



Kiwanigram

Missouri-Arkansas District

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Serving the children of the world



Governor Paul Message

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On the cover:

Governor Paul Sherman and First Lady Beverly Sherman at the Hub at the District Convention.

Welcome Sherm!!

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

Welcome to a year full of renewal and reemphasis of the adage "every action seeds the future". We have a lot to accomplish this year, together. Remember also none of us can do this alone and know always our kids and our communities need Kiwanis now more than ever. Let me quote our Area Director, Brad Boyd, who reminds us often "Kiwanis is best when shared." Opportunities abound, let's get busy!



October 15 -19, we have multiple teams headed to Kansas City to establish two (2) new clubs in the Platte City/Weston and Plaza area. Our Mo-Ark Co-Chairs for membership, Dr. Barb Thompson and Carla O'Brien have determined they need us and here we go. This happens to be a dual approach in concert with the Kansas District on their side of the border. After this we next head to Arkansas. You want in? Let us know.

Mark your calendar. On Tuesday, October 17, the Richmond, Missouri Club celebrates their 100th Anniversary, founded October 26, 1923. Their Centennial Project to their community is a musical playground. Come join in the fun!

Are you inter-clubbing? Commencing October 1, the Governor's Trophy goes to the winner this year. Check out the rules online or better yet ask your Lieutenant Governor for details. Knowledge is power but communication is key. Let's get together and share ideas, support each other and grow our clubs this year, together!

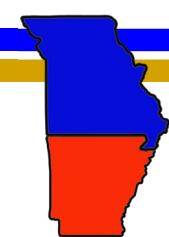
FYI, the Mid-Year Retreat is in North Little Rock (Wyndham Riverfront) this year, March 21 to 23, 2024. Mark your calendar. Our District Convention is in St. Louis (Doubletree Westport) August 15-17, 2024 and it promises to include Cardinal Baseball Friday Night.

Don't forget, my wife and I want to visit all divisions this coming year. We prefer scheduling Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Communicate among the other clubs in your division then let your Lieutenant Governor know what dates are preferred and we will calendar.

What do we know for sure, no new members if we don't ask – SO JUST ASK, early and often. Share your Kiwanis! Hope to see you soon. More to come!

SHERM

Your 2023-2024 Governor



Is Your Club Distinguished?

Here are the criteria for a 2022-2023 Distinguished Club. Check the requirements to see. If your club qualifies, fill out the linked form and send to Angie Oshia, District Secretary. Your club will be recognized at the Mid-Year ELC, listed in the Kiwanigram and receive a banner patch to proudly display at your meetings.

A Club Must have completed:

- **Membership Growth in Existing Clubs**

The club must have a net increase in membership. The invoice you pay to Kiwanis in October 2023 must contain two or more members from the invoice paid in October 2022.

- **Committee Chairs**

The club must have appointed a Membership and Public Relation Chairs.

Must have at least five of the following:

- **New Club Growth Initiative**

Did you sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis Club or a new Service Leadership Program?
If so, what was it:

- **Leadership Education**

Did both the club's President and Secretary attend Club Leadership Education either in person or online before September 30th of the year in which they were elected? (2022)
Date:

- **Conference Attendance**

Was the club represented by a member at one of the following: the Mid-Year ELC, District Convention, or the International Convention and at least one Division or Regional meeting?

- **Local Community Service**

Did the club provide service projects or programs for the children of the community? List one

- **Global Community Service**

Did the club support the Eliminate Project or the Kiwanis International Foundation?

- **Service Leadership Programs**

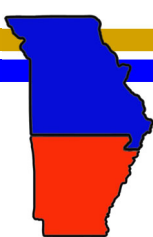
Did the club sponsor a Service Leadership Program?

- **Giving Guidelines**

Did the Club contribute to the Districts Outreach Fund or contribute to at least one of the following: The Earl Collins Foundation, Foundation for Kamp Kiwanis, or Key Leader?

[Click here for the downloadable form.](#) Applications must be postmarked no later than November 30 and addressed to Angie Oshia, District Secretary.





