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**District Secretary's
Report**

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As this issue of the Ohio Kiwanis Newsletter is being prepared, the District Convention Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Jerry Duerk, is busy preparing for our 93rd Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in the Cincinnati Area at the Crowne Plaza Cincinnati North in Sharonville, Ohio. The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Please mark your calendar for August 13-15 and plan to join us for our 2010 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention. The Call to Convention mailing will be sent to all Club Secretaries approximately June 1st and it will include specific details and registration information.

International President's Visit

A dedicated committee of Ohio District Kiwanis members is busy preparing for the Official Visit of Paul Palazzolo, our International President. Paul will be presenting Club Excellence Workshops in Cincinnati on Friday, May 14th; in Columbus on Saturday morning, May 15th; in Canton on Saturday evening, May 15th; and in Toledo on Sunday, May 16th. Please refer to our Ohio District Website at www.ohiokiwanis.org for additional information on these workshops. We need to know how many of your club's members will be attending no later than Friday, May 7th to make sure we have enough seating and food at each site. Contact information can be found on the website.

Report of Club Elections

The deadline for return of the Report of Club Elections form to Kiwanis International and the Ohio District is June 1, 2010. Once again all clubs using the KiwanisOne monthly reporting system should report their 2010-11 officer's online using KiwanisOne. For those clubs not using the KiwanisOne website, please go to our district website and you will find a link to the Election Report located on the Kiwanis International website. Please be sure to complete your election report promptly. The information in this report helps us prepare both the Ohio District and Kiwanis International Directories.

2010 District Installation

Please be sure and mark your calendar for the Installation of our 2010-11 District Board. The Installation will take place on September 25, 2010 in Springfield, Ohio and details will be coming to your Club Secretary in early August. We will also post information online using our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org. The first official meeting of our 2010-11 Kiwanis Board will take place on Sunday, September 25th. We hope to see you in Springfield in September.

CLE Sessions Scheduled

Club Leadership Education for 2010-11 Club Officers will be taking place throughout the Ohio District during May, June, and July. Please be sure your officers attend this important education meeting. It will help them plan for a successful year for your club in the coming year. For those not able to attend training locally, feel free to attend a session in another division or plan to attend the makeup session that will be scheduled prior to the start of our District Convention on Friday, August 13, 2010.



As First Lady Carol and I have traveled the Ohio District of Kiwanis the past six months I have been struck by several observations that I wish to share with you.

Kiwanis members continue to be dedicated to providing service to those in need in their local communities. I know this from reading monthly reports, club newsletters, listening to verbal reports at meetings, and through direct conversation with club and division leaders.

Yet I know that often when a non-Kiwanian asks a Kiwanis member what service projects his/her club is best known for the response does not come easily. Why is that? Is it that only a small percentage of our members are actually involved in the service projects? Are we more focused on fund-raising than on service? Is it that our service projects are mostly a matter of writing a check? Are our service projects determined by tradition or a small committee without significant involvement of most of our members?

I don't know the answers to these questions but I do know that if every member of every Kiwanis club cannot readily describe the service that the club delivers to the community then the non-Kiwanian is not going to be favorably impressed.

Another observation I have made is that almost every Kiwanis club wants to grow in membership. (It might surprise you to learn that I have actually had a few club leaders express to me that they are happy with the size and composition of their club and they have no desire to grow in membership or service. This is rare but true.)

Although almost all clubs want to grow in membership, most do not have an adopted plan to do so. I wonder how club leaders expect their clubs to grow without a growth plan?

Even though we are halfway through this Kiwanis year it is never too late to formulate, adopt, and implement a membership growth plan. If your club needs help to get a plan in place, please contact me and I will see that you get help.

With great pleasure, I have observed the tremendous support Kiwanis clubs and certain members within those clubs give to our Service Leadership Programs. We continue to charter new Circle K, Key, Builders, K-Kids, and Aktion Clubs. We encourage and sponsor youngsters to attend Key Leader. First Lady Carol and I have attended sponsored leadership events around the district. How uplifting it is to spend time with our youth and our Aktion Club members. I urge each and every Kiwanis member to make a promise to attend a sponsored program meeting, service project, or event. You will be the beneficiary of your involvement.

