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COOL KIWANIANs COME TO DISTRICT CONVENTION



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Governor Roy Message

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Locations in Bentonville to enjoy.
Walmart Museum
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Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

If we had not stayed for a rip-roaring concert by the Oak Ridge Boys, I'd have to say that the last day of the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis was a downer.

We had expected to celebrate the election of Ron Hill of Conway as an international trustee that night, but that didn't happen. KI's Annual Meeting, which seemed to be a bit discombobulated, started late, and the morning session ended well before lunch-time. That was, I suppose, because voting would come in the afternoon, for which we delegates are equipped with devices that resemble old Blackberry phones.

Ron's campaign speech — if you can call three minutes a speech — was the best of the four candidates. I thought he'd finish second at worst. Mo-Ark is a small district, and it's hard to win an election when you bring fewer than 30 delegates from home. But one of the other candidates was from Montana, which has more mountains than people.

Whatever, the wisdom of the voters, you know.

Then it was on to the ballot issues, and there were only two.

The first was a so-called Bylaws Modernization Revision, and I thought somebody would find that the powers-that-be were trying to pull a fast one somewhere in those 91 pages of legalese. But there was — shockingly — no debate, and the thing passed with 97 percent of the votes. The practice questions used to instruct the delegates on how to work their voting devices never are that one-sided.

Of course, the next one was much more controversial — a proposal by the KI administration and Board of Trustees for a \$30 per year per member increase in dues (for U.S. clubs).

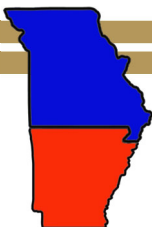
Initially, I had mixed emotions about this proposal. First, going from \$52 to \$82 is a big jump and would hit some people hard. It could have accelerated the declining membership problem Kiwanis and other civic clubs have had over the past 10-15 years.

Secondly, even before we knew what KI would propose, Mo-Ark leaders had concluded that we needed to ask for a dues increase this year. Like the international organization, our revenue hasn't kept up with our expenses, and we've had to start dipping into our reserve funds.

I knew that if KI passed a \$30 dues hike, we'd be hard-pressed to pass our smaller one. We have the same problems, just on a much smaller basis. But \$30 is only 58 cents a week, and Kiwanis is certainly worth that so I would vote yes.

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2023 MO-ARK Kiwanis District Convention



**COOL KIWANIANs COME TO
DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Deadline to Register July 11th—Don't miss out!

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.**

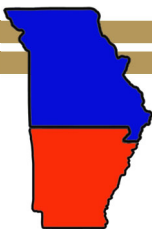
***HOUSE OF DELEGATE** participation requires a Convention Registration.

*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.

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2023 MO-ARK Kiwanis District Convention



COOL KIWANIANs COME TO DISTRICT CONVENTION

Convention Highlights:

The planning committee has spent many hours to develop a fun and interesting itinerary for you all to enjoy. Here are the highlights. The official schedule will be listed in the website and Facebook.

Shannon Hendrix, senior vice-president and administrator for Arkansas Children's Northwest Hospital in Springdale, will be the keynote speaker for the We Are Family Luncheon during the 74th annual convention of the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International.

The We Are Family Luncheon will begin at noon Saturday (Aug. 5).

Hendrix' experience at Arkansas Children's includes leadership responsibilities with teams ranging from clinical operations, such as radiology and laboratory, to the social support services at the heart of delivering family-centered care, including social work and pastoral care. She previously served as vice president of clinical and diagnostic services for Arkansas Children's Hospital.



A registered dietitian, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in nutrition from the University of Central Arkansas. She sits on community boards and is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Arkansas Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics.



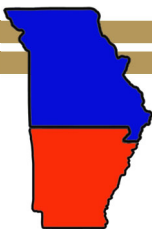
Another highlight of the convention will be the participation of the new vice president-elect of Kiwanis International, Michael A. Mulhaul of Interlaken, N.J. Although he was just elected last week at the KI convention in Minneapolis, he has accepted an invitation to the Mo-Ark convention, provided there are no conflicts with his other duties as a member of the KI Board of Trustees.

