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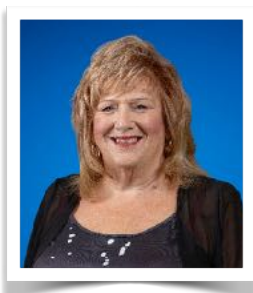
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Governor Carla's Message

Hello, my Fellow Kiwanians, excitement abounds in MO-ARK!

#1. KI is about to start a new year of AMPLIFY. Check out this video link to help get the exciting details about this new program year: [AMPLIFY](#). As a reminder,

registration closes soon – February 25! The first module will launch on March 7. Imagine how much more effective we can be with this leadership training.

#2. Mid-Year Education Days and the Governor's official visit to Region VI February 19 in Springdale, AR, Region VII February 26 in Hot Springs, AR, Region I March 5 in Kansas City, MO and Region IV March 12 in St. Louis, MO. Mark your calendars for the date and location that work best for you, and I'll see you personally at each event, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Register today at: [MID-YEAR](#)

#3. There will be a Club Revitalization Boost in the two days before each MYED event. It's an amazing opportunity for your Club to get assistance in club growth if you are in these areas of Missouri and Arkansas. Let us help you find new members, fresh ideas and more hands for service. We work hand in hand with you, so that you are super recruiters after we leave.

#4. At the four official Governor's visits, I will be sharing my Governor's project with you all: the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp. We need help from each and every MO-ARK Club to make the camp more accessible and usable for more months of the year. My goal for this year is \$25,000 in donations to help the camp Foundation get started on their building. The camp is the best example of why we should never "hide our light under a barrel." Beatrice Johnson was never a Kiwanian, yet she donated 160 gorgeous acres of land designated for a children's camp to MO-ARK Kiwanis. Please help me bring this building project to fruition by making a Club (or personal) donation to BJKYK!

#5. The MO-ARK membership contest is 2/3 done- take advantage of this growth opportunity. Talk about the great accomplishments of your Club to others, and invite them to join you in making your community it's best by having more hands for service. Be certain to get your new members added on the Secretary's Dashboard before 3/31/22!

#6. The wonderful Kiwanis Club of Sedalia celebrates their 100th Anniversary on March 23rd. Congratulations! Join the party, or send a note of congratulations.

We Are Family - and THANK YOU for being my partner in improving the MO-ARK Kiwanis experience for each and every club member!

#KidsNeedKiwanis

On cover; Mid-Year Ed Days Springdale, AR



Membership Contest Update

Greater Hot Springs, a Division 15 Arkansas club, has taken the lead in the group for larger clubs in the second Membership Contest sponsored by the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis, with two months to go.

Meanwhile, another Arkansas club, Clarksville (Division 20), extended its huge lead in the group for smaller clubs. Clarksville started the Kiwanis year Oct. 1 with four members but has now tripled its roster to 12 — a 200% increase. Greater Hot Springs has been steadily adding members over the past three months and now has 38, an increase of eight, or 26.7%.

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. Winners will be determined by the greatest percentage of increase during the contest period.

The St. Joseph, Mo., club (Division 2), the previous Group A leader, added another member in January, but its percentage increase of 25.8 falls slightly behind the Hot Springs club.

Smithville, MO (Division 3), made the biggest jump in Group A, adding three members in January and climbing from 13th place to third.

St. Charles, Mo., a Division 6 club, and Crestwood-Sunset Hills (Mo.), Division 9, stayed at their previous roster levels, and dropped one place in the standings.

The most significant change in Group B, other than Clarksville extending its lead, was made by the St. James, Mo., club (Division 10), which added two members in January and moved from 10th place to fourth.

Cave City, Ark. (Division 17), which jumped from nine to 13 members — a 44% increase — held steady in second place. Buffalo Area, Mo. (Division 26), added a member in January and moved past Greater Spanish Lake, Mo. (Division 7), into fourth place.

Overall, Mo-Ark was plus-94 for the year with 3,951 members. Of the 37 clubs in Group A, 21 had membership increases as of Feb. 1. Of the remaining 126 active Group B clubs, 47 have shown a positive net on their rosters since Oct. 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.

