



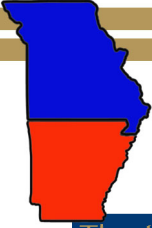
# Kiwanigram

Missouri-Arkansas District

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Serving the children of the world



# Governor Roy's Message



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One thing I've learned in my first three months as governor of the MO-ARK District is that you get to see a lot of these two states.

Before taking this office, I've heard some old-timers lament that the governor no longer visits all 26 divisions, but rather aims for trips into the nine regions. I know my predecessor, Carla O'Brien, did a lot of traveling, and I'm off to a fast start.

Although I'm a lifetime resident of Arkansas, I've already visited two cities where I'd never been. My trip to Siloam Springs on the northwestern border came in September, after I had been installed but before officially taking office. There I found a large and very enthusiastic club.

In early December First Lady Pat and I journeyed to Helena-West Helena on the southeast border by the Mighty Mississippi. There we joined in honoring a 50-year Kiwanian, Adrian Messina.

Counting September, I've been to two clubs in Division 21 (Beebe and Conway), Siloam Springs in 19, Bryant in 15, West Little Rock in 25, and Helena-West Helena in 22.

This month I'll attend the charter ceremony for the Northwest Jefferson County club in Division 7 before heading to Las Vegas for a Governors Conference. Then it will be back to Northwest Arkansas for visits with the Springdale and Huntsville clubs in Division 24 and Gravette in 19. On the way home we'll stop for the headquarters cabin ground-breaking at the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Camp near Russellville, my original club, in Division 20.

That would make nine of the 26 divisions, with plenty of time left in the year.

Two things I'd like to ask you to remember for governor's visits. First, I decided to continue the MO-ARK project that Carla had started — raising money for the Youth Kamp. So if your club wants to make a contribution to the camp foundation, that's a good time to present a check.

Secondly, First Lady Pat announced last month that her project will be to collect children's books for the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The ACH maintains a library of books for the children who are patients there, and they accept donations of books. The age range is infant through the teen years. All books must be new, and they ask that they not be religious.

Those are two great projects that fit into our Kiwanis mission of serving the children of the world. At the same time we can have a good time and boost Kiwanis so let's schedule a trip to your division.

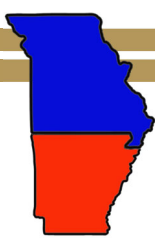
*I can be reached by email at [royo@suddenlink.net](mailto:royo@suddenlink.net).*

On the cover:

The 2023 Kiwanis International Float in the Tournament of Rose's Parade held in Pasadena, CA.



# Kiwanis®



# 2022-23 District Service Project

## Collecting Children’s Books

Missouri Arkansas First Lady Pat Ockert has chosen children’s book collection as our District Project.

Donations are to be given to the Arkansas Children’s Hospital. The age range is infant through the teen years. All books must be new, and they ask that they not be religious.

They can be purchased through Kiwanis International’s partner, Scholastic, an organization that provides children access to books and promotes a lifelong love of reading <https://www.kiwanis.org/about/partners/scholastic/scholastic-literacy-partners-book-ordering>.

Collecting these donations can be given to Governor Roy when he visits a club, division or region. Other opportunities would be during the Educational Leadership Conference in March, as well as the District Convention in August. Or you can mail to Pat at: 3617 Alabama Road, Jonesboro, Ark. 72405.



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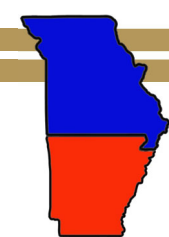
## Save the Date

**ELC—Educational Leadership Conference**

**March 10 & 11 at the Holiday Inn in Springfield, MO.**



**More information will be forthcoming!**



# Kiwanis® Amplify

## LEARNING AND LIVING LEADERSHIP OUT LOUD

Everyone can identify a great leader. But what makes a leader great? It takes education and training. Kiwanis International is training the next set of great community leaders through [Kiwanis Amplify](#), a new online leadership development program for those who want to amplify their team-leadership skills.

Participants learn how to improve more than their Kiwanis club. They gain skills to improve careers, communities, schools and the lives of adults and children everywhere. More than 1,100 Kiwanians from 41 districts on five continents have participated in Kiwanis Amplify.

[Registration](#) for the next class is open until March 24, 2023. The program starts April 3. If you have questions, you're invited to attend one of these webinars to learn more about Kiwanis Amplify.

