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Kiwanis - The Difference is You!

The Ohio District is excited to announce that Nancy Whetstone of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus will be the keynote speaker for the Opening Session at our Mid Year Education Day in March. An enthusiastic and dedicated Kiwanian, Nancy has had a broad variety of experiences and now spends much of her time in organizations involved with children. Her topic, "Kiwanis - the Difference is You" is sure to inspire you to look at Kiwanis in a new way.



Since 2000, she has been the executive director and CEO of the Ohio Business Week Foundation (OBW). OBW is a 19 year old statewide non-profit organization that funds, organizes and implements two week-long business education programs, which stress entrepreneurship, for high school students each summer. Under her dynamic leadership, this program has grown in quality, diversity and participation.

Nancy also serves as secretary of the Managing Board of Trustees for Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership International, president of the Business & Industry Advisory Council for OBTA, chairperson of the Ohio Entrepreneurship Coalition, and a committee chairperson for the Kiwanis Club of Columbus. She says that in her spare time, she volunteers for Learning for Life, St. Margaret Church

and St. Vincent Family Centers; and serves as a Brownie Girl Scout troop leader.

Prior to joining Ohio Business Week, Nancy was the sole proprietor of Whetstone Consulting, a business-to-business marketing firm. She has held positions as a senior account executive for a Worthington-based marketing firm, a public affairs manager for Ohio EPA, and a public relations specialist for the American Red Cross. Early in her career, she spent three years doing outreach work, providing health care information and referrals to homeless people.

Nancy holds a BA in Journalism and Interpersonal and Public Communication from Central Michigan University. She is married and has two children.

Key Calendar Events

February 29- March 2
March 8

Ohio Circle K Convention, Hudson
MY Education Day, Columbus



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District Secretary's Notes

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As we approach 2008, Sarah and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year. It has been our pleasure to serve you this past year and we look forward to 2008 with much anticipation. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the district office and/or its functions, please feel free to call us at (888) 827-8196 or email me at dave@ohiokiwans.org or our Administrative Secretary Sarah Roush at sarah@ohiokiwans.org.

Club Secretaries

By now I would hope that most of you will have made the switch to the KiwanisOne Online Monthly Reporting system. It is the only acceptable way for filing your club monthly reports throughout most of North America. This website portal is being given new functionality almost daily. The latest addition was to give you the capability of printing your roster (as on the Kiwanis International database) almost instantaneously. Please check it out. You will find it under the Secretary drop down list when you logon to the system.

Tax Filing Information

As most of you are aware, many Kiwanis Clubs are required to file tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service in February. If you have specific questions regarding the current filing requirements, please call the district office at the toll free number shown above. I would like to alert you that beginning with the September 30, 2008 year end, even organizations with revenues of less than \$25,000 will be required to file a new form, the 990-N. Please watch this magazine for more information in the future. We are working with our Accountant to be sure you have the most up-to-date information available.

Ohio Kiwanis Mid Year Education Day

The bulk of the information in this issue of the district magazine is dedicated to the 2008 Mid Year Education Day. The focus of the day will be on providing forums and workshops of interest to all Kiwanis members. Information about workshop topics can be found elsewhere in this issue. We believe you, as a member will find value in attending the workshops and other sessions. Online registration is available through our district website at www.ohiokiwans.org. Please check it out and make use of this convenient way to register for all our meetings and conventions. Copies of all registration forms are available in Adobe Acrobat "PDF" format at that same location. We hope to see you all on March 8th at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in downtown Columbus.



I have completed 14 of my 28 Division official visits. Marge and I are having a great time. We are gathering a great amount of information about club and division projects and activities. It never ceases to amaze us to learn about all that clubs do in service to their communities. From distributing food to the needy to reading to children in school, Kiwanians are tireless in making sure that those needing services receive them. Thanks for all you do for your communities.

I strongly urge club leadership to consider giving a Past International Presidents (PIP) award to a deserving club member. I am sure that each and every club in the district has someone deserving of recognition for service to their club, community and children of the world. There is a form on the Ohio District Foundation website (www.odkf.org) that can be used to apply for the award and to designate that half of the award fee to go to the First Lady's Project of Pediatric Trauma, Prevention and Treatment. This is a great way to honor that deserving member.

It Is All About Membership!

We are in a crisis situation as far as membership growth is concerned. Membership throughout our district has declined precipitously over the past 10 or more years. It wasn't all that long ago that district membership was above 15,000. We are now below 10,000 members. If that doesn't meet the definition of crisis, then I would like someone to tell me what does.

