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Governor Carla's Message

Happy December, Fellow Kiwanians!

"We Are Family" and our numbers are increasing because of the Membership Contest and most of us being able to resume normal meetings. Welcome to our 68 new members! If you are still struggling for any reason contact our Club Revitalization and Strengthening Chair, Ralph McCormick (flylow77@centurytel.net or 479-970-1001) and/or your Lt Governor for assistance. Take advantage of our MO-ARK membership contest to grow your membership while having the possibility of earning \$3,000, \$2,000, \$1,000 or \$500 to be used for any service projects or scholarships. We need to share the wonderful secret of Kiwanis, not hide our light under a barrel, so that we can serve more children and families with more hands for service! We plan to add 500 new members this year, and during contest time is when it would be best to accomplish that.

If you sponsor Builders or Key Clubs or work directly with the local middle schools or high schools, we have an opportunity from one of our Missouri members, Andrew McKean (636-244-0652, andy@libertylivesforever.org). He has pocket constitution books available that you might want to sponsor to your local kids.

Please look forward, and "Be All That You Can Be". Invite a friend to join you, be or take advantage of our 38 Club Coaches, grow and achieve all of the marvelous things that we do in our local communities.

Please be aware that our own Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp is my project for this year. They need monetary help to preserve and grow the facilities. Your club might also sponsor a work day or bring SLP kids to help. This is OUR camp, MO-ARK, and it came about because a wonderful woman, who was never a Kiwanis member, donated her land to us. Help me with the camp, and use this as a lesson in why we need to talk about the awesome accomplishments in our clubs - you never know who may be listening!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all y'all.

Carla O'Brien
MO-ARK District Governor



*Photo on cover; from Kirksville Kiwanis Club's Christmas Parade



In Remembrance of Past MO-ARK District Governor John Hoffman

John Korburt Hoffman, aka Santa and Elwood (Blues Brothers) age 66, Lee's Summit, Missouri, died Monday, October 18 2021 at Overland Park Regional Medical Center with his wife, Deb, at his side.

John was born October 2, 1955 to Lt. Col. George Edward Hoffman and Frances Evangeline (Korburt) Hoffman at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa Japan. John spent his early years in Panama where his father was stationed with the Air Force. Eventually the family was sent to Richards Gebaur AFB and settled in Grandview, Missouri. John graduated from Bishop Hogan High School in 1973. Always athletic, John excelled in football, basketball and track. After graduation, he attended Penn Valley Community College where he pursued a physical therapist assistant degree. While in school, John joined the physical therapy department at CRMC in Harrisonville, Missouri where he continued to work part-time as he attended the University of Missouri, Columbia. John graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical therapy in 1981. He returned to Harrisonville where he continued to provide physical therapy services for the past 40+ years.

Over the years, John provided care to thousands of patients both with his own physical therapy practice and later as an employee of Cass Regional Medical Center. He was fortunate to have found a

career he loved and was able to enjoy it for a lifetime. He was the manager of physical therapy at the time of his death. During his career John volunteered countless hours acting as the trainer for several area high school football and basketball teams including Ray-Pec and Harrisonville. He enjoyed working with these young athletes. He also had the opportunity to be the trainer for the Chiefs cheerleading squad—back when they had a co-ed cheerleading team that performed all types of tumbling and other gymnastic stunts. When kidded about working with cheerleaders, he would reply, “Well it’s a tough job, but somebody’s gotta do it.”

John’s greatest passion outside of his work was Kiwanis. He found and joined Kiwanis on 2/10/1987. He was active in the Harrisonville and the MO-ARK eCentennial Kiwanis Clubs in the Missouri Arkansas District. John served in many capacities over the years. First serving as a president of both clubs, then Lt. Governor of Division 4, District Key Club Administrator, and the district’s top spot as Governor in 2008-2009. John received many awards while serving the children of the world. He received a Hixon award, a Zeller award and many more too numerous to list.

