

Buckeye Bulletin

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Barb and I have had an enjoyable and successful year thanks to all you Kiwanians who showed us tremendous support. I feel the ship has started to turn this year with the building of many new Clubs and increasing membership in our existing Clubs. We also appreciate all of the donations toward the First Family Project. We will be able to make a difference for children who are hungry.

My goal now is to support Governor Elect Faith on continuing the success we have had this year by stepping into the role of New Club Building Chair under Membership Chair Bill Pees. This year we have had many Kiwanians step up to the challenge of helping to build new Clubs and it is my belief we now have the attitude and expertise throughout Ohio to keep the momentum going.

The Toledo Convention was a huge success thanks to Tom Crawford and his awesome team and Jason Miller along with all those who helped him put on the Forums. I have to say one of the most memorable times for me as Governor was at Convention when I was able to give awards and recognize so many awesome Kiwanians. I also want to thank Rita Corbin and her sister Gail Keaton for providing all the great food for the Governors reception Saturday night as well as Jason Miller and Brandi Bowen who provided many creative drinks throughout the night. Barb and I really enjoyed the Presidential suite with its great balcony's and views of the river as well as ample space to host what seemed like over 200 Kiwanians.

I have appreciated all the support from the District office this year and congratulate Dave Whiteman on his retirement at the end of the month. Dave will be missed, but we in the Ohio District are very fortunate to have Lanton Lee on board as our Executive Director. Lanton has spent most of his life as a Kiwanis Family member and working for Kiwanis International.

We are all saddened by the sudden death in the last few weeks of two Kiwanians who in their short life made a big impact on Ohio Kiwanis. Mark Harris was a founding member and President of the Kiwanis Club of the Heights. Mark was very passionate and worked tirelessly on building the Club and SLP'S. Bob Hobart was one of the most dedicated Kiwanians always stepping up to take leadership roles in the Kiwanis family. Bob was always willing to help and if you wanted someone to pay attention to detail Bob; was the go to person. In a time when Ohio Kiwanis needs leadership, we have lost two great leaders.

I have so many to thank for assisting me this year so watch your mailbox as I will finally be able to take the time to write thank you notes something I've never been good at accomplishing but plan on preserving until finished. For now, to those that know who you are, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Please don't ever forget "*The world is so fast there are days when the person who says it can't be done is interrupted by the person who is doing it.*"

Contests for clubs include: Club Newsletter/Bulletin, Interclub and Fellowship Contest, K-Kids Service Projects, Kiwanis First Family Service Project, Distinguished Club, Distinguished Member, Race to Gnome & New Club Gnome Vault, Club Website Contest, Club Social Media Contest and Club Public Relations Contest. Information regarding these various contests can be found toward the back of the District Directory and on the Ohio District Kiwanis website at Ohio District Website. www.ohiokiwanis.org



It is extremely hard to believe that this will be my final column as your District Secretary. My 20 years of service to the members and clubs of the Ohio District have proven to me that the fifth of our six permanent objects was highlighted! I have formed many enduring friendships and together we have been able to "render altruistic service" and "build better communities". The balance of my column is from my report to the Delegates at last month's District Convention. Thanks to all of the Ohio Kiwanis members for their friendship over the years!

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

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As most of you are aware, this is my final convention as District Secretary. My first district convention as your District Secretary was in 1999 in Cincinnati, Ohio. I remember it like it was yesterday. In early September, I will celebrate 20 years in the District Office and as most are aware I will retire on September 30th. The district office will be in great hands under the able leadership of Lanton Lee. We were extremely fortunate that Lanton was available currently.

These past 20 years have been a wonderful experience for Joanne and me. We have made many lasting friendships throughout the Ohio District and the entire Kiwanis World that we will always treasure. This position has allowed us to travel to many wonderful places while representing you at International Conventions and other events throughout the world. We have been privileged to meet International and District Officers for 20 years, but our thoughts always come back home. Shortly after I became District Secretary, it was my privilege to attend a club meeting in Crestline, Ohio with District Foundation President Lillie Johnston to present one of the first International Presidents Awards to Past International President Stan Schneider. Stan asked me to say a few words to the club and what I told them that day I still believe today. I told them to never forget that the most important level of Kiwanis International is the local club because that is where we serve our communities and its children.

I want to thank our Administrative Secretary Sarah Roush. Throughout these past 20 years, Sarah has been someone I could turn to when I needed help with this project or that event. She has truly become a member of our family and I want to thank her publicly for all her service to the Ohio District. We are all fortunate that she remains a force in the Kiwanis Family! There are many others throughout the district that I have not thanked. To do so would not give us time to do the business of the district, but rest assured I appreciate all of you and I cannot thank you enough for your help?

