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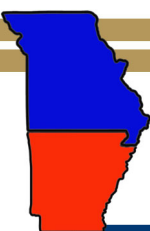
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KEY CLUB

Serving the children of the world



Governor Roy Message

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On the cover:

The Union High School Key Club, sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club, makes blankets for the Franklin County Humane Society located in Union MO.

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

In last month's column I discussed the major issue that delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention will face this month when they gather for the Annual Business Session. The only proposed bylaws amendment would increase member dues in the United States from \$52 a year to \$82 per person.

I don't know how that will turn out, but you can be sure the proposal will get a full airing. Your club should be represented, but as of May 19 only 18 clubs among the 160 in the Missouri-Arkansas District were registered. Hopefully, a few more have been added.

That issue will be decided before Mo-Ark clubs meet for our annual convention Aug. 4-5 at the Bentonville Doubletree Suites, but our House of Delegates will also face a dues amendment.

Both our district organization and Kiwanis International have the same problem — a declining membership base that brings in less revenue each year. To avoid cutting services, each has been digging into reserve funds for several years.

I know the Mo-Ark situation well because I served as chairman of the District Finance Committee for seven years before becoming governor. I set up a budgeting system and once had to reconstruct the district's books. I've done every budget since 2016-17.

Mo-Ark members currently pay \$20 in district dues per person per year. Your club secretary submits a member roster by Oct. 1. KI then bills the club for international and district dues, along with some other charges, such as liability insurance, payable by Nov. 30.

The district receives its share of the dues as the clubs pay, generally over the next four or five months. Since there is no longer a new member fee, when a club adds a new member after Oct. 1, his or her annual dues are pro-rated. Last year all pro-rated dues were transferred to the clubs at the end of the fiscal year.

Mo-Ark has not had a dues increase since 2005, when the rate went from \$10 to \$20. Meanwhile, membership declined steadily. In 2015-16, when I joined the Board of Trustees, we had 5,200 members; at the start of this year we had 3,798.

District dues provide us with almost all of our operating revenue. We keep conference and convention revenue/expenses separate and simply try to break even on special events.

The district has two paid staff members, each an independent contractor receiving stipends for labor, use of a home office and communications. Their rates have not increased since we split the secretary-treasurer position in 2017.

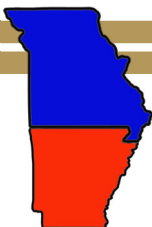
Those stipends account for about two-thirds of our available operating revenue. Almost all the rest goes to reimbursing the travel expenses of district officers, trustees and lieutenant governors, none of whom receive a stipend for their work. All will tell you they cover many costs from their own funds; some never ask for reimbursement.

The gap between operating revenue and expenses has left the district's year-end financial situation in the red five of the last seven years. The last three have been especially difficult.

To counter the membership decline, our Board of Trustees committed \$22,000 in reserved funds to a membership contest in 2020-21. Of course, that's when we got hit by a pandemic, and we still lost almost 500 members. The yearend deficit, without considering use of the reserve funds, was almost \$22,000.



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2023 MO-ARK Kiwanis District Convention



**COOL KIWANIANs COME TO
DISTRICT CONVENTION**

ARE YOU READY FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION?

Be cool at this year's District Convention. The convention officially meets on August 4 & 5 in Bentonville, Arkansas. Now, I know Bentonville is widely known as the home to the corporate headquarters of a retail giant. However, I'm more interested in Smiley. Smiley was first introduced in 1990 and, over the years, has symbolized many things. My initial thought goes to savings. But, if you dig deeper, Smiley appears to help solve everyday tight spots. When customers see Smiley, they know he is helping them, whether he's rolling back prices or highlighting low prices. Smiley is the man. However, Smiley signifies a larger purpose. He's advocating for customers, delivering on his word, providing outstanding customer service, and building comradery. Much like Smiley, Kiwanians advocate for children and children's programs, sponsor fundraising projects, and serve local communities while building relationships with like-minded individuals. Your SMILE signifies a larger purpose as well. In my opinion, Smiley is what puts Bentonville on the map!

ONLINE registration **DEADLINE** is **July 11, 2023**.