Contest leaders — Feb. 1, 2022

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

	Club	Division	Oct. 1	Feb. 1	Change	Percentage
1	Greater Hot Springs, Ark.	15	30	38	8	26.67%
2	St. Joseph, Mo.	2	31	39	8	25.81%
3	Smithville, Mo.	3	33	37	4	12.12%
4	St. Charles, Mo.	6	54	60	6	11.11%
5	Crestwood-Sunset Hills, Mo.	9	35	38	3	8.57%
6	Columbia-Boonslick, Mo.	5	38	41	3	7.89%
7	Bridgeton, Mo.	7	45	48	3	6.67%
8	Gravois, St. Louis County	9	33	35	2	6.03%
9	Lebanon, Mo.	26	53	56	3	5.65%
10	Columbia, Mo.	5	36	38	2	5.55%
11	Springdale, Ark.	24	92	97	5	5.43%
12	Fulton, Mo.	5	37	39	2	5.41%
13	Hannibal Early Birds, Mo.	1	38	40	2	5.23%
14	Huntsville, Ark.	24	43	45	2	4.65%
15	Palmyra, Mo.	1	45	47	2	4.44%

Contest leaders — Feb. 1, 2022

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

	Club	Division	Oct. 1	Feb. 1	Change	Percentage
1	Clarksville, Ark.	20	4	12	8	200.00%
2	Cave City, Ark.	17	9	13	4	44.44%
3	Buffalo Area, Mo.	26	8	11	3	37.50%
4	St. James, Mo.	10	11	15	4	36.36%
5	Greater Spanish Lake, Mo.	7	6	8	2	33.33%
6	Maplewood, Mo.	9	13	17	4	30.77%
7	Marshall, Mo.	3	26	33	7	26.92%
8	Mountain Home, Ark.	18	21	26	5	23.81%
9	Chillicothe, Mo.	2	14	17	3	21.43%
10	Lee's Summit, Mo.	4	15	18	3	20.00%
11	Booneville, Ark.	20	17	20	3	17.65%
12	Wright City, Mo.	6	29	34	5	17.24%
13	North Little Rock, Ark.	25	18	21	3	16.67%
14	Cottleville Weldon Spring, Mo.	6	12	14	2	16.67%
15	South County, St. Louis	9	19	22	3	15.79%

MO-ARK District Mid-Year Education Days



Mid-Year Education Days are coming soon to a regional event near you! Gather your Kiwanis Club pals and join us for a day of dynamic presentations and idea sharing to support your club's growth and leadership goals!! Don't need ideas for your awesome club? Please come and share your club's secret sauce with everyone else!

We are committed to providing quality educational opportunities at each of the following four regional one-day events:

- February 26, 2022, in Malvern, Arkansas - Arkansas State University Three Rivers, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104, Keith Great Room (A300)
- March 5, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri, North Cross United Methodist Church, 1321 NE Vivion Road, Kansas City, Mo 64118
- March 12, 2022, in St. Louis, Missouri - Logan University, 1851 Schoettler Rd, St. Louis, MO 63017

The events will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with registration starting at 8:00 am.

The morning will feature three workshop presentations

- Revitalizing Your Club with Club Coaches
- Club Meetings that Attract, Inspire & Retain Members
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

During lunch, you will enjoy a keynote speaker who is a regional expert on children's issues.

After lunch, there will be engaging Roundtable discussions, where you can rotate between 20-minute smaller group discussions, as you choose.

Regional committees will provide more details on speakers and roundtable topics as we are closer to date of the event.

Cost for each one-day event, including lunch, is \$35.00/person. If you choose to attend more than one event, the cost is \$20 for one-time registration fee and \$15 per event for lunch.

When you click the button to register below, you can select the venue/date that works best for you. Please register as soon as you can. Our registration deadline will be 3 business days before the date of the event you are attending.

[See the schedules for each Ed Days by clicking here.](#)

[Click here to register. Do it today, you'll be glad you did!](#)





2020-2021 Distinguished Clubs

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Distinguish Clubs. In a year of turmoil, zoom meetings and club closings; eight clubs were able to persevere to become distinguished.

