



# Kiwanigram

Missouri-Arkansas District

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Thank you Governor Roy and First Lady Pat for your service to the Missouri Arkansas District!

Serving the children of the world



## Governor Roy Message

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### On the cover:

Governor Roy and First Lady Pat Ockert attending the Governors visit in Springdale and at the Governors Banquet during 2023 District Convention in Bentonville.

### Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

With my term down to less than 30 days, this will be my last column as governor of the Missouri-Arkansas District. It has been an honor to follow in the footsteps of many great Kiwanians who have served in this position since the district was formed in 1950. Since last Oct. 1 we've put almost 9,000 miles on our vehicles to visit clubs, divisions and regions, as well as attend conferences, conventions and other events. That doesn't include air miles to a Governors' Conference and the Kiwanis International Convention. We'll add a few more miles this month.

Last week First Lady Pat and I traveled to St. Louis for charter ceremonies of the new Wentzville and Lake St. Louis clubs and a Region IV meeting, both of which were well attended. While we were there, we delivered about 200 books to the St. Louis Children's Hospital as part of the first lady's project. We figure that Mo-Ark clubs have donated somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000 (we lost count) books, games and toys to the project, and we've delivered them to five different hospitals in the two states.

At the Region IV meeting I was presented with checks totaling \$1,200 for the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp, which is my project. That puts the total for the year over \$18,000.

I'd really like to reach \$20,000 so if your club hasn't contributed, or you want to make a personal contribution, make the check out to BJKYK, with the notation "Governor Roy's Project," and send it to Jerry Martin, 6357 Firefly Catch Ave., Springdale Ark. 72762.

The camp is still under development, but it's already benefiting young people and will for many years to come.

We'll still take more children's books because the hospitals go through them quickly. If you'd like to send a check to Pat (3617 Alabama Road, Jonesboro, Ark. 72405), she will buy books, and we'll deliver them. Or you can order them through a company that specializes in book projects for kids, such as Scholastic, a Kiwanis International partner. You can find information under "Partners" on the KI web site.

With the Kiwanis year nearing its end, I'd like to remind club officers that this is a good time to make annual contributions to our foundations and service leadership programs. Here are the 2022-23 giving guidelines.

- Earl Collins Foundation, \$5 per club member. The foundation operates a program that provides college scholarships to



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# Thank You to Governor Roy

A HUGE Thank you to Governor Roy Ockert for a great year. Many highlights are listed in his monthly column. Roy came into office and helped the district improve the financial situation the district has evolved to through loss of membership, decreasing dividends and increasing expenses. Hopefully these will be corrected with the passage of the dues increase passed by the membership at the district convention. Here's some highlights of Governor Roy and First Lady Pat's travels this year.



Adrian Messina honored by Helena-West Helena club.



Ground-breaking for new headquarters building at BJKYK.



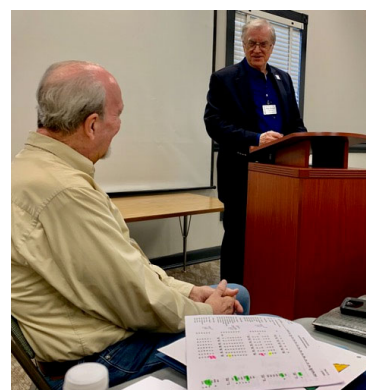
Huntsville (Ark.) club presents books for First Lady's project.



Springdale club went all out to welcome Governor Roy and First Lady Pat.



Talking with Gary Baker at Batesville club's 95th Anniversary.



Garry Warner (left) hosted Region V meeting at Sikeston.



During our trip to Northwest Arkansas we got a tour of the Arkansas Children's Northwest Hospital and presented a cartload of books for the young patients there.



Representing the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield, Division 13 Lt. Governor Marsha McClanahan presented a check to Governor Roy for the Beatrice Johnson Youth Kamp and books to Arkansas Children's Hospital to First Lady Pat.





# Thank You to Governor Roy



Posing with the officers of the West Little Rock club, after its charter ceremony.



Members of the newly chartered Northwest Jefferson County Club.



Recruiting at the Pythian Castle in Springfield before the ELC



KI President Bert West hosted a dinner for all the governors attending the KI Convention in Minneapolis.



During his trip to join in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Harrisonville (Mo.) club, he participated in a ground-breaking for the club's major playground project.



The Hope club presented Governor Roy with a couple of that area's world-famous watermelons.



The Ockerts and Shermans at a Kiwanis International Convention reception.



First Lady Pat receives a Governor's Award and a standing ovation at the District Convention.