ONLINE registration is \$35 for members; \$20 for non-members

ON-SITE registration is \$45 on the day of the convention

***Kiwanis members must register separately with individual emails.**

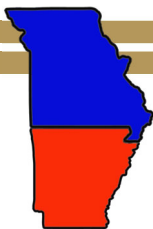
***HOUSE OF DELEGATE** participation requires a Convention Registration.

*Due to contract requirements, early reservation for meals is essential, and it assists us in guaranteeing the correct number of meals. On-site registration will be available without a guarantee for meal availability.

[Register Now](#)

[HOTEL INFORMATION](#) [Click Here](#)

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2023 MO-ARK Kiwanis District Convention



Don't Forget about our District Projects

BEATRICE JOHNSON KIWANIS YOUTH KAMP

This is the Governors Service Project for the year. Beatrice Johnson Youth Kamp is a 160 acre nature camp for youth to discover overnight camping and outdoor education. The Kamp is in the progress of building a headquarters building and expanding sport opportunities. The District strongly encourages clubs to assist in the financial needs of the camp. The details are outlined in the Club Giving Guidelines.



BOOK DONATION



Missouri Arkansas First Lady Pat Ockert has chosen a children's book collection as our District Project. Donations are to be given to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The age range is the infant through teen years. All books must be new, and they ask that they not be religious. Bring your books to the convention to donate to this project.

PLAY IT AGAIN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

This project takes old musical equipment and refurbishes it to donate to students who cannot afford an instrument.

So, for anyone with musical instruments around the house that is no longer used and/or wanted, we ask that you bring them to the convention to donate to this project.



Click on the logo for more information about that organization.



New Key Club Charters

Kiwanis Club of Florissant Valley & Central High School Key Club

After a 10-year absence at Central High School, members of the Kiwanis Club of Florissant Valley held a Key Club Charter Celebration at the high school to recognize 32 chartered members.

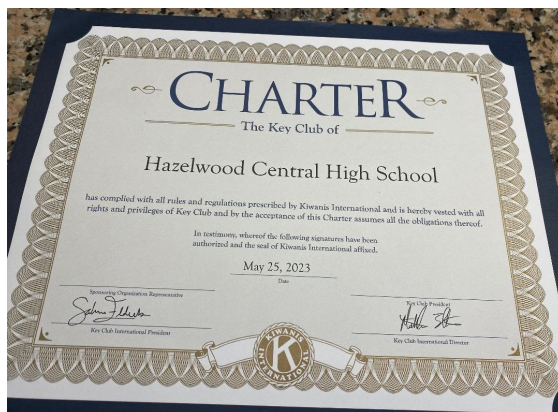
Kahvi Fountain was elected Key Club President, with Santana Oliver serving as Vice-President, Breanna Terry as Secretary, Nyeema Sisson as Treasurer, and Luis Hernandez as Editor. The following students are also chartered members of the latest edition of Key Club at Central High: Danielle Allen, Shalini Bisram, Kylie Brawley, Herriyah Brookins, Lonnie Burks, Trey Von Campbell, Monyae Cole, Ra'Nise El Amin, Emmanuel Ellis, Ke'Shyne Graham, Corpell Griffeth-Walker, Kamiya Holmes, Donovan Howard, Gemir Hudspeth, Jeanne Johnson, Terayasia Joyner, A'hmeena King, Austin Logan, Nevaeh Love, Rasheed Smith, Damiyah Spencer, Keviona Sproling, Raven Steel, Leori Stephenson, Ashley Terrell, Montrell Thornton, Stacey Wilson.

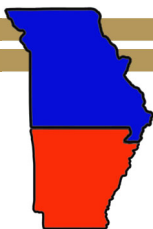


Nancy Kuse and Ron Wilkinson stepped up as sponsors for Central High's Key Club and endured a lot in getting the club chartered.

The first task given to Central's Key Club was to pick a service project to help make our community a better place of human decency and love. So, the club came together with Central's International Club and began a beautification project in the school's common space, a community garden.

HSD is excited to see the growth of Key Club at Central High and would like to thank all the students, staff, and volunteers involved in bringing it back to the high school. Watching everyone work so hard together makes us HSD Proud!