John was also very involved with Shop with a Cop Harrisonville. John’s sense of humor came through, in 1998 he and a friend, David Coffelt, decided to impersonate the Blues Brothers which they did multiple times over the years. They even had their own Blues Brothers look-alike automobile. They performed in MO, KS, AR, & NE. Once they performed in front of 10,000 people. John has been a 2nd generation Santa Claus for over 35 years with Deborah by his side as Mrs. Claus for the past 4 years.

John was united in marriage to the Love of his life, Deborah on December 7, 2018 at CRMC surrounded by friends and work family.

John was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Polly Hoffman and his older brother George E. Hoffman, Jr.

John is survived by his wife, Deborah Hoffman of the home, mother-in law Barbara Wyman of Archie, MO, A daughter Leah C. Barry, DPT (husband Kyle Barry, DDS) and grandchildren Russell and Charlotte of Maize, Kansas, a sister Francina S. Hoffman, MD, Lees Summit, MO as well as many friends.

John will be truly missed by everyone he came in contact. Thank you for all you’ve given to your work and Kiwanis. You will never be forgotten!!



Membership Contest Update

St. Joseph, Mo., and Clarksville, Ark. are the leaders after two months of the second Missouri-Arkansas Membership Contest. The competition, which is intended to encourage member recruiting, continues through March 31. Competition is in two groups of clubs: Group A, for clubs with 30 or more members, according to the official Kiwanis International Membership Report as of Oct. 1, 2021; and Group B, for clubs with fewer than 30 members, according to the official KI Membership Report as of the same date.

The St. Joseph club (Division 2) maintained its first-month lead in Group A, which had little movement in November, typically a slow month for membership growth. St. Joseph added six members in October, a 19.4% increase. That's still well ahead of St. Charles (Mo.), a Division 6 club, which held onto second at 9.3%, and Crestwood-Sunset Hills (Mo.) remained third at 8.6%. However, Hannibal (Mo.) Early Birds jumped into a tie for fourth place with Columbia-Boonslick, Mo., each with an increase of three members

Of the 35 clubs in Group A, 17 have shown membership increases in the first two months of the Kiwanis year. In Group B the Clarksville, Ark., club (Division 20) leapfrogged everybody else to take over first place. Clarksville started the year with just four members but added seven in November — a 175 percent increase. Cave City, Ark. (Division 17), which had started the year strong by adding four members, remained at 13 — a 44% increase.

Another small club in Division 7 — Greater Spanish Lake, Mo. — took over third place by adding two members in November, going from six to eight, a 33% climb.

Buffalo Area, Mo. (Division 26) did the same, bringing its member roster to 10, a 25% improvement. Mountain Home, Ark. (Division 18) had been third on Nov. 1 and added another member last month, but still dropped to fifth place at 23.8%.

Overall, the district showed a net increase of 62 members as of Nov. 1.

The winners of \$15,000 in community service grants will be determined as those clubs with the greatest percentage of membership increase between Oct. 1 and March 31. Using percentage of increase as a basis gives small clubs a chance to compete against larger ones.

Five grants, varying from \$500 to \$3,000, will be given in Group A. Seven grants of \$500 to \$3,000 will be given in Division B, which includes about twice as many clubs.

Membership Contest grants may be used only for service projects, community improvement projects and new educational scholarships, not for general and administrative purposes. Clubs must be in good standing to qualify for a grant. An accounting will be required in writing within 90 days of receipt of a grant.

