

The Northwest Kiwanis Club – Serving Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff & Upper Arlington For 80 Years

WHAT WE DO: *Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.* The Northwest Kiwanis Club seeks to fulfill the needs of our community, and the greater community, through the giving of our time or money.

HOW WE BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY: A major focus of Kiwanis International (KI) is on children, and Northwest Kiwanis is involved in many community projects for children. We are active in the area's schools. Each year we support a very strong Key Club (a Kiwanis Club for high school students) in Grandview Heights, award eleven \$1500 scholarships to college bound high school students from the area, have an Easter Egg Hunt for special needs kids, sponsor students to attend programs such as HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership), Key Leader and Ohio Business Week, and sponsor good citizen programs in the Grandview Heights' schools and Jones Middle Schools in U.A.

We run the Northwest Kiwanis Youth Soccer program, which is in its 35th year. We have nearly 1400 youth, kindergarteners (spring only) and 1st through 6th graders (fall & spring), who participate each year. It is a non-profit program that highlights sportsmanship, teamwork, positive attitudes and the joy of soccer. Over 150 parent and 15 Kiwanis volunteers contribute 10,000 hours of service each year to it.

However, our community service is not limited to children. We have for many years sponsored free blood pressure screening at the Senior Center and have funded their bochi ball courts, a new entry sidewalk, and other capital improvements. We are a strong supporter of area parks and schools by

building shelter houses at Thompson and Northwest Parks, placing benches at Thompson Park, being a major contributor to both UAHS and GHHS Varsity stadium refurbishments, and by being the largest private donor to Ray Buck Park in Grandview. ----

KIWANIS is seen around our community.

We also help the global community. In 1995, KI began a drive to globally eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) – the major preventable cause of mental retardation in the world. KI raised \$90 million and partnered with UNICEF to build plants to iodize salt – the best cure for this scourge. Northwest Kiwanis raised \$27,000 of this funding and now our goal is in sight. And in 2005, the Northwest Kiwanis Foundation raised over \$6000 in the community and donated that sum, plus an additional \$11,000 to the KI Foundation to aid children affected by the Gulf hurricanes.

WHO ARE WE? Kiwanians are people like you who care about the community. Kiwanis' membership is made up of people - young and old, male and female. We have members who are current or retired doctors, lawyers, sales people, business owners, investors, contractors, teachers, government employees and bankers. Most of our members live or work here in the Tri-Village area, and all of us are strong supporters of the community.

HOW WE BENEFIT: As a member of Kiwanis we meet great people, build fellowship with our other members, expand our horizons, and get active in our community. We build contacts, make friends, and have some fun. We all have a feeling of

satisfaction from being with people who make this community an even better place to live.

WHERE WE MEET: We gather for a meeting and dinner (optional) on each Tuesday Night at 6:30 p.m. at the ***Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe – 1421 Olentangy River Road***

We encourage attendance as a way to get to know other members but we have no attendance requirements. So, if you have to miss some meetings, we understand. We all have busy lives.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

GET INVOLVED!!!

WHO CAN YOU CONTACT?

Erik Yassenoff – President	499-0572
Craig Jensen – Secretary	486-7636
Lee Spitzer – Membership	459-2728
Patti Lach – Immediate Past Pres.	361-4086

OR

Go to: --

www.northwestkiwanis.com

YOU WANT TO JOIN BUT....

You worry about the time commitment: We encourage you to give the time you are comfortable with – whether it is 10 hrs./year or 50.

Our meeting time does not work in your schedule. We will help you find a central Ohio Kiwanis club that meets your needs – there are 40 local clubs!

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