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Governor Carla's Message

I'm very excited to hit the ground running with two Arkansas visits to 5 Clubs and the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp in the first two weeks of my term. I am here to help you reenergize and reinvigorate your club as we began work this year to have Club Coaches update their training to provide assistance to you in EVERY Division. Let's learn how to empower our Clubs to improve the club experience so that every member finds value in their membership, and new potential members find our clubs attractive. We have a strategic plan to rebuild our struggling clubs, grow the District by at least 500 members, and add 5 new clubs this year – with YOUR help!

We need you, your friends, and your family to provide more hands for service in your community. The kids are counting on you! We are truly blessed to have a connection to this awesome community service organization, Kiwanis International, and its family of clubs: Aktion, K-Kids, Builders, Key Club and CKI. Please be aware of the KI programs to restart SLPs that have been dormant the past two years with no back dues or penalties. Hurry back into your SLPs to get them back to active status.

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS:

Beginning October 1 – March 31, 2022 MO-ARK will have a membership contest rolling out to provide you with Service dollar awards for recruiting the highest percentage growth.

Week of October 11 – Youth Protection Week

Educate your fellow members on Youth Protection. Use Safe Hiring Solutions to perform member background checks, \$25 for two years of verified safety for the kids we serve!

Thank you for your service, as each member in each club makes our communities and our children better and stronger.

Carla O'Brien
MO-ARK District Governor



On cover; at right, Immediate Past Gov. A.C. Paxton handing over governor items to newly elected Governor Carla O'Brien.

Membership Contest

A second Membership Contest has been approved by the Missouri-Arkansas District Board of Directors, to start Oct. 1 and continue until March 31, 2022. The district completed its first contest earlier this year.

All clubs in the district are eligible to compete in one of two divisions, depending on their official membership total on Oct. 1. Group A will be for clubs with 30 or more members; Group B will be for clubs with fewer than 30.

The district board, meeting via Zoom on Sept. 28, approved the use of \$15,000 to be distributed as grants to clubs that have the largest percentage of membership increase between Oct. 1 and next March 31.

Grants would be awarded as follows to Group A winners: first place, \$3,000; second, \$2,000; third, \$1,000; and fourth, two awards of \$500 each.

The Group B winning grants would be the same, except that four grants of \$500 each would be awarded for fourth place.

As of Aug. 31, the district had 45 clubs with 30 or more members, and 119 with fewer than 30, which is why more grants will be awarded in Group B. Grant winners would be determined as those clubs with the greatest percentage increase in membership, according to the official KI Membership Report as of April 1, 2021. In case of ties the money for a certain place will be split evenly.

These grants could be used only for service projects, community improvement projects and new educational scholarships, not for general and administrative purposes. Dues for members added during the contest period must be paid before a grant check will be written, and an accounting will be required in writing within 60 days of receipt of a grant.

MO-ARK Governor Carla O'Brien said, "We have a strategic plan for membership for the year: to grow our Hands For Service by at least 500 members, please do your utmost to be a partner in achieving that goal to rebuild and reenergize all of our clubs!"

For questions, contact District Secretary Mary Vaughan at kiwanismoark@outlook.com or 314-581-0497.

GAME ON!





2020-2021 Distinguished Club Nominations

Nominations are open for the Distinguished Club awards. Please download the form here:

[distinguished club](#)

Get credit where credit is due and nominate your club for an award. If your club met these criteria you are eligible to get recognized at the Mid-Year Education Day and District convention. You are using your Kiwanis Superpowers!!

Membership Growth in Existing Clubs: The club must have a net increase in membership. The invoice you pay to Kiwanis for Oct. 2021 must contain two or more members than the invoice you paid for 2020.

Committee Chairs: The club must have appointed a Membership and Public Relation Chairs. Must have at least five of the following:

New Club Growth Initiative: Did you sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis Club or a new Service Leadership Program?

Leadership Education: Did both the club's President and Secretary attend Club Leadership Education either in person or online before September 30th of the year in which they were elected? (2020)

Conference Attendance: Was the club represented by a member at one of the following: the Mid-Year Education Day, District Convention, or the International Convention and at least one Division or Regional meeting?

Local Community Service: Did the club provide service projects or programs for the children of the community?

