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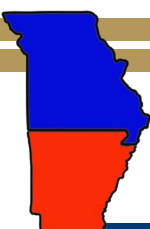
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KEY CLUB

Serving the children of the world



Governor Roy Message

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On the cover: At the Key Club Convention, Students brought enough items to pack up 179 complete hygiene kits. Convoy of Hope accepted the kits that were missing items and will finish filling them up with surplus goods as they come in.

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

Planning has begun for the annual **Missouri-Arkansas District Convention**, which will be held **Aug. 3-6 at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Hotel in Bentonville.**

I have asked each club president in divisions 19 and 24 to join with convention chair Susan Lafond and the district officers on the Planning Committee. We will have an organizational meeting in the near future.

Holding conferences and conventions has been a challenge since the pandemic shut us down in the middle of our Education Days series in 2020. However, we're hoping the 2023 District Convention will represent a return to normalcy.

We're going to have an attractive program in a great location so we urge every club in Mo-Ark to send representatives.

That said, our return to a single mid-year conference drew a disappointing attendance of fewer than 100 Kiwanians and guests. For various reasons we got a late start in planning the event, but post-conference reviews of the program have been consistently positive from those who attended.

We called this the Educational Leadership Conference, which may have caused some people to think it was only for current club leaders. We will try the single event again in 2024, but we'll restyle and expand it a bit.

Having a series of events is more expensive and time-consuming for the district because the officers and conference leaders do a lot more traveling.

At its March 10 meeting, the trustees voted to hold the 2024 mid-year conference in West Little Rock or Conway and the 2024 District Convention in the St. Louis metro area.

Conference Direct, which handles conventions for Kiwanis International and was recommended by KI officials, will start gathering proposals soon for both 2024 events. The district benefits because CD has the clout to negotiate the best prices and facilities, then takes care of the contract negotiations. We just specify what we need.

Planning conferences and conventions is an important function for the district administration because that's when we conduct our business that affects all our clubs. More importantly, we learn much from each other when we get together and talk about what we do and why.

For example, the best sessions of this year's Educational Leadership Conference were panel discussions, each comprised of several club leaders. They discussed the "secrets of their success" in recruiting new members, raising funds and engaging in community service projects.

Many people came away with new ideas, enthusiastic about what they could take home and try. That certainly makes the modest costs of such get-togethers well worthwhile.

Plan to join us at Bentonville in August.

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

Your Humble Governor





2023 KI International Convention

Nurture the Future - ICON 2023

Join members from across the world at the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Attend virtually or in person, June 21-24, 2023.

Registration is now OPEN!

Cultivate the skills that will help you nurture tomorrow's leaders. Learn ways to coach members of Service Leadership Programs. Discover service projects that increase your impact. Expand your club's fundraising methods. Explore all the ways you can prepare young leaders for the future — and the impact they'll make in the world.

Missouri Arkansas District Preferred Hotel Details

- The deadline to book within the Kiwanis room block is May 25.
- [Hyatt Regency - \\$190 per night plus tax](#)
- [More travel and tourism information.](#)



Elections, Amendments & Resolutions at ICON

Kiwanis clubs in good standing are allowed two representatives in the House of Delegates, along with two alternates who may serve if one or both delegates cannot attend. [Download the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates and submit it by April 30 to become certified.](#)

Proposed Amendments & Resolutions - A proposed amendment to the Kiwanis International Bylaws will be presented for action at the 2023 Kiwanis Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2023. (There are no resolutions this year.) [Click here to review the amendment.](#)

ByLaws Modernization Revision - From time to time, every organization should conduct a comprehensive review of its governing documents and make appropriate adjustments. The last such review of the Kiwanis International Bylaws took place 30 years ago. A special global committee recently spent two years conducting a new review. Their recommended changes are being presented to clubs as a special type of amendment called a revision. Most changes simply move text, improve clarity or update language to reflect current processes, with no change to the way Kiwanis does business. Substantive changes were removed and addressed individually at the 2022 Kiwanis International Convention.

The 2022 House of Delegates established some special rules for consideration of the revision at the 2023 convention.