They were:

Batesville

Christian County

Independence

Liberty

Meramec Valley Community

Saint Charles

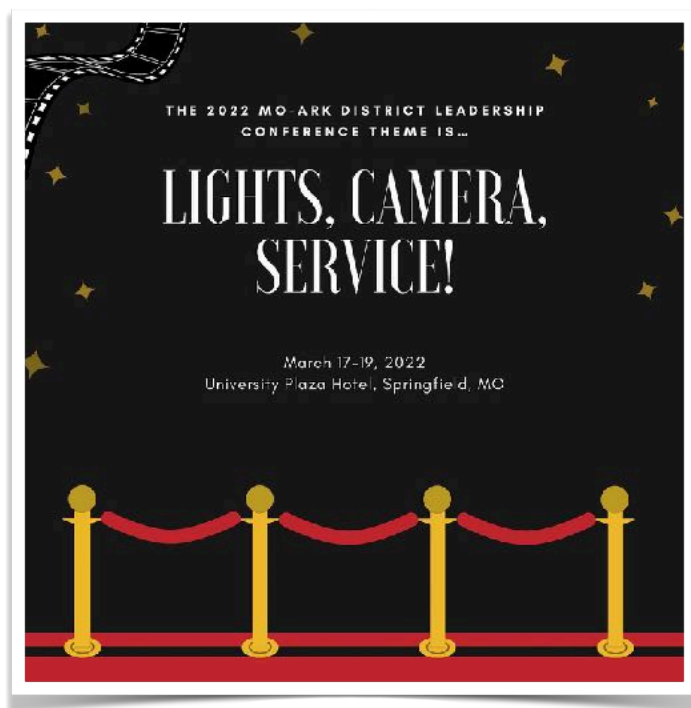
Springdale – Downtown

Springfield (Downtown)



With the membership contest in full swing with only a little over a month left, your club can be distinguished. The deadline for this year, 2021-2022 is September 30, 2022. You can find the criteria and application by [clicking here](#). Let's see how many distinguished clubs and division we can create this year. What a great legacy for Governor Carla to be recognized by Kiwanis International as a Distinguished Governor. We Can Do It!!!

MO-ARK District Key Club District Leadership Conference



Kiwanis in Action

National Reading Day Celebrated



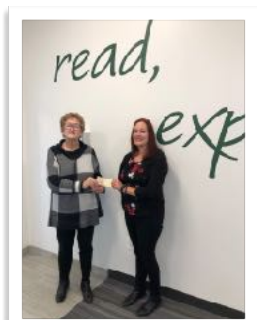
Caryl Mussig reads Flat Stanley to the group

The St. James Head Start celebrated National Reading Day with a little help from friends, members of the St. James Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis Club member Caryl Mussig read "Flat Stanley and the Firehouse" to the children for story time. After story time the children, with help from Kiwanis members Caryl Mussig, Art Gamst, Gigi Gamst and Maretta Diestelkamp, worked on craft projects. Students made firefighter



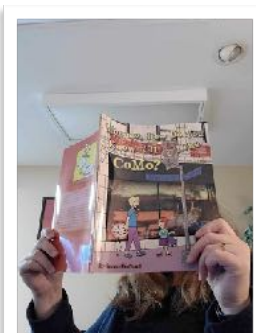
helmets, fire trucks and their own "Flat Stanley". Each student received a copy of the book "Flat Stanley and the Firehouse" to take home with them. Books were purchased with funds from the Harold Wright Memorial Fund in memory of Harold Wright, former member of the St. James Kiwanis Club. This was the fourth year the St. James Kiwanis Club has partnered with the St. James Head Start for National Reading Day. Reading truly is a way to engage with others and in some small way make a big difference in the life of a child.

Wright City Kiwanis Club gives to book program



The Kiwanis Club of Wright City held a Books and Bingo event in November 2021 to raise money for the Dolly Parton "Books From Birth" program sponsored by Warren County Literacy. Children from birth through age 5 receive a book in the mail each month through this program. Kiwanis President Mary Groeper recently presented Penny McClain from Warren County Literacy, with a check for \$4,000 to help continue this program in Wright City.

Boonslick Kiwanis Club adds books to lending libraries.



Boonslick Kiwanis received a kind donation of almost 300 copies of the children's book called, "Mommy, How Do You Know I'll Like CoMo?" about a young girl's experience when she moves to a new town. We split the books and delivered them to 11 children's organizations we support. New club member, Allie Pigg and several of her friends volunteered to deliver books to the Boonslick Kiwanis Little Lending Library and other local Little Lending Libraries.





