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NEXT MEETING
January 12, 2022
Outstanding Students
12:30 pm

JANUARY 2022

- JAN 5** - Greater St. Louis Honor Flights - John Kellogg
- JAN 12** - Outstanding Students – Green Park Lutheran School and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic School.
- JAN 19** - Helping Hands & Horses - Donna Holz.
- JAN 26** - Board/Business Meeting.

12 members, and two guests present: today's speaker, John Kellogg, a longtime volunteer of Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, and Linda Kuchar, Connie's sister-in-law, a possible new member. Louann opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pauline followed with the invocation. Bill spoke about how nice the Christmas Dinner turned out and everyone attending enjoyed the delicious food. Thanks again to all who helped plan this event.

John Kellogg was brought up as a Navy brat and he personally served 26 years in the Navy. He then worked for McDonald Douglas and thereafter Boeing until retiring in 2011. He wanted to stay part of the service scene and therefore has since volunteered for the Honor Flight. Earl Morris was the original founder of the Honor Flight. Earl was a pilot and started the flights with six airplanes and several fellow pilots in 2006. Since then, a total of 2560 veterans have been flown from St. Louis to Washington, DC to see their memorials and this year will represent the 100th flight. There are four flights out of St. Louis each year. Veterans are picked to go in the following order: WWII, Korean and then Vietnam war. Also, those veterans who are in poor health and age are considered first picks. Each veteran has an assigned guardian for the trip. This guardian is responsible for all assistance needed. Guardians must be FFF, fast, fit and furious, able to push a wheelchair for 5 miles and lift at least 100 lbs. The trip to Washington is free for the Veteran but each guardian must contribute \$550.00 to have the honor of assisting a veteran. Flights leave at 6:00 AM via Southwest Airlines and return the same day at approximately 8:00 PM. Upon arriving at Baltimore International Airport, the veterans are transported via motorcoach. They are given a tour of all the military monuments including the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It's a very emotional trip as thankful cheering Americans line the pathway to the different locations. Some of the locations have school children handing out cards of gratitude. Group and individual photos are taken throughout the day. These photos are developed and then sent out to the veterans at a later date. Upon returning home and descending the plane, flags line the airport as a tribute to their sacrifices. Thanks to John and others like himself, this is a wonderful thank you to our Veterans.

Meetings: Wednesdays – 12:30pm - Frailey's Southtown - 4329 Butler Hill Rd. 63128 (at I-55) - 314-892-1866

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Today, the members present voted to cancel the 2022 Trivia night due to escalating COVID cases. Ed has secured our spot for Feb. 4, 2023. Connie made the suggestion that we consider other fund-raising avenues and Mary suggested that we may consider revamping next year's Trivia night events.

Happy \$\$: All for today's program.

50/50: Drawing - Mary.

Lotto Ticket - Jeanne.

Thanks to Jeanne for taking the notes of today's meeting.

Trivia Night Cancelled

Our Annual Trivia Night event originally scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022 has been cancelled for this year due to COVID concerns. For those of you who like to plan ahead, we have already re-scheduled for next year on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Seven Holy Founders Church Hall. You can save the date and mark your calendars if you are so inclined.

Meeting Cancellation Policy

This winter we will again follow the Mehlville School District Snow Day policy if inclement weather should occur on one of our meeting days. If the Mehlville School District declares a snow day or a virtual instruction day, our meeting will also be cancelled. In other words, if the students do not go to school, neither will we go to our meeting. On questionable days, tune in to the TV or radio for school district cancellation announcements.

Member News

Bill Leonard has heard that he will be included in the St. Louis Honor Flight plans for March or April. We are happy that Bill will get to go on that trip. **Roy Wunsch** will have knee replacement surgery in early February. **Judy Burnette** fell recently and broke her hip. She has had surgery and is in rehab. **Sherry Stevenson** continues to have problems with her knee. Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers for full and speedy recoveries.

Builders Club Meeting

Builders Club meets every other Wednesday at Bernard Middle School at 6:30pm

Builders Club met on 12/1 at Bernard. 4 students in attendance. Students decorated holiday cards that will be sent to active duty US military through the USO. Students from the Chamois Youth Fellowship also made cards that will be delivered along with those from Builders Club. We are delivering nearly 50 cards.

Plans are in place for a small holiday party at the next meeting on 12/15. In January, we will start distributing pencils through the libraries at both Washington and Bernard Middle Schools. They will have a note attached with mission and meeting dates/times. Hoping we recruit some new students this way.

Oakville HS Key Club News
OHS Key Club meets twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, 2:15pm, library.

Our next meeting is January 10th. We have 4 upcoming events:

1. Donations for FCCLA's presents for PAWS. Members can donate dog care items for points, and FCCLA will give them to local animal shelters in need.
2. Members can volunteer for the ongoing Winter Wonderland Walk, a non-profit event members can help direct guests through the lights display.
3. TSA STEM Night: Members can donate snacks and supplies to TSA to host their STEM Night, a night of fun activities for elementary students to get them excited about the world of STEM.
4. The Run Santa Run Race: members will volunteer to help run this charity 5k.

In other news we have an Instagram account! Follow us @oakville_keyclub

Anna Brand, Secretary

Mehlville HS Key Club News
MHS Key Club meets once a month,
usually on the 1st Thursday,
but sometimes on the 2nd Thursday, 2:15pm, library
see monthly calendar on the first page of the K-NEWS.

Mehlville High School's monthly Key Club meeting for December was held on December 9 after school. This was the most attended meeting we have had all year.

At this meeting, we celebrated the Holidays by doing some holiday crafts for members of the community and sharing some popcorn. It was so much fun. Additionally, we discussed the Salvation Army recent bell ringing. Also, we talked about an upcoming collaboration with the local business: Pet Supplies Plus. We are hoping to get Key Club involved by dressing up as Santa. Finally, Mehlville media is planning to interview a few of our officers for the schoolwide broadcast.

We are excited that all of these events will help to spread the word of Key Club and strengthen our positive effect on the community.

Mehlville Key Club wishes Kiwanis a Happy Holiday season!

Alex Norrenberns, Vice-President

JANUARY

Birthdays: Judy Burnette - 1/1
Steve Dodson, Honorary Member - 1/18

Anniversaries: None in January.

Kiwanis Anniversaries: Shirley Zoellner - 1/10/08 Bridgeton Kiwanis
10/9/12 South County Kiwanis
Bill Leonard - 1/30/13
Pauline Roth - 1/30/13



President Louann Elledge of the Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis presents a check to John Kellogg, a long-time volunteer with the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight program, for the great work that they do in helping veterans visit Washington DC to see the memorials erected in their honor.