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On the cover: At the International Headquarters in Indianapolis. Front Row: Mary Vaughan, Teri Jacob, Tiffany Ermeling, Carla O'Brien & Sue Prentice. Back row: Sue Gamache, Caryn Watson, Chelsea Fox, & David Mast



Governor Carla's Message

Hello, my Fellow MO-ARK Kiwanians!

A huge welcome to our new MO-ARK Kiwanis family members as in May we opened two new clubs: Kiwanis Club of Springfield North (15 new members) and Kiwanis Club of

The Ozarks (Branson Area) (27 new members). We are so excited to have these invested, community minded, youth-oriented volunteers join us. We are all looking forward to their official Chartering ceremonies: August 12 for Kiwanis Club of The Ozarks and August 13 for Kiwanis Club of Springfield North.

MO-ARK is planning another two city Club build August 8 – 11 in Little Rock and East End Arkansas. Sponsoring clubs are needed, as well as a team of boots on the ground those days and appointment calling preparation teams. Please let me hear from you if you can assist in this effort. #KidsNeedKiwanis

Please be certain that your club is taking advantage of the Two For Two program materials sent to each club Secretary, just another tool to help your club grow and thrive! Remember your MO-ARK resources if you need help: Governor Carla O'Brien @ Carla.obrien@outlook.com, 314-520-7905, Ralph McCormick, Club Strengthening @ flylow77@centurytel.net, 479-970-1001, and Barb Thompson, Membership Chair, @ barbthompson4kiwanis@gmail.com, 314-780-4464

It is important that all clubs have their 2022-23 officers reported in the Secretary's Dashboard, we really needed it by June 1.

CLE Training is in the planning stage throughout our District and dates should be available soon. While it is not quite as effective because it will miss the District information, Kiwanis International will offer online CLE training: for:

Presidents: 8/1/22 at 7:00pm

Secretaries: 8/2/22 at 7:00pm

Treasurers: 8/3/22 at 7:00pm

Membership Committee: 8/4/22 at 7:00pm

MO-ARK is very honored to have **Kiwanis International President Designate Burt West in attendance at our District Convention** August 26 and 27 in Springfield, MO. Don't miss the opportunity to hobnob in person! Please don't forget that we have two candidates for Governor-Elect for the August election:

Paul Sherman of Springfield South Club in Missouri, 30-year member, past Lt Governor; and past Earl Collins trustee

Elbert Bradley of Foreman Club in Arkansas, 8-year member and current Lt Governor of Division 23

Plan to join the MO-ARK Convention on August 26 and 27 to vote for your new Governor Elect.

It has been announced that we will be back to in person Key Leader Camps at \$195 per student. These will be held:

October 21-23 at Camp Mihaska in Bourbon, MO

November 4-6 at Camp Tanaka in Hot Springs, AR

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



International Convention in Indy

29 Missouri Arkansas Kiwanis members attended the convention

Members from around the district attended the annual convention held in Indianapolis June 8–11th. A great time was had by all. The education session were very interesting. I'm sure those members will bring the ideas shared back home to use in our communities.



Bert West (left) of Divide, Colorado, U.S., was elected president and Katrina J. Baranko (right) of Albany, Georgia, U.S., was elected president-elect at the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Lee Kuan Yong, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, (lower right) was elected vice president. All begin their new terms on October 1, 2022.



These three Kiwanians were elected trustees for the United States and Pacific Canada Region:

Steven R. Ingram, Valparaiso, Indiana, U.S.

Gary Jander, San Diego, California, U.S.

Jackie Sue McFarlin, Othello, Washington, U.S.



For the first time since 2019, the House of Delegates voted on proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. [Click here for the results of all amendments.](#)

Ron Hill, Past District Governor was a candidate for Trustee. He missed gaining a spot by just less than 100 votes. He ran a great campaign. We'll get it next year!!



For more information about the convention [click here.](#)



Governor Carla being recognized at the House of Delegates. Middle picture is MOARK Delegates in the House!