Global Community Service: Did the club support the Eliminate Project or the Kiwanis International Children's Fund?

Service Leadership Programs: Did the club sponsor a Service Leadership Program or contribute to the Districts Outreach Fund, AND contribute to at least one of the following: The Earl Collins Foundation, Foundation for Kamp Kiwanis, or Key Leader.

Nomination forms are due by November 30, 2021 for consideration of the award.

MO-ARK District Mid-Year Dates and Locations

The Missouri-Arkansas District is currently planning the 2022 Mid-Year Education Days. This year we are providing four opportunities for education and fellowship. The locations planned are listed below. Committees are currently planning the education sessions and choosing a location. This year the Ed Days will be a choice of in person and/or virtual. A hybrid conference is in the works. More information will be forthcoming as we keep you all up to date. If you wish to assist with the planning feel free to contact your Region Trustee or Katie Rennard, Conference Chair at katierennard@live.com



Date	Location
February 19, 2022	Bentonville-Rogers, AR
February 26, 2022	Hot Springs, AR
March 5, 2022	Kansas City, MO
March 12, 2022	St. Louis MO





Youth Protection and Background Checks



More than 300,000 youth participate in Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs and millions of youth around the world come in contact with Kiwanians through service projects. It is imperative that Kiwanians are not only cleared to work with children, but that they are trained with confidence in the safe practices our group provides.

Updated policies and procedures are now available on the [Kiwanis Youth Protection website](#). All members should have access to the document and read the policies annually. Please pay close attention to all the policies, for there are many new changes to the updated procedures. All SLP advisors and chaperones, who chaperone an overnight or single day off school premises, must complete and pass the Kiwanis approved Background Check by Safe Hiring Solutions.

Although it is not required of non-SLP groups to have members use the background check, many clubs have taken advantage of this opportunity to be prepared. It is strongly encouraged that all members (SLP related or not) have on file a cleared background check from within the last 10 years. Whether if your club gets background checks from the state or from the local police department, you should have up to date documentation that you were cleared to work with children during your time in Kiwanis. You are not covered by our risk management insurance unless you have an active Kiwanian background check on file. The training provided by [Praesidium](#) is a nice overview of what to look for when it comes to identifying situations in which you will need to report. Please take advantage of the training courses. They are easy to follow, informative, and free!

For additional information on Youth Protection and updated polices please go to: [KI Youth Protection](#) or www.moarkkiwanis.org.

Thank You to the Missouri-Arkansas District Kiwanians

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1991 of Jonesboro, Arkansas, would like to thank the Missouri-Arkansas District Kiwanis members and their guests for their generous donation of food they collected at their District’s Convention in August. On Wednesday, August 11, during the “Veterans Food Pantry” the Roy Wiles Post 1991 distribution, members of the local Kiwanis Club were present and participated as part of our team. Over 60 boxes of food were sent out the door. The looks and the statements from those on the receiving end were more than anyone could have possibly imagined. They were shocked; in a very, very happy way.

Thank you again,
Robert Murphy, Post Commander





Kiwanians Celebrate 60 years of service



Key Club administrator Jim Fritz, Governor-Elect Carla OBrien, and her husband David.

The O'Fallon Club celebrated 60 years of active community service on August 20 with a wonderful open air, Covid safe event at Fort Zumwalt Park, O'Fallon, MO. Since 1961, they have brought a circus, pancakes, playgrounds, student service clubs in the schools, and so much more to their community. Governor-Elect Carla OBrien, her husband David, Key Club administrator Jim Fritz, Tiffany Ermeling and Sue Gamache from the St. Charles Kiwanis Club, and Jeff Johnson from Maplewood Club also attended as guests.



O'Fallon Kiwanis members include pictured (left to right) Dr John Silberberg, Jerry Davis (charter member), Martha Radginski, Katie Page, Ed Radginski, John Chambless, Nick Lindsay.