[Tuesday, January 24: 8 p.m. EST](#)

[Wednesday, January 25: 10 a.m. EST](#)

"I've had the opportunity for leadership training with companies like American Express, Hilton Hotels and Disney," said Kelly Pena, a Kiwanis Amplify graduate from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. "And I will tell you that Kiwanis Amplify rates up there with these top companies' leadership programs."

More than 85% of those who responded to the post-program survey said they learned at least one new thing from every module. "This program has given us the opportunity to invest in our own club members in providing leadership knowledge and training," said Jean Long Manteufel, another graduate from the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District. "And it is awesome."

Kiwanis Amplify is conducted online. Participants can complete their assignments at a time that's convenient for them. Eight leadership topics are covered in the course:

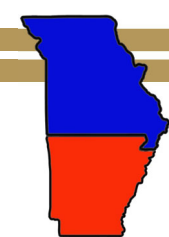
- The qualities of a good leader.
- Methods of communication.
- Planning engaging events.
- Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion throughout a team.
- Working with others.
- Sharing a message.
- Strategic planning.

Self-care.

The participation fee is US\$200 for members of Kiwanis International. The fee is \$600 for non-members.

To enroll, learn more or recommend someone for the program, visit [kiwanis.org/amplify](https://kiwanis.org/amplify).

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## Tax Form 990—Information

### **ATTENTION ALL PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES!!!**

#### **You need to know! Share with your Treasurers!**

**February 15th is the date your 990 Form is due to the IRS.** Most tax-exempt organizations must annually file IRS Form 990, an informational tax form.

IRS Form 990 is an informational tax form that most tax-exempt organizations must file annually. In a nutshell, the form gives the IRS an overview of the organization's activities, governance and detailed financial information.

Form 990 also includes a section for the organization to outline its accomplishments in the previous year to justify maintaining its tax-exempt status. In collecting this information, the IRS wants to ensure that organizations continue to qualify for tax exemption after the status is granted.

#### **Organizations that must file Form 990**

Most tax-exempt organizations that have gross receipts of at least \$200,000 or assets worth at least \$500,000 must file Form 990 on an annual basis. Some organizations, such as political organizations, churches and other religious organizations, are exempt from filing an annual Form 990.

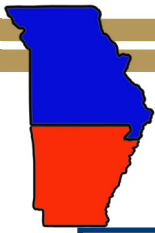
#### **Information reported on Form 990**

Form 990 initially requires the organization to describe its mission or other significant activities. The organization must then disclose financial details on its revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities.

The IRS also wants to ensure that the organization is worthy of maintaining its tax-exempt status and requires more details on the types of activities it engages in during the year. A significant portion of the form requires information on how the organization is governed, and specifically requests the names of its officers, directors, highly compensated employees and other employees who are involved with managing the organization. An organization that over-compensates its management may jeopardize its tax-exempt status with the IRS.

For more information check out [IRS 990 Forms](#). Feel free to contact Robin Asher, Missouri Arkansas Treasurer at [moarkdistrictmoney@outlook.com](mailto:moarkdistrictmoney@outlook.com).





# New Club Hold Charter Ceremony

## Kiwanis Club of Northwest Jefferson County

An amazing Charter ceremony was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at High Ridge Fire Department. A group of 44 members from thirteen area clubs stepped up to show their support personally, monetarily, and through participation in the Peace Pantry food insecurity project. County Councilman, Brian Haskins, delivered a check and a proclamation declaring it "Kiwanis Club of Northwest Jefferson County day". Division 8 Lt. Gov Becky Panchot delivered a gong, a badge box, a portable podium, and signage shared from a closed club. Between the Silent Auction proceeds and donation checks, the Club is off to a fantastic start with \$1,295 in their coffers to serve the Highway 30 corridor children! Welcome to Missouri Arkansas District!



Photo of members

Row 1 – l-r: Jovita Gonzalez, Ahbee Rice, Ginger Crooks

Row 2 – l-r Charlene Robinson, Craig Luetkemeyer, Chrissy Ortman, Bobbie Liverar

Row 3 – l-r Carla OBrien, Dr John Probst, Tracy Sigmund, Colleen Lynn, Dr Kristi Church, Gov Roy Ockert

Not pictured are: Cpt John Barton, Mark Catalana, Ryan Kantazar, John McKinnon, Lisa Oxenhandler, Trish Petrus, Linda Schroeder, and Tommy Self

The District is planning a project for 2022-2023. Kiwanis Shirt Quilt is being planned to be created by 2023 District convention in Bentonville, Arkansas. We are asking every club to donate a Club Shirt to be included in the quilt. The quilt(s) will be auctioned at the 2023 Convention in Bentonville.