Dates for future conventions:

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA	June 21-24, 2023
Denver, Colorado, USA	July 3-6, 2024
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA	June 25-28, 2025



More from the ICON



Flag ceremony with Mary Vaughan and Cheryl Anderson carrying flags. Sue Prentice watched the valuables.



Cheryl Anderson representing at the service project to feed the under served of Indiana

Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Cheryl Anderson, Mary Vaughan, Sue Prentice, Caryn Watson, Tiffany Ermeling, Sue Gamache, David O'Brien and Carla O'Brien at the social activity at Victory Field.



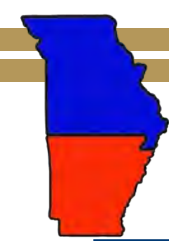
Bonnie Paulsmeyer posing for a postcard picture!!



Tour of the International Office. Mary found Ray Lankford's picture. Carla was practicing for the job of Kiwanis CEO!!



Of course, it wouldn't be right without food. The group at the district dinner and Carla, David and Bonnie at the Distinguished Club Luncheon.

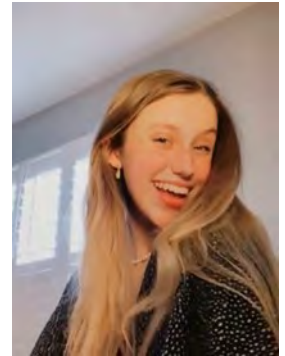


District News

Key Club Update

Hello Kiwanigram readers!

My name is Sophia Selby, and I am the new MOARK Key Club District Editor for this upcoming year. I am an incoming senior at Liberty North High School (Division 1), and I'm excited to provide updates on what work our district board is doing to support MOARK Key Club to our best potential.



The MoArk Key Club board is happy to announce that we are off to a very strong start for the 2022-2023 year! So far, we have performed strategic planning, and determined our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for our team. From constructing our planning, this allows budgeting and fiscal responsibility, while having a better understanding of policy and procedure rules. We have also developed a mission statement and core values for our district board to follow by. Working among our districts, we are seeking to reorganize the divisions to offer better communication and efficiency between Lieutenant Governors.

To mention our membership numbers within our Key Club divisions, currently we have 99 paid clubs, with 3,124 members throughout the region. Though these numbers are lower compared to past years, we are still continuing to grow back from pre-pandemic times, with a big emphasis to connect with clubs to see where they are, and what support we are able to give them.

The MOARK Key Club district board is proud to present the Jan Sinclair Memorial Fund, to provide opportunities for grants towards the district board members for registration purposes, and to provide quality presenters for DCON as well.

Thank you MOARK district Kiwanians and clubs for the continued immense support for our Key Club district board! With you, we are able to grow our Key Club communities and divisions to their best potential. Lastly, I would like to mention to please reach out to your local Key Clubs to interact and develop connections in order to strengthen relations among Key Clubs and Kiwanis!

Again, I am so beyond excited to see what our potentials will bring us this year, and continue to make updates on the work we are doing!
Sophia Selby

New District Shirts are here!!



The Missouri Arkansas District has created a new district polo shirt. The district secretary is now taking orders for new shirts. The shirts are Ultra-Club Cool & Dry Stain-Release Performance Polo. Women's sizes are form fit. Fabric: 4.8 oz., 100% polyester mini jacquard, Anti-bacterial, Anti-static, Moisture-wicking, Stain-resistant, UV 15-39 protection. Feature: Relaxed fit, Flat-knit collar, Deco Eligible.



Orders will be taking until July 10th and will be delivered to the District Convention. Contact Mary Vaughan at kiwanismoark@outlook.com.

The cost will be approximately \$30 per shirt. I'll have a final cost when quantity is set.





