

**July 2023**

**GRAVOIS KIWANIS CLUB**  
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI



**Meeting Time: 12:00 pm**  
**Meeting Place: 5914 S. Lindbergh Blvd**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**PRESIDENT:** JEAN ECKRICH

**PRESIDENT ELECT:** KARL GRATTENDICK

**TREASURER:** CARLA O'BRIEN

**CO-SECRETARY:** CARLA O'BRIEN & MARISA MCCLUER

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** JIM CROOKS

**Lt. Governor, Div. 9:** Teri Jacob

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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| • B BALK     | 2023 |
| • A FRITSCH  | 2023 |
| • D LEUPOLD  | 2023 |
| • K BENNETT  | 2024 |
| • L Dressel  | 2024 |
| • P. Eckrich | 2024 |
| • R RICHIE   | 2024 |

**Mindful Moment**

Therefore encourage  
one another and build  
each other up, just as  
in fact you are doing.

**1 Thessalonians**  
**5:11**



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Never under estimate what a kind and encouraging  
word can do for the world around you! You never  
know what battles are being fought that you cannot  
see.

**Take time to encourage someone today!**

**Birthdays**

James McGivney  
James Reuter  
Rudi Schwenger

**Anniversaries**

Mary & David Guinta



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6-14

Lorin Dressel spoke about volunteer opportunities, pictured are Jean, Lorin and Roger Richie who brought Lorin into the club



Thank you to our June/July Speakers!



6-21 Speaker

Nelanie Tobin and Jenna spoke to us from Energy Care

6-28

Dave Bouchein of Carondelet Historical Society gives President Jean Eckrich a commemorative coin.



7-19 Speaker

Club member, Lorin Dressel, gave us an informative talk about the work being done in St Louis for Columbia, MO charity, Mobility Worldwide. They distribute mobility carts worldwide to clients in need.

7-26 Speaker

Elizabeth Freshuer from Camp Wyman



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## June & July Happenings

### MO ARK Kiwanis Convention 8/4-8/05

Banners festooned the meeting room. Jim Fritz (with wife Linda) was elected as MO-ARK Governor Elect and sworn in by Michael Mulhaul, KI VP Designate.

Members attending the Convention were: L-R Jim Fritz, Linda Fritz, Dave OBrien, Carla OBrien, Don Leupold, Lori Leupold, Jim Crooks, Ginger Crooks



June 23-26 Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis,  
Member attendees were Dave OBrien, Carla OBrien and Jim Fritz



## Kiwanis Club of Gravois - St. Louis County Board Meeting August 2, 2023

President – Jean Eckrich President-elect – Karl Grattendick

Treasurer – Carla Obrien Co-Secretary – Carla OBrien/Marisa McCluer Immediate Past Pres: Jim Crooks

Board of Directors: Brandon Balk, Ken Bennett, Lorin Dressel, Paul Eckrich, Ann Fritsch, Don Leupold, Roger Richie

Also present were:, Ginger Crooks, Jim Fritz, Dave OBrien, Don Sabbert

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Secretary's Report (Carla OBrien) –Motion to accept the May minutes as presented in the June Newsletter by: Karl Grattendick seconded by Jim Crooks. All in favor, None opposed opposed

Treasurer's Report (Carla O'Brien) –

Charitable account is at \$ 17,781.32 and Administrative account is at \$638.17, totaling \$ 18,419.49 .

Motion was made to accept the financial report by Roger Richie seconded by Ann Fritsch. All in favor, none opposed.

Committee Reports - Administrative:

Audit (Don Sabbert & Ann Fritsch) – Audit completed for 2021-22

Budget (Carla Obrien) – Wednesday 9/13/23 at Carla's house, 600pm

Education (Jim Crooks) – Weekly questions continue.

Flying Squadron (Jim Crooks) – 8/04-8/05 MO-ARK Convention in Bentonville, 8/15 Kirkwood Kiwanis at 7:30am at Pioneer Café, 210 N Kirkwood Rd, 8/31 REG IV meeting with Governor Roy Ockert at Sybergs – Maryland Heights,

House Comm. (Karl Grattendick) – no report

Program (Jean Eckrich) –Go over all programs as scheduled for June, and place at end of newsletter

Membership Development (Jim Crooks) no report

Nominating (Jean Eckrich & last 4 pres.) -. Still looking for a President Elect

President's Party (Karl Grattendick) – Need to Pick Date for 2023

Publicity (Brandan Balk and Loren Dressel) no report

Sick/telephone (Don Sabbert) – Paul Eckrich had knee surgery on Tuesday, August 1

#### **Committee Reports - Community Service**

**Camp (Paul Eckrich) –**

**Community Service / Welfare (Paul Eckrich) –**

**Fund Raising (Allan C, Ken B, Ginger C, Jim C, Mike H, Robert H, Roger R):.No new plans**

**Old Newsboys (Paul & Allan) –Completed 11/17/22**

**Presidents Project (Jean Eckrich) HSMO, please donate blankets, animal toys, cages, beds**

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Jim Crooks) – Done for 2022-23**

**Scholarship (Carla Obrien & Jim Fritz) –Done LHSS, Hancock, and Affton students received scholarships at the 4/26/23 Scholarship Luncheon**

**SLP – High Schools (Jim Crooks) – No report**

**Hancock: (Nicole Herman)-.**

**Affton: – (Jason Buck)**

**Lutheran South: (Debbie Davis & Laura Maschhoff)**

**Bayless High School – Principal has been fired, need to make new connection**

**Grade Schools (Carla Obrien)**

**Mesnier – Next reading will be held April 20**

**Gotsch – The new principal is interested in Reading – Terrific Kids. Ongoing discussions about starting the Program as soon as possible**

**MO-ARK Key Club (Jim Fritz) –**

**Tilles Lights (Karl Grattendick / Carla OBrien) – Not held 2022, nothing received yet for 2023, emberexpected in  
September-October**

**Young Children Priority 1 (Don Leupold & Ann Fritsch) – Project Peanut Butter will come & get check in Aug**

**Youth Services (Ken Haller) – no report**

#### **Committee Reports - Fund Raising**

**Run (Ellen) – no report**

**Steak Raffle (Paul Eckrich) – Done for 2023**

**Sewing Machine Project (Lorin Dressel) Stopped for the time being**

**Trivia (Carla & Jean) – Booked the Crestwood Community Center for March 23, 2024. Save the date.**

**Poinsettias: (Carla OBrien & Paul Eckrich) – We will do again this year**

**Books: Looking for Good: (Roger Richie) sales continue**



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## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CLUB IMPROVEMENT**

First Week – Wednesday Evening Board Meeting, Proposed by Jim Crooks, seconded by Lorin Dressel – all in favor

Second & Fourth Week – Wednesday, Regular Luncheon meeting with speaker, Proped by jim Crooks, Seconded by Ann Fritsch – all in favor

Third Week – Plan a Social event or Service Project, Proposed by Karl Grattendick, Seconded by Jim Crooks, all in favor

If we make these changes, they necessitate a change in the Bylaws which will need a membership vote on the proposed changes. Proposed changes by Roger Richie, seconded by Loren Dressel – all in favor

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **IMPORTANT DATES UPCOMING**

August 9 Speaker – STL Tax Counselors, Tina Bergman

August 16 Speaker – Project Peanut Butter, Marty Manarus

August 23 Speaker – Annies Hope, Annie LaBelle

August 30 Speaker – Play It Forward (Musical Instrument collection & distribution), Samantha St Raymond

Meeting place

The next Board Meeting for is Sept 6@ Bartolinos South

Adjournment – at 1:30 pm