## District Fundraising Project



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 shirts we get. We need shirts by April 2023. Act Now!

For more information, contact Mary Vaughan, Kiwanigram Editor at [mvonz56@yahoo.com](mailto:mvonz56@yahoo.com) or call 314-581-0497 or Robin Asher at [moarkdistrictmoney@outlook.com](mailto:moarkdistrictmoney@outlook.com) or call (417) 838-1787.



## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Batesville holds annual Christmas Parade

The Batesville Kiwanis Club held its annual Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 10, down historic Main Street in Batesville. The theme of the parade this year was "A Story Book Christmas." Parade participants were encouraged to decorate floats accordingly. They had a record number of 40 floats entered this year. The highlight of the parade was the last float carrying Santa Clause. The float that won Best of Parade in the non profit category was Eagle Mountain Elementary, Best of Parade in the commercial class was First Community Bank and Best overall was Future Fuel.

In addition to the Christmas parade, the club sponsors many activities for the children of the community, including Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and K-Kids in the schools in Independence County. Every Child a Swimmer is free each year at the Batesville Community Center, sponsored by Batesville Kiwanis, along with youth football programs and the elementary reading program that provides free books to every child.



### Kiwanis Club of Union MO visits local preschool

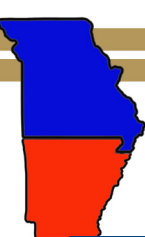
Members of the Union MO Kiwanis Club had the opportunity to visit local Preschool, Early Childhood and Head Start classes and personally give the children Christmas stockings this year. The stockings are decorated by Kiwanis members and friends, Union High School Key Club members and Immaculate Conception Builders Club members. This year a total of 170 Christmas stockings were given to preschool children. Included in the stockings is a wooden puzzle along with a hat and gloves, a coloring book and crayons, and several other small items. Longtime Union Kiwanis member Bruce Templer cuts out and sands wooden puzzles. Dee Hauck, an artist and Union Kiwanis member, draws outlines on the puzzles to make it easier for Kiwanis, Key Club and Builders Club members to paint the puzzles.



Union Kiwanis Club members presented Christmas stockings to students in Mrs. Desmond's Prairie Dell Elementary Preschool class. Kiwanis members from left: Dee Hauck, Bruce Templer and Kathy Skrivan.



Pictured below are students in Mrs. Vollmer's and Mrs. Williford's Early Childhood classes at Prairie Dell Elementary school in Union.



# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Gravois has a reading program



Gravois Kiwanis has a reading program at Mesnier Elementary reading to the 10 first grade classes. The books follow the traits being taught at the school that month, this month, Empathy. At each reading small gifts are left for the kids: pencils, color sheets, etc. Readers include six members and one member spouse. It's very rewarding.

L-R top - bottom are readers: Carla O'Brien, Ginger Crooks, Ken Bennett and Paula Eckrich

## Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp

### Headquarters Cabin



# Groundbreaking Ceremony



**Friday, January 27**

**Noon - Camp Style Lunch**

**1 pm - Ceremony**

**Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis  
Youth Kamp**

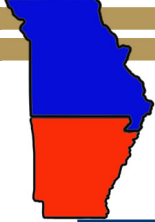
**8552-8598 AR-359,  
London, AR 72847**



Please join us as we gather at the site of the future Headquarters cabin for a lunch, formal program and turning of the soil!

*Please RSVP by 1/20/23 to (314) 520-7905 or [Carla.obrien@outlook.com](mailto:Carla.obrien@outlook.com)*





# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Kirksville donates over 400 pieces of clothing