Membership is the driving force behind all we do for our communities and the children of the world. Without growth

in membership, we cannot continue to provide the services vital to those in need. Without membership growth, we will not have the monetary resources to continue the projects we now do year after year.

Membership growth **MUST BE** in the forefront for every Kiwanian as a "MUST DO." Our goal is to expand the service we provide to our communities and especially the children of this Great Ohio District. With each and every Kiwanian making a concerted effort, we can reach our goal of positive member growth.

In light of this crisis, I am designating January and February as "Membership Growth Months." Make it your personal goal to invite someone to join the premier organization in the world helping children live a better life. Ask someone today to join your club and be a part of the excitement. Set a goal for yourself and your club and set it high.

Another way to achieve membership growth is through the chartering of new clubs. As part of the January-February Membership Growth Months, I am challenging Lt. Governors to designate at least one community in their Division to be targeted for a new club. You can assist in this endeavor by providing contacts and volunteering to be a part of the club building team in your Division.

I ask each and every Kiwanian to be a part of the solution and dedicate yourself to renewed enthusiasm for Kiwanis and all we work to achieve. We must stop the bleeding. We must turn the decline in membership into an increase. You are the key. You have the answer. Will you accept the challenge? Will you allow others to share in your Kiwanis Pride? Be a part of our Membership Growth Months and ask someone to join you in service to your community and the children of the world.

To paraphrase a message from industry, "**Membership is Job One**". It is my job, it is your job. Let us work together to do it for our future support for the children of Ohio and the World.

Tuna for Turning Point

The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 11S and the Bucyrus Kiwanis Club collected 1,023 cans of tuna for the Marion Homeless Shelter and Turning Point, a facility for victims of domestic violence. The tuna, which is a great source of protein and does not require refrigeration will be distributed to needy individuals and families. The original goal for this project was 500 cans. Carol Kientz, Community Education Coordinator for Turning Point said "Not only has this been a great project for victims and their families, but it has also offered a way to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence. I was able to visit with many clubs to describe our programs and

services. Many more people are now aware of the seriousness of this most personal of crimes." Sheila Chapman, pictured, is Facility Coordinator for Turning Point and will be responsible for distribution of the food. She said "This is a wonderful project and the Kiwanians are to be commended for their efforts. The tuna collected will go a long way to help feed families who are struggling to break free from a life of violence."



**APPLICATION:
Mid-year Education Day "Poster" Session 2008**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Kiwanis Club of : _____

Title of the project : _____

Category: ___ Young Children Priority One
___ Community Services ___ Fund Raising
___ Youth Services

Is this an awareness poster? ___ yes ___ no

If yes: ___ Marketing/Membership Drive
___ Awareness of a certain Kiwanis area

Description: (attach an additional sheet if necessary):

Check if electricity is needed for display ___

Club member coordinating the display and presentation: (Please make sure all areas are completed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

We understand that:

- a) The poster will be on a standard tri-fold display board.
- b) Sufficient copies of a one-page description will be available (See poster contest rules for what should be included.)
- c) A Club member will accompany the display to answer questions and give additional information.

Submitted by Club President (name)

Submit by Feb 1, 2008 to:

Claudette M. Rogers, 467 S. Sycamore St. #1
Ravenna, OH 44266

**MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY "POSTER"
SESSION 2008 POSTER CONTEST RULES**

1. The poster will be on a standard tri-fold display board.
2. The poster will have the name of the Kiwanis Club or K-Family member on it.
3. Sufficient copies of a one-page description of the poster's category/awareness will be available explaining:
 - a. The poster's category/awareness?
 - b. How the project or awareness came to be?
 - c. How the project or awareness was organized and done?
 - d. What was the outcome of the project or awareness?
 - e. How did the project brand Kiwanis?
 - f. How did the project affect the community?

4. Club members will accompany the display to answer questions and give additional information. Posters are to be set-up in the designated room between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Judging starts at 10:00. The room will be open to the conference's attendees during the lunch periods: 11:20 AM – 1:00 PM. Winning posters will be part of the second forum session, 1:15 - 2:10 PM. Club members are requested to be available to discuss the project in more detail. Club members need to be available to answer questions/discuss their project 10:00 – 1:00. Although not required, we suggest that 2 – 3 club members accompany the poster for presentations.

5. Complete an application to enter the "POSTER" Session.
6. Application must be completed fully.
7. Entries must be Submit by Feb 1, 2008.
8. Club members who present the posters need to register for Mid Year Education Day.
9. Posters will be judged by 3 judges from around the district.