SLP's in Action

Newport Key Club hosts luncheon for veterans.

Newport High School Key Club, sponsored by Newport Kiwanis Club of AR, sponsored the annual Veteran's Day luncheon following the Veteran's Day program assembly on November 11, 2021. The assembly is hosted by the JROTC program. The veterans, from Jackson Co., enjoyed a scrumptious meal of taco soup with Fritos, pimiento cheese sandwiches, and various desserts in the NHS Hungry Hound Cafe. The Key Club students made the desserts, escorted and seated the veterans following the assembly, and served lunch, drinks and desserts to the veterans. The cafeteria staff was given the recipe for the soup and hired by the Key Club to cook the soup. The Earl Collins Foundation Service Leadership Program Grant helped to fund our Veteran's Day Luncheon. Thank you so much Kiwanis!



Newport High School Key Club Members

Union Kiwanians and sponsored SLP's participate in Angel Tree Project



Union High School Key Club Members, from left: Key Club President Amber Kossmann, Hunter Sperry, Lucy Koeningsfeld

Union Kiwanis Club members, United Bank of Union employees, and Kiwanis-sponsored Key Club and Builders Club delivered Christmas gifts and holiday cheer to area families in December as part of the annual Angel Tree Project. Each family also received a \$50 gift card to Fink's Discount Foods, sponsored by an anonymous donor to the Union Kiwanis Foundation and Jim Strubberg with Leroy A. Strubberg & Associates. For more than 30 years, the bank, Kiwanis Club and community have come together to make the

holiday season a little brighter for our neighbors and friends in need. This year 42 families with 116 children were served.



Immaculate Conception Builders Club members (except Union High School Key Club member Lucy Koeningsfeld, second from left in first picture.)

Crestwood Sunset Hills K-Family make holiday cards for heroes.



On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, the Crestwood Sunset Hills Kiwanis had their second Holiday Cards for Heroes event as a K-Family Gathering. They had participants from the Kiwanis Club, Lindbergh High School Key Club, Sperreng Middle School and several Lindbergh grade schools. There were 37 students, parents, school advisors and Kiwanians in attendance.

The group created over 220 cards Holiday Greeting cards for "troops" unable to return home to be with their families for the holidays. Half of the cards created were sent to soldiers stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and the other half were sent to various military bases overseas.



Julie Berman, Kiwanian pictured at right with some of the K-family students.

Kiwanis in Action

Batesville, AR Kiwanis football program makes major change.

The Batesville Kiwanis Youth Football League (KYFL) made a major change in their program in 2021 by joining the NEA Youth Football League. KYFL began in 2004 with the intent of forming a league where the members would only play themselves and not travel.

Starting with 92 players and increasing to 246 players during the years where Southside School joined our program for 5 years, our numbers decreased in the last 4 years where we could not sustain our base model.

In 2021, we decided to join NEA Youth Football League, a travel league. NEA was started in the fall 1996 with 5 charter schools and had 21 schools in 2021.

We had great success with regular season schedule: 4th grade 2-1, 5th grade 7-0, and 6th grade 6-1 and all 3 teams made it to the Super Saturday finals on October 30th in Brookland, AR. This being our first year we are proud of the fact that in we made the finals in all three divisions.

The 4th grade Kiwanis Pioneers, coached by Zach Deckard, had 24 players and finished with a 2-2 record. The 5th grade Kiwanis Pioneers, coached by Jackie Cunningham, had 21 players and finished with a 6-2 record. The 6th grade Kiwanis Pioneers, coached by Corey Davidson, had 23 players and finished with a 7-1 record.

The Kiwanis Youth Football program from its beginning in 2004 has registered 2736 participants and 306 cheerleaders since 2013.



4th grade Kiwanis Pioneers, coached by Zac Deckard.



5th grade Kiwanis Pioneers, coached by Jackie Cunningham.



6th grade Kiwanis Pioneers, coached by Corey Davidson.