He would give opening remarks on Friday (Aug. 4) and serve as the installing officer at Saturday night's Governor's Banquet.

Mulhaul, who has worked in financial management for 38 years, has been a KI trustee since 2020 and serves as chair of the KI Audit and Finance Committee. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany, N.J., for 31 years and is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of

Asbury Park and the Eye of the Tiger eKiwanis Club.

In the Parsippany club, he has served as president and treasurer. He has chaired the club's Annual Grand Tasting, a fund-raising event that has raised more than \$500,000 for autism research and other projects since 2002.

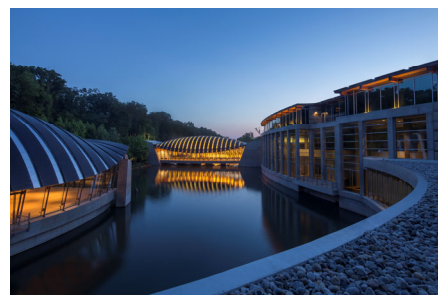


2023 MO-ARK Kiwanis District Convention



Convention Highlights, con't:

Other highlights of the convention schedule include panel discussions on Mo-Ark signature projects and district finances; a how-to session on Facebook Leads, a web program that can be used to find prospective club members; breakout sessions on how to get club publicity and the lesser known youth leadership programs of Kiwanis; and an excursion to the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville late Friday afternoon.



The district House of Delegates will meet Saturday afternoon. Business on the agenda so far are the election of a governor-elect for 2023-24 and a proposed \$10 per member dues increase. See page 6 for further details.

Each club in good standing in the district is entitled to three voting delegates and three alternates, all of whom must be active members of the clubs they represent. However, a current or past lieutenant governor may represent a club that does not have three delegates. All delegates and alternates must be registered for the convention and certified by the club president and secretary.

The convention will start Friday morning with club officer training and a meeting of next year's lieutenant governors. The district Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday before the convention starts, and the Earl Collins Foundation Board of Directors will meet Friday morning.

The convention will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4-5, at the Doubletree Suites in Bentonville, Ark.

July 11 is the deadline for Kiwanians to register for the convention and make hotel reservations. You can do so by following the link on the Mo-Ark Web site:

<https://k14.site.kiwanis.org>





By-law Amendments

By-Law Amendments to be voted on at the House of Delegates:

The Board of Directors of the Missouri-Arkansas District has referred two bylaws amendments for the consideration of the House of Delegates when it meets Aug. 5 during the 74th annual District Convention in Bentonville.

One would raise district dues from \$20 to \$30 per year for each member. Mo-Ark has not had a dues increase since 2005, when the rate went from \$10 to \$20.

Each Mo-Ark club secretary submits a member roster by Oct. 1. Kiwanis International 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.

Here is the text of the proposed amendment (with words to be added underlined and words to be deleted struck through):

Article X. Revenue

Section 1. Each club shall pay annual dues to the district of ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each active club member ~~in an amount determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the district House of Delegates.~~ Dues shall be based on each club's annual membership report to Kiwanis International as of September 30 of each year and shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30.

Section 2. ~~New member add fees are charged by the district in an amount determined by the House of Delegates. Prorated district dues shall be charged for each new member of a club on the same prorated schedule used by Kiwanis International.~~ Prorated district dues shall be charged for each new member of a club on the district proration schedule provided by Kiwanis International.

District dues provide almost all Mo-Ark's operating revenue. Conference and convention revenue/expenses are kept separate with a goal of trying 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 the secretary-treasurer position was split 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.

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.

For the current year the Board of Trustees cut expenses by \$11,000, but the budget still projects a deficit of almost \$30,000.



By-law Amendments, con't

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A model produced by Governor Roy Ockert shows that the same budget for this year with a \$5 dues increase would still show a deficit of \$10,683. A \$10 increase would net a surplus of \$8,307, but only if total district membership remained the same.