MOARK District News

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MOARK eCentennial



Key Leader Camp—two Locations

October 13-15, 2023: Camp Mihaska, Bourbon, MO

November 3-5, 2023: Camp Tanako, Hot Springs, AR

Fees are the same as last year: \$195 for student participants, \$150 for student facilitators and gratis for adult staff members. That includes the district Key Leader committee and teachers/faculty that wish to attend.

[The Key-Leader.org](http://The-Key-Leader.org) website is available for registrations. Do it now.

We encourage you to promote and recruit students and Key Clubs and Kiwanis Clubs to attend. Since there was a long hiatus during COVID, few students have attended before and may be unfamiliar with the great Key Leader program. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Camp	Location	Dates
Camp War Eagle	Rogers, AR	April 28-30, 2023
Camp Mihaska	Bourbon, MO	October 13-15, 2023
Camp Tanako	Hot Springs, AR	November 3-5, 2023

\$195 PARTICIPANT FEE PER STUDENT
\$150 PARTICIPANT FEE FOR CAMP COUNSELOR OR ADULT CHAPERONE OR VOLUNTEER

register online at key-leader.org

HAVE QUESTIONS?
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Message from First Lady Pat Ockert

When this October issue of the Kiwanigram appears on Facebook, Roy's term as governor will have ended. That also means that my book project will be complete. But hopefully clubs and individuals will keep up the good work in other ways. I know of at least one club that makes a yearly book donation to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

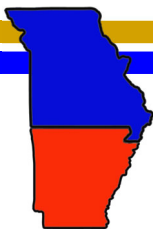
I would like to thank everyone who donated this year. I honestly had no idea what I was doing in the beginning. But because ACH is dear to me, and I am a book advocate, it just seemed a natural fit. Special thanks go to Emily Martin from ACH, who was so helpful in the beginning and so encouraging throughout the year. But this project would not have been the success it has turned out to be without the very generous response that I've received from you. I have been "gifted" with books or money over and over throughout the year, and donations have now been made to five hospitals — two in Arkansas and three in Missouri. It has truly been the most heartwarming response I could have imagined.

If I had chosen a role model for this endeavor, it surely would have been Dolly Parton, who has provided literally millions of books to children through her Imagination Library. What a way for a celebrity to use her wealth! She is often quoted as saying, "You can never get enough books into the hands of enough children." She is certainly doing way more than her part. But I believe that every one of us can make a difference. Guess what? We already have!



*Thank You All
Pat Ockert*

#KidsNeedKiwanis



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How to submitted Club Events For Kiwanigram and Website:

Every month I receive many articles from various Kiwanis Club with their events and activities. They are in a wide range of processes when I receive them. Many I have to rewrite or at least decipher the intent. Some are very long and some very short. I can usually accommodate all shapes and sizes. However, it would be greatly appreciated if all followed a format. This is the format Paul Eckler and I would like to see:

- The Kiwanigram is published on a monthly basis by the second week of the month. Articles must be submitted by the end of the month
- It will contain articles and advertisements for the Kiwanis Clubs of the District. Articles and ads which support Kiwanis Club projects and/or are designed to raise funds paid into a Kiwanis Club shall be run at no cost.
- Club events are greatly appreciated and requested. I wish more would use it.
- Articles should be written in the third person. No, we, us or ours, etc.
- Articles that include pictures should include captions with names of those in the pictures, especially if they are posing.
- All pictures should be a jpeg file. These are easy to open and adjust.
- Please make sure your pictures are clear and easily recognizable. Please no back of heads.
- Articles can be submitted in a word format or a pdf. The pdf must be able to be copied. No photos of newspaper articles. Please write an article to go with your pictures. Other clubs might be interested in the event.
- Articles submitted for the webpage can be in either word, excel or pdf.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, feel free to contact:

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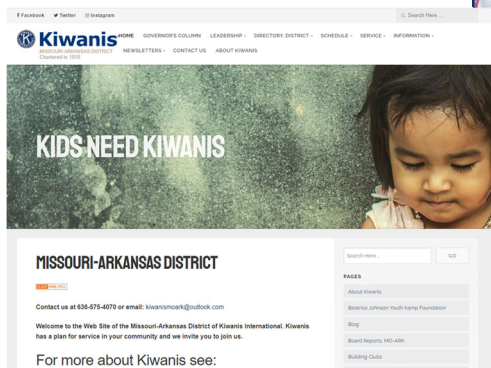
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Please, please, please update your website and Facebook pages. It looks pretty sorry with old information!!