Special Kiwanis Presentation

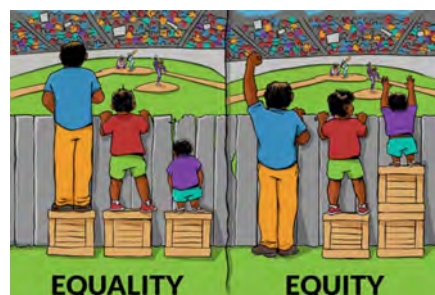
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: History and Future, A call for Systemic and Individual Action

There are two major cases that support the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion (at a systems level). The Social case states that each individual should be able to access opportunities that allow them to access meaningful careers, pursue their passions and pursue lifelong learning opportunities which lead to a family sustaining wage. The Business case states that there is a persistent skills gap in the United States. A company's bottom line depends on the training, attracting, hiring and retaining of qualified diverse talent.

To address both social and business cases for systemic inequalities or discrimination, the federal government enacted the **Civil Rights Act of 1964**. This act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 2, 1964. The Act was enacted to prohibit discrimination in public places, provided for the integration of schools and other public facilities, and made employment discrimination illegal. At that time, this Act was revered as the most sweeping civil rights legislation since reconstruction (archives.gov).

The Civil Right Act identified the following as protected classes or groups of individuals who should be protected from discrimination:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Gender
- Religion
- Disability (1990)
- Age (1967)
- Sexual Origin (2020)



Title VI was enacted as part of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964. This Title prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial aid.

The purpose for the establishment of Title VII was to level the playing field by requiring employers to consider only objective, job related criteria in making employment decision. This Title prohibits discrimination in employment circumstances.

The Title VII of the Civil Rights Act created the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) to implement the law. Due to Title VII and the EEOC, employers have Affirmative Action statements visibility posted on websites and on all hiring advertisements. Affirmative Action is a federal policy established to promote members of groups that have previously suffered from discrimination, in areas in which people are underrepresented in education and employment. Affirmative Action (created July 1, 1996) is the governmental policies and practices seeking to include particular groups based on:

- Gender
- Race
- Sexuality
- Creed
- or Nationality

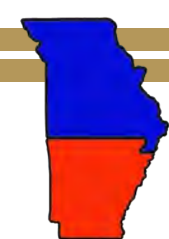


The **U. S. Department of Education's Office for the Civil Rights (OCR)** was established to oversee and enforce these laws. The OCR was created by the Department of Education Organization Act of **1979**, upon the Department's establishment, on May 1980, to investigate alleged violation of the Title VI. The mission of the OCR was to ensure equal access (inclusion) to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the country through various enforcements of the Civil Rights Act. (catalog.archives.gov)

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act were federal laws enacted to prohibit home lending discrimination ("redlining"). These federal laws ban discrimination based on someone's race when a person is trying to rent or buy a home, as well apply for a mortgage. It also made it illegal to impose predatory interest rates or fees (Equity).

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990. This as a civil rights law, is some of the most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination based on disability. The ADA guaranteed that people with a disability have the same opportunities as everyone else

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Special Kiwanis Presentation

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: History and Future, A call for Systemic and Individual Action *Con't*

to participate in mainstream life. The law was enacted to allow persons with disabilities the right to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services and to participate in state and local government programs and services. It is modeled after the 505 rehabilitation Act of 1973, which addressed discrimination based on disability (ADA.gov).

Title IX, of the Education Amendments of 1972, protected people from discrimination based on sex in educational programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. As a result, any school that receives federal money from elementary to university level must provide fair and equal treatment of the sexes in all areas, including athletics (history.com) (Equity and Inclusion).

On June 15, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark decision affirming that the prohibition on sex discrimination in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 extends to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and gender identity (Equity).

The U.S. has made great gains at addressing systemic inequalities and discrimination over the past fifty years. Although great advances have been made, there continues to be work to be done. As we continue to focus on systemic inequalities, let us also place a priority on identifying the root causes.

As we move forward with the DEI work, let us consider practical strategies to close the opportunity gaps that continue to plague our nation. Let us look at the following as root causes and vehicles for continual inequalities, discrimination, harassment and hate. Policies/ Processes (voting redistricting, voting laws); Environment (food deserts, location of companies expelling hazardous waste); Instruction (funding for inner city and rural low income and minority public schools); Beliefs/Expectations (beliefs that Asian Americans brought COVID to the states; Mexicans are taking our jobs); People (the browning of America.)