Finally, I want to thank my wife Joanne for her love and support over the years. It was not an easy decision to end my career as an independent insurance agent to take the position of District Secretary. She encouraged me to do that and it was the best decision we ever made.

Next year I will be out there in the crowd with the rest of you learning how to better serve my community and the world because I am a KIWANIAN FOR LIFE! Thank you all!

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: executivedirector@ohiokiwanis.org. We will use them as space allows.

Zenobia Jeepsters

Ronald R. Smith, Past Lt. Governor for Division 12

Zenobia Shrine Jeepsters are the magic words needed to enter a search on the Channel 13 ABC website for a news story by reporter Lissa Guyton. This ABC News video was produced and directed by Lissa at the Zenobia Shrine Center on 8/7/18 as one of the stories leading up to Jeepfest.



The Jeepsters made quite a showing with nine cars in the Jeepfest parade on 8/11/18. The participants were Director Ron Smith and wife Kathy, President George Rhoad and wife Bonnie, Mike Shobe and wife Cathleen, Jeff Kuhn and Sharon, Asst. Director Jim Pease, Art Patterson and Gene Gordon, Norm Burrows, Ralph Pritts and Jack Green.

We want to thank Jerry Huber, the director of Jeepfest, for having the entrance fee of \$35.00 per Jeep waived and allowing us up front in the parade formation of over 1300 Jeeps. We also want to thank Huber for giving consent to promote another non-profit service organization, the Ohio District of Kiwanis International, which was having its convention at Seagate. Some of the Kiwanis officials accompanied the Jeepsters, including Governor Dan Litzinger and First Lady Barb, Governor-Elect Faith Levine, and Past International President Alan Penn and wife Jeri. Other dignitaries from the City and Lucas County chose to ride with the Jeepsters and were well recognized by the crowd.

Jeepfest was one of the highlights of busy parade schedule. Another parade that deserves recognition is the Bicentennial Parade in Sandusky on 8/18/18 where Science Lodge 50 is celebrating its 200th anniversary. Even the Grand Master attended along with our Potentate Tom Binder and the Divan.

The Zenobia Shrine Jeepster Unit was recognized in the news media and proudly announced its motto on TV: "Jeepsters go miles for children's smiles."



Governor Dan and First Lady Barb, receive top billing as they ride in Toledo's Jeepfest Parade in past Lt. Governor Ron Smith's beautifully restored 1947 Willy's Jeepster.

Ron is also a member of the Zenobia Shrine and he uses his Jeepster to drive in events to raise money for the 22 Shrine Hospitals.

The parade also had several other Kiwanis Dignitaries leading the event in other Jeepsters.

WOW!! We have had a great year in the Great Ohio District – a record number of new club openings and a likely net increase in Ohio District membership. Thank you, Governor Dan, Formula Chair Brad, the Ohio Formula Team and the Eye of the Tiger Team. In this coming year, thanks to the work that was done this year, I am sure that we can meet membership goals that will result in an even Greater Ohio District – **12 more new clubs and membership growth to 8100 Ohio Kiwanians.**

Governor Designate

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International President Designate Poly Lat had asked all of his Governors to read the book Good to Great and the Social Sector by Jim Collins and I have asked my leadership team to do the same. We will be using the tenets developed in this book as the basis of our vision and efforts. If you attended ICON in Las Vegas this summer, you will remember how Poly defined "Great". For those of you who could not attend, here it is:

Grow Membership

Revitalize Kiwanis Image

Enhance Kiwanis Information

Address Relevant Issues

Terminate dependence on dues

Our theme this coming year in the Great Ohio District will be "Growing Great Clubs". I am looking forward to my Governor's visits and significant club and project visits with you. Here's to a great 2018-2019 Kiwanis year.

P.S. In case you had not heard, we lost 3 Kiwanis leaders in August – Ralph Nolfi, Div 9 who was an ODKF Board member and Grants Chair for several years, Mark Harris, Div 15 who was the President of one of our new clubs this year, Kiwanis Club of the Heights and Bob Hobart, Div 10W who was PG Circle K, Past Aktion Club Administrator, Past Lt Gov 10W and Secretary/Treasurer of the University Club. Please keep the families of these leaders in your thoughts and prayers.

