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Governor Roy Message

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On the cover:

Places to see while in Springfield at the Mid-Year ELC.

Ice and snow have kept me home more than planned the past month. But that also gave me more time to help plan future events that hopefully will bring better weather.

I had five speaking appearances on the calendar for last week, but I wound up making only two — the first and the last. The first was before a Jonesboro Rotary Club, whose program chairman had asked me to talk about the state of the newspaper industry. The last was an occasion with a happier future — breaking ground for a headquarters cabin at the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp near Russellville.

In between I had been scheduled to visit the Springdale, Huntsville and Gravette Kiwanis clubs, but heavy snowfall in Northwest Arkansas caused that trip to be postponed. I do hope to try again soon.

That was my first trip to the Youth Kamp, and I was quite impressed with the work done so far. With snow still on the ground and wind whipping through the pavilion, the ceremony went on, rather briskly, and we turned a few shovels-full of dirt.

The headquarters cabin is badly needed, and the foundation board has a good start on raising funds for it, especially because of major grants from the Earl Collins Foundation. Unfortunately, the cost has doubled from when the project was planned in 2019 — to just over \$200,000.

Beatrice Johnson bequeathed 160 acres to our district when she died in 2008, provided that we build a camp for children. Since then the foundation board has been developing the facility while raising funds to pay for it. Much volunteer labor has also gone into the development.

Beatrice Johnson had a vision that this quiet place near Piney Bay could become a wonderful camp for kids to enjoy and learn about the outdoors. So do many Kiwanians who have been working on the camp for more than a decade.

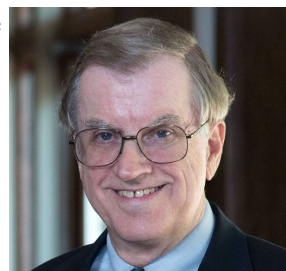
Then-Governor Don Leupold gave the camp a big boost when he made it his signature project in 2015-16. And my predecessor, Carla O'Brien, did the same last year.

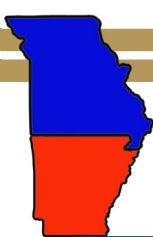
I figured that if two St. Louis area governors could do so much for an Arkansas camp, I could do at least that much as an Arkansas governor. So I've continued the camp as the district project and suggest that clubs all over Arkansas and Missouri contribute whatever you can to help.

That contribution could be in the form of a check, or your club might be able to put together a work day at the camp. You could present a check to me when I visit a club, divisional or regional meeting. Or it could be done at the Educational Leadership Conference March 10-11 in Springfield or the District Convention Aug. 11-13. With any of those means we can get a picture and some credit for your club's contribution.

You can always mail a check directly to Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp, P.O. Box 1998, Russellville, Ark. 72811-1998.

I can be reached by email at royo@suddenlink.net.





Mid-Year ELC Details

Registration is under way for the first **midyear conference** of the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis since February 2019. It will be held **March 10-11 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Springfield, Mo.**

This midyear event has been reformatted as an **Education- al Leadership Conference**, and the content will focus on programs that can help Kiwanians develop their leadership skills, knowledge of the organization and abilities to serve their communities.

With the later date we are hoping for better weather, and we have built a fine program designed to promote learning and sharing of ideas.

To get the weekend started with some fun, we are offering a night at the **Pythian Castle** (<https://pythiancastle.com/>), a beautiful, historic building in Springfield that offers various forms of entertainment. The castle will host our early-arrivers for a dinner and Clue Adventure Game that will test our wits and give us a chance to see the interior of the building.



Pythian Castle is an ornate mansion built in 1913 as an orphanage by the Knights of Pythias. Later it was owned by the U.S. military and used to house German and Italian prisoners during World War II. In addition to games and special events, ghost tours are offered at the Pythian.

The cost of the Friday night event, including dinner, will be \$50 per person. The conference registration fee, which will include a continental breakfast and luncheon, is \$35 per member or guest. Registration should be completed now at <https://k14.site.kiwanis.org> conventions. Deadline is Friday, March 3.

Saturday's program will revolve around three vital panel discussions — **"Awesome Club Service Projects," "Winning Fund-Raising Projects" and "Growing Your Membership Roster."**

The luncheon will feature remarks from **Dan Leikvold of Lead, S.D., a distinguished Kiwanian who is now a member of the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.**

After lunch we'll split the meeting room for concurrent technology sessions. District Secretary Angie Oshia will lead a hands-on discussion, **"Mastering the KI Dashboard,"** aimed especially for lieutenant governors, club secretaries and others who want to know more about getting the most out of the organization's online features.

On the other side Sarah Moreland Byrne, digital media specialist for Kiwanis International, will "zoom" in to present **"Strategies for Using Social Media as Club Tools,"** focusing on Facebook but also touching on other platforms.

Bring your tablets or laptops to either session so you can follow along with the illustrations and information offered.

