



Greetings Ohio District!

I want to welcome you all back to school after what was hopefully a great summer. I had the pleasure this summer of attending various Circle K and Kiwanis Family events. In the Kiwanis Family, I was able to attend Kiwanis DCON, Kiwanis meetings and projects. I started the summer though at our district board trainer. We have a lot of great ideas for the year ahead and were able to begin planning for district events. We held two other board meetings this summer and were able to plan for great district events this year! I hope to see you all at Fall Rally October 24-25 and DCON February 27 – March 1. I also had the amazing opportunity to attend two international events in CKIx in Nashville, Tennessee and Leadership Academy in Indianapolis, Indiana. I learned a great deal from all of these events and am excited to bring many of the ideas back to Ohio for use throughout this year. I hope through this newsletter you can see some of the ideas for the year and how I can possibly help you or your club throughout the year!

In Service,
Molly Baumann



Governor's Project: Circle K Helping Initiate a Lasting Difference

This year, I have selected **CHILD: Circle K Helping Initiate a Lasting Difference** as my governor's project. Sometimes, we become too focused on the quantity of service hours, that we do not evaluate the quality. Is your service making an impact? Take time before choosing service projects to decide if your service project is going **to leave an impact** on you and the community or if it is just a one and done deal. There is a need for the one time projects, but also consider taking on a project that has a more lasting impact or is a **recurring project** you can participate in on a regular basis. There is a **packet** on the district website with suggestions, but here are a few to get you started.



Fundraise for Eliminate

Eliminate helps protect mothers and their children. With **\$1.80**, a mother can receive a life-saving tetanus vaccine which protects them and their future children. Work with Kiwanis to hold a **pancake breakfast** to raise money for Eliminate. Join with Key Club to put on a **family movie night** in your community. Together you can save lives.

Volunteer at the Food Bank

Food banks provide food to those in need in your community. By helping **sort and pack** food, you are providing meals for a family in need. Many food banks have weekly opportunities that you can take part in. If the food bank isn't for you, look into schools in your area to see if they need **after school tutors**. Help students that are struggling to learn and grow.



Tomorrow Fund

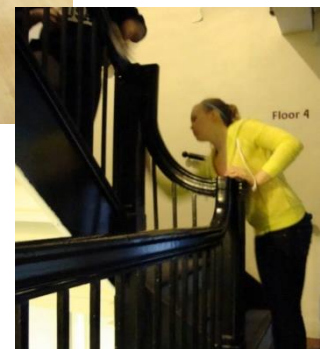
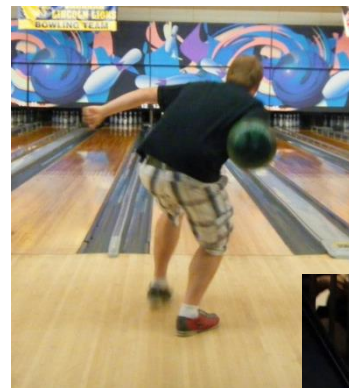
The Tomorrow Fund is a fund from the **Kiwanis International Foundation** which supports Circle K clubs and districts for **service projects**. Each club can request from **\$200 to \$2000** to support their project. The committee likes to see clubs that also find other ways to fund their project and work with other organizations. Not sure what to fund? Here are a few suggestions.

- To help school children in need, a club may work with area businesses to solicit donations and request a grant to provide school supplies to an entire school.
- Funds could be used to purchase books for schools in need. Circle K members can take the books to the school a couple of times a month and read with the children.
- The grant could also be used to purchase fabric which the club can use to make blankets for women and children at a shelter.

Does your club have a project they've always wanted to do, but haven't been able to secure the funds? The Tomorrow Fund may be your answer! Applications are due **December 1** and can be found on the Circle K International website.

Fall Rally

Are you ready to serve? The first district event of the new school year will be held **October 24-25** at the Bosco Center in **Columbus**. Ohio State served there in January and helped move furniture, clean, and other tasks around the center. At Fall Rally we will be painting, moving furniture, and other related tasks. This is just the Saturday **service** opportunity. There will be other service projects on Friday night.



At Fall Rally we will have the service aspects, but we will also **"Get Creative"** with informative **workshops** to learn about bettering ourselves and our clubs, **bowling, team activities**, and much more. The registration packet will be out soon, but make sure to mark your calendar now to join us **October 24-25 in Columbus**.

GOALS

At our district board trainer, we set goals for the district for the year. Here are some of the highlights and a bit more information about them



Membership: 480 members across the district by DCON

Our hope here is that we can increase membership across the district and increase numbers. Many clubs have great ideas for service projects, but do not have the manpower to perform these projects. If we can increase membership, we can further our projects and really increase our service.



Interclubbing and Kiwanis Family: 1 interclub and 2 Kiwanis Family Relations by DCON for each club

An interclub is where you work with another Circle K club on a service project. If you are volunteering at the food bank, you can invite a nearby club and together you can serve at the food bank. A Kiwanis Family Relation is where you work with another member of the Kiwanis Family like your sponsoring Kiwanis club. If they are holding a pancake breakfast, see if they need extra help and work with them. Our clubs are not independent. We function best when we work together. If your club can do more than this, I encourage you to do so, but start with doing just one. Together we can accomplish so much more.



Service and Fundraising: 15 service hours per member per semester and \$3 per member donation to Eliminate

We are entering the final year of the Eliminate campaign. As part of our goals for the year, we want to encourage clubs to participate in fundraisers for Eliminate and protect the connection between mother and child. \$1.80 can save a mother and her future children from tetanus. For the service aspect, we want each member to strive for 1 hour of service a week across a 15 week semester. Some projects will be more than an hour, and some will be less. Strive for 1 hour a week though and you will continually be giving back to the community.



Technology: All clubs have a website or a Facebook page they use regularly and half of the clubs use the district calendar

How many times a day are you on your computer? How often are you on Facebook or Twitter? Are you using them to help grow your club. Facebook pages are easy to set up and allow for members to stay up to date on events happening in the club. The district calendar is through Google calendar and allows all members of the district to see what is going on with other clubs. All officers should have the ability to update the calendar. Please try to update the calendar with your events.