Let us now begin to do a deeper dive into the root causes of inequalities and look inwardly not only outwardly at systems.

Questions to answer:

- Are we able to not only look at systems, but are we able look inwardly at individuals, communities and ourselves? What are our beliefs and expectations of ourselves, others? What are we teaching our children? What are our children learning and from whom?
- Do we believe that different means deficit?
- Are we willing and able to shift from a deficit- based thinking to a strength – based thinking paradigm? Are we ready for a paradigm shift? Are we prepared to learn or relearn about people who may be different from ourselves?
- Are we ready to take on the work, as individuals and communities to become equity-minded leaders?
- Are we ready to use an equity lens to assess how we communicate, think, and treat one another?
- If we are prepared to start the work of becoming equity- minded leaders, the following three components have been presented by Bensimon, Dowd and Harris (2007) in Accountability, Equity, and Practitioner Learning and Change as first step in the advancement of developing an equity lens and developing equity minded leaders:

Being race- conscious (It's no longer time to be color-blind.)

Being aware that beliefs, expectations and practices can be unintentionally discriminatory through implicit biases.

Being willing to actively and intentionally work to dismantle systems that perpetuate inequality and discrimination.

Everyone has an important role. Everyone can make a difference!!!

Dr. Kim E. Armstrong, Vice Chancellor for Student, Equity and Community Affairs, Arkansas State University Three Rivers. DEI Chair, Missouri-Arkansas Kiwanis



Important District Information

Key Leader Camp Finally Returns to District

Finally dates have been set for Key Leader this fall. Camp Dates are:

- Camp Mihaska in Bourbon, MO, on October 21-23, 2022
- Camp Tanako will be November 4-6, 2022

The fees for the camps have been reduced to \$195 for student participants and \$150 for student facilitators (camp counselors). The \$150 fee would also apply to adults chaperones and volunteers. The fees were lowered from \$225 for student participants and \$175 for student facilitators in past years. This lowering of fees was possible due to the \$10,000 grant from the Earl Collins Foundation. The lower fees will help get the students back in to the camps after a two-year hiatus.



For more information, contact John Goss, District Chair – Key Leader at 501-350-7279 or email: Johnginlr@aol.com or Gossappraisals@yahoo.com.

Missouri Arkansas District Convention

August 26 & 27, 2022—University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, MO. The committee is still working out the details but we want to announce that Bert West, President Designate will be our special guest.

We are again selling ads for the program. Please find the [application form here](https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10222795071213891&set=gm.10159154379793369). <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10222795071213891&set=gm.10159154379793369>

This is the tentative schedule for the convention. We are currently scheduling the educational sessions. More information will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Friday – Aug 26:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration & Delegate Registration
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Make Up Certified Leadership Education Training
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Information Booths/Display Tables
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Educational Forums
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	District Council Meeting for Presidents & Lt. Governors
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Back to Kiwanis Dinner

Saturday – August 27:

8:00 am – 12:15 pm	Registration & Delegate Registration
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Educational Session
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Roundtables
12:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Kiwanis - We Are Family Lunch
2:15 pm – 5:00 pm	HOUSE OF DELEGATES
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Governor’s Banquet

We can’t wait to see you all at the district convention. Mark your calendars now so you don’t miss it.





Governor-Elect Candidates

We are very excited to announce two (2) candidates for the office of Governor-Elect. Here are their bios. More information will be given in the full convention information.

Paul Sherman—Springfield South, MO Kiwanis Club



Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Paul Sherman, a balding 63 year old Springfield lawyer (practiced now almost 37 years) who has been a MO-ARK Kiwanian since April 9, 1992 (over 30 years). My Club is the Springfield-South Club where some just call me "Sherm". I have served our Club in many capacities, including as its President (1996-1997), and our Division (13) as its Lieutenant-Governor (1999-2000). I have been and remain an Earl Collins Foundation Trustee (Div. 13) for many years. Our Club has always met and continues to meet without fail every Thursday at NOON. Come early for the upcoming Convention and joint us for lunch.