100 Year Celebration

Kiwanis Club of Harrisonville Celebrates a Major Milestone

JOIN US FOR A 100 YEAR CELEBRATION



JUNE 13, 2023

5:30 PM

**PLAYGROUND GROUNDBREAKING AT
HARRISONVILLE CITY PARK SHELTER #3**

6:30 PM

**DINNER AT
HARRISONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
CATERED BY THYME FOR SEASONING**

FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY

KEN REMMERT

WITH

"A TRIBUTE TO TRUMAN"

TICKETS \$15.00 PER PERSON

PAYABLE AT THE DOOR

RSVP BY MAY 29TH

HARRISONVILLE.KIWANIS@GMAIL.COM



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Mo-Ark eCentennial

Each month the Mo-Ark eCentennial tries to have a service project. Because we are spread out between two states each member can opt to serve in their local area.

In May, the members chose to recognize National Nurses Week and / or National Police Week.

The Mo-Ark eCentennial and the Greater Bryant Clubs partnered to recognize the Bryant Police Department. Each officer received a goodie bag with various treats, fidget spinner and a note of appreciation.

Pictured are...Greater Bryant Secretary Rebecca Kidder, Sgt. Todd Crowson, Chief Carl Minden, and Mo-Ark eCentennial President Susan Lafond.

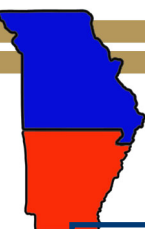


Kiwanis Club of Cottleville Weldon Spring

A group of hard working Kiwanians from the Kiwanis Club of Cottleville Weldon Spring spent a morning doing service at Community Living in St Charles. Community Living is a company that provides innovative services and opportunities for people with disabilities throughout the area.

In the backyard, Kiwanis members bolted together a raised garden and then added soil and planted vegetable plants into it. Then in the front yard, members pulled out two dead boxwood shrubs and then planted two more. Kiwanis President Tammy Hempen spent time in the front yard trimming their shrubs. What a great way to spend a beautiful spring morning!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area

The Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area presented a check for \$1,500 to Warren County Literacy to help support the Dolly Parton Books from Birth program in the area. (Pictured - Amy Horton, Warren Co Literacy and Becca Gasperoni - Kiwanis President). Kiwanis members raised money to support this cause at their annual fundraiser in March, "Books, Bingo & Root Beer Floats"



Members of Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area are sending homeschooler Blake Schaper to Missouri Boys State in June. Blake will spend a week at Lindenwood University learning more about leadership and government. (Pictured are Kiwanis Secretary Martha Radginski, Blake's Mom Christy Schaper, Blake Schaper, and Kiwanis President Becca Gasperoni)

Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon

The Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon held their Annual End of Year Appreciation Barbecue for the students and parents at the O'Fallon Boys & Girls Club on Friday, May 19th. It was threatening rain so the event moved indoors. Kiwanis members cooked hotdogs and brats outside and set up a serving table in the gym. The club offered chips, fruit, lemonade and Bomb Pops, as well as hot dogs and brats. They also provided a giant bowling game and corn hole. It seemed that the favorite activity the kids loved playing was tug-a-war in the middle of the gym. O'Fallon Kiwanis members are thrilled to have Tyler Redington from the Boys & Girls Club as a Kiwanis member and continue to look for ways to work with this organization.



Katie Page & Ed Radginski
cooking hot dogs



Kids and Staff playing tug a war



Food Line at B & G Club—Martha
Radginski is pictures.



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club has been busy not only with new projects, but also with several projects in which they participate on a regular basis. This spring the club cleaned up a section of the historic Father Dickson cemetery in Sappington and cooked dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald house in St. Louis.



pictured:
(L to R)
Bernie
LaRose,
Diane
Slattery,
Lisa Marin,
Dan
Garvey,
Teri Jacob



pictured:
(L to R) Sammye
LaRose, Julie
Bostick, Diane
Slattery, Donna
Rabbitt, Nancy
Benson

Enter Your Pet Today!! All Proceeds will Benefit the MOARK District Programs

Mo-Ark eCentennial Kiwanis Club Presents the Cutest Pet Contest

June 1 – 30 2023

The contest is not limited to your "typical" pets.



\$10.00 Entry Fee

Submit a photo of your pet along with the \$10.00 entry fee and receive 10 votes. You can share on social media to collect as many votes as you can for your cute pet.

