

Kiwanigram

Missouri-Arkansas District

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Thank you Governor Carla! What a year you have had!

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On the cover:

Governor Carla O'Brien is sitting in the International Executive Directors office in Indianapolis. And she looks good!

Governor Carla's Message



My fellow MO-ARK Kiwanians:

August was our most outstanding month as we organized two new Arkansas Clubs: West Little Rock and Bryant on August 11. Welcome to

these new, excited, wonderful service minded Kiwanians. The official Chartering of Kiwanis Club of the Ozarks was August 12, and North Springfield charter on August 13. Now, on August 26 and 27 at Convention we celebrate fun, education, service, and networking.

MO-ARK has the amazing honor of having Bert West, Kiwanis international President-Designate, and the ever-energetic International Trustee, Cathy Szymanski in attendance. Please be certain to join us for an awesome event! We have 6-1/2 more weeks until the close this 2021-22 year with plans for another new club on the books. Let's all finish strong with new members added to our clubs – more hands for more amazing service. Thank you for being MY KIWANIS FAMILY:



2022 District Convention

WE ARE GEARING UP FOR A WEEK OF FUN AND FRIVOLITY! "Get your Kicks on Route 66" and Get Ready to Learn and Lead!!

(Reminder - this is Mary Vaughan's last convention as District Secretary - Lets make it memorable!!)

When: August 26 & 27, 2022

Where: University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO

Why: Kids Need Kiwanis!!!

Gather with fellow Kiwanians from across the district for training and networking to put you on the fast track to a successful year of fun and service to your Kiwanis Club.

- Inspiring education sessions!
- Training and keynote speech by Kiwanis International President Bert West (IN PERSON!!!)
- Fun-filled evening for trivia fundraiser for Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Camp bring your trivia ringers!
- Kiwanis Hub: Silent Auction for the Earl Collins Foundation, informational exhibits, snacks and networking fun
- Annual business meeting on Saturday afternoon at which delegates from across the district have the honor to elect next year's Governor Elect and hear reports from district committees.
- Service project opportunity: pack a few extra hygiene kit products for the Convoy of Hope service project to show the MOARK Kiwanis spirit of service!

You can find the full convention schedule, delegate forms and all registration information on the district website: www.moarkkiwanis.org
What to bring to the convention:

- 1. Auction merchandise for Earl Collins Foundation Silent Auction (all proceeds support our SLPs, BJKYK and college scholarships).
- 2. Convoy of Hope Hygiene Kits donations Conventions Missouri-Arkansas District (kiwanis.org)
- 3. Your smile and enthusiasm to make this the best convention ever and to return to your home clubs energized and inspired to make a difference for kids around the world!!

Book Your room by calling the University Plaza Hotel at (417) 864-7333.

For more information and to register on the MOARK webpage https://k14.site.kiwanis.org/conventions/





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7:00 – 9:00pm Friday Night Trivia – Fun event to test your knowledge	7:00 - 9:00pm	

Saturday - August 27:

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8:00 am - 12:15 pm	Registration Desk
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Kiwanis Hub
8:00 am - 8:45 am	Past Lt. Governors Meeting
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Workshop – Why is Youth Protection so Important
10:15 am - 11:45 am	Workshop – The Secrets of the District
12:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Kiwanis: ``We are Family Lunch"
·	Keynote Speaker – Bert West, Kiwanis International
	Président
	Key Club Governor - Zach Lay, Liberty High School
	2021-2022 Memorials
2:15 pm - 5:00 pm	HOUSE OF DELEGATES
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Governor's Banquet
•	Retire 2021/2022 Officers – Bert West, International
	President

This event requires a ticket.

Farewell Remarks – Governor Carla O'Brien Installation of District Officers 2020/2021 – Bert West,

while supporting Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp.

International President

House of Delegates

Election of Officers



Roy Ockert is a retired editor, columnist, independent journalist and and a member of the Jonesboro Kiwanis Club. He is also the only candidate for Governor. Roy has served as Governor-Elect and helped build the four new clubs and boost six clubs during the year.