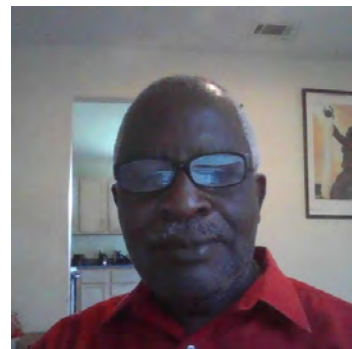
I grew up around Kiwanis. Originally from the Bootheel, my Dad is Roger B. Sherman (Mo-ARK Governor 2003-2004). He just celebrated 89 years and will be at Convention in August.

I am the oldest of seven (7), all are married, college educated and live in either Missouri or Arkansas. My wife, Bev and I have been married 39 years. We have raised four (4), again all college educated, who now live in Rogers (Luke), Kansas City (Sam), Columbia (Elise) or St. Louis (Hayley). Only one (1) is married (Sam and Taryn), our two girls are engaged to marry this coming September and March. No, we don't have grandkids (yet). We do have two (2) dogs and a cat, and always will (Bev is a veterinarian). We like to fish, camp, travel and hobby (Bev does felting, I just bought a new bandsaw).

Why run? I believe I can make a difference for all of us. We need growth in Kiwanis, and we all know that. To me that just means more hands to do service, more GREAT people, and we all contribute in our own ways, but how? We do it together. My own personal situation is changing- empty nesters, slowing down at work (both Bev and I)-your situations may be changing too. But how do we choose to spend it? I submit we all re-engage with kids, families and communities through Kiwanis. Perfect example, two (2) new clubs recently reestablished in Branson and Springfield----the new members are incredible and I am highly motivated and greatly energized by the experience---more to come! You will be too!

Elbert Bradley—Foreman, AR Kiwanis Club

Elbert Bradley Jr, born July 4, 1949, in Foreman, AR. to Elbert and Ruthie Bradley, the oldest of seven children, attended Unity High School in Foreman, graduated May 1967, enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps August 1967, Vietnam February 1968 - April 1969, awarded two Purple Hearts among other medals and awards, retired from Marine service after almost 24 years of service. Elbert has been a member of the Foreman Kiwanis Club for the past 22 years.



- 2006-2007-President of local 543 teamsters North County Transit District
- 2010-present member Arkansas Silver Haired Legislation
- 2012-2014 Foreman City council
- 2012-2018 Foreman School Board
- 2015-2016 Lt. Gov. Division 23, 2018-present Lt. Gov. Division 23
- 2015-2016 Area Agency on Aging advisory board
- 2017-present Area Agency on Aging board of directors Southwest Arkansas 2017-2018 Club President Foreman Kiwanis Club
- 2021-present secretary Little River County Democratic party
- 2023-2024 Little River chamber board of directors

Elbert has been involved in rebuilding and maintaining clubs that have closed, hoping to return to active status. He has been a long-time member of the Foreman, AR. Kiwanis Club.



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Union's Immaculate Conception Builders Club Receives Grant

Union's Immaculate Conception School (I.C.) Builders Club received a \$380.00 grant for service to their school and community. I.C. Builders Club is a youth service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Union and Immaculate Conception School. The grant was from The Earl Collins Foundation through the Builders Club's youth service partnership with Union's Kiwanis Club. The Builders Club, composed of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, received the grant based on their "Support through the Seasons" service project for the homebound/nursing home attendees of Immaculate Conception Parish and the Preschool students of Immaculate Conception School. Kate Schroeder, I.C. Builders Club School Sponsor, said: "Through these projects of giving, club members experience how a small act of kindness can be very rewarding."