I also wish to share my appreciation to all those who serve in leadership positions in our Kiwanis organization at all levels. I have observed first-hand the dedication, the investment in time, and the personal resources that our leaders are providing to help our local Kiwanis clubs move from good to great. Leadership is important. Our clubs need good leadership to continue to be significant providers of service. So, I not only wish to express my appreciation for the quality leadership that is currently provided but I also encourage others to accept leadership positions so that our clubs, divisions, and district are well-led into the future.

Finally, while we have nearly completed our "official" visits to divisions, we plan to continue to travel the Ohio District to learn, share, encourage, and hopefully help our clubs grow and serve. To this end, please feel free to extend an invitation to have us join you in a service project, a special club event, or a fund-raiser. We may not be able to accept every invitation we receive but we will join you when we can.

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**YOUR KIWANIS UPDATE FOR FUN-IN-THE SUN
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2010
LAS VEGAS NEVADA, JUNE 24-26**

By the time you read this article, it will be too late - if you have not already done so – to save money by registering early for the Kiwanis International convention. But you can still register and assure yourself of a great convention experience in Las Vegas. Simply go to www.kiwanis.org, click on the large circle icon with update convention information, and you can either register on-line or print out the form and send in. The “now” registration rate is \$250.

While we are talking about registering, there are some great airline fares out there, and now is the time to get them lined up too. You want to plan to arrive no later than Wednesday, to take advantage of the many dining, shopping and fun activities available to you. Remember that the convention opens on Thursday with Opening Speaker Colin Powell; and there is also the optional Jay Leno fun-time on Friday night.

We will have our delegate caucus on Friday morning beginning (approximately) 7:30 a.m.; and also on Friday, you will have the opportunity to elect our own A. Alan Penn to the office of President-elect of Kiwanis International. This is indeed an honor for both Alan and all Ohio Kiwanians.

It is important to remember that Las Vegas is very warm in June - some actually compare it to the dry heat of a microwave oven! Seriously, have your packing include comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen and even some lip balm. Conversely, the light wind-breaker is also good to bring along for those dry desert days when Mother Nature decides to bathe all of us - whether we need it or not!

If you need more information or would like me to come speak to your division council meeting, please let me know ASAP. Contact CindyChamper@aol.com, or 419/350-0477; or Fred Franklin, fred@glasscity.net, 419/350-1595.



More Kiwanis Key Leader!!!

Is your club looking for a meaningful way to make a difference in the lives of teens? Look no further; the answer is within your reach. Over 11,000 teen-aged students from all over the world, including the Ohio District, have already learned the secret. Key Leader is a life-changing experience. Students will say things like, “I enjoyed the challenges presented and the workshops forced me to think, which I really enjoyed.” Or, “I loved this camp and I leave it a changed person.” Or, “I had a wonderful, life-changing experience!” Maybe you simply want to hear, “Everything was great. Thanks for a wonderful weekend.” These are actual quotes from Key Leader graduates.

For \$200 or less, you can give a student this experience. Key Club and Builders Club members are still eligible for Kiwanis International Foundation’s scholarship of \$25. Your next chance is **April 30 thru May 2, 2010 at Recreation Unlimited** in Ashley, Ohio. There is still time to register at www.key-leader.org. Please don’t delay! Identify those special students today. No limit on the number of students your club can sponsor or on the number of students allowed from any one school.

If you are struggling to locate these students in your area, please consider reaching out to high school guidance counselors, Boys and Girls Clubs or other youth organizations. If you would prefer to make a donation to Ohio Key Leader, please contact us. Any questions may be addressed to ohiokeyleader@gmail.com.



**GOLDFISH AND HOT
DOGS AND PIES**
by Paul Palazzolo,
Kiwanis International
President



What do cream pies, goldfish and hot dogs have in common? They can all be elements of a successful effort to increase your club's membership strength! The answer seems peculiar, but I'll explain.

As we highlight **MAY** as **MEMBERSHIP MONTH**, I hope your club is already planning something special that encourages Kiwanians to sponsor new members. Anyone in the club – whether you're a president, past president or recently joined – can take the initiative to get the club involved in a membership campaign.