Governor-Elect Candidates

The District is very excited to have two candidates for Governor-Elect that this House of Delegates. They are:

Paul Sherman is a Springfield lawyer (practiced now almost 37 years) who has been a MOARK Kiwanian since April 9, 1992 (over 30 years). He is a member of the Springfield-South Club where some just call him "Sherm". He believes he can make a difference for all of us. Growth is needed in Kiwanis which means more hands to do service, more GREAT people, and all contribute in their 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?" Paul asked, and continued "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 is retired from Marine service after almost 24 years of service. He is a member of Foreman, Arkansas Kiwanis Club. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps August



1967, Vietnam February 1968 - April 1969, awarded two Purple Hearts among other medals and awards. He is currently the Lt Governor of Division 23 in Southwest Arkansas. Elbert has been involved in rebuilding and maintaining clubs that have closed, hoping to return to active status. "I'm a member of the Foreman Kiwanis Club I joined the Foreman Kiwanis Club in 2011, during that time I have had the honor of serving as Club president and the honor of serving as Lt. Governor for Division 23 for the past six (6) years. I have enjoyed and learned so much from the leadership and staff of MO-ARK. Today, I'm asking for your vote to support me

for Governor-Elect. I'm prepared for the position and excited to see what we can do together to make Kiwanis a stronger organization. THANK YOU!!!

House of Delegates

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #1

That the Convention Committee as well as the members of the Kiwanis Clubs in Division 13 are to be commended for their efforts on behalf of all attendees and guests at this District Convention, and that the host city, Springfield and the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, all should be commended by this delegate body for their outstanding efforts and support.

Resolution #2

That the delegate body assembled at this convention express a sincere thank you to Governor Carla O'Brien and First Gent David, Immediate Past Governor AC Paxton and Linda, Governor-Elect Roy Ockert and Pat, Secretary Mary Vaughan, Treasurer Robin Asher, the Lt. Governors, Trustees, District Committee Chairs, and the Past Governors for their dedication to the objectives of Kiwanis and to their efforts to achieve the goals of the Missouri-Arkansas District for the year 2021-2022. We extend our Best Wishes and support for your continued efforts on behalf of all Kiwanians in Missouri-Arkansas District in the coming administrative year 2022-2023.

Resolution #3

That the delegate body of this convention observes a moment of silence in memory of all Kiwanians who have died during this past year.

Resolution #4

That the delegate body assembled at this convention thanks Mary Vaughan for her dedicated work for the district and wishes her well in her retirement.



New Club Charter Events

Kiwanis Club of the Ozarks-Branson

The Kiwanis Club of the Ozarks organized on May 12th. They organized with 32 members! A great

new club! Congratulations!



New club Members:

Elven Akers **Robin Asher Annette Bailey** Allen Berkstresser Jody Blair Stacey Christian **Belvie Coots Gaylene Coots** Benjamin Creedon Katrina Creedon Matthew Creedon Steven Creedon **Zachary Creedon** Joseph Garr Jeff Gerken Teri Groves

Josh Harvey **Angie Hopkins** Harry Kuhnert Debbie Lewis Roger Lewis Thomas Motley Morgan Pettit **Audrey Spratt** Travis Spratt James Steele Kimberly Steele Shane Strahl Pamela Strunk Teri Terry Kate Trokey-Harris Brandi Ward

Club Openers: Pictured:

Joseph Garr, new member; Shane Strahl, Lt. Governor-Designate Division 26; Mary Vaughan, District Secretary; Roy Ockert, Governor-Elect; Barbara Thompson, Membership Engagement Coordinator; Governor Carla O'Brien; Tiffany Ermeling, Lt. Governor Division 6; Paul Sherman, Governor-Elect Candidate; and Robin Asher, District Treasurer.

Not pictured:

Jay Hubbard and Larry Memmer from Kiwanis International.