10. If you have any questions please contact Poster Session Chair: Claudette Rogers at 330-297-5477(h) 330-297-8770 (w) or papiamento1968@aol.com .



Midyear Education Day

Bill Snellgrove, District Co-Chair
wsnellgr@columbus.rr.com

Last March we introduced a make-over of the Mid Year program as Mid Year Education Day. Our goal was to Build on the Best of the Past While Adding New Features. Based on the surveys you said you appreciated our efforts, that we made progress. Now we want to do more. So our team is working on the 2008 Mid Year Education Day, which will be Saturday March the 8th. See our website www.centralohiokieanis.org/MYED-1.htm after January 15th.

We are at the same location, the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus, 75 East State St. This event will be like going to a day seminar for work. The facility is beautiful, with many opportunities to share coffee and ideas with other Kiwanians. The hotel is across the street from the Ohio Capitol Building. As a reminder, there are two Hyatt's in Columbus – so when you come to Mid Year, if you find the Hyatt and the capitol is NOT across the street, ask the kind folks in the Hyatt for directions to the other Hyatt.

What did we hear last year? You said that parts of the Mid Year needed more space – so we added space for the project posters, for lunch and for forums. You said you liked the one day time commitment – you can arrive at 8:30, the opening session starts at 9:00 with a keynote speaker and the entire program ends by 4:30.

You said you liked the format, so we will again use six themed “tracks” – each of which will have 3 – 4 different but related forums throughout the day – but at your request, we will give them more time. You can follow a track of specific interest to you – or mix and match if you want. We are again adding and revamping some forums. We think it will be stimulating and worth your while. See page six for the tentative forum list.

The project poster session last year featured poster presentations on 25 of the best club projects in the district – and was a big success! About 350 of you came, and we were overwhelmed. So we will again have this session – but in a larger venue. If you want one of your club's projects highlighted, send in the registration form in this issue by Feb. 1st.

And we will again feature all of this, including materials, forums, refreshments and lunch for one reasonable price. While you can register between Feb. 12th and March 8th, register on or before February 11th and you get a \$55 price – a \$10 discount off the full price. There are also discounts for K-Family and non-Kiwanian spouses. So register early.

Our intent is to make you feel welcome and rewarded. So put March 8th on your schedule.

We want you to know – We Have heard you! Come and see what has been done – *Be part of “Cherishing Our Past – Challenging Our Future”.*

Tentative Agenda: [See Learning Experience (Forums) for more detail]

8:30 – 9:00: Registration/Breakfast/Coffee

9:00 – 10:00: Opening (includes Keynote speaker)

10:15 – 11:10: First Forum Session

11:20 – 12:10: Group A – Attend Lunch;
Group B – Attend Project Poster Session

12:10 – 1:00: Group B – Attend Lunch;
Group A – Attend Project Poster Session

1:15 – 2:10: Second Forum Session

2:25 – 3:20: Third Forum Session

3:35 – 4:30: Fourth Forum Session

No Closing Session

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: _____

Fax _____

Mail to: Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation
PO Box 1013, Wooster, Ohio 44691

M-Y Education Learning Experience (Forums)

The following shows the Tracks, the forums and a tentative session schedule:

Track 1 – Membership: Together Achieving Growth (TAG). Learn how to achieve growth through proven, positive strategies. Clubs should select a representative or team to attend all four forums. New segments are being added to last year's successful program which covers attracting new members, keeping current members, building new clubs, and diversity.

Track 2 – Service: Learn the ingredients of successful service projects and hear success stories.

No Session 1

Session 2: This session focuses on what needs to be done to have a successful service project. Project poster session winners will be available to discuss their projects in more depth.

Session 3: Learn what your KI and District Foundation can do for local clubs, includes a segment on successful grant writing techniques.

Session 4: Fund-raising – the means of acquiring resources to perform service.

Track 3 – Service Leadership Programs: Learn the joys and benefits of supporting the Sponsored Leadership Programs in Kiwanis.

Session 1: An introduction to the Kiwanis Leadership Programs. Key Leader and Aktion Clubs will be featured.

Session 2: A focus on K-Kids and Builders Club – Learn from those who have built and supported successful clubs.

Session 3: Focus on Key Club – Key Clubbers will help us understand how to relate to and support a high school Key Club.

Session 4: Focus on Circle K – Circle K members are active Kiwanians. Circle K members will discuss how all Kiwanis clubs can become involved with and support Circle K clubs.