Pictured from left to right: Reganne Platt, I.C. Builders Club secretary; Damon Blankenship, I.C. Builders Club honorary secretary; Lucy Scott, Kiwanis Club of Union president; Gina Peters, Kiwanis Builders Club advisor; Morgan Krimmel, I.C. Builders Club vice president

Kiwanis Club of Independence

volunteering at project shine this morning. Annual event for the Independence School District to do landscaping and painting.



Maplewood Kiwanis Club Honors MRH Key Club Seniors

The Maplewood Kiwanis Club honored the 2022 seniors and the other members of the MRH Key Club on April 27, 2022. President, Barry Greenberg presented the seniors with a Key Club graduation cord and certificate of appreciation for their service. There are 10 Key Club members who will be graduating from MRH. Lt. Governor, Bonnie Pauls-meyer, thanked the members for their service and congratulated the seniors. She encouraged them to continue their service in a Circle K Club or a regular Kiwanis Club. The seniors that were honored included: Eliza Agers, Sydney Agee, Cherie Bibbs, Jack Clark, Minnie Durham, Mia Hernandez, Talia Jones, Clara Leavy, Abby Stone, and Xaviar Thomas. (All of the seniors could not be present for the luncheon.)

Undergraduate members who attended included: Aleksei Juracisk, Ethan Brinkman, Patrick Meyers, Odessa Javiar, Graham Colvin, Immanuella Batson, and Jordan Phipps.



President Barry Greenberg presents the MRH Key Club seniors with their graduation cords and certificates of appreciation.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Jonesboro Awards Scholarships



Six area high school students were presented with Kiwanis B.H. "Pop" Parrish scholarships May 11. In the photo above, flanked by Jonesboro Kiwanis Club President-Elect Gregg McElhannon and the club's Scholarship Committee chairman, Sid Banks, are (from left) Hayden Partee of Nettleton, Clayton Neal, Zoe E. Zipfel and Julianna Grace Hill, all of Valley View. A week later, as shown in the photo at left, Banks presented a scholarship to Sydney Summitt of Jonesboro High School. All recipients of the will attend Arkansas State University. Also recognized was Ashley Graf of Valley View, who received an Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship and will attend Baylor University.

GLADSTONE KIWANIS 2022 SCHOLARS HONORED

Arlette Lara and Ve Vu were honored as 2022 Gladstone Kiwanis Scholars at the club's meeting on June 8, 2022 at the Antioch Bible Baptist Church. Both students were members of the Key Club sponsored by Kiwanis at their respective high schools. Each received a Certificate of Congratulations and a \$1000 scholarship.

Arlette Lara is a 2022 graduate of Winnetonka High School. She was the president of the school's National Honor Society and the Spanish Club. She was a State Medalist in track, and captained the volleyball and basketball teams. Arlette will be attending Rockhurst University in the fall, working toward a degree in Nursing with a minor in Spanish.



Ve Vu is a 2022 graduate of Oak Park High School. She was a founder and president of the Oak Park Asian Student Union, as well as president of the Key Club, Diversity Council, and International Club. She has been her class representative on the Student Council all four high school years. Ve plans to attend the University of Missouri – Columbia in the fall, majoring in Public Administration with a minor in Civil Engineering.

Photo Caption: Gladstone Kiwanis president Ken Williams, Ve Vu, Arlette Lara, and scholarship chairman Dick Hinderliter





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club Dedicates Little Library

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new Little Free Library at the Claire Gemp Davidson Memorial Conservation Area in Sunset Hills, MO. President Teri Jacob formally dedicated the library and Addie was the official ribbon cutter! Children in attendance got a snack and a book to take home. The library contains children's books for various reading levels and will be enjoyed by local children throughout the summer and beyond.