New Club Charter Events

Kiwanis Club of North Springfield

The Kiwanis Club of North Springfield organized on May 12th. They organized with 21 members! A great new club! Congratulations!



New club Members:

Ryan Aubuchon
Billy Claiborn
Carolyn Cook
Amanda Desa
Jody Dow
Roy Edge
Ryan Flowers
Staci Franklin
Cara Gammill
Missy Handyside
Debra Herren

Lora Hopper John O'Donnell Emily Proctor-Block Kasey Rose Erin Shaw Rob Sorbo A Summers Angie Valchev

Barry Williams



President Lara Hopper receiving a Proclamation from the City of Springfield by Ryan Aubuchon.







New Club Opening Events

Kiwanis Club of Bryant, Arkansas



Here's the new Kiwanis Club of Bryant, Arkansas, these are the stalwart folks who made it through all of the new club decisions. First official club meeting on August 25th at US Pizza, 6:00pm, and every 4th Thursday thereafter.

1st row L-R Cheryl Golden, Darryl Golden, Chris Bunch 2nd row L-R Rebecca Kidder, Allan Scott, AJ Ambort, from Kiwanis -Carla O'Brien, Kendra Morris, Thom South, Roy Ockert at U.S Pizza Company.







Kiwanis Club of West Little Rock, Arkansas







West Little Rock, Arkansas Dixie Quinn Nelson Regina Taylor Staci Croom-Raley Liz Forrest John Selva Beth Downs **Fantasia Beavers** Paul Bax

Here's the

Pam Bax new Kiwanis Club of David White **Kory Thatch** Shelby Thompson **Club Openers:** Lyndal Waits **Gary Baker** Barb Thompson Laura Gilliland Oni Watson - at Shotgun Dan's

New Fundraising Project

The District is already planning for a project for 2022-2023. **Kiwanis Shirt Quilt** is being planned to be created by 2023 District convention in Northwest Arkansas. We are asking every club to donate a Club Shirt to be included in the quilt.

Please contact your Lt. Governor to collect the various club shirts. They will get it to Robin Asher, District Treasurer. Our new member of the Kiwanis club of the Ozarks Teri Terry, will create the quilts (s), depending on how many we get.

For more information, contract Mary Vaughan, District Secretary at kiwanismoark@outlook.com or call 314-581-0497 or Robin Asher at moarkdistrict-money@outlook.com or call (417) 838-1787.







New District Shirts are here!!

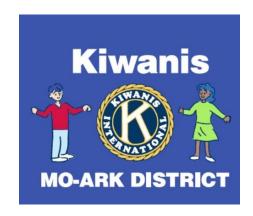


The Missouri Arkansas District has created a new district polo shirt. The district secretary is now taking orders for new shirts. The shirts are UltraClub Cool & Dry Stain-Release Performance Polo. Women's sizes are form fit. Fabric: 4.8 oz., 100% polyester mini jacquard, Anti-bacterial, Anti-static, Moisturewicking, 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.



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.



Governor's Signature Project

Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp

BJKYK Foundation P O Box 1998, Russellville, AR 72811-1998

Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp is holding a raffle to support Governor O'Brien's signature project to raise money for construction of a head-quarters cabin at the camp. Raffle prizes to consist of an inflatable stand



up paddle board with accessories (Grand Prize) and a gift basket full of outdoor necessities (2nd Prize).

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be held at the MO-ARK District convention during the Saturday night Governors Banquet August 27, 2022.

South County—St. Louis donates to Open Space Council

Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis President Louann Elledge presents a check to Bonnie Harper, Executive Director of the Open Space Council of St. Louis for her presentation at a recent meeting. OSC's primary goals are restoration, protection, and invasive species clean-up of open spaces within a 100-mile radius of St. Louis.



Crestwood-Sunset Hills Awards Scholarships

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club recently awarded scholarships to two outstanding young women who will be heading off to college this fall to pursue careers that will, in turn, directly benefit others! Pictured below are Ida and Alexia with club president Teri Jacob.