Track 4 – Leadership and Personal Growth: Spend the day with experts who can help you learn personal leadership skills that prepare you to be a successful leader.

Session 1: Successful Goal Setting & Action Planning – We all have great goals, but that is not enough. Learn how to establish plans to achieve your goals – Remember, failing to plan is planning to fail.

Session 2: Communicating Effectively – Effective communication is important in all that you do. Learn ideas for improving your skills for speaking, writing, email, voice mail, etc.

Session 3: Managing Time Effectively & Delegation – There is never enough time for a leader to do everything. In fact, that's not the leader's job. Learn how to get things done through the efforts of the dedicated people around you.

Session 4: Running Good Meetings – Ever been to a really great meeting and wonder how it came off so effortlessly? Learn the techniques to plan and run truly great meetings.

Track 5 – Things You Might Like to Know About Kiwanis:

This is the opportunity to increase your knowledge of Kiwanis in current or future leadership roles.

Session 1: Current & Future Leaders – Learn about the expectations and responsibilities of club chairs and officers, lieutenant governors, and governors through discussion. Members considering leadership roles will benefit by hearing from those who “have been there”.

Session 2: Branding and Marketing Your Kiwanis Club – Want to be able to tell both your club's and Kiwanis' story? This session will help you with useful ideas to brand your Kiwanis club in your community.

Session 3: Tools for Secretaries – Learn the newest tools available to club secretaries.

Session 4: Building A Club Website-Learn how two people built serviceable websites, not as professional website builders, but as Kiwanis members interested in opening new communication channels.

Track 6 – Special Sessions: How can we be a better Kiwanis? These forums cover a range of issues.

Session 1: Family Health Issues – This is a follow-up session to the well received forum at last year's convention – but on a broader scope.

Session 2: What are your Kiwanis issues? Come tell us what is good – or needs to change in Kiwanis. Bring your ideas.

Session 3: Pediatric Trauma – The First Lady's Project. A discussion on this wonderful project, why it is important and how Kiwanians and clubs can help its success.

Session 4: What club has enough members to do the needed service work in the community? That applies to Kiwanis, yes, but also to Lions, Rotary, Optimist and others. Learn how various clubs in the District have leveraged relationships with other groups to do more.

Directions to parking for MY Education Day: All three low-cost parking options (\$3 for the day) are approached by going south on one-way South Third Street from Broad Street. Statehouse underground parking is the first right - just across from the hotel. A right onto Damian Place will put you into City Center underground parking near the Hyatt. A right on Rich Street will take you to the City Center parking garage about two blocks of walking through the City Center mall to the hotel. Visit our website for more detail, or use the hotel address (75 E. State St.) for computer maps.

**OHIO DISTRICT MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY
March 8, 2008**

Hyatt on Capital Square, 75 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Member # _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____ / _____ / _____

Club: _____ Div.: _____

Dayton Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Partner: _____

Note: If partner is a Kiwanis member please use separate registration form.

Badge Names (First): _____
Member Partner

Guests: _____
(names for badge)

REGISTRATION FEES (All Registrations include lunch)

Kiwanis Member Early Bird Registration \$55 x ____ = \$ _____

Partner (non-Kiwanis Family Member) \$37 x ____ = \$ _____

Service Leadership Member (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club
Circle K Club or Aktion Club members) \$30 x ____ = \$ _____

Registration postmarked after February 11 (and all on site
registrations) \$65 x ____ = \$ _____

NOTE: Lunch tickets for on site registration are subject to availability.
Meal reservations must be made to hotel 72 hours prior to time of event **TOTAL \$** _____

Mail this registration form with your payment payable to: **Ohio District Kiwanis, PO Box 14339,
Columbus, Ohio 43214. Registration form must be postmarked by February 11 to receive early
bird price.**

To assist with our planning for room space, please indicate which educational track you will be *most inclined* to attend. ____ 1. Membership ____ 2. Service ____ 3. Service Leadership Programs
____ 4. Leadership & Personal Growth ____ 5: Things You Might Like to Know About Kiwanis ____ 6: Special Sessions

METHOD OF PAYMENT (CIRCLE ONE) Check Mastercard Visa

MC/VISA Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____ 3 digit security code ____

Cardholder Name: _____ Signature: _____



Leroy and I have had such a GREAT time going to our "Official Visits". We have been to half of the Divisions and were treated so well. We thank you all for your wonderful hospitality. I especially "thank you" for the money I have received for my First Lady's Project – Pediatric Trauma, Prevention and Treatment.