Here are three elements that have proven to be helpful in a successful membership effort:

- 1. Focused time-frame** – Whether it's five weeks or ten weeks, a definite period allows your members to keep the goal in mind with a sense of urgency.
- 2. Focused goal** – A challenging and specific target motivates and develops a spirit of teamwork. Constantly publicize and display the goal and the progress at each meeting during the time-frame.
- 3. Fun** – This is where the answer to the above question comes in.
 - Club presidents can offer to receive a cream pie in the face from every Kiwanian in the club that sponsors three new members!
 - Until he or she sponsors a new member, a randomly selected Kiwanian cares for the club's live goldfish mascot! (You can use as many live goldfish mascots as you wish to multiply the fun and the new member results.)

- Portion the club into teams for membership recruiting purposes. The team sponsoring the most new members enjoys an exceptional meal at a celebration meeting while all others enjoy hot dogs!

There's no peculiar answer to why we need to highlight **MAY** as **MEMBERSHIP MONTH** or why we must strengthen our Kiwanis Club membership. When we have more Kiwanians, we can provide more service – more Terrific Kids programs, more hands to work at our clubs' fund raisers, more help to fulfill our responsibilities of Kiwanis Family sponsorship and more smiles on the faces of children in our communities and around the globe.

For this answer and for these reasons in your community, let's plan now to make May 2010 the most successful KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP MONTH ever!

Please send me information from the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation regarding:

- Ambassador's Program
- Annual Club Birthday Fund
- Pediatric Trauma Fund
- Past International President's Fund
- Ohio Kiwanis Endowment Society
- Don Williams Award
- Stan Schneider Award
- Walter Sellers Award
- KICK Program
- Make a Difference Day Organization
- First Lady's Project - Pediatric Trauma
- Grant Application
- Club Advised Fund Program
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Other _____

Name

Address

City _____ Zip

Phone:

Email:

Certified Leadership Education

Dennis E. Lehman, CLE Coordinator

Once again it is time to think about CLE and scheduling a time to attend a training session. CLE stands for Club Leadership Education and is provided for all club leaders with an emphasis on the club President and the club leadership team. Each year all leaders of Kiwanis have a responsibility to teach and train those persons they will be leading. This is done from the International President-Elect to the Governors-Elect and the Lt. Governors-Elect. In the Ohio District we assist in this policy for the Lt. Governors-Elect.

While it is the responsibility of the Lt. Governors-Elect to provide this training to their club leaders, the Ohio District helps them by providing Certified Trainers to lead in the education process. The Lt. Governor-Elects (or another designated person) selects a location and time for this training and the Ohio District assigns two Certified Trainers to conduct the training for them. This is done by Division or by Divisions combining to conduct this training together.

This education is provided for the Presidents and members of the club leadership team to prepare them for their year of leadership starting October 1, 2010. By starting early, the leadership team will be able to better plan and prepare for the next Kiwanis year of their responsibility. The education provided is not exhaustive, but will give them a wide basic knowledge of what is necessary to have a successful year as a local Kiwanis leader. Each President and Secretary is expected to attend one of these sessions and if you cannot attend the one for your own Division, you can attend any one of the others scheduled. The sessions are scheduled to run from approximately 8:30am to 12:30pm.

All CLE training sessions are scheduled on Saturdays in May, June, and July. This year the dates available are May 15 & 22, June 5, 12, & 19, and July 10, & 17. Check with your club President-Elect or your Lt. Governor-Elect for the date planned for your Division. I'm sure you will learn from this training and it will be valuable to you for a successful year in Kiwanis. I would encourage all leaders to consider attending so they can be ready and able to have a successful Kiwanis year!

Pinwheels for Prevention of Child Abuse



First Lady Carol Parker and members of the Hilliard Darby Key Club, Hilliard Davidson Key Club and Hilliard Kiwanis planted 960 pinwheels along Main Street in Hilliard. The display, is part of a national effort to bring awareness to the prevention of child abuse.

It is one of First Lady Carol's focuses in conjunction with the Ohio District Foundation programs to prevent pediatric trauma. Each pin wheel represents a child who had been abused in the past year in Franklin County.