The other proposed amendment simply would make our bylaws conform with a provision passed during the 2022 Kiwanis International convention. That provision allows a Kiwanis member in good standing to serve as a lieutenant governor for a district in which he does not reside — if there is no willing and able candidate to take the position.

Mo-Ark has had at least two such cases in recent years, and this year the district has had four divisions without lieutenant governors.

Here is the text of the proposed amendment:

Article III, Officers.

Section 2. ~~Each district officer shall be an active member in a club of the district. Each Lieutenant Governor shall be a member of a club in the division from which elected and each Trustee shall be a member of a club in the region from which elected and have previously served as a Lieutenant Governor.~~ Each district officer shall be an active member in a club of the district. Each trustee shall be a member of a club in the region from which elected and have previously served as a Lieutenant Governor. Each lieutenant governor shall be a member of a club in the division from which elected. However, if there is no member from a club in a particular division qualified and willing to serve as lieutenant governor, a member of a club in another division may serve. Each candidate for the office of ~~The~~ Governor and Governor-elect shall have ~~and maintain~~ a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

These are the items to be voted on in the House of Delegates. We need your attendance to see that they meet the needs of our members. Please plan to attend the convention to make your thoughts known.

Each club can provide up to three delegates to vote. Clubs will need to provide a delegate form at registration to be admitted into the House of delegates.

Please download the form here and submit to Angie Oshia, District Secretary at kiwanismoark@outlook.com by July 21st to be counted.

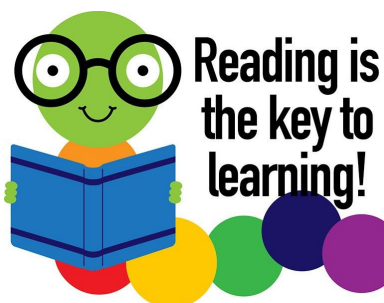


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2022-23 District Service Project

Collecting Children's Books



The district is collecting children's books at the convention. 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.



Alternate 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:

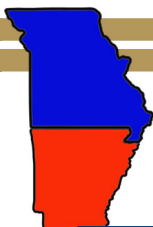
- Total number of books needed
- Breakdown by age/grade
- All Contact information - Name - Phone - Email
- Date needed by. Allow up to 3 weeks for delivery.
- Club name



- Address to be shipped to. No PO Box please!

Orders must be received by July 15 to ensure delivery by the Convention. 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](https://www.kiwanis.org/about/partners/scholastic/scholastic-literacy-partners-book-ordering)



Other Service Projects

PLAY IT AGAIN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: MoArk eCentennial Club

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.

Play It Again is a Springfield based program which began in 2018 to ensure children in SW Missouri are provided with the opportunity to discover their musical talents. As a community it's our responsibility to help make sure kids have every opportunity to explore their musical passions. Play It Again supports Play It Forward SWMO as a chapter of Play It Forward Musical Foundation in St. Louis, established in 2006.

Play It Again wants to see an instrument in the hands of every student in SW Missouri who wants to express themselves through music. We need your support. Donations can be sent by check to: Play It Again; 2128 S. Cross Timbers Ct., Springfield, Missouri 65809.



[Click here for more information about that organization.](#)

Earl Collins Foundation Annual Silent Auction

The Earl Collins Foundation relies on the SILENT AUCTION at the Annual District Convention as a major fund raiser. Your contribution of an item for the silent auction is one of the easiest things you can do to help insure the Foundations' continuing generosity.

The Foundation needs \$26,000 just to provide one ECF scholarship for each Division. It is also making major contributions to each of the Service Leadership programs at the District level, and has made a multiyear pledge for capital improvements at the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp. The Foundation needs to have a successful silent auction to continue their support of Kiwanis and the sponsored youth programs.

Bring an Auction Item to Convention!



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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION



2023-2024 Candidate for Governor-Elect

Jim Fritz, your candidate for Governor-elect:

"KNOW YOUR PASSION. FOLLOW IT. DREAM IT. LIVE IT."