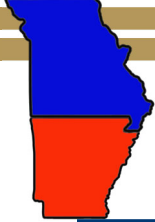
The Kiwanis Club of Kirksville recently donated over 400 pieces of warm clothing to the Kirksville R-III School District to be distributed to local children in need this holiday season. This warm children’s clothing was raised through the Club’s annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade, which was held Saturday, November 26th, 2022, in historic Downtown Kirksville, as part of the Hometown Holiday Festival. “The Kirksville Kiwanis Club believes every local child should have the warm clothing they need to be healthy and safe this winter, especially as we face such bitterly cold weather,” said Kiwanis Club of Kirksville President Elizabeth Clark. “We are grateful to the community’s support of our annual Christmas Parade which allows us to collect this warm children’s clothing and donate those items to our local school district.” Specifically, the Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade collected 34 coats, 44 sweaters and hoodies, 125 hats, 26 mittens, 147 gloves, 52 scarves and neck warmers, 6 earmuffs, 3 headbands, and 1 pair of socks, for a total of 438 items of warm children’s clothing! The Kirksville Kiwanis Club also wishes to thank the Kirksville community for their support of the Club’s numerous service and fundraising projects. Together, the Club and the community can help realize the Kiwanis motto of “serving the children of the world.” For questions, please contact us at [kirksvillekiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:kirksvillekiwanis@gmail.com).



Pictured, back row, from left, are Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President Von Abbott, Kirksville Kiwanis Club President Elizabeth Clark, and Kirksville R-III School District Superintendent Bob Webb; front row, from left, are Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President and Division One Lieutenant Governor Charley Cooper, Kirksville R-III School District Assistant Superintendent Tricia Reger, Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Racheal Young, and Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Ashley Young."

## KIDS NEED ADVOCATES.





# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club Wright City holds Books and Bingo event

Wright City Kiwanis Club their Books and Bingo event in November to raise funds along with Warren County Literacy for the Dolly Parton Books from Birth program.

Bingo cards spell STORY at the top and have children's books and authors listed in the columns. When someone gets a Bingo...they shout STORY. We used beans as markers on their cards.

The club raises money with Warren County Literacy for the Dolly Parton Books from Birth program.



The last picture shows Kiwanis President Jenn Olivio and Past President Mary Groeper presenting \$1,000 to Rich Lagemann (President of Warren County Literacy).



Amanda Bair (Key Club Faculty Advisor) with the Wright City High School Key Club who attended the Bingo event.



MCs and prizes at the stage

## Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community installs New Meadowlark Park Little Library

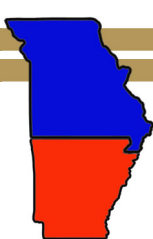
A new Little Library of books has been installed by the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community in Meadowlark Park. The Little Library has books for people to borrow and then return or replace with more books. The Kiwanis Club paid for and installed the Little Library and will maintain the Library for all to use.



Dave Bertolino and Steve Roberts works to finish stand.



Pictured are : Nancy Willimon, Lisa Blumer, Ellisville Parks and Recreation Director, Paul Eckler, Dave Bertolino, and Roger Jespersen.



# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Union gives Christmas Stockings to Preschool Children

The Union Kiwanis Club sponsors the Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Builders Club. Selected Builders Club members (shown in photo) delivered stockings to I.C. preschool students in Mrs. Mohesky's class (in photo). Talented Kiwanis members produced handmade wooden puzzles for the stockings. The stockings were decorated by Builders Club members who also filled the stockings with extra surprises for the children.



I.C. Builders Club members from left to right: Josh Dickinson, Sammy Frost, Emma Brueggemann, Livie Schwoepe and Lily Holdmeyer



Preschool children in Mrs. Mohesky's class at Immaculate Conception School in Union.

## Kiwanis Club of Crestwood/Sunset Hills holds a Barnes & Noble Book Fair



Last month, members of the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club held a Barnes and Noble book fair to earn money for children's books for our Little Free Library. They raised nearly \$2,700, which will put lots of books into the hands of kids!!

Pictured are members Diane Slattery and Donna Rabbitt, two of our club members who worked at the fair.

## Kiwanis Club of Helena-West Helena honors Long term member

Adrian Messina (center) was honored Dec. 8 for 50 years' service as a member of Kiwanis during a Christmas gathering of the Kiwanis Club of Helena-West Helena (Ark). Making the presentation was club president Sandra Bagley, assisted by Mo-Ark Governor Roy Ockert. Adrian joined the Helena-West Helena club in 1973.





## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Union MO receives Earl Collins Grant

The Earl Collins Foundation of the Mo-Ark District is awarding up to a \$500 grant to SLP's of Kiwanis clubs. Immaculate Conception Builders Club was awarded the grant based on service they provide to their school's preschoolers and homebound and nursing home elderly from the Immaculate Conception parish. Their activity started during the pandemic as a way to build relationships between them as 6th - 8th grade students and the elderly and has continued.

