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NEXT MEETING
September 15, 2021
Budget Planning Session, Louann Elledge
In Person and Zoom Meeting, 12:00pm

- Sep 8** - Ronald McDonald House, Bob Manges.
- Sep 11** - CLE Training for the President, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Chairperson.
- Sep 13** - OHS Key Club, 2:15p, library.
- Sep 15** - Budget Planning Session, Louann Elledge.
- Sep 16** - MHS Key Club, 2:15p, PLL.
- Sep 22** - Installation of Officers and Board Members, Lt. Gov. Jim Fritz.
- Sep 27** - OHS Key Club, 2:15p, library.
- Sep 29** - Board/Business meeting.

11 members and one guest, Bob Manges, today's speaker from Ronald McDonald House. Louann opened the meeting with a greeting to all and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pauline followed with the Invocation. Louann mentioned again that membership dues are due Sept. 14. Louann mentioned that Mary Howard is meeting with Jenny Bess at Mehlville Schools and moving forward with the Builders Club. Louann also wanted everyone to think about our Christmas giving, toy collection and/or gift cards for Feed My People. Lee will follow up on the idea of making a donation to the Afghanistan families that are settling here in the St Louis area. Gifts for these families may include household items as well as monetary gifts. We will discuss these projects further at this month's Board Meeting.

Louann suggested that we discontinue the offer of zoom meetings since no one is currently using them. The Gravois Club's trivia night was cancelled due to a lack of interest at this time. It appears that COVID 19 is still keeping people away. We will need to keep an eye on the situation as our Trivia Night date of February 5, 2022 gets closer.

Louann and Judy attended the Governor's visit in conjunction with Maplewood Kiwanis's 75th Anniversary. Louann commented that the program and meal were very nice. Ed said that our two Key Clubs are meeting this month and he suggested that club members attend their meetings to show support. Katie talked about the St Louis County Library's diaper drive. All sizes are welcome but 4, 5, and 6 are currently needed the most. Bring diapers in next meeting for Katie to pick up and deliver to one of six libraries for distribution. The Weber Road Library is one of the emergency diaper pickup locations. Anyone in need, may pick up diapers at this location. At Connie's suggestion, Katie also spoke about the Book Buddy program. Teenagers are matched up with emerging readers. Connie suggested that this would be a good fit for the Key Clubs especially since the Lemay Child and Family Center will not be allowing outsiders to come in to read as we have done in the past. The students could earn volunteer hours this way.

Louann then introduced Bob Manges, Ambassador for the Ronald McDonald's homes. Bob and his wife are their longest serving volunteers, 40 years and counting. They became involved in the program due to personal experience with one of their own children.

Meetings: Wednesdays - 12 noon - Frailey's Southtown - 4329 Butler Hill Rd. 63128 (at I-55) - 314-892-1866

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There are currently three Ronald McDonald houses. Two are fairly old and will be replaced by a larger home currently on the drawing board. Property has been purchased and fundraising has begun. The new house will have 72 bedrooms with room for expansion. 17% of annual funding comes from the McDonald's Corporation. Just about 1 million dollars was raised from their major golf tournament and another smaller tournament raised \$350,000. These are impressive amounts! Families are charged \$15.00 per night. Some insurance plans cover this cost. Those accepted to stay are not obligated to pay if they cannot afford it. There is a waiting list for rooms and those accepted are referred by the social workers from the various local hospitals. You also must live at least 60 miles from the hospital to be accepted. This is a wonderful organization and we as a club look forward to helping them when we can.

HAPPY \$\$: Everyone was happy for today's presentation and Shirley was happy to get on a stand-by flight home from Chicago recently.

50/50: Drawing - Louann.
Lottery ticket - Bill.

Thanks to Jeanne McKenna for taking notes at today's meeting.

Member News: **Pauline** reported that **Carla Rowell** was diagnosed with a stomach infection and is finally beginning to feel better.

Around the Circuit

CLE Training, September 11.

Crestwood-Sunset Hills Trivia Night, November 12.

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays: Jeanne McKenna - 9/30

Anniversaries: John & Mary Howard - 9/8/07

Kiwanis Anniversaries: Carla Rowell - 9/27/06

**Please request your background check if you haven't already done so & give it to Rick.
Dues are due next Week. Please contact Sue if you haven't already paid your dues.
Please bring diapers to next week's meeting (9/15) for the SLCL Diaper Drive.**

Starting October 6, our meetings will begin at 12:30pm.

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President Louann presents Bob Manges of Ronald McDonald House with a South County Kiwanis Pen for his presentation today.