I have been talking about divisions, clubs, or individuals giving a Past International President's Award (PIP) and I was really surprised when I was given one at our Official Visit to Division 16-W. That was a "Kiwanis Moment" for me.

Another "Kiwanis Moment" was at our Official Visit to Division 20 when I received 140 stuffed animals (mostly bears) of all shapes and sizes. Most of the bears were



given to the Fire Department in Copley where we live. They most likely will also be distributed to a few other Fire Departments that are in our area. How wonderful to know that children will receive these bears at a time when they are in distress (not that we want them to be in that condition) and that bear can help them get through a stressful time.

What a wonderful organization Kiwanis is to have in our lives. I love to hear about the various clubs service projects. Every one of us needs to Share the Story of all the good things Kiwanians do in their communities. I thank each and every one of you for all you do in Kiwanis.

There are still many places to go in the Ohio District and I look forward to hearing about your projects.

Your New Year's Resolution

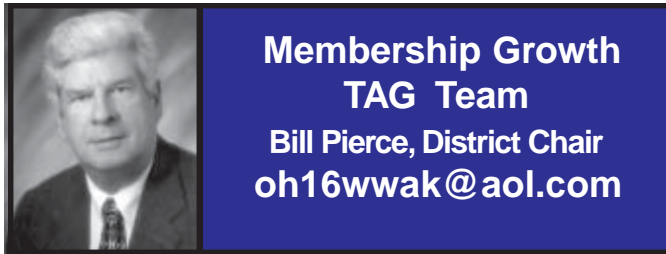
As I sit here at home looking outside as a huge winter storm hits northern Ohio, I had some time to think about what I would put on my list of New Year's resolutions. There are a lot of personal goals I have in mind but I usually break them. So, I thought I would share some Kiwanis New Year's Resolutions because I know Ohio Kiwanis members would try not to break any of those listed.

Ohio Kiwanis New Year's Resolutions

1. Help build a new Kiwanis club – if we are to grow we need to build new clubs – we can build a classic Kiwanis club or a new Kiwanis Next club
2. Help build a new Sponsored program club – we need to invest in youth – we can build K-Kids clubs, Builders clubs, Key clubs, Aktion clubs, or Circle K clubs
3. Lose weight – participate in the Kiwanis Skip A Meal program
4. Recruit one new member – if each of us would bring in one new member we could double our membership rolls in Ohio – think of the expanded service we can perform with 40,000 hands instead of the 20,000 we have today
5. Participate in two of my clubs fund raising projects
6. Lose Weight – participate in the Ohio Foundation Walk the Magic Mile project
7. Participate in three of my clubs service projects – this is a minimum – you can do more
8. Attend four interclubs this year –getting to know other club members is a key part of our Kiwanis fellowship
9. Lose Weight – volunteer at a local day care and play with a child
10. Volunteer to serve on a club committee or as a committee chair or club officer – take advantage of our Kiwanis opportunities for leadership development
11. Attend our Mid Year Education Day –a great place for fellowship and education
12. Attend our district convention – be a club delegate
13. Lose weight - Donate that extra money you have weighing down your wallet to our Ohio Kiwanis Foundation and the Kiwanis International Foundation – your investment today will reap great benefits tomorrow
14. Attend our international convention – learn about your international organization
15. Visit a sponsored program club meeting – they need our support
16. Lose weight – burn those carbs by volunteering at a food pantry and lifting bags of food for needy families

This is a simple list of items I believe that each of you can accomplish by the end of 2008.

As Kiwanis International President Dave Curry will tell you, the power of one is what can make a significant difference in the lives of many. That one resolution you accomplish can help our Ohio District continue to be a leader in our cause to change the world one child and one community at a time. Happy New Year!!!!!!



Your TAG Team is asking for your help in meeting our Club Membership Growth Goals for this fiscal year. It is imperative that we start increasing our membership at the Club level. The reason is quite simple. There is a real and growing need for more Kiwanis Service in your community and through out the world. More dedicated, civic minded, Kiwanis Members means more service to our Communities and to the Children. Let's keep our current Members and please sponsor a New Member for your Club.

One important aspect in meeting this goal is to add focus to Membership Growth at every Club Meeting. One of the obvious ways to add this focus has been suggested by other Clubs that are growing their membership and our International Kiwanis President Elect, Don Canaday. The Club President and Club Membership Growth Chair need to mention Membership Growth a total of three times in every Club meeting.