At each monthly meeting, Builders Club members make a craft for the homebound and nursing home residents of the parish. One of the parish members delivers these on behalf of the Builders Club. At Christmas time, the Builders Club decorates stockings that the Union Kiwanis Club donates and wooden puzzles that Union Kiwanis also donates. The Builders Club members stuff the stockings with the puzzles and other small toys and school supplies. The stockings filled with presents are delivered to the I.C. preschoolers.

The grant the Builders Club received will help pay for the monthly crafts and the items in the stockings. This year the Builders Club is also donating candy canes and games for the Franklin County Division of Children Services Christmas party. The Builders Club will also be providing workers. Also, they delivered stockings to nursing home residents.



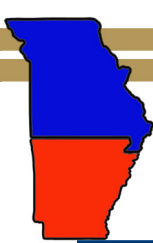
From left to right: I.C. Builders Club member Lily Holdmeyer, faculty sponsor Kate Schroeder, Kiwanis Co-President Gina Peters, and I.C. Builders Club members Josh Dickinson, Emma Brueggemann and Sammy Frost

### Liberty North Key Club supports the Harvesters Service Project

What could be better than supporting Liberty North Key Club's Harvesters Service Project?

The Liberty North Key Club members Maddie, Hunter, Aubrey, President Lance, Maddie, Haley and Mo-Ark Key Club Governor Zach were joined by Liberty Kiwanis members Patty, Elaine, Tony & Kiwanis Key Club Advisor Jim along with guest Pam packed well over 400 Kids Meals to go to those with food insecurities this Holiday Season.





# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Liberty Kiwanis celebrated Holiday Party



Jan 12, 2023, Liberty Kiwanis celebrated their second annual 'After Holiday, Holiday Party' at the Glenair Clubhouse in Liberty. They feasted on home made Italian food, salads and amazing desserts. The fellowship was outstanding, especially during the "White Elephant" gift exchange where you could only steal a present twice.

In attendance were: Son Roy with Mom Ashley, Cindy, Gladstone Kiwanis guest Gabby, Jim, Renee, Deb (standing), Patty, Deb's Husband Mike, our Brand New Member Lisa, Husband Jeff & Cody, Bridget, Tony, Pat (hiding behind Tony), Roxanna, Lee, Region 1 Trustee Bill, LTG Greg, Bill's wife

Barb, and taking the photo is Elaine.

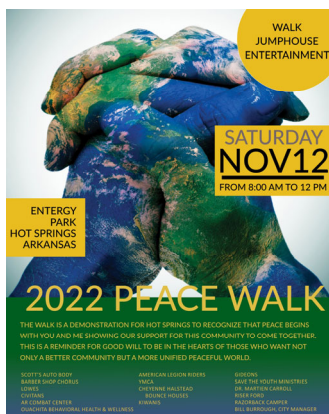
A great time was had by all as they raised money for Scholarships!

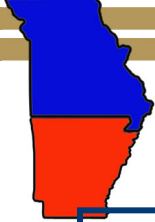
## Kiwanis Club of Greater Hot Springs Village holds events

Greater Hot Springs Village Kiwanis club holds a Peace walk and balloon release on November 21, 2022 at Entergy park.



Greater HS and Greater HSV clubs providing Christmas party for Aktion club at First Step in Hot Springs





## Kiwanis Clubs in Action



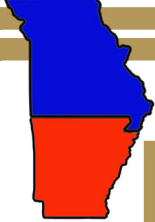
### Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community grows plants

Last fall KI had several garden stands to be given to interested clubs. The Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis Club asked for one and gave it to the Valley Park School District. The photo show how it looked when students returned from their Christmas/New Year break.



Join us for a day that could change the lives of kids around the world! On April 7, 2023, we're conducting our first Kiwanis Day of Giving. That's the Kiwanis Children's Fund's 84th birthday, and we're celebrating by raising US\$45,000 — enough to reach up to 20,000 children.

Gather online with other Kiwanians that day and share stories about impacting children's lives in your community. You'll also learn the reasons we all support the Kiwanis causes: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.



## IN MEMORIAM

No diseased members are listed this month.

Please remember, your club secretary is responsible for deleting the diseased member. If the member has not been deleted and listed as deceased their names will not be published in this newsletter.



## 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](mailto: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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