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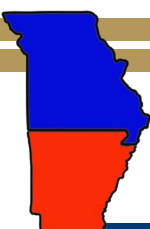
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KEY CLUB

Serving the children of the world



Governor Roy Message

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On the cover:

The Fulton High School Key Club! They volunteered to pick up litter. See the article on page 8.

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

The Kiwanis International Convention will be held June 21-24 in Minneapolis, and I urge all Missouri-Arkansas clubs to participate. Every club in good standing is entitled to two delegates and two alternates, but they must be certified through your club's secretary.

I've been fortunate to attend eight KI conventions, and every one has been well worthwhile because of the educational and informational sessions and the opportunity to compare notes with Kiwanians from all over the world. This one is close enough that Mo-Ark delegates can drive to it in a day or less.

Many clubs reimburse delegates for some, if not all, their convention-related expenses. If yours doesn't, consider pushing for that to happen in next year's budget.

The Annual Meeting on Saturday (June 24) has two especially important items of business.

One is a no-brainer — at least for our district. A former Mo-Ark governor, Ron Hill of Conway, is a candidate for international trustee so we need as many delegates attending as possible to help elect Ron to the KI board.

Ron will welcome help at the convention as he meets and greets delegates to let them know what he could bring to the table. Even if you can't go, you can support Ron through Mo-Ark's MA Fund, which will help with his campaign expenses. Send contributions to: Robin Asher, Treasurer, P.O. Box 524, Kimberling City, Mo. 65686. Be sure to write on your check the notation, "MA Fund."

Ron is one of four candidates to be elected from the U.S. and Pacific Canada, and three will be elected to 3-year terms.

We can't outvote people in the larger district, but if we show up and work hard, we can gain an international trustee.

Another major item of business is not so easy. The KI board has proposed an amendment to international bylaws that would increase member dues in the United States from \$52 a year to \$82. That's a significant bump, but as a former Mo-Ark governor recently pointed out in a meeting I attended, that's just \$2.50 per month.

Click the link below for a booklet produced by KI about the amendment:

<https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/conventions/2023-minneapolis/goes-323-081-223-proposed-amendment-booklet-final.pdf>

The booklet includes the KI board's argument in favor of the dues "adjustment," as it's being called, and the case is compelling.

To summarize briefly, KI has not had a dues increase since 2015. Since then the organization has had an overall decline in membership and a decline in revenue of 14 percent. Meanwhile, the cost of living has increased by 33 percent in the United States, more in other parts of the world. Consequently, KI has been operating with a budget deficit since 2015, covering the difference with funds from investments — the organization's reserve. KI has also cut spending — by almost \$4 million less per year than it did 15 years ago.

The question then is whether Kiwanis is worth another \$2.50 a month. If delegates decide it's not, services will have to be cut.

Or our local clubs could start recruiting new members.

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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 closes on May 15th!

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.

Governor's Message Continued.....

You don't have to be a delegate to attend the convention, and you'd learn a lot from the educational blocks of programs. You could also be entertained at Saturday night's concert by the Oak Ridge Boys. You just couldn't vote in the Annual Meeting.

There is also a virtual option, which would allow you to sit in on many of the best sessions at a modest cost.

The deadline for regular registration on both virtual and in-person options is May 15. You can still register after that, but the price goes up. As for the assigned Mo-Ark hotel, your best bet is to reserve a room by May 15.

All this can be accomplished through the KI Web site:

<https://www.kiwanis.org/>

Also, we'll be having a special dinner for Mo-Ark folks Friday night at The News Room restaurant. Where else would you expect it to be when you have an old editor as governor? More information will be forthcoming.

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

Your Humble Governor



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs Loves Pancakes

Bob Knight Memorial Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs wants to thank everyone who came out to support the Bob Knight Memorial Pancake Breakfast this past Saturday. It was a great success! With the money raised, they'll be able to help local charities throughout the community. You are helping them help the Siloam Springs community one child at a time.