- No other bylaw amendments on new topics may be proposed at the 2023 convention, except those which may be offered by the Kiwanis International Board directly related to the financial management of the organization.
- Amendments cannot be proposed to any bylaw provisions that are not already slated for change in the revision. For example, the revision does not include any change in the criteria for life membership, so an amendment to change that criteria would not be valid.
- Due to the complexity of the whole revision, amendments are not encouraged. However, they are permitted via the proper process.
- There are two separate deadlines for clubs or districts to offer amendments to the revision:
- February 24, 2023, which is approximately 120 days before the convention. Amendments received by February 24 will be debated by the House of Delegates and ultimately approved or defeated.
- May 24, 2023, which is approximately 30 days before the convention. Amendments received by May 24 will be offered to the House; however, the House will have the option to not consider those amendments. If the House agrees to consider an amendment received by May 24, it will be debated and ultimately approved or defeated.
- Amendments may not be proposed after May 24.
- Amendments may not be submitted from the floor.



2022-23 Earl Collins Scholarship Winners

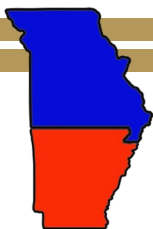
John Buckwalter, Secretary of the Kiwanis Earl Collins Foundation, is pleased to announce winners of this year's \$1000 scholarships. The scholarships result from the fundraising efforts of Kiwanis clubs throughout the Missouri-Arkansas District. One scholarship is awarded for each of the 26 MO-ARK Divisions.

Graduating seniors apply for the scholarships through their local Kiwanis club. Finalists are referred to the Kiwanis Division for decision by the judges. Recipients are honor students who have participated in community service activities and meet financial need criteria. Bonus points are awarded to members of Kiwanis Key Clubs.

- Division 5 was awarded an extra scholarship for highest contributions to Earl Collins Foundation in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

This year's winners are–

2023 Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship Awards						
Div	Name			High School	Club	Key Club
	Last	First	MI			
1	Hark	Michael	J	Hannibal Sr. High School	Kiwanis Club of Hannibal	Yes
2	Peterson	Keegan	H	Chillicothe High School	Kiwanis Club of Chillicothe	Yes
3	Luetke	Hailey	N	Liberty High School	Kiwanis Club of Liberty	Yes
4	Ritter	Peyton	D	Harrisonville Senior High School	Kiwanis Club of Harrisonville	Yes
5	Fouts	Pauline	M	Fulton High School	Kiwanis Club of Fulton	Yes
6	Do	Thao (Fiona)	T.N.	Liberty High School - Wentzville School District	Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon	Yes
7	Osaghae-Nosa	Joanna	O	Hazelwood West High School	Kiwanis Club of Florissant Valley	Yes
8	Counts	Sophia	E	Fox Senior High School	Kiwanis Club of Arnold	Yes
9	Truong	Karen		Lutheran High School South	Kiwanis Club of Gravois	Yes
10	Zagarri	Isabelle	M	Union High School	Kiwanis Club of Union	Yes
11	Tesreau	Abigail	E	Helias Catholic High School	Kiwanis Club of Jefferson City	No
12	Rueda	Deleny		Monett High School	Kiwanis Club of Monett	Yes
13	Fisher	Brooklynn	E	Logan Rogersville High School	Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield	Yes
14	Taylor	Justis	J	Sikeston Senior High School	Kiwanis Club of Sikeston	Yes
15	Foreman	Katherine	K	Lakeside High School	Kiwanis Club of Greater Hot Springs	No
16	Bennett	Tylin	K	Academics of Jonesboro High School	Kiwanis Club of Jonesboro	Yes
17	Davis	Kinley	L	Walnut Ridge High School	Kiwanis Club of Walnut Ridge	Yes
18	Hensley	Dason		Valley Springs High School	Kiwanis Club of Harrison	Yes
19	Gifford	Abby	A	Rogers High School	Kiwanis Club of Rogers Breakfast	No
20	Tatum	Peyton	B	Booneville High School	Kiwanis Club of Booneville	No
21	Boudrie	Ella	G	Conway High School	Kiwanis Club of Conway	Yes
22	Millard	Parker	L	Stuttgart High School	Kiwanis Club of Stuttgart	Yes
23	Robinson	Camron	L	Hope High School	Kiwanis Club of Hope	No
24	Lemus	Juan	P	Springdale SR High School	Kiwanis Club of Springdale	Yes
25	Howard	Lauryn	H.M.	Little Rock Southwest High School	Kiwanis Club of Downtown Little Rock	No
26	Nail	Kaleb	M	Lebanon Senior High School	Kiwanis Club of Lebanon	No
5	Romine	Jack	J	Centralia High School	Kiwanis Club of Centralia	Yes



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon Chooses "Youth of the Year"

At their March 28th meeting, the O'Fallon Kiwanis Club had an impressive presentation from the O'Fallon Boys & Girls Club.

