



January is an open book to both the children of Columbia and the Kiwanis Club of Columbia.

The club started its month with an excellent program by Sarah Howard of the Daniel Boone Regional Library on the library's impressive "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten."

The program provides packs of books to families with small children to encourage them to read to their kids. The concept is that if a child has heard or tried to read 1,000 books before they enter the school system, they will be well-prepared to learn to read.

The program has been adopted in various forms by communities across the United States, spearheaded by the 1,000 Books Foundation.



# 1000 BOOKS Before KINDERGARTEN

The library's program dovetails perfectly with the club's January edition of "100 Things" program. To celebrate our Centennial Year, the club has sworn to each month donate 100 items to a local charity or youth organization.

January's project is to donate 100 children's books to the Columbia Public Schools Center for Early Learning, the Nora Steward Early Learning Center or First Chance for Children. All the books will be aimed for children 5 or under.

Club members can donate gently-used books or buy new books. Either way, bring the books to a meeting or get them to Leigh Kottwitz.

Members can also donate money that will be used to purchase books.

Skylark Bookshop in Columbia offered a 20% discount on books for the program. Direct checks to Treasurer Ernest Hildebrand Hildebrand and he will channel the donations to the non-profit Kiwanis Club of Columbia Foundation. Money can also be donated through the club's Facebook page.

# Kiwanis Club Of Columbia Missouri

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## 2021- 2022 Officers

### President

Clyde Bentley  
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### Secretary

Janet Schisser

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Ernest Hilderbrand

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Dale Metcalf

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Cecilia Young (3)  
Gene Gerke (3)  
Norma Fair (2)  
Jack Meinzenbach (2)  
Sally Robinson (1)  
John Haralson (1)

(\*) Denotes term years

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### Meetings

Every Tuesday at noon  
HyVee Rockbridge  
Community Room  
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Or by Zoom during the  
pandemic

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## Kiwanis Club of Columbia & Kiwanis Club Foundation

Minutes of Hybrid Board Meeting  
Held at The Rock Bridge HyVee  
Community Room  
and available via ZOOM  
December 14, 2021

**Meeting** was called to Order by Treasurer, Ernest Hilderbrand, at 12:55 pm. President Clyde Bentley was out of state but attended via ZOOM along with Cecilia Young. Other Officers and Board Members present in person were Dale Metcalf, Janet Schisser, John Haralson, Sally Robinson, Jack Meinzenbach, Norma Fair, Gene Gerke. Absent were Liz Sensintaffar, Lynn Limback,. Non-board members present were Leigh Kottwitz and Jack Miles. A quorum was declared.

**Minutes** from the last regular board meeting of November 16, 2021 had been distributed prior to the meeting via email. Approval of the minutes was unanimous.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer, Ernest Hilderbrand presented the final Reviewed Financial Reports for FY 2020-21 for both Club and Foundation, adjusted for the corrections and adjustments approved at the November 16, 2021 Board meeting. Dale Metcalf moved acceptance of the report, Jack Meinzenbach seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of these reports is attached to these minutes.

Treasurer Hilderbrand then distributed Financial Reports for FY 2021-2022 through December 14, 2021. Since the current year reports included a comparison to current year Budget, the vote was delayed until the Budget was approved.

Secretary Schisser presented the Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022 along with an email from President Bentley and opened the floor for discussion and questions. President Bentley participated in the discussion and answered questions as asked. Sally Robinson moved acceptance of the Budget as presented, Gene Gerke seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of these reports is attached to these minutes.

Upon approval of the Budget, Sally Robinson moved acceptance of the Treasurers Financial Report for FY 2021-22 as of December 14, 2021, Jack Meinzenbach seconded and the motion

passed unanimously. A copy of these reports is attached to these minutes.

The Memorial Trust Fund Report as of November 30, 2021 was presented by Dale Metcalf. The total value of the MTF overall as of 11-30-21 was \$514,474.41. The invested funds show a decrease in value of \$2,390.44 for the month. The report shows a balance in the Central Bank of Boone County (CBBC) Money Market account of \$2,061.25. Jack Meinzenbach moved approval of the MTF Report, Sally Robinson seconded and it passed unanimously. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes for the record.

**New Member Application** – There were no new member applications in hand.

**Administrative Items** – there were no administrative items discussed.

### Committee Reports:

•Sally Robinson reported that the Centennial Committee met and discussed celebration plans. The December project of 100 items will support Afghan Refugees. The committee will continue presenting monthly history programs.

### President's topics:

- Treasurer Ernest lead discussion regarding challenges being faced supporting Kiwanis Youth Programs and the effect the pandemic has had on Club operations and fundraising. Ernest suggested that thought be given to re-evaluating the definition of Young Children Priority One (YCPO) entities eligible to receive the MTF annual income donations be extended from ages 0-5 to ages 0-10. Discussion ensued. President Clyde requested that Dale Metcalf invite Lucas Redburn to speak at a Club meeting as soon as can be scheduled regarding investment strategies.

