

Good afternoon!

This comes to you as a leader in your club (or a past leader). I also am needing updated emails for the new leadership in your club. Please let me know as it is really difficult to keep up with the changes. I will try my best.

News:

New MOARK Leadership! We have already received the new newsletter from our new Governor Roy Ockert. I know the year will be challenging for him but also rewarding. We all need to give Roy our support in the various projects that MOARK is working on.

1. Inductions of Officers - I believe that most of the Inductions are completed, I have been to several and enjoy the meet and greet, the good food and especially hearing about how the clubs are doing. I have yet to hear that the club has totally stopped, but to the contrary, there are a lot of projects / service events / fund raisers and such going on in Region 1.

Rodeos / Band Days / Pumpkin decorating / Trick-or-Treat Street / supporting the various fall community celebrations / Oktoberfests / Pancake Breakfasts / Peanut - Gummi Bear Days / Chili Drive-thrus / Hot-dog drive-thrus / Dictionary Projects / Key Club and Builders Club meetings / Terrific Kids / Golf tournaments / and so many more.

2. Dues - The Kiwanis International changes as to the dues structure is in effect now. Go to the webpage:

<https://k14.site.kiwanis.org/dues-new-member-fees/#:~:text=All%20Kiwanians%20in%20our%20district,October%20%2C%202021%3A%20%2497.00>.

for more information.

3. Don't forget to support the Earl Collins Foundation and the Kiwanis Childrens Fund - they give scholarships and grants throughtout MOARK. See the rules for Club of Distinction -- to ensure that you are going to meet the rules - and support of Earl Collins Foundation is in that set. Also, if you go to the MOARK website, Distinguished Club information is there - but not the updated form. In the updated, there is a note for Kiwanis International Foundation - and that is now the Kiwanis Childrens Fund. So plan accordingly. Here is the link to the Distinguished Club info - and all clubs should be able to meet the criteria!

<https://k14.site.kiwanis.org/distinguished-club/>

4. Fall Fun - have fun with your club - do something exciting that will attract visitors and potential new members!

How about a Pie Contest at a club meeting? Or a golf outing for the club members - doing a chipping contest - or a nearest to the hole contest? Raise a little money with this!

How about a meeting of "swapping tall tales?" - and see how much laughter we can have with our friends!

How might a "Moment of Mirth" during the meeting go over? fun? Cheesy? but there will be smiles all around!

How about a Trivia Night? With guests, Key Clubbers, friends, other business people in the

community? How about doing this as a part of the Chamber of Commerce meeting - they have the dinner / meeting and your club is the Trivia provider - getting recognition as the "cool kids" in town!

Or a fishing derby with kids and parents - with Kiwanis providing the hot dogs, condiments, cokes, etc.

Or a bicycle rodeo / safety program in a large parking lot?

So many ideas, tons of fun, and not enough time for everything!

5. Have a great Fall!

There is a new directive to get back to having "Interclubs" - going to another club to see how things work and then have that other club come to your meeting for another exchange. Get out and about! Kiwanis is a social / service / fun organization! Who knows? Your club may be the winner of the Interclub contest!

Prepare for winter, and then in March we will have our MOARK Education Days Conference! and in June, the KI Convention in Minneapolis. And in August we have our next MOARK District Convention.

Thank you to our Lt Governors and others that helped ensure good Inductions of Officers.

Division 2 - Patsy McGuire (St Joseph)

Division 3 - Greg Atkins (Smithville)

Division 4 - Cheryl Anderson (Lee's Summit)

We will be needing new leadership in the near future as some of our Lt Governors and myself will be finishing our terms of office. Rule changes: You only need to be a Kiwanian with a good basic knowledge of how Kiwanis works, to become a Lt Governor or Trustee. These are all volunteers, and not "Volun-tolds". We enjoy helping the clubs and enjoy meeting new friends at the various clubs.

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM - Membership! If you do any of the above ideas / suggestions, your club will re-energize and you will then be able to attract new members! Have a good program at your meetings. Have an agenda and stick with it for each meeting, and the efficiency will help new members know that their time is not being "wasted" by just another meeting. They will see the positive impact your club has in the community with all of the kids benefiting from the activities.

I recently went to another organization's meeting, curious about how that organization did things. It was the "Woodworkers Guild of Kansas City". The meeting had purpose. It had fun and laughter. It had reports, announcements, and projects from various committees. But it kept to the topic and ended on time. And what blew me away: It didn't just have the 41 people that attended the meeting. They have over 900 members in the single club! All had an interest in the club through woodworking.

Moral: What about Kiwanis? We all have an interest in children and youth - creating better communities and helping others. There have to be many more out there that have the same interests and goals.

Again, have a wonderful fall.
For the Kids,
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#kidsneedkiwanis - Children need the support of caring adults
"May the saddest day of your future be no worse than
the happiest day of your past." (an Irish Blessing)