The choosing of the Youth of the Year is an annual competition held by the Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the nation. Members of the O'Fallon Kiwanis Club were judges during the initial competition held at the O'Fallon and St Charles locations. The winner from St. Charles moves on to the state competition in April.

They were honored to have this year's winner Radia Johnson (pictured in the middle) speak at the Kiwanis meeting. Tyler Redington, director of the O'Fallon Boys & Girls Club (pictured on the left), began the program by explaining what the Youth of the Year competition was and what was required.

Radia told about her experiences at the Boys & Girls Club and how it has changed her life. It was impressive to listen to this middle school student and how she grew and was challenged by the competition and noted her interest in volunteering, serving the community and working with others.

Radia appreciated the support from her mother, family members and the guidance given by the O'Fallon Boys & Girls Club.

We wish Radia the best of luck as she moves on to compete at the state level.



Martha Radginski introducing the speakers.

Kiwanis Club of Arnold Awards Scholarships

Congratulations to Kiwanis Club of Arnold Scholarship winners Olivia Moore & Ayda Redmond (Seckman Key Club Members) and Sophia Counts, Sophia Gasior, Riley Thomas, & Amy Matronia (Fox Key Club Members).... we wish you all great success in all of your future endeavors!!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Gladstone Adopts Dictionary Project

Gladstone Kiwanis adopted the Dictionary Project from North Kansas City Kiwanis Club. Starting in 2009 with 3 Schools, the program has expanded to 7 Schools, delivering 480 books in total in 2023. The clubs two Key Clubs, Oak Park and Winnetonka, help out with teaching the kids how to use their new books and several of the Key Clubbers still use the ones they received in third grade.

Pictured is Past Governor 2012-2013, Gary Goebel explaining how to use the Dictionaries to Nashua Elementary third graders.

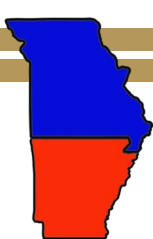


Kiwanis Club of Liberty Establishes New Signature Project

Liberty Kiwanis has a new Signature Project: Jefferson Park. There is a large apartment complex near the park with nothing for the kids to play on. The club donated \$3,100 towards this Playground Equipment and partnered with Liberty Parks and Recreation Department to build the structure. The Kiwanis Club has taken ownership of the park and will make sure it stays clean and well maintained. Club members look forward to additional equipment in the future, with more trees and a 'Little Library' already in the works.

Pictured L to R: Kiwanis Members Elaine Hintlian, Marygold Fry (Fry Playground Equipment Company), Ashley Rivera, Key Clubbers from Liberty High and Liberty North High and Tony Zahn (back to us).





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South County Kiwanis Outstanding Students

The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored Delanie Gabel of Oakville MS and Kohen Myrick of Margaret Buerkle MS as its Outstanding Students for April. Delanie and Kohen were honored for their outstanding academic performance, as well as their involvement in school and community activities, and the service they render to their schools and the community. In addition to a Certificate of Recognition, they each received a gift card to a local store. Pictured with Delanie and Kohen are their parents Jim & Christie Gabel and Eric Myrick.



St. James Kiwanis Club Hosts Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The St. James Kiwanis Club along with the St. James Senior Center and the United Methodist Church Youth hosted a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 8. Attendees were treated to pancakes and sausage for breakfast as well as an opportunity to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The Kiwanis Club provided craft projects including coloring pages, bunny ears, scratch art eggs and decorating sugar cookies. This is the second year for the event.



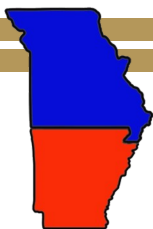
Pic #1 Crafts included coloring pages, bunny ears, scratch art eggs and decorating sugar cookies in the shape of a bunny head or Easter egg.



Pic #2 Those in attendance had a chance to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Not everyone was excited about that.



Pic #3 Sausage and pancakes for breakfast.