Kiwanis Club of St. Louis City BBQ Social for Division 9 Clubs

The Kiwanis Club of St. Louis City (Hampton-Midtown) hosted a BBQ Social for the Division 9 clubs and others interested in knowing more about Kiwanis. There were three other Division 9 clubs present for the event—Crestwood-Sunset Hills, Gravois, and Maplewood. Present were Carla O'Brien (MO-ARK District Governor), Bonnie Paulsmeyer (Lt. Governor Division 9), Teri Jacob (Lt. Governor-Elect Division 9 and Crestwood Sunset Hills President), William Humphrey (President Kiwanis Club of St. Louis City), Jim Crooks (President Gravois Kiwanis Club), and many other members from the St. Louis City and Gravois clubs. The evening was lovely, and those attending enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner with terrific conversation and camaraderie. William Humphrey, President of the Kiwanis Club of St. Louis City, spoke to the group. Governor Carla O'Brien also addressed the group and lead us in her song, "We Are Family."



William Humphrey
President
St. Louis City Kiwanis



Carla O'Brien
Governor
MO-ARK District



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Gladstone Kiwanis Club Throws a Mother's Day Baby Shower

The Gladstone Kiwanis Club continued a tradition of throwing a Mother's Day baby shower for low income mothers. They partnered with Operation Breakthrough the Saturday before Mother's Day to encourage shoppers at our local HyVee supermarket to purchase diapers and other baby supplies while in the store and donate them on their way out. Operation Breakthrough then distributed the proceeds to assist mothers who would otherwise be hard pressed to supply the needs of their young ones. Pictured are Melva Deane Lipsey and club president Ken Williams in front of one of the many shopping carts filled with donations.



Bridgeton Kiwanis Club Hold Annual Fishing Derby

On June 11th the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club held its annual Fishing Derby for ages 4 and up. Prizes were awarded to the participants that caught the tagged fish.



Maplewood Kiwanis Celebrates 2nd Place Membership Contest Win!

On April 27, 2022, eight of the Club's members celebrated their second place win in the MO-ARK District Membership Contest. Division 9 Lt. Governor, Bonnie Paulsmeyer, presented President Barry Greenberg and the club a decorated chocolate chip cookie to celebrate the occasion. Besides winning a \$2,000 grant, the club now has 7 wonderful new members. The club is looking forward to providing service and helping those in need in their local community and in the District.



James Silsby and Dick Ulrich
James will be attending Meramec Community College in the fall. He is planning to major in physical therapy or sports medicine. This \$1,000 scholarship was given in memory of Isaac Young, a 56-year member of our club.



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Maplewood Kiwanis Presents \$500 to the Weekend on Wheels Food Program

The Maplewood Kiwanis Club presented Superintendent, Dr. Bonita Jamison, a check for \$500 to support the MRH (Maplewood Richmond Heights) School District's WOW (Weekend on Wheels) food program. The money will be used to provide food for needy families in the district. This money was part of the \$2,000 grant money that was won by the club; the club took second place in the membership contest that was sponsored by the MO-ARK District.



Back Row: Phil Johnson, Dick Ulrich, Scott MacDonald, Jeff Johnson, Barry Greenberg. Front Row: Superintendent Dr. Bonita Jamison, Michael Kilfoy, Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Karen Wood
Members not pictured, but present: Tom Kniepman, Ed Rich

Columbia Aktion Club Makes Blessing Bags

Columbia Aktion Club had a blast making 48 "Blessing Bags." These bags full of toiletries will be placed around town in outdoor cabinets for anyone to help themselves. People also put food and other household supplies in these "Blessing Boxes" for the unhoused among us.



Maplewood Kiwanis and MRH Scholarship Night - May 17, 2022

Maplewood Kiwanis presented three scholarships to deserving MRH seniors on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. Two of the scholarships were in memory of Isaac Young who was a 56-year member of Maplewood Kiwanis. Seniors getting a Kiwanis scholarship included James Silsby, Franciska Teide, and Eliza Agers. Thank you to Marilyn Young for providing the ability to give two scholarships in memory of Isaac. Barry Greenberg, Karen Wood, and Dick Ulrich presented the scholarships. (Eliza Agers was sick that evening and couldn't attend.) Karen is a 1963 MRH graduate, and Dick graduated from MRH in 1961. How wonderful to have MRH grads/Kiwanians and our President as presenters!