DON'T MISS THE 53rd ANNUAL OHIO KIWANIS GOLF OUTING

The 2010 Ohio Kiwanis Golf Outing will be held on July 14 and 15, 2010 at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course located at 5055 Hills & Dales Road NW, Canton, OH. The facility is easily assessable from I-77. As a result of the event's affiliation with the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation a portion of each registration (if paid individually) and all sponsorships will be tax deductible and the event's net proceeds will be available to help support Foundation projects.

This event is open to the entire K-Family and all friends of Kiwanis. This will be a scramble format event and there will be many team prizes as well as individual skill prizes. The price of this year's event is \$75.00 and includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes, and a great dinner.



Sponsorships are available again this year to help defray the cost of the event. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at OhioKiwanisGolf.com, or via the link on the Ohio District Kiwanis website (Ohiokiwanis.org).

Please mark your calendars and arrange your teams now to take advantage of the great fun, food and fellowship that takes place at this event every year. Tee times are assigned on a first come first serve basis so register early. The event is held rain or shine. No cancellations can be accepted after July 7, 2010. If anyone needs help with lodging arrangements please contact us. 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 (440) 232-2562 or Bill Flinta (330) 923-0454. Thanks for supporting this event. We look forward to seeing everyone in July.



A flag all will be able to see



Magic City Kiwanis members Jim Arnett and Bob Frutchey with the wooden United States flag they made for the Great Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America for the dining hall at Camp Manatoc.

Magic City Kiwanis members Jim Arnett and Bob Frutchey recently spent many hours and used more than a few feet of lumber to make a wooden United States flag for the dining hall at Camp Manatoc, near Peninsula. Every year, on the first Saturday in June, members of Kiwanis clubs in Ohio Divisions 16, 20 and 24 gather for Kiwanis Work Day at the camp, operated by the Great Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

For last year's work day, construction had just been completed on an expansion and renovation of the dining hall. As the work day crew prepared to say the Pledge of Allegiance, they found a problem. There was no American flag to face, except for one on a Scout leader's uniform shirt.

This year, there should be no doubt where the American flag is in the dining hall, thanks to the efforts of Kiwanis members Jim Arnett and Bob Frutchey.

Clubs on the GROW!

We have several Kiwanis Clubs that are showing exceptional growth this year! Congratulations to the following:

Tiffin +16
Parma Area Morning +12
West Alexandria +9
Mount Vernon +7
Downtown Athens +6
Berea +6
Riverfront Cincinnati +5

Let's add your club name to this list!



Community Services

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DO SOMETHING...TO HELP OTHERS!!

Helping others in need is a fundamental activity of Kiwanians throughout the world. One of the main reasons I joined Kiwanis was to help others. Many of you also want to help others and have many different ways to do so.

The time of year when there are the most opportunities to serve has passed-the period around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Early in the year, it is harder to find ways to help others. But the needs are just as great! So we need to look for service opportunities in our communities and then go about doing the service. Every community has unmet needs.

Here are some ideas for Community Services during this time of year:

-Visit a nursing home or hospital-the need for conversation is just a great now as it was last fall. And your visit will lift the spirits of those you meet-and yours too.

-Collect items at Kiwanis meetings, then give them away-children's books, cans of food, paper towels, toilet paper, clothing, etc.

-Collect and donate clothing to a Goodwill, Salvation Army or homeless shelter.

-Talk to the local United Way about community needs and how Kiwanis can help.

-At a Kiwanis meeting-each member to write a brief note of encouragement to a person in need-either by name or to someone in general. Then distribute them.

-Work at a local charity-provide whatever is needed, even clean bathrooms if that is needed.

-Serve food at a soup kitchen or school where help is needed.

-If snowy-plow or shovel snow for a neighbor.

-Always needed-make cash donations-of any amount-to agencies that help others.

This is a great time to DO SOMETHING....To HELP others in our communities!

For the 2009-2010 year-each Kiwanis club is encouraged to add at least one new service project and to serve more people than you have before. Please let me know what you are doing to serve others. Send an email to cwallace@woh.rr.com.

Our communities need Kiwanians to DO SOMETHING NOW!



Young Children:Priority One

Barbara Smith, District Chair
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Thank you to all the clubs and divisions that have had me as a speaker. I am so proud of our Ohio District because of all the wonderful projects clubs and divisions are doing for YCPO. You are so awesome.