Contest leaders — Dec. 1, 2021

Group A (30 or more members as of Oct. 1)

	Club	Division	Oct. 1	Dec. 1	Change	Percentage
1	Saint Joseph, Mo.	2	31	37	6	19.35%
2	Saint Charles, Mo.	6	54	59	5	9.26%
3	Crestwood-Sunset Hills, Mo.	9	35	38	3	8.57%
4	Columbia-Boonslick, Mo.	5	38	41	3	7.89%
4	Hannibal Early Birds, Mo.	1	38	41	3	7.89%
6	Gravois, St. Louis County	9	33	35	2	6.06%
7	Bridgeton, Mo.	7	45	47	2	4.44%
7	Palmyra, Mo.	1	45	47	2	4.44%
9	Batesville, Ark.	17	48	50	2	4.17%
10	Lebanon, Mo.	26	53	55	2	3.77%
11	Greater Hot Springs, Ark.	15	30	31	1	3.33%
12	Smithville, Mo.	3	33	34	1	3.03%
13	Columbia, Mo.	5	36	37	1	2.78%
14	Fulton, Mo.	5	37	38	1	2.70%
15	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	14	39	40	1	2.56%

Contest leaders — Dec. 1, 2021

Group B (fewer than 30 members as of Oct. 1)

	Club	Division	Oct. 1	Dec. 1	Change	Percentage
1	Clarksville, Ark.	20	4	11	7	175.00%
2	Cave City, Ark.	17	9	13	4	44.44%
3	Greater Spanish Lake, Mo.	7	6	8	2	33.33%
4	Buffalo Area, Mo.	26	8	10	2	25.00%
5	Mountain Home, Ark.	18	21	26	5	23.81%
6	Chillicothe, Mo.	2	14	17	3	21.43%
7	Lee's Summit, Mo.	4	15	18	3	20.00%
8	Marshall, Mo.	3	26	31	5	19.23%
9	Saint James, Mo.	10	11	13	2	18.18%
10	Booneville, Ark.	19	17	20	3	17.65%
11	North Little Rock, Ark.	25	18	21	3	16.67%
12	Cabool, Mo.	26	13	15	2	15.38%
12	Maplewood, Mo.	9	13	15	2	15.38%
14	Wright City, Mo.	6	29	33	4	13.79%
15	Pine Bluff, Ark.	22	15	17	2	13.33%
15	Trenton, Mo.	2	15	17	2	13.33%

Announcement of Applications for District Secretary for the MO-ARK Kiwanis District.

Mary Vaughan, current Secretary for the MO-ARK Kiwanis District, has announced her intentions of resigning this position at the end of the 2021-2022 Kiwanis year. Carla O'Brien, 2021-2022 Governor, has appointed Governor-Elect Roy Ockert to chair a committee to help select an individual to fill the position of Secretary. Having accepted this responsibility, a committee of three will review applications, narrow the field to three candidates, interview finalists, and make a recommendation to the Board on February 25, 2022. The Board will make the final appointment to fill this position. Other committee members are Region I Trustee William Dooley and District Treasurer Robin Asher. District Secretary Mary Vaughan will serve as an ex officio member of the committee.

The time frame established is to announce the acceptance of resumes/applications of those interested until January 25, 2022. Applications will be reviewed, and the field narrowed to the top three. Interviews will be conducted during February to reach consensus on the selection and recommendation to the Board by February 20. The Board will act on that recommendation at their Board meeting in Hot Springs on February 25, 2022. The official beginning date for the Secretary is officially October 1, 2022. This will allow time for training and working with Mary Vaughan to become more familiar with the actual duties of the position prior to beginning.

The Job description for this position has been drafted and approved by the District Board along with the announcement to accept applications. [Click Here](#) for the Job Description and Application form.

Please send a resume and an application to Roy Ockert, Chair of Selection Committee. These can be submitted electronically to royo@suddenlink.net or by mail to: MO-ARK District Secretary, C/O Roy Ockert, 3617 Alabama Road, Jonesboro AR 72405.

Electronic submission would be the preferred method. This will speed up the process of sharing applications with other committee members as they are submitted.

