

# KCON **CONNECTS**

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## Show Us the Money



As of December 7, 2021

### Partial

### Treasurer's Report:

**-Current Balances-**

Project Account

**\$3959.63**

Admin. Account

**\$2779.44**

## Word from the President **Valerie Isreal**

Ho Ho Ho Kiwanians  
Merry Christmas!

As we are in the midst of the Advent season, which is the season of giving. I was reflecting about the giving spirit of the KCON, it made my heart full with joy. Knowing that our club has an attitude of giving that's what we're all about. We not only give we get to give even in the midst of a pandemic in service to our creator who's DNA is on the inside of us. After all He set the mold when He gave the most precious

gift of all (JESUS) because of His love for us. Praying you all have a blessed and wonderful Christmas Holiday as you remember the greatest gift and giver of all time.



Go Forth in **SERVICE**



Effective June 3, 2021  
Drive-Through (walk-through) Locations, Open to the Public.  
No appointment needed.  
Schedule subject to change due to weather or other special reasons.

Covid-19 tests will be offered  
every Tuesday  
9:00 am until 11:00 am  
at  
Affinia Healthcare  
1717 Biddle Street  
St. Louis, Missouri 63106

For Other COVID-19 Testing Information, Call (314) 833-2777  
There is no out-of-pocket cost for COVID-19 testing. However, we do ask patients to provide their proof of I.D., and their health insurance information (if applicable), for billing purposes.

## Inspirational Quote *Why not end the year with a full page of inspiration.*

1. "It's never too late to be what you might've been."-**George Eliot**
2. "If you can dream it, you can do it." -**Walt Disney**
3. "No one is perfect - that's why pencils have erasers."-**Wolfgang Riebe**
4. "It always seems impossible until it is done."-**Nelson Mandela**
5. "Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results."-**Willie Nelson**
6. "In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact."-**Les Brown**
7. "Winning is fun, but those moments that you can touch someone's life in a very positive way are better."-**Tim Howard**
8. "Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive good things and good people will be drawn to you."-**Mary Lou Retton**
9. "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."-**Dolly Parton**
10. "You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind,"-**Joyce Meyer**
11. "Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."-**Anthony J. D'Angelo**
12. "Let your unique awesomeness and positive energy inspire confidence in others."-**Anonymous**
13. "If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining."-**Guy Finley**
14. "Make each day your Masterpiece."-**John Wooden**
15. "A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour."-**Anonymous**
16. "Every day may not be good... but there's something good in every day."-**Alice Morse Earle**

We Wish You a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!!

## Club Calendar

**Next Meeting: Today, Tuesday, December 7, at 5:30 pm Board Meeting and 6:00 pm Food Baskets Service Project in person at Northeast Ambulance & Fire Protection District.**

**In this new Kiwanis year, we will be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March, 2022. Let's go BIG or go home KCON! Let the planning begin.**

## Kiwanis Calendar–Division 7, MO–ARK & KI Barb Thompson

### Division 7

**Congratulations to Orchun and Bethany Kolcu, on their wedding last month held at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, IL. Bethany is the President of the Ritenour Kiwanis Club. We wish them a life of joy and peace.**

### MO-ARK Kiwanis.

**Message from Governor Carla O'Brien:**

## *Governor Carla's Message for December*

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. If you are still struggling for any reason: see our Club revitalization & Strengthening Chair, Ralph McCormick ([flylow77@centurytel.net](mailto:flylow77@centurytel.net) or 479-970-1001) &/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](mailto:andy@libertylivesforever.org).

He has pocket constitution books available that you might want to sponsor to your local kids.

Have a great holiday season!!

### IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS:

November 28 – December 6 – Hanukkah  
 December 3 & 4 - Key Club Board Meeting in Springfield, MO  
 December 25 - Merry Christmas  
 December 26 – January 1 - Kwanzaa

### Mid-Year Education Days:

- February 19 - Bentonville/Rogers AR
- February 26 - Hot Springs AR
- March 5 - Kansas City MO
- March 12 - St. Louis MO

**Kiwanis International** *Info taken from Kiwanis.org*

## DECEMBER 2021

December 1 – Kiwanis Club Annual Report due

December 10 – Club monthly report due (club secretaries)

December 25 - January 1 – Kiwanis International Offices (Ghent, Belgium, and Indianapolis, Indiana, USA) closed

December 31 – Year-end gifts to Kiwanis Children’s Fund postmarked by December 31 (U.S. only)

## 2022 SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

Kiwanis International will host the Sixth Annual Signature Project Recognition Program for clubs and districts in 2022. Clubs with 27 members or fewer will be judged in the Tier I category. Clubs with 28 members or more will be judged in Tier II category. Each tier will be judged separately and the top 10 finalists will be determined for each tier. The top three selections from each tier will be recognized as the gold, silver and bronze winners at the [2022 Kiwanis International Convention](#).

Clubs should submit their project details using the online contest submission form from a link that will be made available. Each club's entry will be sent to their district leadership for judging and selection of their Tier I and Tier II projects that will be entered into the 2022 Signature Project Contest.

