and members with the ability to interpret financial reports expertly and to detect and examine emerging trends and strategically anticipate opportunities and impacts of their decisions.

This review can be conducted by an independent auditor or by members of your internal financial review committee. This committee is extremely important and the only one that is mandated in the Standard Form for Club By-laws. If a club chooses to have the review conducted by an external auditor, then this committee is not required. If an internal review is chosen, the club treasurer should not serve on the committee, but should be a resource for the Review Committee.



Financial Reviews should not be avoided or be viewed negatively. They provide details into the operation of the organization, prevent fines and the potential loss of non-profit status. Having your club's finances audited or reviewed is just plain good business practice.

Make sure your club has met or is meeting this requirement.

## Interclub & Fellowship

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Oh my gosh, it is April already. How many clubs have you visited so far this Kiwanis year? Have you had members of your club visit other club's projects or fundraisers? Have you had an interclub with your SLP group? This all counts toward inter-clubbing.

Hopefully the bad weather is behind us now (at least I hope so). Our snowbirds should be coming back to Ohio. So, we have more members that can fulfill our count towards an interclub. You say, "but we have six more months to reach our goals", but, look six

months have already passed. Hey, I know my own club has been slacking on visiting other clubs. We have a few under our belt, but time to get serious.

If your club is super busy with projects and you are a member short in getting an interclub, invite your Lt Governor or another District Officer to attend with you. They count towards your interclub count. It can be as easy as that. Inter-clubbing with other clubs not only counts towards an award, but you get so much more in return. New friends, great fellowship, new ideas and sometimes new kinds of food.

So hopefully in September I can report that all the clubs in the Ohio District have had 100% participation in inter-clubbing. How great would that be?

### **2017-2018 Interclub and Fellowship Contest Criteria**

*This year, the requirements to receive one of the District Interclub and Fellowship patches will be:*

#### **Blue Level Banner Patch**

*Interclub with each club within your division      interclub at one division council meeting*

#### **Silver Level Banner Patch**

*Interclub at each club within your Division      Interclub at two division council meetings  
Interclub at two division events      Interclub at one district event*

#### **Gold Banner Patch**

*Interclub at each club within your division      Interclub at each division council meeting  
Interclub at the Mid Year Education Day      Interclub at the district convention  
Interclub at the international convention      Interclub at the Governor's official division visit*



#### **What is the attendance requirements needed to qualify as an interclub?**

- An interclub occurs when at least four or more members of your club, or, three members plus one of those listed below, for clubs of 30 or more members visit another club:*
- An interclub occurs when at least three or more members of your club, or, two members plus one of those listed below, for clubs of 20 -30 members visit another club:*
- An interclub occurs when at least two members of your club, for clubs of less than 20 members visit another club*

#### **Reporting Requirements**

*Please report to the Interclub and Fellowship Chairperson, that's me, sometime in the month of October of 2018, a list of all interclubs completed. Please include the name of the club visited and/or the event visited, and the number of club members who participated in the interclub.*

*The banner patches will be awarded at the Mid-year conference in 2019. Only one honor patch will be awarded according to which level your club has earned.*

*Become part of this great Kiwanis program and get to know your Kiwanis family members, share your ideas with them, gain new knowledge from them and by all means, have fun!*

**Jim Janosik**  
**Mid-Year Conference**  
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Thank you to all that came for our MidYear Education Day this year, and a big shout out to all that helped make the day a resounding success.

Every year we work to improve upon the experience, fine tuning things here and there, and this year we did the same. There will always be room for improvement in the attendee experience and the educational offering, and your District leadership is committed to such.

The 2018 MidYear offered a lot of opportunities to learn and share knowledge, enjoy some great food and fellowship with old friends. Where we really need each clubs' help though for next year is to encourage your newer Kiwanians to attend. We didn't fully utilize all of the available discounts for the first time attendees and would really like to have that happen every year as there is so much to learn and experience if you are newer to our wonderful organization.

Kelly Brown will be your 2019 MidYear Education Chair and I know she will do a fantastic job organizing another great educational event for Ohio Kiwanis.



**The Ohio District** will be celebrating its 100th Birthday at the 2018 District Convention in August. The convention will take place from August 10-12, 2018 at the Park Inn Toledo, 101 North Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio and the SeaGate Convention Centre, 401 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. The convention committee under the leadership of Past Governor Tom Crawford and Colleen Carpenter, of the West Toledo Kiwanis Club, is busy planning a fun and affordable convention experience for all Ohio Kiwanis members.