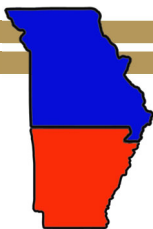


Governor-elect designate Paul, Governor Roy and Immediate Past Governor all participating in the charter ceremonies for the Wenzville and Lake St. Louis clubs.



Region IV meeting in St. Louis Governor Roy and Kiwanis Children's Fund district chairman Roger Jespersen presented Blechman Fellowships





# Chartering New Clubs

## Congratulations!! Welcome to the Kiwanis Family

### Kiwanis Club of Lake STL



Left to Right Lake St Louis Members Jack Bedtke, Gov Roy, President Donna Conrey, Melissa Harbaugh, Steve Ermeling, Tiffany Ermeling, Matt Barker, and Linda Sanchez

### Kiwanis Club of Wentzville



Left to Right Lake St Louis Members Jack Bedtke, Gov Roy, President Donna Conrey, Melissa Harbaugh, Steve Ermeling, Tiffany Ermeling, Matt Barker, and Linda Sanchez



Members of the Maplewood, Bridgeton Northwest Jeffco and Gravois clubs



Paula, President of the new Wentzville Club



Governor Roy and First Lady Pat with Chuck SeEVERS, Paul Sherman, and Charlie Thompson.



Members of the Creve Coeur and St. Charles Clubs



Members of the new Wentzville club



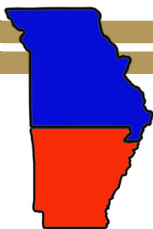
Ed and Martha Raginski, members of the O'Fallon, Wright City, Warrenton and Cottleville clubs



Jim Fritz, Governor Elect Designate



Members of the Troy club



## Kiwanis New Year—2023-2024

### Don't Forget:

- September 30th will end the 2022-2023 Kiwanis Year.
- Please add any new members before Sept. 30th to count in this Kiwanis year.
- Please delete non-returning members after October 1st.
- Add all officers, returning and new, by October 1st. If not added before, no one has access after.
- If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call your District Secretary, Angie Oshia.

### Time to Start a Builders Club

Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high students, with more than 45,000 members worldwide.



Members learn to work together and develop servant-leaders skills as they serve their school and community. In partnership with UNICEF and March of Dimes, the clubs are able to expand their outreach to babies and children of the world.

#### **Builders Club Resources—the answers to all your questions:**

**Why should my Kiwanis Club sponsor a Builders Club?** [https://www.buildersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/12/Builders-Club-Tri-fold\\_Lo-res.pdf](https://www.buildersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/12/Builders-Club-Tri-fold_Lo-res.pdf)

**What is in the Builders Club Toolkit that the Faculty Advisor receives when starting up the new Builders Club?** <https://www.buildersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/08/GIBC-522-188-Builders-Club-Program-Kit-Flyer-LOW-RES.pdf>

**Is there a flyer to post in a Middle School to help attract Middle Schoolers to our next meeting?** <https://www.buildersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2022/03/BC-Online-Fillable-Recruitment-Flier.pdf>

**Are there any suggestions for a Builders Club to help with recruiting new members?** <https://www.buildersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/12/Recruitment-Suggestions.pdf>

**Is there a PowerPoint that can help with promoting SLPs?** <https://www.buildersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/07/SLP-2021-Presentation-Supporting-Clubs.pptx>

**Is there a PowerPoint that can promote Builders Clubs?** <https://www.buildersclub.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2021/01/GIBC-622-215-Builders-Club-PPT-Template.pptx>

**Are there Awards or Recognitions for Builders Clubs, Builders Club Advisors, and Builders Club Student Leaders?** <https://www.buildersclub.org/awards-and-recognition/>

For more information, contact William Dooley at [dooleywilliam@netscape.net](mailto:dooleywilliam@netscape.net) or 816-419-5180.





## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Correction:

### Distinguished Club Award: Kiwanis Club of South County, St. Louis



Teri Jacobs, Lt. Governor Division 9, accepted the Distinguished Club Award for South County, St. Louis. It was left out of the listing in last month's edition.



### Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

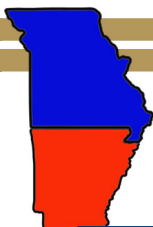
The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club maintains its commitment to serving children of ANY age and ANYWHERE! Recently, the club hosted Mardi Manary of the Peanut Butter Project and presented her with a check to continue that organization's lifesaving work battling malnutrition and starvation among African children. They also invited Kate Steele of Nurses for Newborns to speak to our club about their work in helping mothers care for their infants and presented her also with a monetary donation and stacks of diapers! Both guests are pictured below with our club president Kevin Hollander.



### Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton donates backpacks

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton filled 46 backpacks with school supplies that were delivered to Bringing Families Together. Another 4 filled backpacks were delivered to Holy Spirit School. This is an event to help our community, one child at a time!!!

Mary Kay Campbell delivered the backpacks.



## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Harrisonville Celebrates 100 Years Congratulations!!!

On Sunday, June 11th, Harrisonville celebrated its 100th anniversary. The Harrisonville club recently held its largest fundraiser of the year – its annual Strawberry Days sale. It was once again a successful event. The event has been held for 75 years. It's a big fundraiser.

The group's service projects include a kindergarten reading program, High School Key Club, the Jerry Tabb Monopoly Tournament, Christmas Family Adoption, a Boy's State and Girl's State sponsorship and mock interviews with students.

However, their biggest and best project helps them celebrate the 100th anniversary. The club held a groundbreaking ceremony at City Park followed by a celebration dinner at the Community Center.

What began as a reminder of a pending historic anniversary turned into a major project that costs hundreds of thousands of dollars and will impact the Harrisonville community for generations.

The project is estimated to cost about \$340,000, according to Sonya McLelland, former president of the Kiwanis Club and current co-chair of the 100th anniversary committee. She said about \$247,000 of that will be for equipment, with the rest being an "In-Kind" donation through the Parks Department. The Kiwanis Club and the Parks Department are partnering together to improve the playground at city park. They will be constructing a large traditional piece of playground equipment, complete with slides, climbing wall and tunnel bridge. There will also be two parallel zipline tracks – one with a traditional seat and another suited for small children or special needs children.



Club President Paul Mensching awarding gifts to Governor Roy and First Lady Pat.



Club President Paul Mensching recognizing Sonya McLelland for her work on the playground project.



Governor Roy and members of the Harrisonville Club and Harrison City Officials breaking ground of the new playground project.







## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Gladstone serves children's library picnic

For the twentieth year the Kiwanians have served the picnic honoring the children who participated in the NKC Public Library summer reading program. One hundred thirty six kids completed the program this year. They and their families were served hot dogs, chips, cookies, and bottled water by four hard working Kiwanis members. The library furnished games, balloon animals, and contests throughout the morning. This remains one of the clubs most rewarding projects of the year, serving hard working kids who are so excited and grateful for our efforts.



Club president Ken Williams keeping the hot dogs coming



Former Governor Gary Goebel and incoming Trustee Jim Major keep the line moving

### Kiwanis Club of Gladstone holds annual drawing contest

The Gladstone Kiwanis Club conducted its seventeenth annual drawing contest during the month of July, 2023. The contest was again co-sponsored by The North Kansas City Public Library, The Northland Art League, and Country Financial. The theme of this year's contest was "My favorite animal," resulting in 45 entries. There were 27 different animals chosen, from birds and cats to unicorns and zebras. The entries were judged by the members of the Northland Art League, with winners chosen in four age groups ranging from 5-12 years old. Winning entries were matted, framed, and adorned with a big blue first place ribbon. All 45 entries in the contest will be displayed in the children's section of the North Kansas City public library for the next month.



Art League members judging the entries



2023 winners in the four age groups



All 45 entries displayed at the library



## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs partners with Bright Futures

Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs is proud to partner with Bright Futures Siloam Springs to help provide an additional \$1,000 to purchase additional backpacks to give to the kids who need them. They had a great turnout to help pack too!

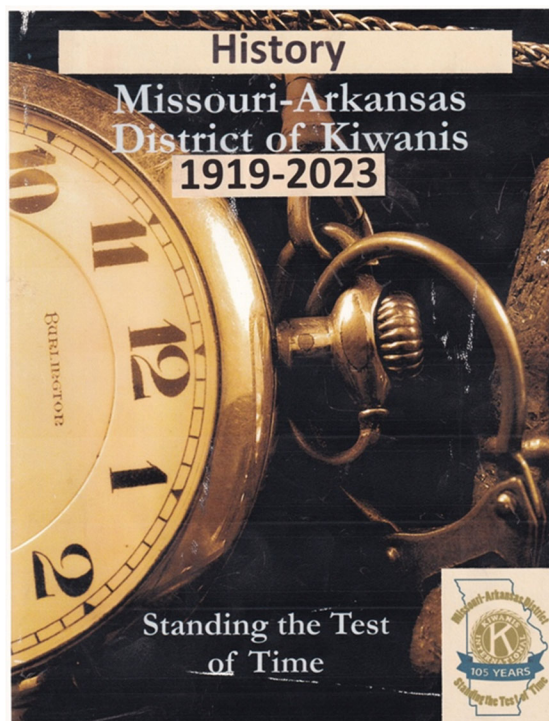


Pictured Mayor Judy Nation, Dan Siemens and Wendell Skelton



Karl Mounger, Jim Moore, John & Kathy Turner, Craig Taylor, Wendell Skelton, Bernice Holly, Dan Siemens, Mayor Judy Nation. Not pictured in group but also helping was Tony Cowell.