YCPO workshop was entitled "Make Young Children a Priority in Your Club" at mid year was a great success. It was fun and informative and lots of ideas were shared. Let me know if I can help in any way as you perform the project you and your club develop.

B is for Baby. Service project at mid-year collected 103 items, such as baby bibs, baby powder, baby booties... Some of you forgot your items or have decided to do this now. Great - let me know when you have done it and give it to a local shelter.

Continue your service to the children and your communities. See you within Kiwanis.



Interclub & Fellowship

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"K.I.S.S." (KIWANIS INTERCLUBBING is SOMETHING SPECIAL)

Hello to all local Club Presidents, Secretaries, Interclub & Fellowship Chairs, and all members of the great Ohio District. We are four months into the 2009-2010 year, how many interclub's have you done? Are you keeping a record of the clubs visited, the events attended, how many members attended? If you are doing this it will be a snap for you to submit a report to me after the year ends.

The next question, do you have a copy of the 2009-2010, Interclub & Fellowship Program requirements? If not, email me and I will send you a copy.

Now for a little education:

An interclub is when your club members attend another Kiwanis Club meeting, event, or a Kiwanis Family club meeting or event.

How many members are required for an interclub? Clubs with 30 or more members need 4 members to attend, Clubs with 20 to 30 members need 3 members to attend. Clubs with 20 or less members need 2 members to attend.

Clubs with 20 or more members can count one of the following toward the required 3 or 4 needed; the current Lt. Governor, a District Officer, an International Officer. Clubs with 20 or less can not use any of the above officers to complete the 2 member requirement.

What are the requirements to earn a K.I.S.S. banner patch?

Bronze Level: Interclub with each club in your Division and 1 Division council meeting.

Silver Level: Interclub at each club within your Division, at two Division events, and at one District event.

Gold Level: Interclub at each club within your Division, at each Division Council meeting, at the Governor's Official Division Visit, at the MidYear Education Day, at the District Convention, and at the International Convention.

Westlake Aktion Club Serves at the House that Love Built

The Westlake Aktion Club recently prepared and served a meal at the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland. "The House that Love Built" or Ronald McDonald House as it is more commonly known is a facility for family members to stay while their loved one is undergoing treatment at one of the local hospitals, the Cleveland Clinic or University Hospital.

The club served between 50 - 60 people who were staying at the house. Aktion Club members bought, prepared and served the food and then cleaned up afterwards. They also dined and had an opportunity to interact with Ronald McDonald House guests.

One patient's family member from Saudia Arabia was so moved by the club's meal that he burst into tears because of their generosity.

In addition to providing a meal, the Aktion Club donated over 100 pounds of aluminum pop top tabs. The pop top tabs are recycled and funds are used to help pay for operating expenses. Last year the Cleveland RMH, received over \$13,000 from recycling pop top tabs.



Members of the Westlake Aktion Club posing with some of their pop top tabs collected for the RMH.



First, let me say that the membership loss for our clubs has slowed. And some clubs, but not enough, are growing. Keep up the good work – it will pay dividends for your club. You are the key to your clubs growth – and growing your club’s service to your community.

Now for the good news. I am pleased to announce a wonderful opportunity for our clubs.

The Ohio District and Governor Don Parker Want To Reward Your Club For Growth!!!

What Are The Prizes?

- Grand Prize: District Convention expenses for up to two of your club’s delegates for hotel room; Friday fun event; Saturday lunch and dinner; and registration.
- First Prize: District Convention expenses for up to one club delegate for room; Friday fun event; Saturday lunch and dinner; and registration.
- Second Prize: District Convention expenses for registration fees for up to two club delegates.

How Do You Win?

For those clubs who have a **NET** gain in membership as of June 30, 2010, compared to September 30, 2009, the following would be awarded.

- Grand Prize: Awarded to clubs who have a 25% net increase in membership with a minimum net gain of six (6) members. Clubs of 150 or more can achieve this with a net gain of 38. OR, if a new club is built, the prize is split between the sponsoring club and the new club.
- First Prize: Awarded to clubs who have a 20% net increase in membership with a minimum net gain of five (5) members. Clubs of 150 or more can achieve this with a net gain of 30.
- Second Prize: Awarded to clubs who have a 15% net increase in membership with a minimum net gain of four (4) members. Clubs of 150 or more can achieve this with a net gain of 22.