On Friday evening the Kiwanis Club of Toledo will be hosting a cookout for all attendees adjacent to the hotel. The admission for all is a donation of \$10.00 or non-perishable food items that will be donated to local food banks in the name of the First Family Project of Ohio District Kiwanis. After the cookout there will be a free concert a block from our hotel featuring K. C. and the Sunshine Band!

The Ohio District was formed at its first convention in September of 1918 in Cleveland. On Saturday evening we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Ohio District of Kiwanis. The ten clubs who were active in Ohio in 1918 will be recognized at the Saturday Banquet.

Be sure to mark your calendar to join us in Toledo from August 10-12, 2018 for a great District Convention!





## Introducing ...the Kiwanis Club of Champaign County

Organized on March 30, 2018, the Kiwanis Club of Champaign County will be the newest member of the Kiwanis Family and Division 3.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Springfield in Division 4, this club, led by President Nichole Rush and Secretary Jenny White, will meet weekly on Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Urbana University Student Center (579



College Way, Urbana). Chartering with 21 members, these individuals will be filling a void left in the community when the Kiwanis Club of Urbana closed in 1996. They have a website up for individuals interested in learning about their club: [www.cukiwanis.org](http://www.cukiwanis.org)

Club Builders, led by Membership Chair Brad Kunze, include Frank Stewart, Nelson Smith, Jessica Guillozet and Lt. Governor John Coffield. We thank them for their hard work and support with building this new club for Ohio.

The club has been busy—they volunteer selling tickets and concessions at a local theatre once a month in exchange for movie passes which are then used as rewards for their BUG Programs. They will be taking over a school supply program that serves over 770 first, second and third graders in their community. Plans are also in the works for providing books for students in a reading program for First Start children in Champaign County.

The club is also exploring the possibilities of chartering several Key Clubs and possibly an Aktion Club in the area. Please welcome this group of dedicated Kiwanians to our family!

### **JOHN DEVILBISS - OHIO'S CANDIDATE FOR KI VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Ohio District of Kiwanis is proud to present John DeVilbiss as our Candidate for Kiwanis International Vice-president. As such, John has a crystal clear vision and mission for Kiwanis - **MEMBERSHIP.**

John has a three-fold plan for membership -

1. We need to open more new Kiwanis clubs. That is paramount to Kiwanis growth. From 8 to 18 to 80 and everywhere in between, we can serve - children to seniors and all other need groups. We need to reverse the trend of losing more members than we get every year.

2. Bring existing clubs up to charter strength and beyond. Every club needs a base to volunteer and provide hands of service. But 10 to 15 members is not enough. A solid club of 15, 20, 25 or more members has more opportunities to serve its community and help others.

3. "Bring em Back" - Bring back the members who have left us. Why did they leave? Did their clubs stop meeting their needs? How can we make them feel more welcome and needed? Kiwanis membership - and its members - are needed now more than ever.

Let's all work together to grow Kiwanis membership, and elect Ohio's candidate John DeVilbiss for Vice-president.



## Family Membership Amendment: 2018 Kiwanis International Convention

In 2012 our Ohio District became the second district to begin piloting a Family Membership program that allowed the second and third members of a family to join a club with Kiwanis International (KI) and District dues reduced by 50%. What a wonderful way to make Kiwanis a family friendly organization – and a great recruiting tool to gain two members rather than one. And we were successful with our efforts. Unfortunately, KI's board ended all the pilots for this program after 5 years deciding it did not work.

What are the board's points against the amendment? Four of the five are: Key Club & CKI alumni may already join Kiwanis, historically discounts don't work, districts aren't required to give the discount, the proposal does not require familial relationship – rather weak arguments or easily corrected. The one relevant point is whether the bulk of family members would be new or those members converting. The board said that more converted than came in new. If only aggregate numbers of family members are looked at, this appears to make sense.

However, if you delve into the numbers in depth, a totally different picture emerges. In Ohio, the board report says that we had 186 conversions and 130 new members – period.

I actually reviewed the membership of family members name by name and confirmed changes with club secretaries. The true data was that the conversions peaked at 178, 20 of whom left over the time so the actual net conversion was 158 and falling each year. On the add side, 155 joined as family members and four more lost their partner but remained as full paid members – and those numbers continued to grow.

Additionally, two more "soft" plusses: the number of couples who joined together was 6 times our historic average and the loss of new family members was 12% over three years, just over half our usual loss of new members. We had better retention with this program.