Mentioning Membership Growth three separate times in a Club Meeting could include some of the following ways or others ways that may be more specific to your Club:

1. How many Prospective New Members do we have with us today?
2. As we plan next weeks meeting, how many of you will be bringing guests to this meeting?
3. Club Membership Report on Membership Growth and plans to increase Club membership. (Membership Drive, Promotion, etc)
4. Tips for inviting guests to a Club meeting from one of your more successful Club Members or TAG Team Coaches.
5. Remind Members of your Club's specific policy concerning not charging guests for their meal at a Club Meeting.
6. Have your Division TAG Coach or Division TAG Leader be the speaker at a Club Meeting on a periodic basis.
7. Remind Club Members at the close of each meeting to please remember to invite a Guest to our next Club Meeting.
8. Make sure your Division Lt. Governor has given your Club their New Member- Sponsor Honor Roll Poster to place in your Club meeting room. This poster gives honor and recognition to your Clubs New Members and New Member Sponsors.

Send me your suggestions on different ways to mention and bring focus to Membership Growth at your Club Meetings. Our list can then be updated with your new suggestions.

As you know, all Kiwanis Members are members of our TAG Team. (Together Achieving Growth) If your Club is forgetting to mention membership at your Club meetings, please offer your assistance.



Happy Kiwanis New Year!

Governor Leroy Martin has designated January and February as Membership Growth Months. We welcome the challenge and leadership of our Governor. Each Division has the goal of putting together a division Together Achieving Growth (TAG) Team, building a new club, revitalizing two new clubs, and all clubs increase membership each month.

So far this year, Divisions 1N, 1S, 3, 5, 7, 11N, 11S, and 15 have selected potential sites for new clubs, put Division TAG Teams in place, and are putting plans in place with sponsoring clubs. Good work Lt. Governors and TAG Coaches.

TAG Coach Chair, Bill Pierce, and his District TAG Coaches put together an excellent Ohio Growth Summit with presentations by Kiwanis International President Elect Don Canada and K1 Club Director Earl Forbes. Lt. Governors, Division TAG Coaches, and District Officers attended the workshop on December 1st. TAG Coaches will be happy to assist your local club or division. Handouts were available for all.

Some of the topics covered were: the why in Ohio, new club building, membership growth plans, the sticky little assessment, membership recruitment meeting, recruiting role play, the elevator speech, mentoring new members, and why Kiwanis.

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



Several years ago, Kiwanis International had an initiative to start young children's councils throughout the world. The initiative took hold in some locations, but it seems that these coalitions have lost momentum or disintegrated over the last several years. I would like to explain what these councils are and how they impact your community by supporting Young Children: Priority One.

A young children's council is a collaborative effort between area Kiwanis clubs and local social agencies to promote programs for children under age 5 and their parents. Other members in young children's council may be librarians, teachers, health care professionals, government employees, or other individuals or group representatives from organizations that focus on the needs of young children. Young children's council members can work together to share ideas and resources to help young children, develop education, promote healthfulness, and develop parenting skills. The goal of this coalition is to further develop relationships within the community and not "reinvent the wheel."

The Division 20 Young Children's Council (YCC) is a great example of what a group of caring individuals can do. Initially, Kiwanians and other concerned individuals united to develop a Parenting Expo. The YCC planned a day long Parenting Expo that included workshops for parents to develop their skills, child care, a puppet or magic show, and lunch. In the first several years of the YCC, this was the focus for the group. Members drew upon their knowledge of the social service agencies to have informative speakers. They met monthly for exactly one hour to plan this annual event. This could be a great way for a young children's council to serve the community.

Unfortunately, the attendance at the Parenting Expo did not warrant the efforts of the group to continue planning it annually. After much discussion and trial and error, the Division 20 YCC, consisting of members of various clubs throughout the division, chose to have monthly projects division-wide to support the efforts of Young Children: Priority One. Some of the projects the group has done over the past couple of years follows.

- An annual diaper drive is held each winter to benefit local food pantries and childrens agencies. Clubs throughout the Kiwanis-Family compete to collect the most diapers.

- Comfort kits are made for the local hospital and the American Red Cross that have coloring books and small toys to help children through traumatic events.
- The YCC participates and sponsors activities in April for Pinwheels for Prevention. This is a statewide initiative to prevent child abuse. Pinwheels are "planted" in public places to signify the number of reported case of child abuse occurred in a given year.
- Collections for sweaters for clothing shelters, outdoor toys for domestic violence shelters, and school supplies for area children have occurred.
- Literary programs such as the Portage County Literacy Coalition and First Reads have been supported.
- Members of YCC have attended parenting fairs to hand out choke tubes, batteries for smoke detectors, and parenting materials from Kiwanis International.