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 katiereppard@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





Kiwanis SLP's in Action

Eagle Mt. Elementary K-Kids elect officers



(left to right) Jessica Mead, advisor; and newly elected officers, Dylan Williams, President; Eli Jones, Vice President; Seth Zuroweste, treasurer; Kade Stroud, secretary; and Diane Baker, Batesville Kiwanis member.

Eagle Mountain Elementary K-Kids recently held their officer elections. Past MO-ARK District Gov. Gary Baker talked to the club about the roles of the officers and advisor, and later trained the newly elected officers. The club has started off this year with a bang! They cleaned up the playground, made and sent Christmas cards to local nursing home and held a warm winter clothing drive. Pictured below are club members with clothing drive items. The Kiwanis Club of Batesville sponsors the Eagle Mt. K-Kids.



Past MO-ARK Gov. Gary Baker discussing the roles of officers to



Builders Club decorates stockings and puzzles



The Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Builders Club, sponsored by the Union, MO Kiwanis Club, decorated stockings and puzzles for 26 I.C. preschool students and filled the stockings with items for the children, including wooden puzzles, hats, gloves, coloring books play dough, Christmas pencils and stickers. Pictured at right are Builders Club members Ryan Garbs (navy shirt) and Josh Dickinson and at left is club member Olivia Schwoeppe.



Conway Key Club writes thank you notes to veterans



In November, the Conway High Key Club, sponsored by the Conway Kiwanis Club, wrote thank you notes to CHS/CJHS staff they knew were veterans. Several Key Club members also shared names of family members who are active or retired military, and the received notes as well. Key Club wants all veterans to know we appreciate all they have done for our country.





Key Club in Action

Union High School Key Club decorates puzzles and stockings



The Union High School (UHS) Key Club decorated puzzles and stockings that Union Kiwanis members filled and donated to the Union Head Start and Special Ed Pre Kindergarten students in the Union School District.



Left to right, Key Club members Hunter Sperry, Emma Tucker, Chloe Fugett, Katherine Bolte, Rachel Bolte, Amber Kossmann, and Trenton Kossmann.



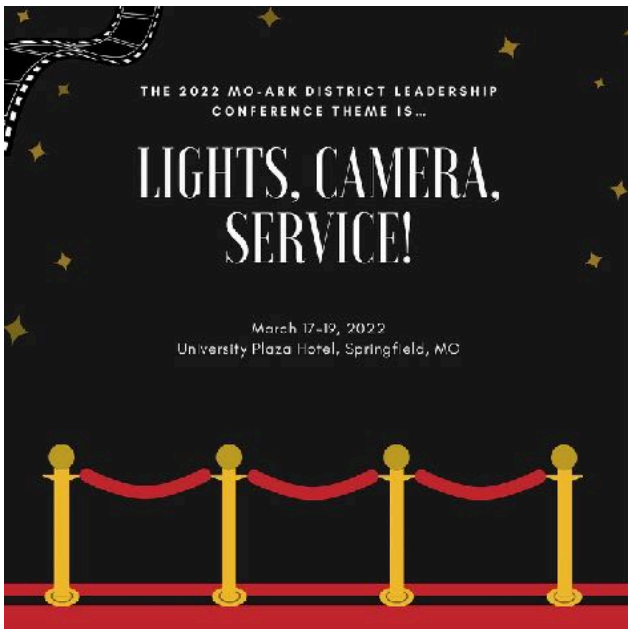
Key Club members Hunter Sperry (wearing mask), Emma Tucker (in bright blue), Katherine Bolte, Chloe Fugett, and Rachel Bolte.

Liberty North High School adopts 58 people for Christmas



Liberty North High School (MO) adopted 58 people for Christmas. The LNHS Key Club, under the guidance of the club advisor Wendy Sohm, handled and coordinated the entire event. Clubs and classes decided to adopt as many people as they wanted and they shopped, and wrapped Christmas presents for their adoptees. Jim Major praised the school and club by saying, "The compassion and generosity of both Liberty High and Liberty North High never ceases to amaze me and I am so fortunate to be their Kiwanis Advisor."