75th Anniversary of Maplewood Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, MO celebrated its 75th Anniversary during Governor A.C. Paxton's official visit to Region IV. The special celebration took place on September 1, 2021 in St. Louis County, MO. Region IV Trustee, Martha Radginski, and Maplewood Kiwanis President, Jocelyn Diehl, presided over the program. Governor Paxton and Governor Elect, Carla O'Brien, both addressed the attendees. Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Secretary/Editor/Historian of Maplewood Kiwanis, presented an overview of the club's 75 years of history. Maplewood Club Director, Ed Rich, produced the video that was shown. Other club members who participated in the program were Jeff Johnson (song) and Barry Greenberg (invocation). Nine of the 14 members of Maplewood Kiwanis were in attendance. Marilyn Young, wife of the late 56-year member Isaac Young, was made the club's first honorary member. Clubs presented Governor Paxton with gifts that will be used for The Key Leader program in the MO-ARK District. The occasion was a memorable event for all.



Front Row: Jocelyn Diehl, Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Marilyn Young, Tom Kniepman, Back Row: Ed Rich, Barry Greenberg, Brian Adkisson, Jeff Johnson, Scott MacDonald, Phil Johnson
Members not Pictured: Jeannine Beck, Andrew Bolin, Christy Byrd, Liz Fergus, Chris Peoples



Jocelyn Diehl, Marilyn Young, Bonnie Paulsmeyer



Kiwanis in Action

Hannibal Evening Kiwanis Club help pack food for the "Y"

Hannibal Evening Kiwanis members are pictured helping pack food for the Hannibal YMCA for the last time, Friday, Aug 20th. They dedicated help the 3rd weekend of every month for the past 6 months along with other groups and clubs for the Meals to Go program. Those pictured at right, Vice President Gordon Ipson, President Dee Wright, member Bob Chriscinske.



Crestwood-Sunset Hills Club donates to shelter



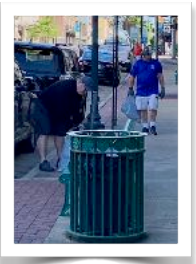
At their meeting on August 11, the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club presented a check to Sarah Scheldt from Our Lady's Inn. Our Lady's Inn is a maternity shelter for pregnant women and their children, founded in 2002, with homes in St. Louis and Defiance, Missouri. Since this shelter benefits women and their children who often have been victims of abuse, our club's donation definitely fits our "children first" motto. Pictured at left is our club president, Diane Slattery and Sarah Scheldt.

Region IV Wide project to Celebrate Community Week Oct. 10-16

MO-ARK Governor Carla O'Brien, District Secretary, Mary Vaughan, Region IV Trustee, Mary Saale, Michelle Lewis, potential new Kiwanian, and Diane Slattery, Crestwood-Sunset Hill, worked with Optimists, Rotary Club and Lions sorting and bundling sheet sets at the International Institute of St. Louis. The Institute provides services for refugees and immigrants in the St. Louis Area. Celebrate Community Week is the first public effort to encourage service clubs to reach out to one another to work together on projects that improve and benefit local communities.



Jonesboro Club participates in annual Day of Caring



Members Gregg McElhanon (left) and Matt Silas picking up trash on Main Street.

The Kiwanis Club of Jonesboro on Sept. 24 participated in the annual Day of Caring, sponsored by the United Way of Northeast Arkansas. Our assignment was to do cleanup work in the Downtown Jonesboro business district. Nine Kiwanians took part during the project which lasted about three hours.



Club member Dr. Warren Skaug filling up his trash bag on the other end of Main.



Kiwanis in Action

“Reaching Your Club’s Potential” Regional Conference held



MO-ARK District Region 3 Conference was held September 11, 2021. There were eleven subjects presented and discussed. Kiwanis International Central Area Director, Brad Boyd presented the Zoom presentations “The Soaring 20’s for Kiwanis Club Growth” and “A Post-Pandemic Plan for Membership Stimulus.” Several clubs were in attendance and the Monett Kiwanis Club won the

interclub contest, which was a \$25.00 gift certificate to Scramblers Restaurant. It was also the changing of the “Guard” with 2020-21 Governor, A.C. Paxton turning the responsibility over to 2021-2022 Governor, Carla O’Brien. She accepted the Governor’s name plate and necklace.



Governor, Carla O'Brien accepting the Governor's necklace from Immediate Past Governor A.C. Paxton.