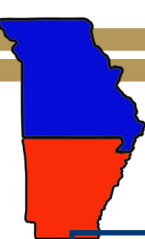
### Missouri Arkansas History Book Available—click below for Info



The answer to these and many more questions can be found in this book. Get your copy today. [Click here for more information](#)

- When was Mo-Ark organized?
- Who was our first Governor?
- What do Kiwanis clubs do to serve their community?
- What does PLGC stand for?
- Who was Mo-Ark's first International President?
- What is the Kiwanigram?
- What are Circle K and Key Club?
- When were women admitted to Kiwanis?
- Who is our current governor?
- How many camps does Mo-Ark support?
- When did Kiwanis become Kiwanis International?
- Why do we have District Conventions and Mid-Year Conferences?
- What does ECF stand for?
- What does KCF stand for?
- Who was Beatrice Johnson?
- What does Mo-Kan-Ark stand for?
- Who is in charge of Mo-Ark's Website?
- What is Key Leader and who does it serve?
- When and where was Kiwanis organized?





## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Gravette holds annual Pancake Breakfast

August 12th was the annual Gravette Day Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Gravette Kiwanis Club. Many pancakes were cooked and eaten and this is the first time in recent memory that Bob Kelley has had to go back to the grocery store for more pancake mix and sausage. This is their club's major fundraiser to help serve the kids of Gravette AR and to provide scholarships.



### Kiwanis Club of Malvern holds a Paint Party

The Malvern Kiwanis Club holds a Paint Party which was a whole lotta fun for both the participants and the Kiwanis President Gretchen Ritchey and fellow Ouachita Art Guild members, Brandon Rimmer. He offered guidance and instruction throughout the activity. The funds will be either applied to future scholarships awarded, special events for area youth or to the Terrific Kids program.



Juliana and Lucy Merryman



Annie Luster, Mary Williams, Shakara Lomack



Dara Harmon



Lilliana Latina, Eva Sawyer



Charlissa Black, Donna Lucas



# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Missouri Arkansas Region IV holds Governors Visit

Governor Roy Ockert's official visit to Region IV was held on August 31, 2023, and was held at Syberg's on Dorsett Rd. Governor Roy and Kiwanis Children's Fund district chairman Roger Jespersen presented Blechman Fellowships to Jeff Johnson and Bonnie Paulsmeyer. Ken Bennett of the Gravois Club also received a Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship. Barry Greenberg received a Hixson Fellowship. The work and dedication of these Kiwanians were honored and recognized by these fellowships and more importantly children around the world will benefit by the generous contributions.



Bonnie was not able to attend but was awarded at a club meeting by Barry Greenberg.

## Kiwanis Club of Maplewood Attended

The Maplewood Club had a number of members attend: Scott & Donna MacDonald; Karen Wood; Jeff Johnson; Barry & Deni Greenberg; and Ed Rich. A \$100 check was presented to the Governor which will benefit the Beatrice Johnson Camp in Arkansas. Some members also donated books for First Lady Pat's project of collecting new books for hospitals.



## Kiwanis Club of Gravois also attended



Members present: front row Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bennett, Jim and Ginger Crooks, David and Immed, Past Governor Carla O'Brien and Governor Elect Designate Jim Fritz.





# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Missouri Arkansas Region VII holds Governors Visit

Governor Roy visited Region VII on August 22nd. The visit was arranged by Division 23 Lt. Governor Designate Charlotte Bradley, and hosted by the Hope Kiwanis Club. Governor Roy had a goal to visit each division in the Mo-Ark during his year.



Governor Roy is presented with Hope watermelons from Maurice Henry, Steven Mullins, and Charlotte Bradley.



Region VII Trustee Elbert Bradley, Ruby Smith, Governor Roy & First Lady Pat and Barbara Brown



The Hope club presented First Lady Pat with a bucket of books for the children's hospital project.