They would also like to thank all of the members who gave their time to have such a successful breakfast, including a couple of potential future members, Bernice Hollaway and Tim Jahay.

A special thank you to First Church Siloam Springs for the use of their facility.



Cathi McEnroe Coleman, Katie Rennard, Stephanie Hamblen Freedle and Dennis Bergthold



2nd Annual Dogwood Festival Pancake Eating Contest

The 2nd Annual Dogwood Festival Pancake Eating Contest sponsored by IHOP and Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs was a huge hit! They had a great turnout for the high school competition, and crowned a new winner.. Rusty Pickup with 14 pancakes eaten in 2 minutes!

Then the contest followed that up with a head-to-head competition between the Siloam Springs Police Department and Siloam Springs Fire Department. Congratulations to Andrew Alfaro of the SSFD for coming out on top! Andrew ate 15 pancakes in 2 1/2 minutes (a tie breaker was held!)

Thank you to Mayor Judy Nation for being our emcee of the event!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Batesville celebrates 95 years

The Batesville Kiwanis Club had a capacity crowd Friday at their meeting celebrating the 95th anniversary of the chapter. Roy Ockert, of Jonesboro is the governor of the Mo-Ark District of Kiwanis. He and first-lady Pat Ockert, are familiar with the work the Batesville Chapter does. Ockert is familiar with the Batesville Chapter not only as a leader, but when he shared the club's activities with readers during his time as editor of The Batesville Daily Guard.



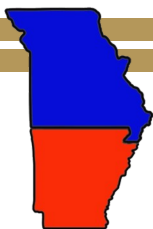
The Kiwanis Club has a total of 56 members, and has been honored numerous times with the Distinguished Club designation by the district, and for good reason. Service projects of note in the chapter include: the Marie Priest Reading Program, Every Child a Swimmer, and Key Club scholarships.

The club also participates in community service projects like Christmas Brings Hope food boxes, the White River Canoe and Kayak Race, judging the 4-H Chicken Cook, taking tickets at the Independence County Fair, and working the White River Water Carnival parade. The Batesville club also hosts the Kiwanis Christmas Parade in historic downtown Batesville, and coordinates the Kiwanis Pioneer Youth Football League. The football league, which was started in 2014, has had 2,822 participants and the cheer-leading, started in 2013 with 287 participants.

The club also supports youth in the community with K-Kids Clubs for elementary, Builders Club for juniors, Key Club for seniors, and CKI Club for college students and the Key Leader Camp. Batesville Kiwanis Club also works with Macy's Miracle to host Macy's Stroll and Roll for Angelman Syndrome, to raise awareness and funds in honor of Macy Bryant, daughter of Josh and Ronda Bryant, and granddaughter of members Ron and Martha Lewallen. To date the club has raised \$50,000 with this fundraiser "This club is one of the shining stars in the Mo-Ark District," Ockert said.

Other fundraisers for the club include the Key Leader Rib Cook, the "Doc" Stalker Rib Cook, Chubby Menard Pancake Day, and the Kiwanis Cornhole Tournament. This chapter knows good barbecue. From 1991 to 2009, they hosted the Batesville Ozark Hawg BBQ Championship (except for 2008, when there was flooding). Described as more than just a contest, this annual event helped the club raise \$215,000.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills Awards Scholarships

In April, the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club awarded scholarships totaling \$3,000 to two Lindbergh High School students who have demonstrated a great commitment to community service. This is part of the club's ongoing effort to support young people in their efforts to help others! Pictured is club member Lisa Marin with scholarship recipients.



Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon Mourns a Huge Loss

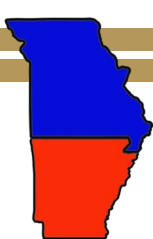
The O'Fallon Club lost a great member this month. Henry Sachs, proudly worked at O'Fallon Gas as manager for 38 years. He served in the United States Navy and was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in O'Fallon. He served as a board member at the St. Joseph Hospitals in St. Charles County, Community Living for the Handicapped, and on multiple other boards in St. Charles County over the years. He was a charter member of Kiwanis Club in O'Fallon and was selected to the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame (for baseball).



Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills Collects Clothing

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 the club supports which positively impact kids' lives.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Holt H.S. Key Club Responds to Food Pantry Need

The O'Fallon Salvation Army said that there was a critical need for food items at their Food Pantry. The Food Pantry provides needy families in the area and our O'Fallon Kiwanis has volunteered for many years on Wednesday nights.



The Holt High School Kiwanis Key Club and advisor Jamie Bennet responded by organizing a school food drive for several weeks and collected close to 1,000 items.

Ed & Martha Radginski arranged for a date to pick up the food items and deliver them to the O'Fallon Salvation Army Food Pantry. The Key Club students lined up and brought out many boxes and bags of food that were loaded into the truck. At the Salvation Army drop off they loaded 3 full grocery carts of items.



The Holt High School Kiwanis Key Club has 25 student members and is busy throughout the year planning and completing service projects in and around the community. With school district budget cuts, the Kiwanis Key Club at Holt High School has stepped up to help the school collect trash around the exterior of the school grounds.

Thank You Holt High School Key Club for helping support the Salvation Army Food Pantry in their time of need.



Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area Purchases Blowers



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area recently purchased two blowers for a group of 5th graders at Rebecca Boone Elementary School. These 5th graders keep a paved area clean of pea sized gravel at the school so it will be safe for the other students in the school. Sweeping this area off each day was quite a task so Kiwanis members decided to give them the blowers to make the job easier. Pictured is Kiwanis President Becca Gasperoni with the Rebecca Boone Elementary School 5th graders.



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Kiwanis Club of Wentzville Charters

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Wentzville, Missouri, which organized April 20, 2023. Pictured below are President Paula Staten O'Connell and Secretary Dr. Nate Kinnison. The club will elect other officers and board members at the first meeting April 26th at noon, at Rizzo's Bar & Grill, 1155 Wentzville Pkwy #145, Wentzville, MO 63385.

The members chose to meet the second and fourth Wednesdays.

The club openers were:

Missouri-Arkansas District Membership Chair Dr. Barb Thompson,
Past Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford,
Kiwanis International Club Opening Manager Kendra Morris,
Kiwanis International Club Opening Specialist "Jay" Myron Hubbard,
Missouri-Arkansas District Lt. Governor Tiffany Ermeling
Illinois-Eastern Iowa Lt. Governor Joe Meyer, Missouri-Arkansas District member Paul Eckler, and
LAMISSTENN District Trustee Laura Gilliland



The Fulton High School Key Club Picks Up Litter

The Fulton Stream Team would like to give a shout out to The Fulton High School Key Club! They volunteered to pick up litter close to home, on the Fulton High School Campus! A beautiful Saturday afternoon made a great day for cleaning up, and making a difference at their school, and in their community!!



District Dates

Thursday, May 18, 10 a.m. — Convention Committee meeting, Doubletree Inn & Suites, Bentonville, Ark.

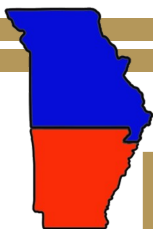
Monday, May 22, 7 p.m. — Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom

Monday, June 5, 6 p.m. — Lieutenant Governors meeting via Zoom

Monday, June 12, 6 p.m. — Governor's Council via Zoom

June 22—24—International Convention in Minneapolis, MN

Friday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. — District Dinner, The News Room restaurant, 990 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis



IN MEMORIAM

Division 2

William Leonard
South County, St Louis

Lewis Pfaff
Gravois, Saint Louis
County

Division 6

Henry Sachs
O'Fallon

Division 21

Kimberly Nugent
Searcy

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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