Governor Carla O’Brien visits Springdale (AR) Club



L-R; Gov. Carla OBrien, major donor Sharon Horwart , Pres. Jeff Dehnhardt, Past Gov. Jerry Martin

Governor Carla O’Brien attended the Springdale Club to kick off her term as Governor. She had the opportunity to speak with the club to give her strategic plan for the 2021-22 Kiwanis year. Quoting Gov. O’Brien, “As I visited with the fantastic Kiwanians, we discussed the District goals, including my special project supporting the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp. The bar is now set very high, as they took a collection and presented me with \$2,176!! Four Kiwanians supported the Kamp with individual donations of \$1,000, \$500, \$200 and \$50. Springdale, you Rock! Congratulations on a great year, Jeff Dehnardt, and looking forward to your accomplishments as President this year, Larry Peckman.”



L to R; Pres. Jeff Dehnhardt, Gov. Carla O'Brien (receiving the donations to BJKYK), and Past Gov. Jerry Martin

Meramec Valley Community Kiwanians hosts a Governor visit



L to R; Gov. Carla O'Brien, Past Gov. Roger Jespersen (Pres - Elect), Kathy Josephsohn (Treasurer), Angie Oshia (President), Paul Eckler (Secretary), Jim Fritz Lt Gov.Div.9

Governor Carla O’Brien visited the Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis Club during their officer installation, and Board meeting with two potential new members in attendance. She was able to share the Governor’s plan for 2021-22, and they finished the meeting singing “We Are Family”, the Kiwanis version.





Kiwanis in Action

Governor Project: Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp



Front row L to R; Ron Knost, Thom South, Gov. Carla O'Brien, Don Gransta, Jane Pittman, Joe Pearson, Tim Cronister, Jim Davidson. Back row L to R; Ralph McCormick, Sam Taylor, Dan Chapman, and Past Gov. Don Leupold.

MO-ARK District Governor, Carla O'Brien spent quality time touring BJKYK this month. This is a veritable showplace for MO-ARK Kiwanis and is her Governor project for the year. She delivered her first Governor gifts to the camp totaling \$4,000. Governor Carla's goal for the year is \$25,000 minimum, with a stretch goal of \$30,000. The Kamp is comprised of 160 acres in Johnson County with three completed tent camping pods, and two more to follow, within weeks, thanks to an Eagle Scout project. There are plans for an administration building, and I hope that we can see them break ground for it by next September with the MO-ARK clubs support.



Governor Carla O'Brien presenting \$4,000 in donations she received at her recent visits to Kiwanis Clubs to Thom South.

Fun stuff in the future are GaGa Ball and Human Foosball! Help Governor Carla help them get their new building, please!

Check out the Kamp's Blog [HERE](#)



Pictured L to R; Sam Taylor, board member; Thom South, board president; Gov. Carla O'Brien, Joe Pearson, board member, Don Leupold, board member. In back; Dan Chapman.

Kiwanians present backpacks, supplies and monetary support to schools



President Louann Elledge with stuffed backpacks.

The South County-St. Louis Club recently purchased backpacks and school supplies to donate to local elementary schools to help children in need. The backpacks were then delivered to the Mehlville Elementary Schools for the principals to distribute. The club also presented a check to Roy Wunsch from the Miriam Foundation. Miriam empowers unique learners by building confidence and a foundation for success through the Miriam School, Miriam Learning Center and the Miriam Academy.



President Louann Elledge presenting a check to Roy Wunsch from the Miriam Foundation.

Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp Work Day



A work day with 5 Scouts and 4 leaders was held Saturday, Sept 25. The faded yellow gate installed 10+ years ago was sanded, smoothed, and painted by Truman Stamps, member Springdale Club since 1997 (pictured at left). Scouts cleaned out walking paths; removed briars, small cedar trees, low hanging limbs and gave a good clean-up to the public walking areas.



Kiwanis in Action

Normandy Club holds fishing derby



Like many organizations last year, the Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 (KCON) cancelled its signature project due to COVID. With safety protocols in place, it was more important than ever for KCON to have the fishing derby. “We were determined to provide this great experience for the area’s children,” said Monica Huddleston, longtime KCON member. “Not only was the weather fantastic, our partners and co-sponsors stepped up their support to make it our best derby ever.” The fishing derby was held on Saturday, September 18 at Mathison Lake in Berkeley, Mo.