Cuba Kiwanis Club Welcomes New Member and Recognizes Long Term Member

The Cuba Kiwanis Club is excited to welcome new member Loretta Callahan. Loretta currently serves as Builders Club advisor at Cuba Middle School.

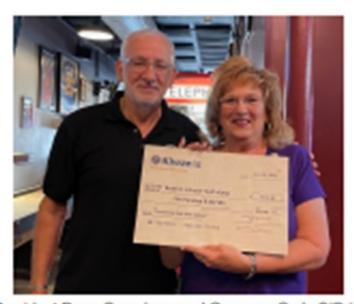


The club also recently recognized Spencer Hutson for his 30 years of service with the Cuba Kiwanis. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of children in Cuba as well as around the world.



Governor Carla O'Brien Visits Maplewood Kiwanis Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp Donation

Governor Carla O'Brien visited the Maplewood Kiwanis Club on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. After Governor O'Brien presented a program on the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp which is located in Arkansas, President Barry Greenberg presented her with a check for \$500. This money was part of the money that the club won from the MO-ARK District's membership contest. The club wanted to give back to the District in the form of a donation to the District's youth camp.



President Barry Greenberg and Governor Carla O'Brien



Governor Carla O'Brien's Visit to the Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, Missouri

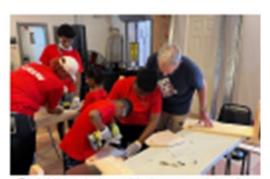
Maplewood Kiwanis Donates to Carpenters Kids Camp

One of the charities that received a \$100 donation from Maplewood Kiwanis (money won from the MO-ARK membership contest) was the Carpenters Kids Camp which provides a camping experience for 12 children in north St. Louis County. The camp was created and is run by Bishop Terrance Coleman, a pastor in the north county area. During the week-long camp, the campers learn many skills and life-long lessons including, safety, responsibility, character building, carpentry skills, gun safety, work ethic, and much more. They learn that faith, education, and training are the key to being able to live a happy and successful life. The men and women who mentor these children are amazing people who give of their time to make a difference for the children. The Maplewood Kiwanis Club donated 8 saws for the toolboxes, and member Bonnie Paulismeyer donated the other 4.

Bishop Coleman and one of his pastor friends, Bishop Keith Mosby, presented a program to the club. Members had the opportunity to learn a lot about the camp and its mission to serve children. New member Dick Ulrich was so impressed he even spent one day at the camp to help with the building of the toolboxes.



Maplewood Kiwanis presented 12 saws to Bishops Coleman and Mosby for the Carpenters Kids Camp.



Dick Ulrich helps with the assembly of the toolboxes.



Campers use their newly acquired skills to repair the fence of an elderly couple who lives in the area.



Carpenters Kids Camp 2022 A job well donel

Gladstone Kiwanis Club Throws a Mother's Day Baby Shower

Each August the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce hosts a project to welcome 250 new teachers in the North Kansas City School District. The Chamber solicits businesses and civic organizations to purchase a list of items for the new teacher bags. Suggested items are pens, pencils, note pads, post-its, erasers, lotion, snacks, etc. The Chamber fills and provides bags of these items for the 250 new teachers. The Gladstone Kiwanis Club provided enough items to fill 10 new teacher bags with the suggested items.

Scholarships

Kiwanis Club Presents

In June, the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community (MVC) presented three scholarships to local high school graduates. Pictured from left are Kathy Josephsohn, Kiwanis Club treasurer; Nina Fedorko, Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship; David Meisinger, Parkway West H.S. Scholarship; Kyndal Christy, Valley Park Education Foundation; and Kiwanis Club President Angie Oshia.



Gladstone Kiwanis Club provided the picnic lunch at the annual North Kansas City Public Library field day

The Gladstone Kiwanis Club once again provided the picnic lunch at the annual North Kansas City Public Library field day to honor all readers who had completed their summer reading program. Started in 2003, the picnic includes hot dogs, chips, dessert, and bottled water. This year 111 junior readers completed the program, qualifying them to bring their parents and siblings for a day of fun, games, and lunch. KC Wolf, the mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs, also showed up for pictures with the kids. It is always a fun time that the Gladstone Kiwanians look forward to each year.