Membership Coordinator

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As your incoming Ohio Membership Coordinator, I am excited to lead this new effort to strengthen existing clubs and open new ones. We have a great Membership Team in place that did an excellent job during the five-year initiative of the Formula. We will still use certain aspects of it. Thanks to Governor Dan Litzinger and Formula Chair Brad Kunze for their efforts this year.

Kiwanis Membership is up by 4.8%, however, we have to continue this growth because there is always attrition in every club for various reasons. The Theme this year will be "Growing Great Clubs". Each club in Ohio was sent a Membership PowerPoint Presentation that was developed by past Governor Dr. Kip Crain and Linda Brinkeroff of the Wooster Club, largest in Ohio at 180 members.

This is an excellent presentation that covers all phases of membership. In addition, in the next few weeks each club will also receive a Membership Guide, Orientation that was developed by the Bowling Green Club, 133 members. These two presentations are great tools along with an excellent article about approaching a prospect for membership last month by Past Governor Diana Keplinger. As she said in her article, "helping your club grow is essential to the legacy of service that your community has come to expect and appreciate". It is not too late to reach out to existing members you haven't seen in a while and re-engage them on a different committee or upcoming project as this Kiwanis year ends. I will be entering additional articles in the monthly Buckeye Bulletin during this next year. KIDS AND COMMUNITIES REALLY DO NEED KIWANIS.

Youth Protection

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September 9-15 is Youth Protection Week for Kiwanis.

This is a perfect time to conduct training for your club. Resources, guidelines, training powerpoints and more are available at <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/youth-protection>.

Why do we do this? Because as an organization we work with over 300,000 youth and in today's world we have to be sure that they are protected and safe when entrusted to us. Some of the guidelines are that:

*Chaperones should be 21 or over, and a Kiwanis member, faculty member, parent, and approved by the school or registered agency. On overnight stays, there should be one chaperone for every 10 students, and both genders should be represented.

*Background checks are required to be completed by Kiwanis International for the Kiwanis Advisor to any sponsored youth group. The Faculty advisor background check is the responsibility of the school or agency. Kiwanis background checks are good for two years. Each Kiwanis club should have a policy on who in the club needs a background check. Some clubs do all members, but a bright line test is any Kiwanian that will chaperone overnight should have a background check, and the Kiwanis Advisor to any club. Beyond that it is a local decision on who to background check.

*When transporting students, a best practice is to adhere to the rule of 3. A Kiwanian and student should not be alone together at any time. This is a protection both for the student and adult. In a car there should be two adults and one or more students if at all possible. On the Kiwanis website is a parent permission slip that can be used when transporting students.

*Drugs, and alcohol are not permitted at any student function for students or adults. At a primarily adult function alcohol is permitted, but ideally not in proximity to students.

These are just some of the high points of youth protection. Should you have any questions for your club I am available at jeff.email117@gmail.com, and thank you for your service to our youth.

Key Leader

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New Opportunities Abound at Key Leader

Key Leader will be making another appearance in Ohio during the weekend of November 9-11, 2018. If your club hasn't already done so, please be sure to add this important student leadership development event to your budget. The cost is only \$225 for the first 50 students registered, \$250 for all others. In the case that you and your club are unable to

successfully identify and register a student (or three), please consider a contribution to the Ohio District Foundation's Key Leader Fund. There are always students who need sponsorships. Registration opens this week. Please check www.ohiokiwanis.org for the link.

Please recruit students from local high schools and anywhere else you can find teens of high-school age. Your scholarship contact can be very helpful if you chose to ask the school for assistance in identifying students who need Key Leader. As always, Key Leader is open to anyone who is willing to take a risk and try something new. Participants will make friends from all over Ohio, learn the five tenets of servant leadership (personal growth, respect, integrity, community, and excellence) and dig into their own personalities to become the best servant leaders they can be at home, school, and in their communities.

Additionally, there are some new options for your club to participate in Key Leader this year and in the future. Because Key Leader is now a district event, the Key Leader team has some sponsorship opportunities for individuals, clubs or businesses. Our needs range from snacks for the weekend (\$200) to a meal (approximately \$1250) to the low ropes course (\$1650) and more. Please contact any member of the Key Leader team to inquire about these and other needed items. Because donations will go through the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, they are tax-deductible. We can't wait to discuss this new, unique chance to get involved with Key Leader and what it can do for you. We can be emailed at ohiokeyleader@gmail.com (Kelly and Brian Shaffer) or byacuucci@cinci.rr.com (Brian Yacucci). You may also contact us if you wish to discuss being a chaperone or weekend volunteer.