MO-ARK Key Club District Leadership Conference



SLP's in Action

Builders Club collects food for Jackson House

The Mountain Pine Builders Club's first project of the school year was a successful collection of food for Jackson House in Hot Springs. The Builders Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village with teacher advisor Destiny Reichardt and Kiwanis advisor Bill Herzog. There are 15 members in the club including Summer Heimrich, president; Nevaeh Poteete, secretary and Jamason Stephenson, vice president. The project was chosen by the students as they wanted to help people in need related to the pandemic. The students chose how they would collect the food and who should receive the donations. They made posters, wrote a description of who they were and who they were trying to help. Using a decorated watermelon container, at the Hot Springs Village Walmart, with the posters and description of the project collected food for two weeks. At the end of the two weeks, they loaded up the bus and delivered the food to Jackson House. There were 12 boxes of food total, all boxed up by the students. L to R in the photo: Emilee Bailey, Braxton Brown, Phoenix Reichardt, Rylee Campos, Ziva Berryman, Ariana Carrasco, Nevaeh Berryman, Sylvia Gray, Shaya Singleton, Summer Heimrich, Avery Austin, teacher Destiny Reichardt and Jamason Stephenson



Rose Acres K-Kids make bird feeders



Rose Acres Elementary K-Kids, sponsored by the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club, made bird feeders out of pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed. They did an awesome job! Then they were hung up in the old outdoor classroom, a perfect wild life area. Birds may have enjoyed the cones, but the deer loved them! The cones are all gone!



Builders Club distributes Christmas Stockings



Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Builders Club members decorated 26 Christmas stockings and wooden puzzles for I.C. preschool classes. They stuffed stockings with items including a set of hat and gloves (donated by Union Kiwanis Club), a mini Etch a Sketch, two homemade wooden airplanes and a pack of sidewalk chalk. At right I.C. Builders Club members (left to right): Ayden Osseck, Ryan Stowe and Morgan Krimmel.





Kiwanis Terrific Kids

The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored the following students from Forder Elementary School as Terrific Kids for showing great improvement in attendance, grades, academics, behavior, or some other area as determined by their teachers. Pictured, from the left are: Ari Exler, Savannah Krejci, Dzejia Hrnjic, and Charlie Sindel.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored the following students from Blades Elementary School as Terrific Kids for showing great improvement in attendance, grades, academics, behavior, or some other area as determined by their teachers. Pictured from the left, the four students are Grace Wright, Ender Burris, Kasey Showers, and Colin Weil. Also pictured are Kiwanian Pauline Roth and Blades Elementary School Principal Dr. Jeremy Booker.

The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored the following students from Bierbaum Elementary School in the Mehlville School District for showing great improvement in attendance, grades, academics, behavior, or some other area as determined by their teachers. Pictured, front row from left are: First Row: Alaina Murphy, Anaya Aitch. Liam Carter, and Owen Hardy. Second Row: Bierbaum Principal Dr. Paul Morris, Kiwanian Pauline Roth, and Bierbaum Assistant Principal Nathan.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored the following students from Beasley Elementary School in the Mehlville School District for showing great improvement in attendance, grades, academics, behavior, or some other area as determined by their teachers. Pictured, front row from left are: First Row: Dominic Johnson, Avery Chaplin, Briley Mortenson, Ryder Hudson; Second Row: Beasley Principal Andrea Deane and Kiwanians Judy Burnette and Pauline Roth.



Terrific Kids assembly was held on October 29 in the Carrollton Elementary gym. Piper Barry, Terrific Kids coordinator, honored several students from grades K-4 with a certificate, t-shirt, and other items. The theme for October was "Respect." Attending the event were Carrollton Kiwanians Jim Gibson, Anna Barlow, Robert Pavlu, and Earlene Martin.