Also please share any information at your feel is beneficial to all members of Kiwanis and the Missouri Arkansas District.



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Cottleville Weldon Spring Hosts Play Ball Classic

On September 9, 2023, the Cottleville Weldon Spring Kiwanis Club hosted their first CWS Kiwanis Club Play Ball Classic. The eighty-five-degree weather was just perfect for baseball. The Kiwanis club was fortunate to have many local sponsors and volunteers to help teach boys and girls how to play baseball. Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 years old were split up into four age groups and taught about hitting, fielding, pitching, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. There were several volunteer coaches with semi-pro baseball experience as well as experienced volunteer Kiwanis club members. Players were rotated through the various aspects of the game and were taught many skills.

Throughout the day there was background organ music playing like you would hear while attending a baseball game at a stadium. Between the music there were short informational announcements about what Kiwanis does in the community.

St. Charles County First Responders were present to give tours of their vehicles much to the delight of the kids and their families.

Lunch was served at noon and afterwards everyone participated in the Home Run Derby. A Kiwanis member with a microphone announced the names of batters as they played.

Trophies and medals were presented at a ceremony and all players waited to see who would win the "Ride to School in the Local Police Swat Vehicle" raffle.

It was a day of excitement, learning, and fun.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood Sunset Hills Celebrates 60 Years

Happy birthday to us!!!! The Crestwood Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club celebrated their 60th anniversary in September. That's 60 stellar years serving the community and children in the area and around the world! They even had a birthday cake, held here by Lieutenant Governor Teri Jacob and club President Kevin Hollander.



Kiwanis Club of Springdale Celebrates Spring Meadows

Springdale Kiwanis celebrates 40 years of providing a safe affordable community for our local senior population.

Pictured are Jack and Pat Farmer, managers of Spring Meadows since its opening in September 1983. 7 Springdale Kiwanis members act as a board of directors. Myrna Schwartz, Sharon Horwart, Jeanne Harp, Rodney Weeks, Jeff Dehnhardt, Truman Stamps, and Sharon Wright.

Spring Meadows consists of 83 one and two-bedroom units where rental rates are subsidized by HUD to insure affordable housing for low-income seniors.



Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village Hosts Golf Tournament

The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village held its 32nd annual golf tournament on September 9th at Magellan golf course in Hot Springs Village. The tournament is the largest fundraiser for the club. This year there were 42 business sponsors including Brookshire Grocery Company as the Tournament name sponsor for the third year in a row.

Twenty-eight teams completed in the tournament and prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in three different flights along with an all-women's flight. In addition, the club offered 56 raffle prizes and some silent auction items. This type of event needs many volunteers, and we had 26 volunteers including members and spouses.



The tournament is planned and organized by the Golf Tournament Committee. The committee members include: Bob Bartnett, Russ Daniel, Jonathan Davis, Charley Derryberry, Ted Hart, Bill Jackson, David Knoernschild, Rick Martinek, Mark Smith and committee Chair Hank Jarvis.



The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village should be adding approximately \$15,000 to its Foundation account for use in the community and two local school districts.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Union Conducted a Clean Stream Team

The Union Kiwanis Club has participated in Clean Stream by cleaning a stretch of the Bourbeuse River for over 30 years. Pictured below are Union Kiwanis members, families and friends who cleaned the river on Saturday, August 26. Kiwanis member Gary Butterfield served as captain and organized the Union Kiwanis Clean Stream team this year. The temperature was perfect and the intermittent rain did not stop the efforts.



Pictured starting from second on left are Union Kiwanis Club members Karen Butterfield, David and Abby Painter with their son, Linda Schneider, Gary Butterfield next to his son, Mike Gluba (in back wearing a light shirt) with his son and grandsons in front. On far right is Juanita Miner with her grandson. Also pictured are the Parham family and Gary Butterfield Sr. who joined Kiwanis members to work on this project.