The day's agenda will wrap up with three rotating **roundtable discussions** — **"Becoming a Divisional, Regional or District Leader," "Protecting Our SLP Members" and "How to Boost Your Own Club."** An experienced district officer will lead each discussion and encourage a sharing of ideas. Attendees will be divided into three groups so that all will be able to sit in on each 20-minute session.

The conference will wrap up about 4 p.m.

Our group's rate at the Holiday Inn & Suites, which is at 2720 North Glenstone Ave., is \$129 per night. Our block of rooms will be held until Feb. 24.

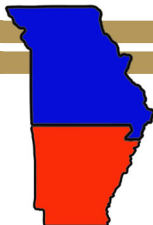
To register call the hotel directly at 417-865-8600 or follow this link: [Hotel Reservations Here!](#)

The link is also available on our district conventions page. The deadline for cancellations without penalty is March 1.

[Register Today!!](#)

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2022-23 District Service Project

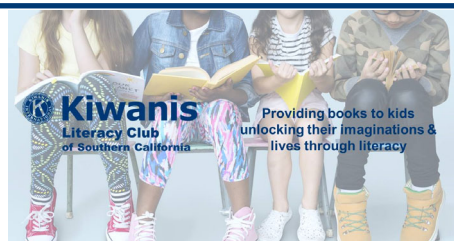
Collecting Children's Books

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.



New Book Order Opportunity

Order your books today from the Kiwanis Literacy Club of So California!

They have books from P-K including board books to high school age. All brand new.

Large and small orders accepted, however, you must have a minimum order of 10 books. Orders of 250 books or more will get club branded labels.

The cost is \$2.00 a book via USPS Media Mail or \$2.50 a book shipped UPS. Both include shipping fee, a 2.9% credit card fee also applies. All costs over that are absorbed by the Kiwanis Literacy Club Foundation. The books, on average, are more than @\$10 a book. An invoice link will send via email for use of a credit card.

Please send the following information Via Email to Doug@theliteracyclub.org:

- Total number of books needed
- Breakdown by age/grade
- All Contact information - Name - Phone - Email
- Date needed by. Allow up to 3 weeks for delivery.
- Club name
- Address to be shipped to. No PO Box please!



Orders must be received by February 22 to ensure delivery by the ELC date. Order Today.

Please contact Douglas Chadwick at doug@theliteracyclub.org for more information. Check out their webpage: [The Literacy Club – Unlocking the Power of Books for ALL Children](#)



Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp

The official ground breaking ceremony for the headquarters at Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp in London, AR on January 27 - 50 degrees and sunny! Highlights were Gov Roy Ockert's attendance, Jerry Martin's history of the Camp, the Earl Collins check presentation, great food and amazing fellowship. Clubs and individuals presented checks to help us complete the headquarters facility which is now started in Phase 1 of 2 Phases. Mary Saale's homemade cookies sweetened the afternoon!



Pictured: Left to right: 1) Joe Pearson, BJKYK Board 2) Sam Taylor, BJKYK Board President 3) architect Bob Hiegel 4) Mo Ark Gov Roy Orckert 5) Jerry Martin BJKYK Board, 6) Carla O'Brien, BJKYK Board, 7) Dan Yates BJKYK Board, 8) Troy Massey BJKYK Board, 9) Dale Garner Earl Collins Foundation Board



Governor Roy Orkert



Check donation from Earl Collins: Ron Hill Ear Collins, Troy Massey, Dan Yates and Sam Taylor.



Pictured: Clark Hopper, Dolores and Truman Stamps with Mary Saale looking on.

Pictured: Jerry Martin, original BJKYK Board member giving the Kamp history,



FORM 990N DUE FEBRUARY 15

IRS regulations require that tax exempt clubs file their annual income tax returns in the fifth month after the end of their fiscal year. For most Kiwanis clubs with an October 1-September 30 fiscal year, returns are due February 15 of each year.

**Form 990N
Due February 15**



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Batesville Cooks Ribs for Super Bowl

Batesville Kiwanis Club held its annual Super Bowl rib cook this past week, raising around \$4,000. The club started doing 2 rib cooks a year (Super Bowl and Father's Day) in 2006, to raise funds to fulfill a \$10,000 Nursing Scholarship commitment to White River Med Center. Once that commitment was fulfilled, they now use the funds for scholarships, grants to send students to Key Leader, and other youth service projects.



Preparing the ribs are on left; new member, Clayton O'Neal, Diane Baker, Gary Baker, Ron Lewallen, on right; Lyndal Wait's eye, Ted Hall, Martha Lewallen, and Clark Baker.



J.R. Baker and Alex Roofe taking ribs off the cook-



Ribs on the cooker

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club has been very busy!! In the past month they have supported the Key Club by hosting club officers Rachel, Alice and Breanna at the meeting to discuss their upcoming projects (shown with sponsor Kristen Spradley and our club president Keven Hollander). They have honored the Lindbergh High School Student of the Month, Blake (shown with his parents and school counselor Kate Keegan and club president Kevin) and shopped at Barnes & Noble to get children's books for their Little Free Library (pictured L to R are club members Carol Gloss, Diane Slattery, Lisa Marin, Teri Jacob, and Donna Rabbitt).