On November 23, in the Carrollton Elementary gym, Carrollton Kiwanians Randall Barry and Robert Pavlu helped hand out Terrific Kids certificates and t-shirts to the 18 K-4 honorees. November's character theme was citizenship. The winning students sent a personal thank you to the Kiwanis club for sponsoring the Terrific Kids program.



Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club marks 20-year Milestone: \$21K in Scholarships for Valley Park High School Graduates



Club president David Green (pictured, center) presented a check for \$1,000 to Dr. Ryan Luhnig, (left) V P High School principal and Valley Park Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tim Dilg.

Officials from Valley Park School District accepted a donation for their Scholarship program at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community. This marked the 20th year the club has given a scholarship to a graduating senior at Valley Park High School. Donations have totaled more than \$21,000. In presenting the check, Kiwanis Club President David Green said, “Circumstances during this pandemic have presented challenges for the club to continue its work in supporting the community. We are pleased that we are able to continue the club’s commitment to local high school graduates, especially during COVID-19.” In 2020, the club’s #1 fundraiser, an annual Kiwanis Trivia Night, was cancelled, however the club raised funds with a 20th Anniversary Raffle last fall. Members are planning a Summer raffle. Also, the club sponsors a scholarship for Parkway West High School students.

Columbia Kiwanis Club’s first chance at First Chance

Columbia Kiwanis Club now has a service day at First Chance for Children scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. to noon. Our first session of this continuing project was Nov. 1, when a team of Kiwanians repackaged diapers to be distributed to families in need. Participating were Eric Cunningham, Jim Bowman, Jack Meizenbach, Ernie Lee and Clyde Bentley. The club also has a service day scheduled for every third Saturday at the Food Bank at 8:30 a.m.



Kirksville Club collected warm winter clothing for children in need



The Kiwanis Club of Kirksville collected over 250 coats, hats, mittens, and other warm winter clothing for local children in need as part of the tenth annual Christmas parade in downtown Kirksville! Kirksville R-III School District Superintendent Robert Webb attended the December 9th, 2021 meeting of the Kirksville Kiwanis Club to accept the warm children's clothing on behalf of the School District! The School District will then distribute this warm clothing to children in need throughout the winter. Pictured, from left, are Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President, and Past Lieutenant Governor, Racheal Young, Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Jim O'Donnell, Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President, Past Lieutenant Governor, and Parade Chairman, Ashley Young, and Webb.

Kiwanis in Action

Batesville Kiwanis helps support Christmas



David Winberry, club secretary, presents check to Ted Hall.

Batesville Kiwanis Club recently donated \$1,500 to Christmas Brings Hope. Christmas Brings Hope which was founded in 1992, distributes food boxes to families across Independence Co. during the Christmas holidays. Organizations (including school clubs) across the county hold food drives and/or donate funds to assist in buying food items. Local youth organizations including several of Batesville Kiwanis Club SLP's assist in sorting the food and packing the boxes. Ted Hall, chair of the organization and a Kiwanian, said that 1,200 boxes of food were distributed to families in the county this year.



Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club award funds



On September 29, the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club was able to award funds to two worthy projects that directly benefit children! Checks were presented at our annual Installation Banquet to Elise Tierney to build a website for the Ready to Learn organization and to Lawreene Hall of Angels Arms to put in a new bathroom in their group foster care home. They are pictured with former president Diane Slattery.



Bridgeton Club assists Special Olympic Bowlers

The Bridgeton Kiwanis Club assisted Special Olympics in State Bowling Championships on December 4th at the St. Charles Lanes. Club members provided encouragement and kept track of scores. Members assisting were Ron Abernathy, Shirley Abernathy, Sharon Duisen, Bob Duisen, Mary Kay Campbell, Sue Prentice, Phyllis Sanders and Mary Vaughan.