Pictured Union Kiwanis member Gary Butterfield and his son, Vincent.



Kiwanis Club of Union Honors Member with Hixson Fellowship

The Union Kiwanis Club recently honored Gordon Upchurch with a George F. Hixson Fellowship Award for his commitment to serving youth in the community. Gordon has been a Kiwanis member for over 40 years. He has served as a Lt. Governor for Division 10 and also as Union Kiwanis Club President in addition to volunteering numerous hours to club projects and fundraising endeavors.



Pictured is Union Kiwanis Co-President Gina Peters with Gordon Upchurch.

Kiwanis Club of Union Presented Terrific Kids Awards

Beaufort Elementary School Terrific Kids received awards on October 3 from Union Kiwanis members. For the month of September 148 students received attendance tags. Awards are presented for the months of September through April.



Adults in back row: Union Kiwanis Co-President Debbie Puls (in pink) and Kiwanis member Karen Tucker



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Kiwanis Club of Boonville MO packed 450 bags of school supplies

The Kiwanis Club of Boonville Missouri packed 450 bags of school supplies for area school children aged kindergarten through 5th grade. Partnering with local businesses and individuals, as well as with funding from a grant through the City of Boonville, the club was able to purchase all the supplies needed for the children to start the year off right.

Supplies are given away free of charge during a back-to-school bash held each year at a local park where the children can grab lunch and their supplies, play on the playground, and parents can learn about local resources available to the community.

This year, in a dramatic turn of weather, the supplies were handed out in a grab-n-go fashion as Mother Nature prevented the Back to School Bash from happening in its scheduled fashion. Armed with umbrellas and rubber boots, Kiwanis members stood in the rain and handed out supply packs as parents drove up to receive their supplies.

Leftover supplies were donated to the local elementary schools for teachers to supplement their classrooms throughout the year.

This was the ninth year for the event.

Pictures are Members Left to right---Kelky Tate Jessica Ellison and Taylor Kluck. They handed out supplies in the rain to parents. This year's project was very different since it was raining hard during most of the time set up to get the supplies.



Kiwanis Club of St. Charles Held Annual Cycling For Children

The St. Charles Kiwanis Club held their annual walking/cycling event for children on Saturday, August 13th. The club raised over \$14,000 at the event. All proceeds will benefit "Addiction is Real."



Pictured: Rocky Sheneman, Marie Swann, Tiffany Ermeling and Wendy Rackovan.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Batesville holds Installation Banquet

Batesville Kiwanians held its officer installation banquet, Sept 19, at UACCB Independence Hall. Div. 17 Lt. Governor Lyndal Waits inducted new officers for the 2023-24 year as follows; Brenda Doty, president; Bill Cline, immediate past president; Martha Lewallen, president-elect, Waymon Long, 1st vice-president; Bryan Norris, 2nd vice president; Rickie Westbrook, secretary; and Gary Baker, treasurer. Outgoing president Bill Cline thanked all for helping him through his year as president, and awarded Kiwanian of the Year to Lyndal Waits, for his many contributions to the club, including his work with the Youth Football program, the annual Rib Cooks, the club bulletins, song leader and "joke teller" just to name a few.

Martha Lewallen recognized those members with perfect attendance. These ranged from members having 1 year to one having 45 years perfect attendance, totaling 229 years! Each year the club recognizes a person who has rendered outstanding community services by presenting a Citizen of the Year Award. This years recipient was Wanette Baker. She served on the Batesville School District School Board for 13 years, 3 separate times as president and she served on the UACCB Board of Directors, also on the board U of A Alumni Association chapter of Independence County where she and a fellow alumnus rechartered the local chapter. She is very active in the First Presbyterian Church in many areas; Elder, Deacon, Personnel Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, and Christian Education specifically children's programs. She is a long time member of the White River Water Carnival Pageant Association, served on the White River Medical Center Auxiliary (President-2 years).

The club was entertained by the Southside Charter High School Choir, and even did a sing along with the choir. On

On right: Wanette Baker Batesville Kiwanis Club Citizen of the year pictured with Martha Lewallen, Chair of citizen of year.