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Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 Awarded Microgrant

The Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 (KCON) is proud to announce that the Kiwanis Children's Fund has awarded its club a \$640.00 Microgrant for 2023 for two projects. 1) Core Collaborative at St. Vincent, Normandy, MO - KCON assembles baskets full of collected/purchased household goods like detergent, towels, and more for donation to 20-25 young adults ready to secure their first apartment after matriculating through the Core Collaborative's live-in program to equip them with life skills. 2) Epworth Drop-In Center, Normandy, MO - KCON purchases, prepares and serves food to children - tweens to teens - at the Center, many of whom are homeless. They come to the Center to be fed, get a shower, wash clothes, get toiletries and other needed items before going back onto the streets or other locations to live. KCON also collects/purchases various toiletries and other necessities for the kids who come through Epworth. Both KCON projects are ongoing in the club's efforts to let these youth know that we love them and will always help them in their time of need. KCON is very grateful to the Kiwanis Children's Fund for the assistance the Microgrant provides.

PHOTO Caption: KCON members Avis Williams and Karen Pierre presented 20 baskets of household goods to Michele Quinn and Ms. Ratliff of the Core Collaborative at St. Vincent, Normandy, MO for its young adult clients ready to secure their first apartments. The Core Collaborative's program houses the youth for extended periods as they attend school and life skills classes until they are ready to live independently.



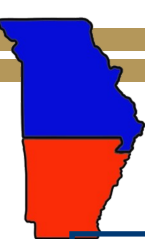
Kiwanis Club of Union Sponsors Clothing Swap

A Clothing Swap sponsored by the Beaufort Elementary School K-Kids in March was a total success! The whole school participated. Tables were piled high with clothes that had been donated.

Families shopped Thursday evening and students came all day Friday to take what they could use. Even after that, approximately two dozen extra large trash bags of clothes were taken to Goodwill and the Franklin County Foster Closet.

Pictured is Union Kiwanis Club Co-President Debbie Puls helping a student select a shirt.





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Kiwanis Club of Springdale Loves to Read

President Sharon Horwart and Laura Wieland of Springdale Kiwanis club read to a room full of Pre Schoolers at Early Learning Center in Springdale

Springdale Kiwanis club members read to 300 pre K students at the Early Learning Center. This year the club had read to 1300 children at 16 schools in Springdale. Each child receives a book to take home.



Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club recently collected and dropped off 2,457 lbs. of clothing and shoes and over 300 lbs of other miscellaneous items to the Savers thrift store in Crestwood, earning \$500 for our club to be donated to some of the many worthy causes we support which positively impact kids' lives.





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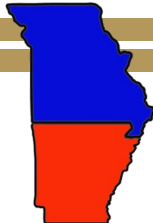
Kiwanis Club of Wright City Presents Check

The Wright City Kiwanis club presents a check to the Wright City Parks Department head Eric Burton. Kiwanis was given the opportunity to help the Parks Department buy updated equipment for the upcoming baseball/t-ball season. The Parks Department found that their equipment was not meeting the current requirements for safety. They found that there were not sufficient funds in the city budget to meet these needs. The WC Kiwanis club runs the Sports Closet which provides free gently used equipment to any child that may need it. This seemed like a great opportunity for the club to help the local community and it was in line with the Sports Closet mission to ensure that every child has what they need to pursue their sports dreams. The funds were secured through a grant from Cuivre River Electric. The funds will be used for catcher's equipment, bases, and game balls.

Wright City Kiwanis welcomes donations to keep the Sports Closet open and operating. They can reach out to our email kiwaniswrightcity@gmail.com or facebook pages for information on how to donate.

Pictured from left: Mary Groeper- board member & former President, Eric Burton- Director for Parks Department, Abby Thomas-Sports Coordinator (Field Manager), Jennifer Olivio- President, Michelle Smith- Board member, Karen Gironde- Treasurer, board member, Martha Radginski- Secretary, board member.





Bill Murdoch, one of the last Great Kiwanians



On February 27, 1979, Bill Murdoch and I were deep into Kiwanis. It was the Mid-Winter Convention for years 1979 - 1980. We loved being part of an organization that spends time and money helping children. Both of us probably joined in 1974. Bill spent forty-five continuous years in the Russellville, AR., Kiwanis club.

The Missouri, snowstorm/blizzard of 1979 was forecast to be 3 inches of snow on Sunday as we were preparing to leave the Mid-Year Conference to come back from Cape Girardeau, MO. Bill was going in as President and I was taking the Division Lt. Governor position. It started snowing around six Sunday morning with over twenty-four inches of snow on flat and level ground by three in the afternoon with snow drifts that covered entire vans. Of course, we didn't leave. Didn't leave until Thursday, as I recall. Bill and I both realized the logic of bringing extra underwear to any future conventions.