This year’s event drew more than 60 children to Mathison Lake in Berkeley for fishing, food, prizes and fun. KCON members staffed the registration areas, grilled and served the food and drinks, measured the fish caught for prize awards for the kids’ catches. Children received free books. The fishing poles were loaned free of charge. “The youth really enjoyed the day, as members showed them how to attach bait, bobbers and hooks and cast a line for this great outdoor activity,” Huddleston continued. “For many of the children and families, this was their first time fishing. This is our signature service project and I know it really made a difference in the lives of the children and their families.” We want to give a special thank you to the city of Berkeley, Affinia Healthcare, Midwest BankCentre, and Amazon for their generous support of this outreach effort. Can't wait until next year!

Downtown Springfield Club presents items for “Tooth Truck”



The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield recently presented items to the Tooth Truck (Ronald McDonald Care Mobile of the Ozarks) to assist with the dental program for children. This was the club's second day of caring for the year and items were donated by Kiwanis members.

Club members Niki Kiruki, Tim Blake, Gayla Jones, and Dawn Blake, along with Mindy, a representative for the Tooth Truck are pictured here.



Kiwanis in Action

Governor Carla O'Brien visits with Hot Springs Village Club



President David Olson (right) presented a club donation of \$1,000 to Gov. Carla for the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp.

Governor Carla O'Brien had the opportunity to share her Governor goals for 2021-22, and received a \$1,000 check for Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Camp with the Hot Springs Village Club of Arkansas. They celebrated all of the outstanding Kiwanians in this club with awards, and we sang a little "We Are Family" MO-ARK version. "Superb morning!"



Osceola Kiwanians donate bikes to school

The photo at right shows some of the Osceola, Arkansas Kiwanis Club members with bicycles the club donated to the Osceola School District Middle School this month. The club received a Community Outreach Grant funded by CARES Act Funding. The Kiwanis Club was awarded \$9,971 for low income families that do not have transportation and are not able to go to and from school. The lack of transportation resulted from the parent or parents being laid off or not working due to the pandemic. Osceola Kiwanis Club donated 50 bikes and locks to the Osceola Middle School.



Liberty Kiwanians participate in parade and donate pop top tabs



Liberty Kiwanis Club (MO) donates pop top tabs they collect to Ronald McDonald House Charities to assist families and children in their community. The club was gifted a huge bucket of tabs from Smithville Kiwanis Club at Liberty's installation of officers meeting held September 23, 2021. At left is a photo of Club Secretary, Debbie Jones and club member Rochelle Wicklund displaying the huge gift of pop top tabs. At right, Liberty members joined their Key Club students

participating in this year's Liberty Fall Festival Parade, September 25, 2021, handing out candy to the crowd. Club member Lee Hintlian drove his classic red T-Bird, and riding along is President Jim Major and incoming President Wendy Sohm.





In Memoriam

Division 1

William Webber
Hannibal

Division 2

Doyne Swann
Betty Wennihan
Fairfax

Division 3

Lee Bearden
Marshall

Division 4

Robert Prettyman
Harrisonville

Division 5

Wesley Gingrich
Billie Sullivan
Frank Thacher
Boonville

Division 6

William Davis
Saint Charles

Division 7

Hazel Erby
University City
Douglas Anders
Normandy 24-1

Edith Cole
Jennings-MO

Division 9

Betty Ann Gilbert
Hampton-Midtown, St.L

Division 12

Russ Moreland
Monett
Zeta Jonston
Carthage

Division 13

J. Horn
Springfield South

Division 15

Bernard Barber
Golden K, Benton

Division 16

Bill Hayes
James Hargraves
Willie Smith
Forrest City

Division 18

J. Fancher
Harrison

Division 21

Denver Prince
Conway

Division 22

Luke Parker
Stuttgart

Division 24

Troy Dennis
Richard Gillham
Huntsville

Division 25

Cleveland Jones
Little Rock

Division 26

Susan Case
Marshfield



Kiwanigram Submissions

Help!!! Please share your projects with me. Many Kiwanians do not do FaceBook and don't get to see the wonderful work everyone is doing. Information to be considered for the Kiwanigram should be submitted by email to moarkkiwanigram@gmail.com . Please include the name and location of your club. The photos should be jpeg format. Please include a brief description of the project along with the names of Kiwanians, or SLP members featured in the photos. Please do not send your entire club newsletter, submit individual articles and pictures ONLY to be considered for publication.

Diane Baker
Kiwanigram Editor