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Karen Wood and Franciska Teide
Franciska will be attending Colorado School of Mines. She will be getting an environmental engineering degree. This \$1,000 scholarship was given in memory of Isaac Young, a 56-year member of the club.



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Carrollton Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships

Carrollton Kiwanis Scholarship winners. Jeff Adams, scholarship chair, introduced the five recipients of the \$1,000 scholarships. The recipients, who also received an individual certificate, were Emily Samples – daughter of Stuart and Suzanne Samples; Haley Mansfield – daughter of Marsha Carter; Bruce Grider – son of Justin and Mady Grider; Sydney Bartlett – daughter of Scott and Shawna Bartlett; and Chloe Lock – daughter of Michael and April Lock (Chloe also received the MO-Ark Kiwanis Earl Collins Scholarship for \$1,000). Congratulations to the 2022 Carrollton Kiwanis Scholarship recipients.



Sydney Bartlett, Chloe Lock, Haley Mansfield, Emily Samples, Bruce Grider



Union Kiwanis Club held its 7th annual Student Photo Contest

The Union Kiwanis Club held its 7th annual Student Photo Contest. A total of 99 photos were submitted by 33 students ranging from 5 - 18 years of age. Categories included 5 age groups and a Creative category. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons were presented to 19 students along with a painted rock. A rock was designed and painted to coordinate with each photo. (See photo of rocks below.) The rocks were painted by artist Eileen Wade, a Union Kiwanis Club member.

More than 50 people (students and their families) came to the awards ceremony held on the evening of May 16.

Hunter Sperry (2nd from left in back row) was the winner of the Creative category. His photo "Solitude" is included below.





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Columbia Clubs Collaborated on Event!

The 3 Kiwanis Clubs of Columbia (Boonslick, Columbia and Westside) collaborated for our 70th annual Pancake Day in person!



Ann McGinity and Nancy Burke with the Key club president.



Benton KKids with Mrs. Kelty.



Rebekah Robertson, Ruth and a Key Club Officer.

Roger and Susan Jespersen are recognized by Global Organization

Kathy Josephsohn, treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community (MVC), presents honors to President-elect Roger Jespersen (right) and his wife, Susan (not pictured) for their generous contributions to Kiwanis International's Kiwanis Children's Fund. In addition to the support from the Jespersen's, this year, the members of the Kiwanis Club of MVC have participated in the \$365 Project (\$1 per day) two-fold by donating the equivalent of \$2 per day to the Fund.

In a letter to the club, Chief Philanthropy Officer, Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund Pamela Norman said, "These members have amplified their Kiwanis impact. Their generosity helps feed hungry kids, empowers teens to become leaders and ensures that children have access to the education and supplies that they need." Donations to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, a 501 c (3) foundation, benefits children in all parts of the world and expands the reach of local Kiwanis clubs globally.



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Kiwanis has reached new heights — literally! Members from the Nepal District made a special presentation to 2021-22 Kiwanis President Peter Mancuso: a Kiwanis flag that hikers took to the summit of Mount Everest in May.



Region 4 Clubs Combine to Clean Local Camp

25 members of clubs in region 4—Divisions 6, 7, 8 & 9 assisted Kiwanis Camp Wyman on June 18th to do some cleaning windows, weeding flower beds, repairing swings and power washing the pavilion. It was a beautiful day for service. Clubs involved were Bridgeton, Crestwood-Sunset Hills, Meramec Valley Community, St. Charles, and South STL County. The group worked from 8:30am—12:00pm with the campers in attendance. A huge success.





IN MEMORIAM

Division 2

Jack Kruse
Fairfax

Division 4

Richard Anderson
Lee's Summit

Division 5

Elizabeth Dreyer
Columbia

Division 15

Dennis Stephan
Hot Springs Village

Division 21

Lee Hayes
Beebe

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

Diane Baker, Kiwanigram Editor is on leave. Mary Vaughan created this issue.
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