JIM FRITZ

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT



My Kiwanis experience...

Gravois Kiwanis club member, past President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Board Member. Past Division 9 Lieutenant Governor, Past Key Leader Missouri Site Coordinator participating in Missouri and Arkansas Camps, current Key Club District Administrator, and Earl Collins Trustee. Previous Kiwanian of the year, Walter Zeller Fellowship recipient and Leadership Awards.

Goals as your next Governor-Elect...

Strategic Planning with representation from various stakeholders, such as club members, officers and district leadership will be a top priority. A SWOT Analysis of our organization will help identify our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Focusing on setting a VISION for the future allows us to address deficiencies towards achieving it.

Additional focused priorities are...

- *open communications from the top to the bottom
- *continued fiscal responsibility
- *membership growth and retention
- *enhancing the members' experience



Thank you for considering my candidacy for Governor-Elect. I want to leave you with a special quote. "If Service is below you, Leadership is beyond you."



International Convention Highlights

Highlights of the International Convention:

30 excited Missouri Arkansas District members descended upon Minneapolis with hopes of recharging and gaining much information at the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention held July 22–25, 2023.

The educational value did not disappoint. Everyone gained new ideas to take back to their clubs to help them reinvigorate!! However, not all was positive for the district or its members. Here are some highlights from the House of Delegates:

A bylaws proposal that would have raised dues by \$30 a year for all members of Kiwanis International in North America fell short of the two-thirds majority needed during the business session June 24 of the organization's annual convention in Minneapolis.

The KI administration, officers and trustees pushed for the amendment to shore up finances, which have been beset by rising costs, the pandemic and declined membership.

Dues for members of clubs in Tier A, which includes all those in the United States and most others in North America, are \$52 and have been at that level since the last increase in 2015.

Since then the administration has increasingly had to rely on revenue from KI reserve funds, which are invested, to balance the budget. During the past two years, despite budget cuts of about \$1 million each year, some investments had to be sold.

After a spirited debate and two attempts to amend the proposal, the main motion received 60.7 percent of the votes to 39.3, falling six points short of passage.

Opposition came primarily from European delegates, as well as Caribbean delegates.

Clubs in Tier B countries, those with a per capita income of \$5,000 to \$9,999, would have had an increase from \$34 to \$54, Clubs in Tier C countries, which have per capita incomes of less than \$5,000, would have had an increase from \$23 to \$36.

The first attempt to amend the main motion came from a European delegate. It would have allowed a \$20 increase for Tier A clubs but only for next year. That motion failed 25-75 percent.

An American delegate then offered a motion for incremental increases of \$10 each year over three years. That failed 37-63.

The only other ballot issue facing the delegates was a Modernization Revision of the KI Bylaws, basically a cleanup of the text, elimination of duplication or conflicts, and reorganization of some provisions.

It passed without debate and by a 97-3 percent vote.

Katrina J. Baranko of Albany, Ga., was elected president of the Board of Trustees, and Lee Kuan Yong of Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, was chosen to be president-elect. They begin their new terms on Oct. 1, 2023.

Michael Mulhaul of Interlaken, N.J., a trustee since 2020, was elected vice president over two other contenders. He will serve as the international board's counsel and liaison to the Missouri-Arkansas District.

Ron Hill of Conway, Ark., a past governor of Mo-Ark, fell short in his second bid to become an international trustee. Three positions were open for the United States and Pacific Canada Region, and they went to Dennis Baugh of Palmyra, Va., Matthew Cantrall of Lakeland, Fla., and Cathleen Ann "Cathy" Tutty of Butte, Mont.

Mohan Lamsal, Kathmandu, Nepal, was elected as an at-large trustee.

A total of 691 clubs were represented at the business session, with 972 delegates. In addition, there were 364 at-large delegates, bringing the total number of eligible voters to 1,336

Thirty delegates and two guests attended the convention from Mo-Ark.