We were successful right up to KI ending the pilot. Now we have an opportunity to have this positive program again.

The Pacific Northwest District, with the Southwest District as co-sponsor, has introduced Amendment 3 to be voted on at the Kiwanis International Convention this June in Las Vegas. This amendment would make Family Membership available to all districts.

Due to our success in Ohio, I am encouraging every club's delegates to vote **IN FAVOR** of this amendment. Let's use this tool to make our clubs even more family friendly and stronger – and increase our service. **SEND YOUR DELEGATES AND SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT!**

Want more information? Contact me at [wsnellgr@columbus.rr.com](mailto:wsnellgr@columbus.rr.com).

Bill Snellgrove Vice-Chair Membership



## Formula & Membership Chair

**Brad Kunze**

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**New clubs.** You've been hearing about new clubs for a while now. Lieutenant Governors have been asked to identify potential new Club sites within their Divisions. Members have been encouraged to join the Formula team to help support and open new Clubs. Why are new Clubs important?

It really comes down to survival. For longer than I can recall, the Ohio District of Kiwanis International has been shrinking in both Clubs and members. From membership numbers compiled by Kiwanis International, in Ohio in just the last 5 years, we've lost 17 clubs and 1,100+ members for a myriad of reasons, some within our control, some not. Expand the look back to 10 years and the picture is more troubling.

Why is this important to you and your Club? It's about more than bragging rights. It's about hands performing service; it's about supporting our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs); it's about being able to raise the funds necessary to support your Club's projects. Take a look at your Club today; now compare it to 10 or even 5 years ago. Now do the same for your Division; number of Clubs, number of members. With a very few exceptions, it's less. What about your Club? Does it accomplish more or less than it did 5 years ago? Are you finding difficulty in raising the necessary funds to support your projects? Is there a waiting list to fill the leadership positions in your Club? Is having less 'hands' available contributing to issues in your Club?

Our plan is in motion. We've opened 2, and by the time you read this, 3 new Clubs this Kiwanis year. They are solid Clubs with wonderful, dedicated members that are making great Kiwanians. We anticipate opening up to 8 Clubs in the Cleveland area in May. We need your help and support for the Cleveland area phase of our effort. We need Kiwanians willing to make phone calls (from anywhere in the District), new Club sponsors, coaches, drivers and members willing to spend a couple of days performing outreach in the 8 Cleveland area communities we've selected May 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. Support from our International President, Jim Rochford, and the Formula team is in place; we'll train those who are willing to volunteer their time.

**We have the Formula to be successful. Now its up to you. How can you assist? Start by contacting Formula Vice Chair Dr. Dennis Lehman, myself, or any of our Formula leadership.**

In closing, I'm pleased to announce that we have completed appointments of our Formula Regional Team Leaders (RTLs). They are:

Region 1 - Divisions 1N, 1S, 12: Rick Kidwell, 419-424-1323, rkidwell@aol.com  
Region 2 - Divisions 2, 3, 11S, 10W: Jack Wilborn, 740-369-9641, hilborn@midohio.net  
Region 3 - Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: Bill Pees, 937-361-8694, wpees61985@aol.com  
Region 4 - Divisions 9, 10S, 10E, 18: Larry Good, 614-329-0620, larrygoodz@yahoo.com  
Region 5 - Divisions 11N, 16, 17, 26: Randy Beard, 330-509-1527, randy@generationsinsgrp.com  
Region 6 - Divisions 13, 14, 15, 22, 24: Lee Fenrich, 440-235-9379, leefenrich@cox.net

You are encouraged to contact any of the Formula leadership team to discuss membership issues with your Club.

Yours in Kiwanis service,

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The snow is falling, the ground is white. What! It's April! Certainly spring must be arriving at some point.

Many Kiwanis clubs in the Ohio District have submitted reports on the food insecurity projects they are supporting. If your club is involved in a project be certain to let First Lady Barb know. This month's challenge is actually a project. Clubs completing the project are

encouraged to file a report about their participation.

The challenge/project is related to weekend food programs which provide students involved in school free/reduced lunch programs a quantity of food for the weekend. The challenge is a "contest" to have each club member put together a food bag. The included items should be non-perishable nutritious food and cost no more than a total of \$10.00. The completed bags should be brought to a club meeting for judging. Perhaps a local dietitian or nutritionist could serve as a judge. Judging criteria could include total cost and variety of food items. After the contest, all items should be donated to a local food bank or shelter. Have some fun with the contest by awarding prizes for best and worst bag, most appetizing and most nutritious. For members not wishing to do a bag just collect a \$10.00 fine and donate the monies. A suggested list of food items is attached.