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Welcome Back!!! Let's start to recruit a great group of Builders for this year. First, be sure to check with your school or community group where you sponsor a Builders Club to be sure you have an advisor on board for this year. Remember, you also need a Kiwanis advisor for each Builders club.

If your advisor is new, inform them about the training available on line from KI. It would be really helpful if your Kiwanis advisor could walk them through this and answer any questions the advisor may have about Builders Club. There are also recruitment tools to help get the club started. Go to Kiwanisone.org/BuildersClub/advisor training. If your advisor is from a community group, remind them that they need a background check before working with the Club, as do Kiwanis advisors.

If your club is going sponsor a new Builders Club this year go to Kiwanisone.org/starting a Builders Club. If you need help, please contact me at musiclady46@frontier.com

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Just a reminder that you will soon be coming to the end of this administrative year. So- be sure to make a folder for your files to include the special projects and events that occurred in 2017-2018. Keep all pertinent information, pictures, news articles, special event programs, etc. concerning your club. If possible identify the individuals in the photos and which activity is taking place. Consider including a breakdown of fundraisers and service projects and hours. It's interesting to see what activities your club supported years ago. This

information is valuable when you begin to plan for a special anniversary – such as your club charter date; or for creating power-point presentations at a President's Party or a club's open house.

There are eight clubs celebrating 100 years in the 2018-2019 administrative year as well as many who will reach 75, 50, or 25-year plateau. Start making your plans now, because important milestones should be celebrated. Make that folder and gather the memorabilia as you prepare for your club's historical event.

Remember all clubs should do this annually.

The 2017-18 Administrative year is almost over, but, there is still time to get in a couple club visits. There is no better way to build camaraderie within your club than traveling together and participating with another clubs' meeting, fundraiser or service project.

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 events

Interclub at two division council meetings

Interclub at one district event

Gold Banner Patch

Interclub at each club within your division

Interclub at the Mid Year Education Day

Interclub at the international convention

Interclub at each division council meeting

Interclub at the district convention

Interclub at the Governor's official division visit

Reporting requirements, deadlines and full rules can be found at <http://www.ohiokiwanis.org/Page/968>.

Interclub & Fellowship

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Kiwanis Kids

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I am pleased to award a **\$100 Target Gift Card to the Lima area K-Kids Clubs of Heritage and Freedom Elementary Schools**. These clubs routinely shared their service project activities. Their advisors Angela Meyer and Crystal Miller, with Jessica Wilson of Granville Elementary, were honored as the three Ohio District Distinguished K-Kids Advisors. They were benefited by the tremendous support of their Kiwanis Advisor **Lt. Gov. Robert Day**, recipient of the 2018 Ohio District David P. Gillespie Award for outstanding work with our Service Leadership Programs (SLP). His Kiwanis Club of Lima has a service leadership program in each Lima City Schools building and an Aktion Club at the Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

“What shall our K-Kids do?” Most K-Kids clubs are electing leaders and planning their year of service now. **My advice: Plan ahead, follow the calendar and let the Kids help plan the projects.** It may take more time, but they will be more invested and rewarded. Resources with ideas are abundant (KI Magazine, Kiwaniskids.org, Service Learning books, lists that I share at Convention. If time and cost are a limiting factor, consider teaming up with Key Club, Circle K or interview the Principal for ideas. Picking up litter around the school or making safety playground videos are free and fun! If you need funds, apply for small grants and ask local businesses to sponsor projects, e.g. a new buddy bench or recycle an old bench. If ideas are your challenge – plan your year to coordinate projects and programs with the upcoming holidays – e.g. Veteran’s Day in November: Invite a Kiwanis Veteran to share their thoughts with students, write letters to active military, possibly also a relative of a school staff, collect and mail care packages to military overseas, plant bulbs for a Veteran’s garden, host a Veteran’s appreciation dinner with your Kiwanis Club and invite local Veterans and K-Kids with parents. For Christmas in December: Visit a senior center to read and play Bingo, bring a parent to help your Kiwanis club ring the Salvation Army Bell, make cheery window clings or sock snowmen for a hospital or hospice, collect toys and supplies for the animal shelter, decorate placemats for Meals On Wheels using recycled Pancake Day placemats. Whatever you do, try to plan one **Signature Project** (a major project or theme for year). For example, a Buddy Bench including planning, decorating and supporting it, for example, or a theme such as Improving the Environment or Feeding the Hungry. **Keep a calendar list** of each meeting’s projects (list on agendas), **take a few photos** and share with your school, parents and Kiwanis club. **Involve the parents** in the projects. **Share the photos** on a school bulletin board, in the school communications, in the local newspaper, and/or in a presentation at the end of year celebration with the students, parents, Principal, Superintendent, and Kiwanians. **Whatever you do, remember to make it FUN and MEANINGFUL. K-Kids is all about caring about others!**