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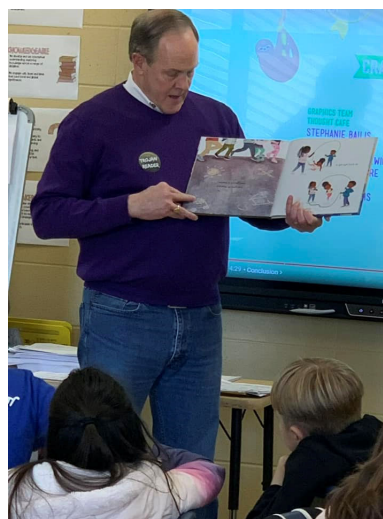
Kiwanis Club of Greater Hot Springs Village Reads to Trojans

The first annual Trojans Love Reading event on February 3 was a big success and highly revered by students and educators for bringing the community into classrooms to read to students! More than 50 readers participated, reading to classrooms and spreading excitement about literacy at all four Hot Springs School District magnet elementary schools. Trojan readers represented organizations, businesses, and leadership from across Garland County.

Trojans Love Reading is intended to create a village approach to building student interest and enthusiasm for reading and the development of literacy skills. Readers arrived at all four campuses at 1:30 p.m., where they signed in and received a book, and then were escorted to classrooms by 6th grade student volunteers and staff members.



Blake Robertson with Greater Hot Springs Kiwanis Club
Reads at Main Street Visual and Performing Arts
Magnet School



State Representative Les Warren
Reads at Park Magnet





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club Oregon Meeting Goes to the Dogs

The Oregon Kiwanis Club “went to the dogs” at their weekly meeting on December 7, 2022. The seventy-five-year-old Kiwanis club was visited by the Saint Joseph Pony Express Therapy Dogs (PET Dogs). Kiwanis members learned about the PET Dogs and their handlers’ visits to schools and libraries where younger kids read to the dogs, show them picture books or simply love on them. University students enjoy the relaxing traits of canine company as they cram for end of semester college exams.

Furthermore, the Kiwanians learned of the training requirements, examination testing, temperament qualities, and teamwork required by the dogs and owners in order to serve the public at the many places and festivals where the PET Dog teams visit. Elder care centers and hospice are also popular visitation sites. PET Dogs are dedicated to enhancing the life experiences of all through interaction/contact with therapy dogs.

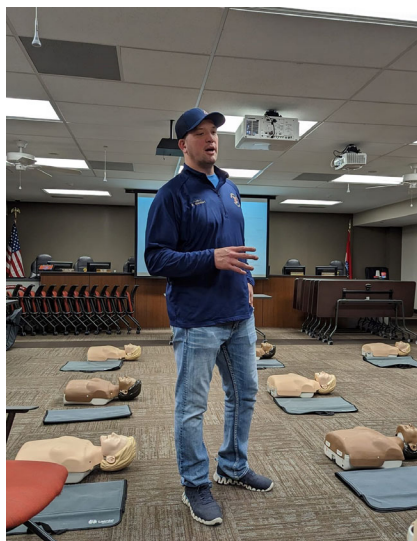
The dogs have been taught that when their owner fastens a Pony Express Therapy Dog vest on them, “it is time to work!” Almost magically, barking and playfulness cease, and the dog’s calming, appeasing, and soothing traits take center stage. A few of the Oregon Kiwanis members are considering training their dogs to the Canine Good Citizen Standards to test to become a Pony Express Therapy Dog team as a way to broaden the Kiwanis Mission of “Giving to Kids and Community”.

Contact information for Pony Express Therapy Dogs, William Luce, william_luce49@yahoo.com

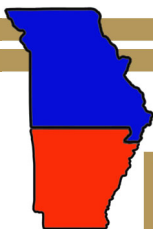


Kiwanis Club Bridgeton takes CPR Class

Members of the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club took the opportunity to increase their service skills by taking a CPR class presented by Mark Barnhart, Pattonville Fire District and Kiwanis Member.



Members attending
at Beverly Phillip,
Roy Swantner,
Nancy Swantner,
Sharon Duisen,
Shirly Abernathy,
Ron Abernathy and
Mel Lieb—
photographer.



IN MEMORIAM

Division 12

William Searce

Joplin

Deceased members are taken from the secretary's dashboard. Please make sure that you delete the deceased members from your roster list. Also make sure to list them as deceased in order to be included in the memoriam list.

Kiwanigram Submissions

Help!!! Please share your projects with me. Many Kiwanians do not do Facebook and don't get to see the wonderful work everyone is doing. Information to be considered for the Kiwanigram should be submitted by email to moarkkiwanigram@gmail.com. Please include the name and location of your club. The photos should be jpeg format. Please include a brief description of the project along with the names of Kiwanians, or SLP members featured in the photos. If you submit a club newsletter, please use captions for the pictures. I sometimes use articles that are submitted on MO-ARK District Facebook page, please list the people in the photos when you put something on the Facebook page so they can be identified in the Kiwanigram. Thank You

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to change the*
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