Kiwanis in Action

Clark County Kiwanians deliver Christmas gifts



The Kiwanis of Clark County have been out delivering some Christmas goodies. Member, Beverly Sanford, delivered coloring books to the Gurdon Headstart and Gurdon Primary School. The kids get to open these early Christmas gifts from us! Members Lisa Hunt and Saybra Scott, pictured at right, recently delivered some hygiene products, pencils, and more to the Percy and Donna Malone Child Safety Center.



Batesville (AR) Kiwanis Club parade ends with a surprise

The Batesville Kiwanis Club held the 6th annual Christmas parade December 4. The Kiwanis float carries Santa Clause and he had a big surprise for a parade watcher. Kassidy King was at the parade with her boyfriend Tanner Pitts, and as Santa passed by he held up a sign for Kassidy. Tanner proposed to Kassidy at the parade!



North Little Rock, AR tree lighting ceremony



Kiwanis Club of North Little Rock partnered with the City of North Little Rock this year for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Club members were at the ceremony to help families in need at Thanksgiving. Attendees at the lighting ceremony were asked to bring non-perishable food items. Mayor Terry Hartwick along with several North Little Rock children turned on the Christmas tree lights in Argenta Plaza, November 9. The Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony celebrates the beginning of the holiday season.



MO-ARK KIWANIS FAMILY BELL RINGERS





Kiwanis in Action

Walk the paths of Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp

Let's take a walk outside to look for birds. Walk quietly and listen for bird songs and calls. When you see a bird, watch it closely. Can you see it eating? Look carefully at its beak. What shape is it? What might a bird eat? Take a few minutes to ask the child (children), what kind of foods do you like to eat? What do you use to eat those foods? Why do you think we eat some things with a spoon? A fork? What do birds use to eat? All animals must eat to survive. Each animal has certain body features and behaviors that help it find and eat

certain kinds of food in its environment. Birds all have some kind of beak for grasping and eating their food. The size and shape of a bird's beak enables it to eat certain kinds of foods. Seed and nut eaters, such as sparrows and finches, usually have short, thick beaks for cracking open seeds. Nectar feeders such as hummingbirds have long, slender beaks for reaching into flowers. Flesh eaters like hawks and owls have powerful hooked beaks for tearing and cutting flesh or skin. Other birds may have beaks suited for filtering, spooning, chiseling or pinching. A bird's beak is an example of adaptation – a special feature or behavior that helps an animal survive in its woodland environment. Other adaptations may help an animal move around or protect its self. As you walk through the trees at Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp discuss how looking at a birds' beak can help us guess what it eats.



When your study of birds is complete, enjoy making this "bird buffet" for a snack.

BIRD TRAIL MIX for Humans

- 1 cup nuts (pecans, peanuts, walnuts)
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup goldfish crackers
- 1 cup dried berries (blueberries, cherries, cranberries)
- 1 cup dry CHEX cereal or other

Mix all together in a big bowl. Scoop into zip type baggie for your next walk in the woods.

Study words: shape adaptation cracking survive behavior woodland

BJKYK Board member, Don Leupold, Union, MO Past MO-ARK Governor



Kiwanis Club of Poplar Bluff Celebrates 100 years of service

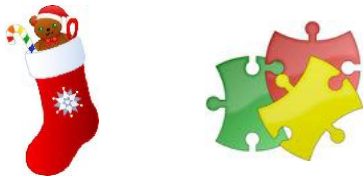
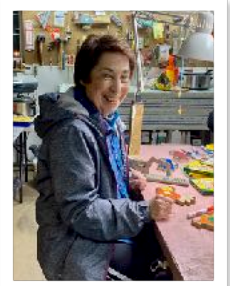


Kiwanis in Action

Union Kiwanis Club annual Christmas stocking project



An annual project for the Union Kiwanis Club is donating stockings to Head Start students. This year students in a Special Ed Pre Kindergarten in the Union School District were included. A total of 70 stockings were donated. The decorated felt stockings were stuffed wooden puzzles, made and decorated by Union Kiwanis members, and other items including hats, gloves and toys. Pictured at top right is committee chair Bruce Templer who cut out most of the wooden puzzles in his shop and hosted the puzzle decorating session in his garage mahal, and bottom right is member Dee Hauck who selected designs for the puzzles.