**Spring Projects** Assuming the weather will eventually improve, begin planning your spring projects. Parks can use a clean-up. Playgrounds should have a check-up for safety issues. Senior citizens would appreciate some early season yard work. All good opportunities to involve your SLP groups.

Item	Cost	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Where to Buy
Granola Bars(6)	\$1.39	3 packages		3 packages		ALDI
Toaster Tarts(6 Packages)	\$1.99				3 packages	ALDI
Chewy Granola Bars	\$1.49		3 packages			ALDI
Pudding Cups(4)	\$0.89		One 4-pack		One 4-pack	ALDI
Strawberry Gel Cups (4)	\$0.89	One 4-pack		One 4-pack		ALDI
Box of Crackers (4 sleeves)	\$1.39			1 sleeve	1 sleeve	ALDI
Grape Jelly Plastic Bottle	\$1.00			1 bottle		Dollar Tree
Pasta - Ravioli	\$0.65	1 can	1 can	1 can	1 can	ALDI
Pasta - Spaghetti O's	\$0.65	1 can	1 can	Zero	1 can	ALDI
Peanut Butter	\$1.39			1 jar		ALDI
Soup	\$0.49	1 can	1 can	Zero	1 can	ALDI
Vienna Sausages	\$0.43	1 can	1 can	1 can	1 can	ALDI
Applesauce Cups(6)	\$1.29	3 cups	3 cups	3 cups	3 cups	ALDI

## ***Sneak Peek....2018 District Convention Tentative Schedule***

### **Thursday, August 9, 2018**

6:00 to 8:00 pm District Office Open Registration

### **Friday, August 10, 2018**

12:00 to 9:00 pm Registration Open

12:00 to 1:30 pm 2017-18 Board Luncheon (Park Inn Hotel)

1:00 to 5:30 pm Basket Drop-Off

1:30 to 3:30 pm 2017-18 District Board Meeting (Park Inn Hotel)

1:30 to 5:00 pm Club Leadership Education (Makeup Session)

2:00 to 5:30 pm Exhibits Open - SeaGate Convention Centre

3:00 to 5:30 pm Kiwanis Merchandise

3:30 to 5:30 pm 2018-19 District Board and Chair Training (Park Inn Hotel)

3:30 to 5:30 pm Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting (Convention Centre)

5:30 to 7:30 pm Free Dinner - Hosted by Toledo Downtown Kiwanis Club

7:30 to 10:00 pm *Free Concert - KC & the Sunshine Band Saturday,*

### **August 11, 2018**

7:00 am to 3:00 pm Registration - Park Inn Hotel - Second Floor

8:00 to 9:30 am Past First Partners Breakfast (Park Inn Hotel)

8:00 to 9:00 am Kardinal's Breakfast (Past and Current Lieutenant Governors/Hotel)

8:00 am to 3:00 pm Basket Room Bidding (Park Inn Hotel)

8:00 am to 3:00 pm Kiwanis Merchandise (Park Inn Hotel)

9:00 am to 5:00 pm Exhibits - SeaGate Convention Centre - Lobby Hall A

9:15 to 10:00 am Education Session One - TBD

10:15 to 11:00 am Education Session Two - TBD

11:00 am to 12:30 pm Free Time (Jeep Fest Parade, Basket Room, Jeep Display, etc.)

12:15 to 2:00 pm Fellowship Buffet Luncheon - SeaGate Convention Centre - Hall A

2:15 to 3:00 pm Education Session Three - TBD

3:30 PM Basket Room Closing

3:30 to 5:30 pm Delegate Session - Park Inn Hotel Ballroom

5:30 pm to 6:15 pm Basket Pick-Up

7:00 to 10:00 pm Governor's Banquet - SeaGate Convention Centre - Hall A

10:00 PM Governor's Reception - TBD

### **Sunday, August 12, 2018**

8:30 to 9:30 am Prayer Service/Memorial Service (Park Inn Hotel)

9:45 to 11:45 am Foundation Annual Meeting and Breakfast

12:00 PM Convention Adjourn

*Notes: 1. Late Checkout until 1:00 pm for all Convention Attendees*

*2. Late Checkout until 2:00 pm for Kiwanis Executive Committee*

*3. Late Checkout until 2:00 pm for Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Executive Board*