International Convention Highlights

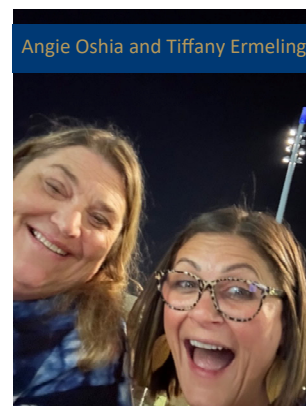
Highlights from the International Convention:



Les Mace, Angie Oshia, Tiffany Ermeling and Taylor Swift



Governor Roy, First Lady Pat, Gov. Elect Paul and Beverly Sherman



Angie Oshia and Tiffany Ermeling



Jerry Martin and Angie Oshia



Twins



Governor Roy



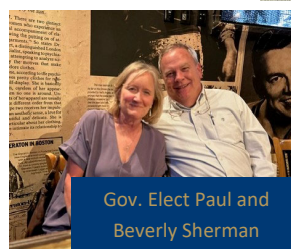
Jerry Marton, Angie Oshia, and Ron Hill



Paula Staten O'Connell, Sue Prentice, Kevin Thomas, Barbara Thompson, Jim Fritz, Mary Vaughan and Tiffany Ermeling



Governor Roy, First Lady Pat



Gov. Elect Paul and Beverly Sherman



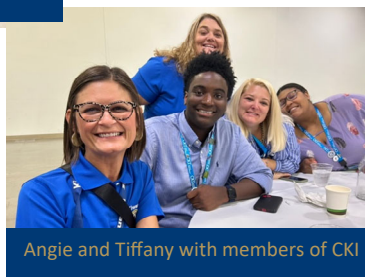
Greg and Kathy Atkins



Mary Kay Campbell, Mary Vaughan, Ron Abernathy and Sue Prentice



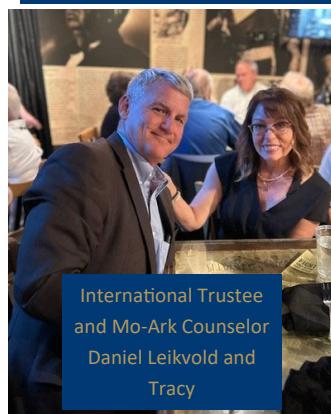
KIDS NEED KIWANIS



Angie and Tiffany with members of CKI



Cheryl Anderson and Mary Vaughan



International Trustee and Mo-Ark Counselor Daniel Leikvold and Tracy



Your 2023-2024 International Officers



International President Bert West



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club Boonslick Presents Nursing Scholarships

Jim Hogan, Boonslick Kiwanis Club member, presented the program. He shared information from the applications of each scholarship recipient. In 2010, the program, now named after Wayne Behymer, began. Wayne had a passion for helping single mom's with children, continue their education in nursing. The program then, was through the Columbia Area Career Center and is now at MACC. Julie Kiefer, the Director of the program, and their instructor, has been with the program since then. She shared that the program will be moving to the Parkade Center, where they will have 2 rooms now. One room will be a separate skills lab. They do plan to provide services at the First Chance for Children healthfair this year. The upcoming class has 30 students admitted. This group will graduate 15 students at Rockbridge HS July 27 at 6:30pm.

Since 2010 a total of \$25,250 has been awarded to 41 graduating nursing students.

Pictured from left: Esther Nganga, Edward Landis, Ivan Velez, Wayne Behymer (Boonslick Kiwanis member and co-founder of scholarship program), Julie Keifer (Instructor), Kyle Evanoff and Jasmine Jennings.

Not pictured: Co-founders Richard and Nan Erickson, and Jo Behymer



Boonslick Kiwanis NEW Key Club Scholarship Presentation

Tim McLaughlin, club advisor to Tolton HS Key Club presented the very first Fr. Tolton Elda Kurzejeski Memorial Scholarship. Elda was instrumental in Service Leadership. Elda's son Paul came for the ceremony. The recipient was Devin Shouman a student with a 4.1 GPA and scored 31 on her ACT. Several members attended the presentation

Pictured: Tim McLaughlin and recipient Devin Shouman.