If you are interested in starting a young children's council in your area, please feel free to contact me for more information.

Note: Some counties already have an early childhood council as part of their Family & Children First Council.

District Foundation Awards Grants

Kiwanis Clubs in Southwest Ohio have joined to present a preschool safety education program called "Safety Rocks".

The Ohio District Foundation has awarded a grant of \$1,000 to support this program which exemplifies the Foundation's focus on Pediatric Trauma Prevention. The Kiwanis Club of Delphos will receive \$2,500 for an improved playground project in their community to be dedicated on July 4, 2008.

The Kiwanis Club of Olmsted Falls has partnered with the Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids Club and Westlake AKtion Club to construct an adaptive playground for children with disabilities in Olmsted Falls. The Aktion Club members stated "We will surprise you at what we can do. We can do a lot more than people think we can, we just need a chance to show you." With a grant of \$2,500 from the Foundation, they will get a chance to participate by spreading the mulch for this playground.

Club Advised Funds

The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation board recently approved three new club advised funds. The clubs of Eastlake, Grafton-Midview and Port Clinton have joined 12 other clubs in using this service of the Foundation for management of their funds. For further assistance with this program, contact Al Penn at 330-725-0971 or info@odkf.org.

OHIO KIWANIS MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY

March 8, 2008

Hyatt on Capital Square, 75 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215

EXHIBIT TABLE REQUEST FORM**Club/Committee****Organization:** _____**Contact:** _____ **Day Phone:** _____**Fax Number:** _____ **E-mail:** _____**Address:** _____

Check all that Apply:

 Club or District Chair Request (No Charge) Commercial Display (\$50.00 per table) Charitable Organization (No Charge) Need Electrical Outlet

All display tables will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis to Kiwanis clubs or members up until the deadline date of February 1, 2008. Requests received after that date will be on a first come, first serve basis by date of receipt. Space limitations dictate that only 15 exhibit tables will be available this year.

Skirted display tables will be setup on the first floor in Foyer 2. If your display needs an electrical outlet, please bring an extension cord.

Display units may be setup anytime after 7:00 AM on Saturday, March 8th. All display units should be in place by 8:30 AM and they must be removed by 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 8th.

If additional information is required, contact the Ohio District Kiwanis Office at (888) 827-8196.

Mail Request Form with check to: **Ohio District Kiwanis, P. O. Box 14339, Columbus, OH 43214-0339**

Note: Club and District Chair requests may be faxed to (614) 447-1915.

New Sponsored Youth Clubs

Knox County Aktion Club Division 11N,
20 Members Chartered 10/5/07,
Sponsored by Mt. Vernon Kiwanis

Waggoner Road Jr. High Builders Club Division 10S
17 Members, Chartered 10/18/07,
Sponsored by Reynoldsburg Kiwanis

Directory Corrections/Additions

Division 9: Logan: Change of Secretary
Robert Lindsey, PO Box 883, Logan 43138 Cell: 740-
590-2626 Rob@seovec.org

Division 16W: Rittman: President phone number
changes: Res: 330-697-1784 Bus: 330-927-9546

Division 20: Hudson: Secretary address Change
Barbara Rindo: PO Box 554, Hudson 44236

Division 21: Western Mahoning County: President
Change: Glen Sedgewick, 517 Neff Dr., Canfield, 44406,
Home: 330-720-1841 Cell: 330-720-7868
sedgle@zoominternet.net



I can't believe that the 1st quarter of this administrative year is already behind us. I love getting all the newsletters from your clubs. Recently I was made aware of another contest that I believe all of us in the Mighty Ohio District are capable of winning. So please make sure you send me a copy of your newsletter and brochure.

Kiwanis International Club Newsletter Contest

The Kiwanis International Club Newsletter Contest has changed. The term used to designate the club publication, formerly club "bulletin," is now club "newsletter."

Districts are encouraged to continue their newsletter contests utilizing the traditional size categories. By awarding banner patches or prizes in five categories based upon club membership size or other criteria, more club editors will be encouraged to perform at the highest level in order to receive recognition in their district. But each district now also should create the new category of overall Best Club Newsletter.

PURPOSE: To stimulate the production of effective club newsletters, build morale among club editors, and improve this prime source of Kiwanis communication.

PROCEDURES: Kiwanis clubs will enter their newsletters in their district's club newsletter contest, by such a deadline that judging can be completed in time for awards to be presented at the district convention. Each district will then forward its choice of the best club newsletter in the district for entry in the International Club Newsletter Contest.