Springdale, AR Kiwanis Club supports Christmas programs



Springdale Kiwanis club helps support Sweatshirts for Students. Upper right, Jerry Martin and president Larry Peckham present a check for \$500 to Kim Justis, counselor at Turnbow Elementary School. Sweatshirts will be presented to every student at Christmas Assembly to open at the same time. Lower right, president Larry Peckham presents sponsor Rachel Cornett with 10 gift cards for \$50 each. These will be presented to students each month who had perfect attendance for the month at a school assembly. At right, president Larry and Delores Stamps presents officer Jarred Pena a check for \$1,000 for the annual Shop With a Cop event.



Lebanon MO Kiwanis Club “Shop With Kids”



The Lebanon, MO Kiwanis Club held it’s annual Shop With Kids. The club raised \$30,000 to buy clothes for 282 kids in Laclede County. Pictured are Charlotte Curry helping a boy try on shoes and Jennifer Tabor helping a girl pick out a shirt for her shopper.



Kiwanis in Action

Maplewood, MO Kiwanis annual pancake breakfast



Maplewood Kiwanis members filling pancake orders.

The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood MO had its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 13, 2021. It was a huge success, and we thank all of our sponsors and those who came to eat our yummy pancakes. Veterans ate free, and patrons could save a dollar on their breakfast by bringing a canned good for the MRH School District Weekend on Wheels food program. Proceeds benefited programs in the



President Barry Greenberg flipping chocolate chip pancakes!

Maplewood Richmond Heights (MRH) School District. Maplewood Kiwanis is happy to report that \$1,500 was donated to MRH and was divided equally between the MRH Key Club, Joe's Place, and the District's Seed to Table Program.

A number of special people from the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis attended our breakfast: Carla O'Brien, Governor of the MO-ARK District and her husband, David; Jim Fritz, MO-ARK District Key Club Administrator; Dr. Mary Saale, Region IV Trustee; and Dr. Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Lt. Governor Division 9 (and member of Maplewood Kiwanis.). We thank them for taking the time to support our breakfast.

The MRH Key Club members were a big help. Students sanitized and set the tables all during the breakfast. Their service was much appreciated.



Maplewood Richmond Heights Senior High School Key Club Jim Fritz, MO-ARK District Key Club Administrator Carla O'Brien, MO-ARK Governor and Dr. Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Lt. Governor, Division 9

100 years and 100 ways to keep kids warm



Janet Schisser, Clyde Bentley, Valerie Shaw and Sally Robinson

The continuing project for the centennial year of the Columbia Kiwanis Club is to match our 100 years with a gift of "100 Good Things" every month. November's kickoff of the project saw the club top its goal and collect 120 warm gloves, scarves and hats for the children served by Coyote Hill, a Columbia foster care organization.



Hannibal Early Bird Club awards scholarships



Hannibal Early Bird Kiwanis Club member John Hark presented (6) \$1,000 to seniors from Hannibal High School this past May.





In Memoriam

Division 4

John Hoffman
MO-ARK eCentennial
Harrisonville

Division 9

Edwin Desmond
Glendale-Kirkwood

Division 25

Robert Bumgardner
Richard Butler
Little Rock

Deceased members are taken from the secretary's dashboard. Please make sure that the member you delete from your roster list is to be included in the memoriam list.

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. If you submit a club newsletter, please use captions for the pictures. I sometimes use articles that are submitted on MO-ARK District Facebook page, please list the people in the photos when you put something on the Facebook page so they can be identified in the Kiwanigram. Thank you!

Diane Baker
Kiwanigram Editor



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