The Kiwanis International Board Committee on Service and Partnerships will review qualifying submissions and select the finalists. The finalists will be recognized at the [2022 Kiwanis Convention](#) where the top winners will be announced and receive awards. Finalists will be notified of their selection in time to take advantage of any discounted early registration rates.

### What is a signature project?

Think about what your Kiwanis club is known for in your community. It can be a service project or a fundraiser. Signature projects:

- **Are recurring.** (Note: A new project can qualify as a signature project if the intent is to continue the project.)
- **Enhance the Kiwanis image.**
- **Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served.**
- **Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities.**

While the district should determine how to select its club-level Tier I and Tier II submissions, the project should follow the criteria [outlined here](#).

The contest opens at midnight ET on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Entries are due at midnight ET on Sunday, January 30, 2022.

[See the questions that will be asked on the online submission form.](#)

[Read the contest rules.](#)

**Submission forms** [English](#)

## Members News & Highlights

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Earlyn Jackson Reynolds

**Earlyn Jackson Reynolds** is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and has called St. Louis home for the past forty-eight years. She is a proud mother and grandmother. Career-wise, Earlyn was the Director of Campus Housing for Concordia Seminary for thirty-one years and is now serving as Registrar for the Normandy Schools Collaborative for the past twelve years. (Her retirement job)

Earlyn is also a Christian Life Coach and Founder of Inspiring Parents to Parent, an organization that invited parents to meet once a month for conversation, a meal and parenting tips prior to Covid they met at the Normandy United Methodist Church. She looks forward to being more involved with the Normandy Kiwanis Club as time and her health permits.

Earlyn is a member of Shalom City of Peace Church and is also involved with other community organizations. She is a Zeta Sigma Gamma Rho Philo where she serves as president.

**Correction from last month's newsletter:** Charlie Dooley served in the US Army, not the Navy.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

KCON on being highlighted in **Kiwanis Magazine** December Edition for our **Fishing Derby Signature Project**. Even Covid 19 was not able to stop this Distinguished Club. We have gone international. Way to close out the year KCON! Check us out on page 42. Thanks to Monica Huddleston for the submission and leading the project along with John Ditto and our participating members.

The **Andrea Feltus-Flynn Scholarship And Support Foundation (AFSF)** on a successful first year. They gave three \$500 scholarships to area high school graduates and two \$500 awards, one to **Books N Bros** and one to **Eye See Me Bookstore** in **University City** as their **Community Organizations** for serving African American youth and others through reading books. Some members of KCON serve on the **AFSF Board**.



Member Trivia (Answers revealed at Tuesday's meeting)

## Member

Which month has the most KCON members' birthdays?

### December Birthdays



## Community News & Highlights

# Community Spotlight

### About Beyond Housing

**Beyond Housing** began with housing in 1975, because we understood that Home Matters. Through our work, we learned that the true meaning of home—a place to shelter people and nurture dreams—can only happen in the context of a Strong Community.

Today, Beyond Housing helps communities become better places to live. Thriving communities support healthy families and children. They offer a sense of pride and ownership. They see people through a crisis and help them build their dreams into realities.

We are a comprehensive community development organization convening partners and providing leadership. From purchasing a home to health, education, jobs, and economic development, we offer holistic resources and support. By strengthening communities, we empower the people and families who call their community home.

At Beyond Housing, we are committed to promoting **Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity** throughout our organization and culture. We strive to understand and appreciate the individuality of every employee and create a better place to work for all. We nurture a culture where everyone positively acknowledges equity through action and is aware, understanding, and appreciative of diversity.



**OUR 24:1 INITIATIVE WAS CREATED TO HELP SOLVE THE SERIOUS CHALLENGES FACING THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE NORMANDY SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

Our vision is to go beyond simple tolerance and fully embrace the things that make each person unique. We recognize that our employees' differences support our ability to advance equity for the communities we serve. Further, we understand that equity is critical to the fulfillment of our mission to help entire communities become better places to live. **Beyond Housing** is located at 6506 Wright Way, St. Louis, MO 63121. **KCON** has partnered with **Beyond Housing** on several projects and we donate to their Beyond the Backpack Fair. **Cassandra Griffin** represents them at meetings and is a member of our club.

*Info taken from [beyonddhousing.org/who-we-are](http://beyonddhousing.org/who-we-are).*



Community Trivia



**What does Normandy Schools Collaborative have in common with US Bank?**

# KCON C-O-N-N-E-C-T-S

## KIWANIS CLUB OF NORMANDY 24:1 EXECUTIVE BOARD

### CLUB OFFICERS

2021-2022

Valerie Isreal, President  
Charlie Dooley, President Elect  
Jacqueline Payton, Secretary  
Sheila Williams, Asst. Secretary  
Joe Riebold, Treasurer  
John Ditto, Immediate Past President

**Douglas Anders, President Emeritas**

\*Newly elected

### DIRECTORS

Mary Mans  
Dr. Randy Mikolas  
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to improving the world  
one child and one community at a time.*



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## CLUB OF NORMANDY 24:1