## Kiwanis Children's Fund

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOUR CLUB

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is here to help as you begin planning the 2023-24 service year. If your club is seeking funding for a new project or planning to expand upon an existing project, it might be eligible for a grant. Eligible projects must support activities within at least one Kiwanis International cause area: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.

Here are grants available to clubs in good standing with Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund:

#### Club grant

A club grant helps address an unmet need that affects children in your community or elsewhere — by supporting a project that provides long-term benefits that can be sustained by the club. The first step toward this grant is to submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) using our online grant-making platform, Foundant. An LOI provides the Children's Fund with an overview of how your club plans to meet a need in your community. You will be asked to provide a project overview, timeline, budget and community needs overview.

#### Microgrant

The microgrant program provides between US\$250 and US\$1,000 to support service projects for clubs with 35 or fewer members. There are fewer requirements and a shorter decision period than Club Grants.

Clubs can apply through Foundant beginning October 1. Applications received by the first of each month will receive a decision via email by the 15th of the same month. Approved grants will be paid monthly beginning in December.

#### Pediatric Medicine Support Grant

Funded by generous gifts from the Kiwanis district governors in 2005-06 and 2006-07, the Pediatric Medicine Support Grant helps clubs execute service projects at local children's hospitals or medical facilities that provide pediatric care.

Questions? Contact [grants@kiwanis.org](mailto:grants@kiwanis.org) or call 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 225.





## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon Holds Terrific Kids Program

The O'Fallon Kiwanis Club found the perfect way to bring the Kiwanis Terrific Kids program to the Boys & Girls Club of St. Charles County: Summer camp program! Boys & Girls Club Director Tyler Redington (an O'Fallon Kiwanis member) welcomed the idea of coordinating the Terrific Kids Program within the structure of their summer camp.

Ed & Martha Radginski introduced the basic idea of the Terrific Kids program to the summer campers in their three age groups. Tyler explained to the kids each week which one of the letters (using the acronym from Terrific) they were focusing on. A local Culvers Restaurant generously donated kids' meals and multiple branded balls & toys to be used as prizes.

Each Friday for 8 weeks Kiwanis members joined the Boys & Girls Club staff to celebrate a special Terrific Kid selected from three age groups. The winners each week received a certificate, sticker, bumper sticker, plus a Culvers kids' meal coupon. During the summer Kiwanis members began to see Terrific Kids bumper stickers on cars in the area!

On the 9th week, Kiwanis members joined the campers during their last week and raffled off enough items so every camper was recognized as being part of the Kiwanis Terrific Kids Program. Kiwanis members were able to give out footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, frisbees, and cheese head animals from Culvers along with candy and Terrific Kids pencils.



Ed & Martha Radginski are with Tyler Redington and one of the winners.



From the left is Holly Breakfield (Boys & Girls Club), Katie Page & Ed & Martha along with 3 winners.



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### Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 Welcomes children back to school

Kiwanis Club of Normandy members welcome Normandy Early Learning Center little ones on first day of school, 8/21/23. This is an annual service project for KCON.



Member Gena Burroughs displaying our Kiwanis flag; President Charlie Dooley can be seen in the background

Members John Ditto and Monica Huddleston with school principal Dr. Lanor Payne.







## Governor Message Continued

students in every Mo-Ark division each year. Send contributions to: John Buckwalter, 2602 North New St., Kirksville, Mo. 63501.

- Kiwanis Children's Fund, \$10 per member. Gifts support grants to Kiwanis clubs, districts and district foundations and also fund Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs like Key Leader, Key Club and Circle K. Send contributions to: P.O. Box 6457, Dept. 286, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

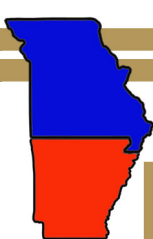
- Mo-Ark Outreach Fund, \$5 per club member. This fund is divided equally at year's end among four district Service Leadership programs — Circle K, Key Club, Key Leader and the Kiwanis Youth Kamp. Send contributions to: Angie Oshia, 4205 Lockport Landing, Hillsboro, Mo. 63050.

Thanks to all who have made this a great year.

*I can be reached by email at [royo@suddenlink.net](mailto:royo@suddenlink.net).*

*Your Humble Governor,  
Roy Ockert*





## IN MEMORIAM

### Division 7

Gary Young  
Creve Coeur

### Division 10

Richard Miller  
Rolla Breakfast Club

### Division 18

Underwood Mitchell  
Harrison

### Division 22

Mike Taylor  
Helena-West Helena

**Rest In Peace Dear Kiwanians!**

*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](mailto: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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