I still have the T-shirt stating, "I survived the blizzard of 1979 at the Cape." It must have shrunk over the years; I can't fit into it anymore. Now you know only a part of who Kiwanian Bill Murdoch is. I had the pleasure to present him with the Les Mace Foundation Award a few years ago for forty-five years of dedication to Kiwanis. I have to say, they don't make them any better than Bill. Always, there for pancake day, kid's events, Halloween skating, Easter egg hunts. He never complained. He would be hard to duplicate, but certainly one to emulate.

Bill had taken a sabbatical from the weekly Kiwanis club due to his health. That evening after the presentation of the above award, he called me at home, and we visited for the better part of the hour. I had no idea what that award could mean to one man. He was still excited for months after.

Was he young, you ask? Yes, 'kinda, 'sorta we both were when we started in Kiwanis in the 1970s. Age wise he had me bested eighteen years, but one would never know it from his actions and excitement. He turned ninety-six this year and, Katie, his wife of seventy-seven years was ninety-four. Now you know more about Bill and the title of the first part of the story.

Now the "Rest of the story" needs to be titled "Love Story."

I believe the above explains the lifetime love Bill had for Kiwanis. It is nothing like the love he had for Katie for those seventy-seven years, plus I forgot to mention the fifteen years of puppy love they had for each other before marriage.

Bill was, as most of us would, wanted to remain home and not move to an assisted living center. Katie had moved there due to her condition several months ago. They both resisted it as long as they could make it together. Bill lived alone fairly well for a few months. That was with family checking on him daily. Today is Thursday, April 13, 2023. Let's go back a week ago, to last Friday, Good Friday, he called his son and daughter requesting to be moved into the assisted living with Katie. Katie had not been doing well and he was having a hard time getting around the house





Bill Murdoch, one of the last Great Kiwanians—Continued

alone.

A call was made to the assisted living center and was told that they would not be able to get him checked in till the Monday after Easter. That being three days away. Someway (this I like to refer to as a God Thing) the center managed to move a bed for him into Katie's room on Friday. They were together on Saturday. Katie was bad and just slept. Bill's family kept whispering in her ear that Poppa was in the room with her. Over and over, they repeated it in her ear with no response.

On Easter Sunday, very quietly, Katie passes. They told Bill and asked if he want to stay with her a while. He said yes, being in a wheelchair, they moved him over to her where he could stand up, bend over, and kiss her goodbye. The adult children "kids" left the room so he could have his last few minutes with the love of his life, Katie! With great reverence and love, he just sat and whispered to her. We'll never know what he said to her in those short minutes. I would speculate he said, "Wait for me, Katie"! In about fifteen minutes, they came back into the room and Katie was removed.

Bill was left in the room Easter Sunday night, alone (or was he?). He was quiet and reserve. Monday morning, with family around, he was looking at a blank wall and he pointed to it and stated, "Katie, there she is and what a beautiful smile she has!" Bill's comment reminded me of Stephen in Acts 7:55-56.

Bill passed away within hours of that statement, twenty-one hours after the love of his life passed.

Today, I went to the funeral of one of the last "Great Kiwanians." What we need is a thousand more Bill Murdoch's. His shoes will be hard to fill. Somehow, I feel he will be looking down on our club, perhaps the entire District, with his gentle smile.

Bill Murdoch is and was the best. Thank you, Bill, for all you gave to Kids and Kiwanis.

By Ralph McCormick

District Dates

Friday, April 21, noon — Batesville Kiwanis Club's 95th Anniversary Observance, Tavolo's Italian Restaurant, 3000 Jennings Lane; Governor Roy Ockert to attend.

Monday, April 24, 6 p.m. — Governor's Council via Zoom

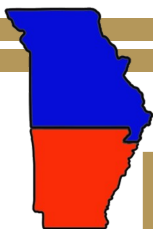
Friday and Saturday, April 27-28 — Lieutenant Governors Training, Pear Tree Inn and St. Francis Xavier's Family Center, 245 West Front St., Sikeston, Mo.

Saturday, April 28, 1:45 p.m. — Region V Governor's Visit, Sikeston Public Library.

Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. — Region III Governor's Visit, Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, Mo.

Monday, May 8, 6 p.m. — Governor's Council via Zoom

Monday, May 22, 7 p.m. — Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom



IN MEMORIAM

Division 2

Jeffrey Cordell
Burlington Junction

Division 20

Richard Taylor
Fort Smith,
Commissary

Deceased members are taken from the secretary's dashboard. Please make sure that the deceased members are deleted 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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