What Are The Rules?

- The official KI membership figures for Sept. 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010 are the basis for awards, so turn in new member applications and fees to KI early (before June 15th is best).
- To receive credit for building a new club, the applications and fees must be submitted to KI, the charter approved by KI and the date for the organization meeting set by June 30.
- Payments will be made to the winning clubs, who can disperse those funds to the delegates.
- Delegates must be registered and attend the convention events to collect.
- The district has allocated a maximum of \$1800 to each prize category. In the event more clubs qualify than funds are available, the funds will be equally divided based on the number of delegates registered and attending.
- Winning clubs will be notified by July 15.



Members of the Ohio District attend a Growth Summit meeting - learning how to encourage new members to join. Be certain to join us at one of the upcoming events featuring International President Paul Palazzolo.



Sisters in Service



The Gillis sisters have the very unusual distinction of each being president of one of the Kiwanis Service Leadership Clubs in Coldwater. Brooke, a senior, who plans to attend the Ohio State University next year, is president of the Coldwater High School Key Club. Brittany is an eighth grader and president of the Coldwater Middle School Builders Club. Brianna, a fourth grader, leads the Coldwater Elementary K-Kids group.

The girls prepared a PowerPoint presentation to help illustrate their program for the Coldwater Kiwanis Club. Each one detailed her interests and activities, the reasons why she enjoys volunteering to help others, and summarized the current and future projects for her club.

Brianna said the K-Kids did a Bingo Night for the residents at Briarwood and also sang Christmas carols there. Brittany explained how the Builders club operates a snack cart to raise money for projects that included "Pennies for Patients," "Lending a Helping Hand," and baking cookies for the nursing home residents. Brooke described the Key Club's efforts over several years to complete their "Wheelchair Swing" project. In addition, they led the "Walk the Abby Road" project to raise funds to assist with a former student's medical expenses. A new project for the Key Club will be a Powder Puff Football game.



Builders Club

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Since our last District Newsletter we have added a new Builders Club. Congratulations to the Lima Kiwanis Club for sponsoring a Builders Club at South Middle School. You will Make a Difference for these students.

UNICEF:

Through December 2009, Builders Clubs have submitted \$33,869.45 in donations to UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). Thanks to the following Ohio Builders Clubs who promoted this project :- **Sacred Heart School, Fremont; Ford Middle School, Middleburg Heights; Stanton Middle School, Kent; Benjamin Logan Middle School, Bellefontaine and St. Louis School, Louisville.**



Contests and awards

Getting recognized for what your Builders Clubs do, please go to

<http://slp.kiwanis.org/BuildersClub/ClubManagement/ContestsandAwards> for contest and award applications and information.

"The future is built on yesterday's efforts, today's growth, and tomorrow's dreams."—Anonymous

Circle K Board: Leadership Through Service

The 2010-11 Ohio District Circle K board held their trainer the second weekend in April. Held at Camp O'Bannon, a camp for underprivileged children in Licking that is supported by the Kiwanis Club of Newark, the camp provides a summer retreat for over 400 children each summer.

The heavy snows and ice from this winter damaged some trees and the Circle K'ers in true can-do spirit pitched in to help clean up the camp.



They stacked firewood, moved heavy picnic tables and finally loaded a trailer with pine logs from a tree that had been cut down.

The trailer had to be evenly loaded in order to keep either end from tipping or from getting stuck. Some of the pieces were quite sizeable and it took a real team effort to load the trailer.

The exercise brought out different leadership qualities in each person. Dealing with logistics, leverage, placement, tasks, support and having a goal all played into the services they provided to the camp.



Governor-Elect John lends a hand.



In addition to exercising their muscles, it forced the group to work on their communication and planning skills, especially since most of the group was females who had never done this type of work.



A triumphant team on top of their wagon load of firewood.



Kiwanians Get Things Growing

206 Kiwanians from 23 divisions and 101 clubs recently attended one or more of the 5 regional growth summits presented by Lanton Lee, KI Area Director and 28 year Kiwanis Family member. Governor Don Parker, Bill Snellgrove, Membership Growth Chair and Katie Rennard, New Club Building Chair also participated in the summits.