Votes cost \$1.00 per vote, and you can vote as many times as you'd like.

Use the link below to enter and vote:

<https://www.gogophotocontest.com/moarkcentennialkiwanisclub>

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
\$100.00 Visa Gift Card	\$75.00 Visa Gift Card	\$50.00 Visa Gift Card



BJKYK Seeks Board Members

On October 1st each year a few members of the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Board complete their term of office. New Kiwanians are invited to serve for two to three years.

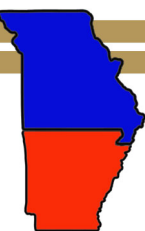
The time commitment is about 26-28 hours a YEAR! Some sweat equity might be involved. If you can't donate labor, you could tell the BJKYK Story to other Kiwanis clubs across Missouri and Arkansas (or other civic, youth groups). The rewards are many; you might even get a s'mores hug from a happy scout!

Please consider making this a commitment for 2023 or even 2024. The Board has set up rolling years of service so that a few new faces are added at beginning of each Kiwanis Fiscal year.

For more information call Sam Taylor, President or Dolores Stamps, Secretary at 479-799-1687 or any other member of the current Board.

You will be blessed! KIDS
NEED KIWANIS!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

The Kiwanis Club of South County Presents Scholarships



St. Louis recently presented Amelia Adams of Oakville High School with a \$1,000 scholarship to Lawrence Technological University where she will pursue a BA in interior design and then plans to go on for an MA in architecture. Amelia is pictured with her parents Pam and Dean Adams.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently presented Rachel Trotsky from Mehlville High School with a \$1,000 scholarship to the University of Missouri where she will pursue a BA in Nursing. Rachel is pictured with her parents Darlene and Dave Trotsky.

Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, MO Presents Scholarships

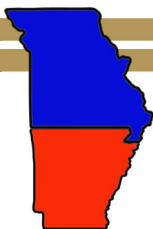
The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, Missouri, presented three scholarships to worthy MRH (Maplewood Richmond Heights) seniors on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Dick Ulrich (member) presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Alaa Hamedi. Alaa plans to attend the St. Charles Barber College and hopes to open his own shop in the future. Karen Wood (President-Elect) presented a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Isaac E. Young (one of our former 56-year members) to Melissa Gantz. Melissa plans to attend UMKC and will major in architecture. Bonnie Paulsmeyer (Secretary) presented a \$1,000 scholarship also in memory of Isaac E. Young to Zion Murphy. Zion plans to attend Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. He will major in meteorology.

We thank Marilyn Young, an Honorary Member of our club, and her family for making possible two of the scholarships. The Young family has always supported Kiwanis and its mission. Proceeds from the club's annual golf tournament support the scholarship program.

Alaa Hamedi, Dick Ulrich, Melissa Gantz,
Karen Wood, Zion Murphy, Bonnie
Paulsmeyer

MRH Scholarship Winners and Maplewood
Kiwanis Members





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village Builders Club

At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village, the Builders Club Officers from Jessieville Middle School made a presentation on the activities, fundraisers, and community service for their club.

A Builders Club is a Kiwanis sponsored club for middle school age students. All functions of the club are handled by the student members with the assistance of teacher adviser, Nancy Hendrix and Kiwanis club adviser, Carl Burns.

The students meet once a month and have over 40 members. The officers are: Olive Hines, president; Brylee Heath, co-president; Emily Schmedel, vice president; Tia Petrie, secretary.

Picture L-R: Bill Herzog, Service Leadership Adviser; Olive Hines, president; Nancy Hendrix, teacher adviser; Tia Petrie, secretary; Emily Schmedel, vice president; Brylee Heath, co-president; Carl Burns, club adviser.



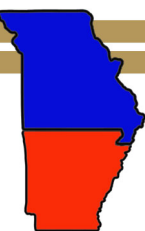
Kiwanis Club of St. James Help Fifth Graders Jump Into Health

Members of the St. James Kiwanis Club met with the fifth-grade class on Tuesday, May 16 to donate over 140 jump ropes to the kids. Part of the Jump Into Health program conducted by the club, students were each outfitted with a properly sized jump rope, which they get to keep.