News, Reminders and Online Training: Secretaries and Advisors should update their membership roster and Advisor information online. If you want to start a new K-Kids Club, first talk to your school Principal or Superintendent. Every elementary school deserves a K-Kids club and Kiwanis offers all the tools and excellent volunteers! Instructions including How-To-Steps are available online at Kiwaniskids.org/ charter. All Kiwanians can order Free Brochures about K-Kids (and each of the SLPs) online from KI via store.Kiwanis.org. These are useful when promoting K-Kids or recruiting new members. In addition to Kiwanis Kids Clubs, Kiwanis clubs can sponsor a Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades Program at any Elementary or Intermediate School. Go to KiwanisKids.org for more information. This year I will be compiling a **recipe-style booklet of service project ideas for K-Kids**. I want to include each club, so please share your projects and photos!

ADVISOR EDUCATION - K-Kids advisors have access to interactive training that delivers the knowledge and resources needed to guide and mentor a successful K-Kids club. Whether you’re a new or experienced advisor, these training courses will enhance and strengthen your skills. [Note: All Kiwanis Advisors must have completed a KI-approved background check (valid for 2 years).]

K-KIDS 101: COACH. MENTOR. ROLE MODEL. - This education session is recommended for Kiwanis and faculty advisors who are new to their role. This 25-minute interactive experience explores how K-Kids works—and how the K-Kids advisor fits into that picture. The training also clarifies the learning outcomes of the K-Kids program. Kiwanis and faculty advisors can access K-Kids 101: Coach. Mentor. Role Model. through the Kiwanis online reporting system. After logging into your club advisor role, click the Education tab on the left menu and select the “K-Kids 101” training. Recommended for first-time advisors, but also a great refresher for experienced advisors.

K-KIDS 201: KNOWLEDGE. TOOLS. STRATEGIES. - This education session is recommended for Kiwanis and faculty advisors who have been in their role for at least one year or more. During this 50-minute interactive experience, you'll explore:

1. How the K-Kids Service Leadership Model works.
2. Which characteristics members develop as a result of being in a K-Kids club.
3. And, practical ways to develop these characteristics in members.



2018 Convention Recap

The 2018 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention was held August 10-12, 2018 at the Park Inn Toledo and the SeaGate Convention Centre in Toledo, Ohio. Attendees participated in workshops on various Kiwanis topics and enjoyed their time in Toledo! The Jeep Fest Parade on Saturday morning, while not an actual part of our convention, was one of the highlights of the weekend. We also celebrated the 100th Birthday of the Ohio District.

The 10 original clubs when the district was formed in September of 1918 are all still active and serving their communities! The Kiwanis Clubs of Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Cincinnati, Canton, Youngstown, Akron, Delaware, and Newark (arranged chronologically by date of completion) were invited to set up displays from their years of service in the convention hall and their members were seated in places of honor for the banquet on Saturday evening.

One of the most important duties of our delegates attending the district convention was the election of a leadership team for the 2018-19 Kiwanis Year.

We are pleased to announce that Faith Levine, of the Dublin and I-NeXT Kiwanis Clubs, was elected to lead the district as Governor for the coming year. Faith's photo is shown with this article.



Tim Cornelius, a member of the Fairview Park Kiwanis Club, was elected as Governor Elect. Tim has served as a Lieutenant Governor, Chair of several district committees, and is completing his term as President of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation at the end of this month.

Our 2018-19 District Treasurer elected by the Delegates was Robert Day, Jr of the Lima Kiwanis Club. Bob served as a member of the Finance & Structure Committee in 2016-17 and as Lieutenant Governor in 2017-18.

Along with Faith Levine, Tim Cornelius, and Bob Day; Dan Litizinger of the Ashville and Columbus South Kiwanis Clubs will continue serving on the Board as Immediate Past Governor and Lanton Lee, of the University, Columbus and Hilliard Kiwanis Clubs, will serve as Executive Director/District Secretary.

While there were no bylaw changes made this year, several Resolutions were adopted by the delegates; the most important of those was congratulating Past Governor and First Lady John and Wanda DeVilbiss for John's three-year term on the Kiwanis International Board that will be coming to an end on September 30, 2018.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

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