Attendees heard that a key component to successful membership growth is a membership plan that is developed at your own Kiwanis club level. You can help your club and your members by using the Club Excellence Tool to monitor the health of your Kiwanis Club and evaluate your members' club experience. From the results you can develop a plan for membership growth. Your membership growth plan should include goals, strategies to achieve growth, a time line and Kiwanis members who will have ownership of each step and a way to measure success. Remember - what gets measured, gets done. A sample membership plan can be downloaded as well as other documents at www.ohiokiwanis.org and choosing Download Files from the menu. Remember, YOU are the reason others will join Kiwanis. Your story about why you are a Kiwanian, meeting the needs of prospective members, a warm smile and a friendly handshake are your best recruitment tools.

In some cases you may discover that there is an excellent opportunity to build a new club to meet community needs. A Community analysis and site survey can provide guidance and direction to ensure a successful new club that is built to last.

- Begin by securing a sponsoring club, establishing a new club building team made up of your Lt. Governor, members from the sponsoring club and three to five prospective members.
- Establish a club budget and time-line and remember to adapt Kiwanis to the opportunity.
- Determine the type of club-based on membership demographics.
- Begin developing a prospect list.

These steps briefly outline a plan but a complete New Club Building kit is available at kiwanisone.org.

Individualized summits tailored to specific regional and division needs are being planned for later this year. Don't wait to get started and let us know how we can help you- email krennard@uwsummit.org or wsnellgr@columbus.rr.com

Be the change you want to see in the world. – Mohandas K. Gandhi



Rules for the 2010 Kiwanis Newsletter Contest

Each club has the opportunity to submit THREE different issues of your weekly/monthly newsletters for the Ohio Kiwanis District Newsletter Contest.

Clubs will be judged in competition with clubs in their membership size groups prepared by Kiwanis International. Materials are due in by MONDAY, APRIL 19.

Places and honorable mentions will be presented at the Ohio District Convention in Cincinnati. You may submit your entry by email to Jmillar@tiffin.edu or by US mail to:

John Millar, Tiffin University
155 Miami Street, Tiffin, OH 44883

In Memoriam

Member	Division	Club
Anthony Bontempo	24	Independence
Kay Bruss	21	Western Mahoning Co.
Wilbur Couchie	17	Alliance
Bob Daubenmier	9	Logan
Frank Hawes	4	Dayton Breakfast
Edwin Heffner	24	Parma-Parma Heights
Guy Kersch	1S	Ottawa
Lilo Kuschnerous	4	Dayton
Everett Lavy	3	Covington
Jane Morr	11N	Mount Vernon
Robert Schneider	10S	Circleville
Douglas Schwartz	3	Troy
Randy Stang	14	Bay Village
Charles Varney	9	Portsmouth

Service Leadership Clubs

East Technical Key Club	15 members
Chartered 2-22-10	Sponsored by Cleveland Kiwanis
Eliza Northrop K-Kids	45 members
Chartered 2-5-10	Sponsored by Medina Breakfast Kiwanis
Horizon Science Academy K-Kid	25 members
Chartered 1-4-10	Sponsored by Cincinnati Kiwanis
Huron County Aktion Club	15 members
Chartered 1-4-10	Sponsored by Norwalk Kiwanis
Pleasant Valley K-Kids	50 members
Chartered 1-7-10	Sponsored by Parma Area Morning Kiwanis
Puritas Community Builders Club	43 members
Chartered 2-5-10	Sponsored by West Park Kiwanis
Sandusky County Aktion Club	13 members
Chartered 2-22-10	Sponsored by Fremont Kiwanis
South Middle School Builders Club	16 members
Chartered 1-14-10	Sponsored by Lima Kiwanis
Stark County Aktion Club	27 members
Chartered 3-29-10	Sponsored by Canton Kiwanis
University of Cincinnati Circle K	19 members
Reactivated 3-16-10	Sponsored by Cincinnati Kiwanis
University of Findlay Circle K	32 members
Reactivated 3-12-10	Sponsored by Findlay Kiwanis
West High Key Club	17 members
Chartered 3-5-10	Sponsored by Portsmouth Kiwanis
Woodward Key Club	22 members
Chartered 12-21-09	Sponsored by Toledo Kiwanis

THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

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

The six permanent *Objects of Kiwanis International* were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

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