#KidsNeedKiwanis



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Russellville

Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp Endowment

Joe Pearson along with Russellville Kiwanis Club President Danny Hipps and Blake Tarpley, Club Treasurer are shown presenting Madelyn Ginsberg, Executive Director of Pope County Community Foundation a check for \$6,280.00 for the Kamp Endowment Fund. The Russellville Club along with generous individual club members donated funds in support of establishing a \$100,000.00 endowment for annual maintenance and operations for the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Camp.



A club member and camp supporter established the endowment in July 2021. The donor will match this years \$6,280.00 check and has pledged to match up to \$5000.00 a year for the next five years to help fulfill the goal of the \$100,000.00 Endowment.

This years donation along with previous endowment funds brings the total raised to approximately 25% of the \$100,00.00 goal.

Mo-Ark Kiwanis clubs or individual donors wishing to support the Kamp Endowment can contact Russellville Kiwanis Club or Pope County Community Foundation to make their donation.

Kiwanis Club of Maplewood

The Club held their 18th Annual Golf Tournament on June 12, 2023 at Paradise Valley Country Club. The event is called the Jeff Johnson Open. Jeff Johnson, Golf Tournament Chair has been Kiwanis Member since 1969 or 54 years of Service.

Nearly 50 teams of players enjoyed sunshine and mid 70s temperatures on June 12 for the annual Jeff Johnson Open. Each year on the Monday prior to Father's Day, the club hosts this tournament to raise money for scholarships for students graduating from Maplewood Richmond Heights High School. The club is grateful to all who contributed, especially hole sponsors and players!



Jeff Johnson,
tournament
chair

Pictured is
Karen Wood,
Bonnie
Paulsmeyer
and Dick
Ulrich





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

In their ongoing monthly recognition of first responders in the community, the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club was pleased to honor last month an officer from the Affton 3rd Precinct, nominated by his police chief, to thank him for all he does for our community. The officers are pictured with our club president Kevin Hollander.



Past Governor, Roger Sherman celebrated his 90th birthday at the Sikeston Kiwanis on June 26, 2023.

Pictured is Past Governor Garry Warner presenting Roger with a special certificate of appreciation and congratulations from the Missouri Arkansas past governors.



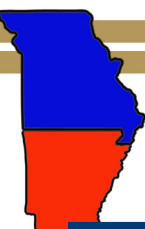
Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton Holds Fishing Derby

On a beautiful day on June 9th the club held their annual Fishing Derby. Over 90 kids and their parents enjoyed fishing for tagged fish to win prizes.



Pictured are Sharon Duisen, Jeff Thurston, Kathy Bowden, Ron Abernathy, Joni Norris and Andrea Snowden





Governor Message Continued

During the past few months I had been getting negative emails about the KI proposal, especially from Kiwanians in Europe, so I knew there would be significant opposition. Sure enough, the Europeans put up an amendment that would allow a \$20 increase for one year only, then revert back to \$52. That was soundly defeated.

Another alternative was offered, and it was more reasonable — raising the dues incrementally, \$10 a year over three years. That one went down with 63 percent opposed.

After more debate the main amendment came up for a vote, and it got a strong majority — 60.7 percent to 39.3. They don't announce the vote numbers, but based on the number of delegates with voting devices, it would translate to something like 779 votes to 504. Nevertheless, a two-thirds majority was needed so the amendment failed.

I thought surely there would be a parliamentary maneuver to bring the incremental idea back up. Spreading the increase out over three years would be better than nothing, and it would be easier on members. But the KI leaders almost immediately started clearing the stage, getting ready for the new president's speech and other festivities. Some feelings were obviously hurt. Get ready for some budget cuts.

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

*Your Humble Governor,
Roy Ockert*



Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp 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.





IN MEMORIAM

Division 14

Charles Frey
Cape Girardeau

Division 24

Beth Wright
Springdale

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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