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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

*News & Views from your Division 9 Lt. Governor*

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Fellow Division 9 Kiwanians, I have had the pleasure of meeting with six of the nine clubs in the Division. In the next several weeks, I will be visiting the other three. It has been a most rewarding experience. The clubs in Division 9 are so vibrant and are doing so much to improve the world one child and one community at a time. All of you are truly “Lifesavers!”

As you are aware, MO-ARK District has a membership contest that runs from October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. There are two divisions—clubs with 30 or more members (Group A) and those below 30 (Group B). There are \$15,000 worth of grants that can be won for clubs with the highest percentage of net gain as registered with KI on March 31, 2022. As of December 1, in Group A, Crestwood-Sunset Hills ranks 3rd and Gravois, St. Louis County ranks 6th. In Group B, Maplewood ranks 12th. There is still three months to go in the contest and all clubs could win. It is in your hands—just get more new members!

Governor O’Brien had a Council meeting on Tuesday (12/13/21) with the Lt. Governors and District Committee Chairs. Membership was again the thing that was stressed and discussed. Last year probably because of COVID, MO-ARK lost 500 members. Ralph McCormick, the chair of Club Revitalization and Strengthening, has a goal for clubs to get 6 new members this fiscal year. MO-ARK has club coaches that are available to you if you need help with building your club. Division 9 has four Kiwanians who are certified coaches that you can call on to help you. Let me know if you want to utilize them, and they will contact you to start the process of helping you attract new members. As of December 1, all but one of the Division 9 clubs have 15 (charter strength) or more members. The one with less, just lost two members, and they are already planning and working on increasing their membership. Everyone can always use more members to help support the service we are trying to do in our communities and around the world.

Barb Thompson, Membership Coordinator for MO-ARK, has planned two zoom sessions to train club coaches. The sessions are on December 14 and 21, 2021. Both start at 6:30 p.m. A separate email was sent to club Presidents and Secretaries regarding these sessions. All Kiwanians can take this training. Please talk to your President or Secretary if you want to attend one of these zoom meetings. I realize this is late notice, but I was just made aware of it on December 12. The December 14 session was just recently added.

Barb Thompson, the chair of New Club Growth, reported on areas in the District where club building is taking place. In the St. Louis area, the committee is working on building a club in Town and Country and in the Bosnian South STL County area.

Roger Jespersen, chair of the Children's Fund, reminds clubs that there is a suggestion that clubs give \$1 per day (\$365) or \$10 per member or any donation between those amounts to the Children's Fund.

Education Days in St. Louis will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for club members to learn more about Kiwanis. The committee is working on the details and hopes to have specific information out some time in January. The cost will be minimal and will include lunch. At this time, it looks like Education Days will run from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. It is a great way to learn about Kiwanis with a wonderful group of friends and new acquaintances.

There is an opportunity for clubs to purchase pocket-size copies of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Andrew McKean, a member of the St. Charles club, reported on this opportunity. September 17 is Constitution Day, and December 15 is Bill of Rights Day in the U.S. The St. Louis County Bar Association is providing copies of the Bill of Rights to 11th grade students in public schools. Every American should know what is in the Constitution and Bill of Rights. To get more information, you can go to the website, [libertylivesforever.org](http://libertylivesforever.org). Copies cost \$1.00 each plus shipping. Andrew (636.244.0652 or [andy@libertylivesforever.org](mailto:andy@libertylivesforever.org)) will provide a free sample copy for your perusal.

Region IV Trustee, Dr. Mary Saale, has been contacted by the International Institute. They are in need of volunteers to set up apartments for Afghan refugees that are coming to St. Louis. They are expecting 1,000 refugees. Other ways to help are sorting items or purchasing items. Unfortunately, there usually isn't a lot of advanced notice regarding these opportunities. If you can help, that would be great. More information is at the end of this newsletter.

Governor Carla O'Brien has been very busy traveling in the District doing the work that needs to be done. She is very open to visiting your club and helping in any way she can. We are fortunate to have the MO-ARK Governor right here in Division 9! Thank you, Carla!

Again, on behalf of MO-ARK and KI, thank you for the work you are doing. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to you and your families.

## Division 9 Events

(If you have any events you want publicized in the Division 9 Newsletter, please let me know.)

December                      Crestwood-Sunset Hills - Toys collected were delivered to 3 schools.

South County - STL - Feed My People Adopt-A-Family  
Salvation Army Tree of Lights Bell Ringing

Hampton-Mldtown - Virtual Christmas party for preschoolers in a  
City school - Gifts and songs.

Gravois, St. Louis County - Salvation Army Tree of Lights Bell Ringing

Maplewood - Donation to 3 MRH School District Programs  
MRH Key Club, Joe's Place, and Seed to Table

February	5	South County Kiwanis - Trivia Night - See attached flyer.
<b>March</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Education Days STL - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Place TBD</b>
	26	Gravois, St. Louis County - Trivia Night
May	2	Crestwood-Sunset Hills - Golf Tournament
<b>June</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS CONVENTION</b>
	13	Maplewood - Golf Tournament
<b>August</b>	<b>25-27</b>	<b>MO-ARK CONVENTION</b>

# **MO-ARK Membership Contest 2021-2022**

## **Mo-Ark board authorizes second 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 of High Ridge, Mo., 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](mailto:kiwanismoark@outlook.com) or 314-581-0497.

# Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis

“Serving the Children of the World”



## TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**

Seven Holy Founders Church Hall  
6741 Rock Hill Road (at Gravois) 63123

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.  
\$25 per person -- 8 per table (maximum)  
Net proceeds to support children's charities.

Popcorn, pretzels, soda & beer included.  
You may bring your own food and beverages.

**Cash Prizes, Attendance Prizes, Raffle Drawing,  
50/50, Heads or Tails, Scratch Off Basket Drawing.**  
**\$4,000 winner in 2019 scratch off drawing!!!**

Reservations Required  
For more information call 314-526-7659

Mail bottom portion with your check  
made payable to **South County Kiwanis.**  
MUST be received by January 14, 2022.

Roy Wunsch  
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Table leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: (to confirm & notify) \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25/Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed

\*required to confirm reservation and notify in case of inclement weather,  
or cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control such as COVID, etc.



## **Volunteers for Missouri Arkansas Key Club Adult Staff**

The Missouri Arkansas Key Club is excited to offer opportunities for volunteers to assist with the adult staff. Currently we have 4 members, 3 males and 1 female. We have an additional Past Governor and Spouse considering assisting. Our current Key Club board consists of a Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor. We have 10 Lieutenant Governors with 9 vacant positions. Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership.

We are currently looking leadership driven individuals willing to support a student led organization. We allow them to plan, direct and move forward with their programs per Kiwanis International guidelines. As Adults we pick them up when they fall, praise them when they succeed and allow them to problem solve before we intervene with assistance. We trust our students and we believe in being aware of their boundaries while not being overbearing and always having a positive attitude.

Candidates should have the ability to communicate clearly with high school students, understand current issues affecting our students and be caring and considerate of their needs while allowing them their space when needed. Individuals with understanding of website design, publishing, graphics and updates is a plus. The understanding of social media platforms is helpful as well. Additionally, anyone interested in a leadership role willing to learn and understand the duties and responsibilities of a District Administrator is being considered as a succession program for an exceptional individual that believes in the philosophical and ethical beliefs of Key Club International. Kiwanians with prior Key Club experience as a member and/or district officer is an encouraging factor. Adult Staff members must have a Kiwanis Youth Protection Background check and have an understanding about youth protection guidelines.

Thank you for your consideration on this subject. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone any questions. Please submit a letter of intention plus your qualifications. Please remember *"It's all about the kids"*.

Yours in Service,

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## Ways To Help Our Newest Neighbors

1. Financial donations. You can donate online at <https://www.iistl.org/donate/>. Or you can write a check made out to International Institute of St. Louis and mail along with the downloaded form to:

International Institute of St. Louis  
Attn: Development  
3401 Arsenal St.  
St. Louis, MO 63118

2. Purchase items from either their Target or Amazon Wish Lists and have it sent directly to International Institute of STL.

[https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lc/3ETB4NWO5ZCB9/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl\\_cl](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lc/3ETB4NWO5ZCB9/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl)

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/iistl>

3. A donation drive. All drives and drop off of items must be coordinated with Krissy Durant at [durantk@iistl.org](mailto:durantk@iistl.org). They are currently in desperate need of toilet brushes, twin comforters and lamps.
4. Volunteer to sort items and put together items needed for an apartment set up in the gym of International Institute. This requires about a 3 hour shift of standing, bending and possibly lifting up to 20 pounds. To sign up for a volunteer shift go to [iistl.org/volunteer](http://iistl.org/volunteer)

5. Volunteer to set up apartments:

Assist IISTL staff members in providing refugees with mandated furnishings and food upon arrival.

Time commitment is about three (3) hours per setup, between 9 and 4 pm on weekdays. Needs vary with the refugee arrival schedules; volunteers will be able to sign up each week as they're available in response to a weekly email & episodic sign-up availability. This is an ongoing volunteer opportunity.

### **Responsibilities Include but not limited to:**

- Purchase food from a provided list at local grocery stores, using gift cards received from IISTL staff
- Deliver and store food in the home
- Sweep and wipe counters in kitchen and bath if needed
- Unpack, assemble, and arrange furniture as needed
- Unpack, distribute, and store kitchen, bath, and bedroom items

- Make beds
- Take photos of setup using institute camera (if requested)

**Qualifications:**

- Team player
- Ability to stand and move about an apartment for an extended period, carry groceries and household items often up stairs (but setup teams created with physical limitations in mind)
- Willingness to go into possibly unfamiliar, lower-income neighborhoods

**Training Requirements:**

- On the job training by experienced volunteers or staff

Item #5 requires a valid background check for the safety of their clients. If you have a current background check please send it to Carrie Brickey at [brickeyc@iistl](mailto:brickeyc@iistl) (there is a possibility they may require their own background check). To get a back ground check for IISTL, the cost is \$10, contact Carrie Brickey to get a link.

6. In the next several months I will be sending out information about the Community Support Program. This is basically a way to adopt a family. It can be done on a club level and will require a financial commitment of \$500-\$5000. It will also require a group of 5-10 volunteers with one being designated as the group leader to commit a total of 3-4 hours a week to help the family acclimate to their new home and neighborhood. Depending on the number of volunteers, each person would volunteer every other week or every third week. This is a 3-6 month commitment.
7. If anyone can hire or knows someone who can hire refugees please contact the International Institute via their website [iistl.org](http://iistl.org)
8. If anyone has or knows someone that has reasonably priced rental apartments in St. Louis city please contact the International Institute via their website [iistl.org](http://iistl.org)