This is the twelfth year the program has been held, with each rope handmade by the club members. A short program was held to introduce kids to how to handle their rope, what sort of tricks can be done, and tips for a healthy lifestyle. Kiwanis members spoke to the class on the importance of living an active lifestyle and how activities such as jump roping help a person live healthy. Lucy Wortham James Elementary Principal Dan Copeland, School Resource Officer Tony Gray, Communication Director Beth Keyes and Music Teachers Ronna Ament and Lisa Martin all showed off their jump rope skills for the students.

Following the program, students were sized for their jump ropes, which they then had the opportunity to use in the gym for the remainder of the period





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone Presents Scholarship

The Gladstone MO has selected Collin McCarthy as its 2023 Kiwanis Scholar. A graduating senior from Oak Park High School, Collin has been an active member and president of our Key Club throughout his high school experience. He is a four year member of the Oak Park marching band and an active participant in the Scholar Bowl. He was presented with his \$1,000 scholarship at the May 24 Gladstone Kiwanis Club meeting. Collin is an Eagle Scout and is serving his second summer on staff at the Boy Scout Bartle Scout Reservation. He plans to enter Creighton University in the fall with a path toward enrollment in Med School.

Scholarship Chm. Dick Hinderliter, President Ken Williams, Collin McCarthy, Treasurer Adam Schwery



Kiwanis Club of Gladstone Collects Baby Items

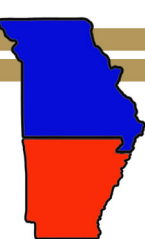
For the twenty-first year the Missouri Northland Kiwanians collected baby shower items at the local HyVee super market to provide a happy Mother's Day for low income families. This year seven members of the Gladstone Kiwanis Club staffed a booth at the Gladstone HyVee and greeted shoppers with a list of desired items. They responded with donations of 4,323 diapers, 4,425 baby wipes, and accompanying shampoo,



formula, baby food, etc. All items plus collected cash donations were turned over to Operation Breakthrough for distribution to their local families. This remains one of the most rewarding projects of our Kiwanis year.

Gary Goebel, Dale Oldham, and Ken Williams man the Operation Breakthrough booth at HyVee on May 12th.

#KidsNeedKiwanis



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

The Kiwanis Club of Springdale is very Active

Juan Limus Springdale High school graduate acknowledging receiving both the Springdale Kiwanis \$2,000 scholarship and Earl Collins \$1,000 Scholarship.



Springdale Kiwanis club members attend Mayor's prayer Breakfast. Left to right: Truman Stamps, Sam Mason, Dawn and Larry Peckham, Mark Moreland, Dolores Stamps and Sharon Horwart.



47 years and counting. Springdale members continue volunteering at 47th Annual Little Olympics and 5th grade students keep running. Great event for 1500+ 5th grade students.



The Kiwanis Club of Union Presents Field Day

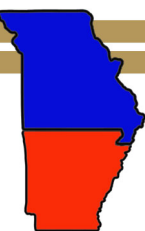
Union Kiwanis Club members teamed up with Autumn Hill State School to provide a Field Day for Autumn Hill students and ABILITY, DSFC (Developmental Services of Franklin County) clients. Pictured below are several of the participants, Union Kiwanis Club members, and others who assisted during Field Day.



Photo: Union Kiwanis members Lynne Elliott (far left in red shirt) and Eileen Wade (center in red) shirt, ABILITY "LIFE-OP" client Ryan Sauder and Margaret with MO Mentor

Photo (left to right): Autumn Hill teacher Genesis Kahlenbeck; Autumn Hill students Jaxson Thorn (red hair) and Brody Boland (behind Jaxson); and Health Occupation volunteer Chloe Holtmeyer





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Union High School (UHS) Key Club Makes Blankets

The Union High School Key Club, sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club, makes blankets for the Franklin County Humane Society located in Union MO. UHS Key Club members have been volunteering for the Humane Society since 2020. The students make blankets from fleece, cutting the material along the outside edges and then tying the cut sections together. Four Key Club members and three Kiwanis members made a total of eight blankets for the Humane Society on a Saturday and then delivered them the same day.

