

The Misprint

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield South

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Sept. 14, 2021

Meetings every Thursday at
noon at Jimmy's Egg,
3738 S. Campbell

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Crosslines Addresses Hunger in the Ozarks

Wes Bucholz, Executive Director of Crosslines, was our guest speaker at the Sept. 9 club meeting. Crosslines was founded in 1969 as the first outreach project of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks, when several churches in Springfield got together to pool their resources to better help the needy in our community. The mission of Crosslines is to address the immediate hunger needs of families, individuals, seniors, and children in an environment that honors human dignity and inspires hope. Their primary service area is Greene County. Over 18% of residents in Greene County are food insecure (meaning they don't know where their next meal will come from) and almost 20% of children in Greene County live in food insecure homes. Last year, Crosslines distributed 1,707,750 meals to hungry families through their main food pantry and mobile food pantry.

Mr. Bucholz said that about 10 years ago Crosslines was able to move to a larger building that gave them more storage space, including refrigerated storage for meat, dairy products, and fresh produce. At the same time they switched to a "client choice" model of distribution, the first food pantry in the state to do so. Before that Crosslines simply provided bags of assorted groceries to clients, and volunteers would often find unwanted items left behind in the parking lot. With the client choice model, clients are offered options and can choose what they want or like. This not only cuts down on waste of food, it also allows Crosslines volunteers to interact with clients and learn of any other needs, so they can direct the clients to other services offered in the community. Before the pandemic, clients were invited into the food pantry and allowed to "shop" for what they wanted. Now clients call in their orders or place them online. Mr. Bucholz said the majority call because they enjoy the human interaction. Crosslines also has several refrigerated trucks to use as mobile food pantries. This allows them to take food to areas with concentrations of food insecurity and to clients who might not have transportation to get to the main food pantry.

Other programs provided by Crosslines include food delivery and personalized grocery shopping for home-bound seniors, and a variety of holiday programs at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. In addition to providing holiday meals (and enough for the rest of the day, too) for food insecure families and individuals, there is also the Christmas Toy Store which Crosslines has run since 1975. Children and youth can receive up to five items, including a small, medium, and large toy, a knit item, and a book, all chosen just for them by their parents. They also partner with Safe to Sleep to provide a small and simple observance on Christmas Eve, along with gifts for the ladies including, clothing, hygiene items, hand warmers, bus tickets, and gift cards to Walmart and Dollar General.



Service Projects

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www.kiwanis.org

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volunteers dedicated to improving the
world, one child and one community
at a time.**

B.U.G. Party Scheduled



The first event of the new school year for our sponsored B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) program will be a pizza party on Friday, Sept. 24, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Musgrave Unit of the Boys and Girls Club, 720 Park Ave. With the help of the Boys and Girls Club, we'll be targeting youth who need the most encouragement with improving their schoolwork and celebrating their achievements. All club members are welcome to attend and meet these great kids.

Club Business

After Hours Networking Event

Don't forget the monthly After Hours Networking Event on Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. at Whiskey Tango, 1111 E. Republic Rd. Tell your business associates this is a great opportunity for them to network, and for us to let them know how great it is to be a Kiwanian.

50/50 Drawing

The pot for the weekly 50/50 drawing stands at \$37.50.

Program Committee Needs Help

John O'Donnell needs help finding programs for the months of October - December, 2021. If you are willing to line up speakers for one of those months please contact John.

Upcoming Speakers

- Sept. 16 - Doug Evans, Honor Flight of the Ozarks
- Sept. 23 - Laine Scholz with Foster/Adopt/Connect
- Sept. 30 - Annual Officer Installation and Awards Banquet (no noon meeting)

Annual Officer Installation & Awards Banquet

The Annual Officer Installation & Awards Banquet will be held this year on Sept. 30 at 6:00 p.m. at Archie's Italian Restaurant, 1410 E. Republic Rd. There will be a \$5.00 charge per club member attending to cover incidental expenses and we'll be ordering off the menu for dinner, so everyone can choose what they want.

Membership Renewal Time

The new Kiwanis year begins on October 1. Invoices for membership renewal will be sent out over the Labor Day weekend and the club secretary will be updating the roster with Kiwanis International. The club will be billed for District and International dues for anyone whose name is still on the roster at the start of the administrative year, so please let the secretary know by Sept. 20 if you plan to renew your membership. You can reply in person or by e-mail at springfieldsouthkiwanis@gmail.com. Thanks for your help.