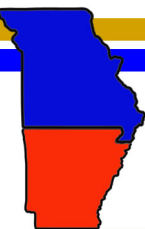


President Bill Cline presenting Lyndal Waits with Kiwanian of the Year.

Division 17 Passes the Banner to the Next Lt Governor



Passing of the Lt. Governor Banner Immediate Past Lt. Governor of Division 17 Lyndal Waits (of Batesville Kiwanis Club) passed the Lt. Governor banner to newly elected 2023-25 Lt. Governor Frank Hilbert of the Batesville Kiwanis Club



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs Installs Officers

Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs welcomed Paul and Bev Sherman, 2023-24 Missouri-Arkansas District Governor at our annual President's Dinner and Installation of Officers. Paul Sherman and President Jimmy Allen and Paul & Bev with Jimmy & Ashley Allen



Officers & Board Installed & pictured: l-r Kelvin Harris, Robyn Daugherty, Past President; Dennis Berghthold, Karl Mounger, Kam Rackliff, Vice President; Dolores Deuel, Secretary; Jimmy Allen, President, Katie Rennard, Dan Siemens, President-Elect, Denise Chandler, Tony, Williams, Judy Nation, Wendell Skelton, Mike Vello, Paul Sherman, Mo-Ark Governor; Craig Taylor, Treasurer.

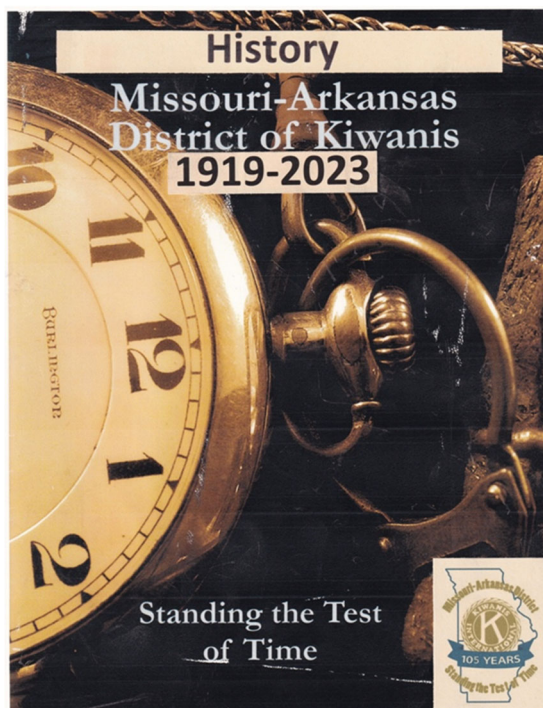


Pictured Governor Paul Sherman and Jimmy Allen, President.



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2023-2024 District Calendar

- October 10, 2024 KI issues invoice on membership per final roster.
- October 23, 2024 **Board Meeting** via Zoom.
- March 21 to 23, 2024 **Mid-Year Retreat**—North Little Rock at the Wyndham Riverfront.
- August 15-17, 2024 **District Convention** in St. Louis at the Doubletree Westport to include Cardinal Baseball Friday Night.





IN MEMORIAM

Division 1

Carol Mathieson
Canton

Division 6

Donald Meyer
Saint Charles

Division 16

Bob Haun
Doyle McKinney
Greater Jonesboro

Division 25

Howard Harts
North Little Rock

Division 26

John Alpers
Cabool

Deceased members are taken from the secretary's dashboard. Please make sure that the deceased members are deleted from your roster list. Also make sure to list them as deceased in order to be included in the memoriam list.

Kiwanigram Submissions

Help!!! Please share your projects with me. Many Kiwanians do not do Facebook and don't get to see the wonderful work everyone is doing. Information to be considered for the Kiwanigram should be submitted by email to moarkkiwanigram@gmail.com. Please include the name and location of your club. The photos should be jpeg format. Please include a brief description of the project along with the names of Kiwanians, or SLP members featured in the photos. If you submit a club newsletter, please use captions for the pictures. I sometimes use articles that are submitted on MO-ARK District Facebook page, please list the people in the photos when you put something on the Facebook page so they can be identified in the Kiwanigram. Thank You

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