Crestwood Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club's "Toys for School Kids"



In December 2021, the Crestwood Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club led the annual "Toys for School Kids" campaign. Now in its 30th year, this program involves the club placing toy bins at local drop off points, collecting and sorting toys, and taking them to elementary schools in the city of St. Louis. This year the club provided about 3,500 toys for 637 children in three city schools. Club members visited each school and served as personal

"shoppers" for each child as they went through the gym choosing toys, books, and stuffed animals.



Pictured right to left, Diane Slattery, club member, and Anne Raeber, long-time volunteer participant in this event.

Kiwanis in Action

Boonslick Kiwanians hear from local Boys and Girls Club director.



Pictured left to right: Amy and Valorie from Boys and Girls Club of Columbia, Rebekah Robertson, Barbara Wolf and David Mast of Boonslick Kiwanis Club.

Boonslick Kiwanis members stopped by Boys and Girls Club for a tour and to drop off a check for \$1,600. This is in addition to a \$600 check from Boonslick Kiwanis to Boys and Girls Club last month. After reading about how Boys and Girls Club was pivoting to fill the immediate need for learning pods for remote learning, we invited Executive Director, Valorie Livingston, to a weekly meeting to tell us more. She shared their need for funds to meet new regulatory requirements that came at the same time that their funding was cut.

The club was moved to donate \$600 to Boys and Girls Club from 2 committees. Club member Dave Mast shared at a club meeting that he received a check for \$1,600 and was about to receive another check for

\$600 from the government even though his income has not been affected by COVID. He said that he would like to donate some of those funds to Boys and Girls Club and invited the rest of the members to do the same. Club members donated a total \$1,600.

South Co.-St. Louis Kiwanians donate to Helping Hands and Horses.

The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently welcomed Donna Holz of Helping Hands and Horses, Inc. to tell their members about the organization. Helping Hands and Horses, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization currently providing equine assisted therapy to Veterans, Children, and Adults at no cost. President Louann Elledge presents a South County Kiwanis pen and a check to Donna Holz to assist in their work.



Columbia, MO Kiwanians volunteer at food bank.



Jim Bowman and Leroy Sharped worked "assembly line style" filling passing boxes with powdered milk and raisins at the Food Bank, Jan.22. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Columbia volunteer at the Food Bank the last Saturday of each month.



Kiwanis in Action

South Co.-St.Louis Kiwanians honor students



Pictured from the left are Ahmo Ramic, Ben Butchko, Brian Fuess, and Kai Burstein. In the back row are Kiwanian Pauline Roth and Point elementary principal Dr. Shannon Pike



Pictured from the left, Estelle Templin, Chase Hagan, Ayana Memisevic. Not pictured is Delilah Lopez. In back, Kiwanian Pauline Roth and Oakville Elementary School Principal Dr. Meagan Ochoa.

The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored Sarah Bussen of Green Park Lutheran School and Joe Murphy of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic School as its "Outstanding Students." Sarah and Joe were honored for their outstanding academic performance, as well as their involvement in school and community activities, and the service they render to their respective schools and the community. In addition to a Certificate of Recognition, Sarah and Joe each received a gift card to a local store. The club also honored students from Point and Oakville Elementary Schools, in the Mehlville School District as Terrific Kids for showing great improvement in attendance, grades, academics, behavior, or some other area as determined by their teachers.



Pictured with Sarah and Joe are their parents Mark & Joy Bussen, and Christy Murphy.

Liberty Kiwanians pack up hot meals

The Liberty, MO Kiwanis Club and Liberty North High School Key Club members had a joint service project where they helped box 572 hot meals out the door in 1-1/2 hours at The Micah Ministry on Monday, February 7th in the Old Northeast area of Kansas City.



Kiwanis Club of Columbia's program of "100 things" continues

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. 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 donate gently-used books or buy new books and can also donate money that will be used to purchase books.



In Memoriam

Division 1

Harvey Young
Kirksville

Division 7

Edith Lois Cole
Jennings-MO

Division 11

Robert J Milner
Sedalia

Division 14

Charles Stalker
Sikeston

Hugo Dippold
Cape Girardeau

Division 15

David Fulton
Greater Hot Springs Village

Nap Videan
Hot Springs Village

Division 16

Roy Cooper
Jonesboro

Wilma Maiers
Jonesboro

Division 18

David Elkins
Berryville

Division 25

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

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