The Kiwanis Club Rewards Young Amateur Photographers

The Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community (MVC) sponsored its **first-ever Kids Cell Phone Photo Contest for young photographers.** First-, Second- and Thirdplace cash prizes were awarded for winning entries in two categories, "Nature/
Wildlife" and "Coolest Pet."

The Kiwanis Club invited students, ages 13 to 19, attending middle and high schools in the club's service areas: Ballwin; Ellisville; Eureka; Manchester; Valley Park and Wildwood. Students competed against their peers in two divisions - middle and high school. Photos were judged by **Lois Ingrum** and **Ed Crim**, professional photographers at Studio 858, St. Ann, Mo.

The winning photos can be viewed on the Kiwanis Club of MVC's website, www.mvkiwanis.org.

All contest winners attend schools in the Rockwood School District. Pictured, from left, Middle School Winners; Front Row: Julia Woody and Caidyn Harris; and Back Row: Kiwanis Club Kids Cell Phone Contest Committee Chair Judy Gustafson and High School Winners; Samantha Haney; Lydia Lehmann; Alyssa Berens and Faith Williams.



Gladstone Kiwanis Club holds Children's Drawing Contest

A presentation ceremony for the winners of the 2022 Northland Children's Drawing Contest was held on August 13 in the children's section of the North Kansas City public library. The contest was sponsored by the library, the Gladstone Kiwanis Club, and Adam Schwery of Country Financial. Entries were judged by the artists of the Northland Art League.

Entries were separated into four age bands. The winner in each band had their entry matted, framed, and decorated with a big, blue ribbon. In addition they received a \$25 gift card from Country Financial. The theme of this year's contest was "Someplace I would like to visit someday". Among the entries of 5-6 year olds, the winner was Paisley Lee, who wished to visit Lego Land, Space, the Easter Bunny, and Minecraft, all on one entry form. The 7-8 year old's ribbon went to Lily Sutherland who chose to visit Thailand. The 9-10 year old winner was Tyson Stamets with a desire to visit a place of Magic. A third time repeat winner, Anthony Pham, won the 11-12 year old band with a wish to visit the Moon. Third time winners automatically become Honorary Judges for subsequent contests.

All entries in the contest are on display throughout August on the wall in the children's section of the North Kansas City public library. The four winning entries are featured with blue ribbons at the base of the display.







Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village Scholarship

At the May 3rd Honors
Award Program at Mountain
Pine High School, the
Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs
Village Scholarship
Chairperson, Ted Hart presented Bayley Brown with a
much-deserved scholarship.





Hot Springs Village Kiwanis club Presents Scholarships at Jessieville High School

— The Jessieville High School Senior Awards night took place on May, 23rd this year.

The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village representatives were there to present scholarships to five deserving seniors. The Scholarship committee chairperson, Ted Hart, presented 4 of the scholarships to Ben Combs, Alia Savall, Harli Bassett and Rebekah George. The fifth scholarship, the Bob Grinnell Memorial Scholarship, was given to Samantha Robertson by Barb Grinnell.

The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village offers scholarships every year to graduating seniors at Jessieville and Mountain Pine. Seniors must complete an application that is reviewed by the scholarship committee. Future graduates can obtain applications from their school counselors.



Our HUGE thanks to the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club for donating 40 backpacks filled with school supplies for our Back to School Bash for BFT kids this weekend!! And to all who have donated so far! We so appreciate all of these amazing donations, and thank you so much for your support! This will make a huge difference for our foster families







IN MEMORIAM

Division 3

Sandra Swartz

Liberty

Gail Thurlo

Robert Pavlu

Carrollton

Division 13

Gary Short

Republic

Division 15

Richard Fulton

Hot Springs Village

Division 16

Stacey Travis

Osceola

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 summited by email to moarkkiwani-gram@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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