**Next Official Board Meeting:**  
**January 18, 2022 ....** following regular Club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Janet Schisser, Secretary



# COVID-19 challenge continues with omicron surge

By Clyde Bentley, President

The effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic continue to create challenges for the Kiwanis Club of Columbia.

The club suspended its in-person meetings in April 2020 and only moved away from its all-online format in August 2021 after vaccines for the virus became more available. We were able to meet in-person but with a Zoom option first at Broadway Christian Church and now at the Rockbridge HyVee.

Just as life seemed to be returning to normal, a new virus variant returned us to confusion. Omicron is much more virulent and spread around the world in weeks.

If there is a plus side to this new variant with the Greek letter few of us knew, it is that it seems to be somewhat less severe than earlier versions and its harshest symptoms are avoided by people who are both vaccinated and “boosted.”

But lots and lots of people are still getting sick. COVID cases in Boone County are now higher than they have been anytime during the pandemic.

Kiwanis International suggests that clubs require people who attend club events to be vaccinated, wear masks and to sign a waiver saying they won't sue Kiwanis if they catch COVID.

On Jan. 1, I sent an email to members that discussed the seriousness of the situation and made five requests:

- If you are not vaccinated, please stay home and attend our meetings by Zoom. Vaccination is not the ultimate defense, but it is the strongest recommended by health officials.
- Wear a mask during our meetings, except when eating. The current recommendation is to move up from cloth masks to the N-95-style paper masks.
- If you feel ill at all, stay at home. Sniffles, headaches, fever and aches can not only be signs of COVID, but may indicate the flu. The flu is also a serious disease.
- If you can get one of the home self-tests for COVID, take the test before coming to the meeting. I was able to buy three sets of

tests at Walmart and my wife and I will test ourselves each Sunday.

- When in doubt, meet us on Zoom.

Take note that these are my own recommendations and not policy set by the club board of directors.

We will discuss the issue more thoroughly at the January board meeting, but as of yet there are no plans to suspend live meetings or events. We will, however, watch what reactions the Columbia Public Schools and other bellwether organizations have to this latest change in the pandemic.

In the meantime, I hope that you will take your health and the health of the club seriously. If you have questions or want to confidentially report a positive COVID test, please contact me directly at [clyde.bentley@gmail.com](mailto:clyde.bentley@gmail.com) or (573) 999-1580.

## Anniversaries

Linda & Dany Schust	Jan. 3
Jack & Darlene Miles	Feb. 1
Deborah & Carey Stidham	Feb. 14

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eric Cunningham	Jan. 3
Andy Ward	Jan. 8
Valerie Shaw	Jan. 19
Ernie Lee	Jan. 27
Charlie Lee	Feb. 7
Liz Sensintaffar	Feb. 9
Sally Robinson	Feb. 15
Gene Gerke	Feb. 17
Lynn Limback	Feb. 18

## Welcoming Afghan Refugees

→ Text "WelcomeMO" to 91999 to support Catholic Charities work with Afghan refugees

Catholic Charities - welcoming refugees to mid-Missouri for more than 40 years.



## "100 Things" helps Afghan refugees

The Columbia Kiwanis Club donated more than 100 vital items to the WelcomeMO program the Catholic Charities of Mid-Missouri. WelcomeMO is coordinating the resettlement in the Columbia area of nearly 300 refugees from Afghanistan. The donation was part of the club's "100 Things" monthly program marking our Centennial Year.

## January Club Calendar

Program coordinator Leigh Kottwitz

- 1/3** Service project at First Chance for Children, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 1/4** Regular noon meeting at Rock Bridge HyVee. Program: Columbia Library's 1,000 Books before Kindergarten project. Sarah Howard speaking.
- 1/11** Regular noon meeting at Rock Bridge HyVee. Program: The history of the club's teacher recognition program. Jack Miles and Gary Smith.
- 1/22** Service project at the Food Bank 8:30- 10:30 a.m.
- 1/18** Regular noon meeting at Rock Bridge HyVee. Program: Welcome Home program.
- 1/18** Board of Directors meeting. 1 p.m., immediately following regular club meeting.
- 1/25** Regular noon meeting at Rock Bridge HyVee. Program: Jennifer Roberts about her children's book and recent trip to Africa.

## Club History: Celebrating almost 100 years of service



A look back through our files as we prepare for our centennial



In the early 1990s, actress and Stephens College alumna Dawn Wells joined Kiwanis presidents to raise money for the Kiwanis Children's Cardiac Center — which later became MU's Children and Women's Hospital. The photo was missing some IDs, but that is our Ray Landsford in the silver suit, Fred List on the left, Harlan Hackett in the back and Ellen Dent at the right.

Courtesy Ellen Dent