Photo: Standing in front left to right are UHS Key Club members Izzy Zagarri and Abby Blaser. Back row left to right: UHS Key Club Sponsor Jacquelyn Drury, Union Kiwanis Club member and Key Club Advisor Gina Peters, UHS Key Club members Hailee Quaethem and Katherine Bolte and UHS Key Club Sponsor Alicia Schoonover



The Kiwanis Club of Union Presents Scholarships

The 2023 Union Kiwanis scholarship recipients are pictured with Union Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee member Keith Crews (standing left) and Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Ken Rohrbach.

Scholarship winners from left: Lillian Wiskur and Isabelle (Izzy) Zagarri, general scholarships; Madalyn Kandlbinder, service scholarship; and Evan Swoboda, agricultural achievement scholarship.

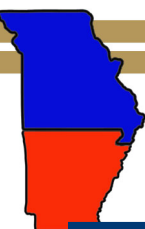
Izzy Zagarri also received the MO-ARK Division 10 Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship.

Lillian Wiskur is attending the University of Missouri. Isabelle Zagarri is attending



Truman State University and majoring in Pre-Medicine Biochemistry. Madalyn Kandlbinder is attending Missouri Baptist University and majoring in Nursing. Evan Swoboda is attending the University of Missouri – Columbia and majoring in Pre-Medicine.

The Union Kiwanis Club has given \$72,102 in scholarships over the years and has assisted in getting \$8,250 in Earl Collins Scholarships.



Governor Message Continued

In 2021-22 we again conducted a membership contest, dedicating \$15,000 in reserve funds. Otherwise, our deficit was almost \$12,000. It would have been worse except for the lack of an international convention.

For the current year we cut expenses by \$11,000, but our budget still projects a deficit of almost \$30,000. That's why we're not running another membership contest.

The district still has a Reserve Fund of almost \$150,000, but we can't keep cutting into that every year.

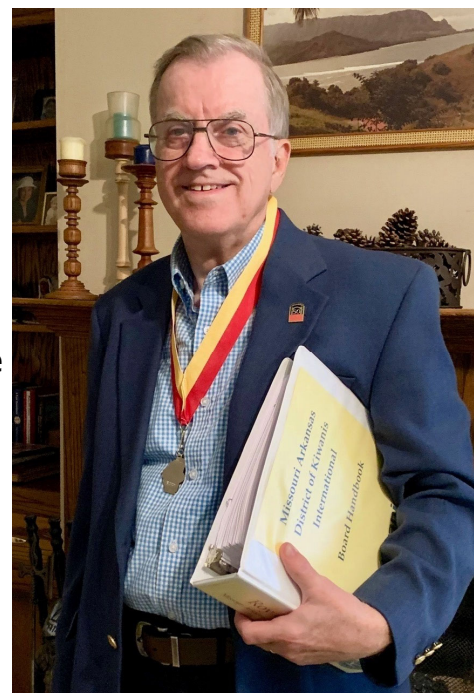
To give our board an idea of what's needed, I projected what this year's budget would look like if dues were already higher. At \$25 the projected deficit would be \$10,683; at \$30 we would have a surplus of \$8,307. Remember, those numbers would be accurate only if we hold the line on membership.

That's not likely to happen. As of May 31, the district was minus-9 members, compared to plus-198 at the same time in 2022.

Our financial troubles would go away if every club in the district could show membership growth. Nevertheless, we all know the many great things that Kiwanis does for our communities in Mo-Ark. That's surely worth 83 cents more per month.

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

*Your Humble Governor,
Roy Ockert*



District Dates

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

Tuesday, June 13 — Kiwanis Club of Harrisonville, Mo., 100th Anniversary Celebration; Playground Ground-breaking, Harrisonville City Park Shelter #3, 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, Harrisonville Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, through Saturday, June 24 — Kiwanis International Convention, Minneapolis, Minn.

Friday, June 23 — Mo-Ark District Caucus, Hyatt Regency Greenway C, Minneapolis.

Friday, June 23, 6:45 p.m. — District Dinner, The News Room restaurant, 990 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis.

Monday, June 26 — Governor's Council meeting canceled.



IN MEMORIAM

Division 9

Mary Wetteroff
Crestwood-Sunset Hills

Division 20

Don Stout
William Murdoch
Russellville

Rest In Peace Dear Kiwanians!

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

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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