DEADLINE: Three or more representative issues of district winners will be submitted to the Kiwanis International public relations department by September 30.

JUDGING: Judging will be performed by the chairman of the International Committee for Marketing and Public Relations and a judging panel chosen by the chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER: The International Contest winner will be notified in the spring prior to the International Convention 2009.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CLUB BROCHURE CONTEST

The club brochure is rapidly gaining popularity and some clubs consider it to be their best member recruitment tool. The contest encourages every club to produce and make use of an effective club brochure.

Kiwanis International strongly recommends that each district create a club brochure contest with the same general procedures as the club newsletter contest. The district contests will provide the entries for the International club brochure competition.

A good club brochure is one of the best PR and membership tools that any Kiwanis club can have. Such brochures attract both public awareness and potential members.

PURPOSE: To encourage and stimulate the production of effective club brochures for public relations, marketing, and member recruitment.

PROCEDURES: Kiwanis clubs will enter their club brochure in their district's club brochure contest, by such a deadline that judging can be completed in time for awards to be presented at the district convention. Each district will then forward its choice of the best club brochure in the district for entry in the International Club Brochure Contest.

DEADLINE: The best club brochure in each district will be submitted to the Kiwanis International public relations department by September 30.

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Key Clubbers Give Books to Rural School.



The Bishop Watterson Key Club, co-sponsored by Buckeye Golden K and Northern Columbus, recently hosted a book drive to assist Westfall Middle School by donating gently used books. The Key Clubbers, upon learning that the nearest local library was 20 miles away and the nearest book store was 30+ miles away, collected a wide variety of books ranging from sci-fi to science to modern novels to classics. Nearly 700 books total were donated with the help of Northern Columbus Kiwanis and then divided among the classrooms. Shown here from L. is Bishop Watterson President Jordan Nerswick and VP. Rose Raderstorf.



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Comments/Names of Roommates _____

You must guarantee your room for a late arrival with a credit card or payment for one night's lodging. Room request must be received prior to February 10, 2008. **After this date, rooms will continue to be reserved at group rate, as available.** Check in time is 3:00 P.M.; check out is 12:00 noon. The Hyatt Hotel will endeavor to meet all requests as to Room Type, but make no guarantees to do so. **Smoking is now limited to the 4th floor only. Valet parking is available for \$21 per day with in/out privileges.** Self-parking is also available at City Center parking garage.

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Please note that all reservations have a 24 hour cancel policy. Reservations must be cancelled by 3:00 PM EST 1 day prior to arrival

Mail Registration form to: **Hyatt on Capitol Square, 75 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215** or fax to: **614-469-9664**, attention Reservations Department.

Circle K & Key Club DCON Info on Line

Both Circle K and Key Club have their 2008 convention registration materials on line. Clubs and individuals can visit either ckiohio.org or ohiokeyclub.org for materials for registration, contests, scholarships and information on how you can support the convention and honor a special Service Leader member by sponsoring an ad in the convention programs.



Please note, that in the past, Key Club has mailed out huge packets of information regarding the Key Club Convention, this year they will receive a flyer telling them to go to the district website to download the materials.

Please remind your Key Clubbers and Circle K members to apply for the *contests* and the *scholarships* that are available to all active members. Applicants for scholarships have dropped off in the past couple of years and we want as many eligible students as possible to apply.

Convention is a great time, full of energy and excitement as clubs celebrate a year of hard work and prepare to kick off another year of service. Make sure your clubs don't miss out on these terrific events!

In Memoriam

Member	Division	Club
Robert Allarding	11S	Delaware
William Allison	4	Springfield
Carl Arend	10W	Northwest Columbus
John Bader	16E	Akron
George Baker	13	Elyria
Dudley Bell	13	Elyria
Gordon Bennett	24	Independence
Jack Bryner	13	Elyria
Joseph Chaney	15	Richmond Heights
Lloyd Clark	10W	Hilltop, Columbus
Harold Davis	18	Cambridge
Kenneth Egbert	12	Tiffin
David Einsel	12	Tiffin
Patricia Farmwald	16W	Rittman
Louis Kreek Jr.	16E	Akron
Richard Leroy	5	Middletown
Richard Sargent	3	Bellefontaine
Eugene Sauter	24	Independence
Gary Thobaben	22	Eastlake
Dale Thomas	11S	Carey
Roger Watson	3	Bellefontaine
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Arthur Zola	15	Euclid

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- * 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.

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