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Serving the children of the world



Governor Paul Message

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On the cover:

**Kiwanis International Float
in the Rose Bowl Parade in
Pasadena California**

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

Happy New Year! I learned a lot in December-floats are still allowed to throw candy to kids in Batesville during their annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade. The Batesville Club took the parade over from their city years ago and it continues with smiling kids lining both sides of the historic downtown street brandishing sacks, pillowcases and bags they afterwards wrestle home full of candy. I also experienced firsthand just how appreciative the people who work hard for Ronald McDonald House are of First Lady Bev's project to help them raise funds, toys, games, service, and awareness of their programs for those in need across both Missouri and Arkansas. Please invite us to your division and keep the contributions coming in! I also learned there is no better project than for a club to provide kids in need with a Christmas Party. Plan yours next year and include potential new members, good times shared all around and remember, Kiwanis is best when it is shared.



You want to get more involved? I am pleased to report it appears we now have a full complement of Lieutenant Governors ("LTGs") in MO-ARK with one exception, Division 16 (Jonesboro, AR area). If that's your division and you want to inquire just give me a call, or Gov. Elect Jim Fritz, or Sec. Angie Oshie, or Past Gov. Roy Ockert. We may have a recent opening in Division 20 (Russellville area), but I have fielded one inquiry already and am awaiting a response. If that's your division, either 16 or 20, and you are interested then call us. Let's get started. Do you know your Division's LTG? Invite him or her to a meeting and spread the word so you can work an interclub around their visits. Don't forget, when you do meet up ask your LTG how your club is doing in your division's interclub competition, just ask. If you are interested in becoming a LTG in your Division one of these days when the position opens, I suggest you inquire now of your current LTG. Some are working to mentor/train their potential replacements now, so I invite you to contact yours and perhaps join them and assist in a club visit or two to "try it on". Another reason to inquire, Gov. Elect Jim Fritz is busily planning his LTG training so get connected so you don't miss out. Have your LTG set a Division Council Meeting and I will attend (schedule permitting, prefer Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

Do you know what Region your club is in? We only have 8 Regions in MO-ARK. Each is headed by a Region Trustee. Have you met yours? I have asked them each to hold a Division Council Meeting, so introduce yourself and ask them when you see them. Our hope is the more involved you get



Kiwanis® Amplify

LEARNING AND LIVING LEADERSHIP OUT LOUD

Everyone can identify a great leader. But what makes a leader great? It takes education and training. Kiwanis International is training the next set of great community leaders through **Kiwanis Amplify**, a new online leadership development program for those who want to amplify their team-leadership skills.

Participants learn how to improve more than their Kiwanis club. They gain skills to improve careers, communities, schools and the lives of adults and children everywhere. More than 1,100 Kiwanians from 41 districts on five continents have participated in Kiwanis Amplify.

"I've had the opportunity for leadership training with companies like American Express, Hilton Hotels and Disney," said Kelly Pena, a Kiwanis Amplify graduate from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. "And I will tell you that Kiwanis Amplify rates up there with these top companies' leadership programs."

More than 85% of those who responded to the post-program survey said they learned at least one new thing from every module. "This program has given us the opportunity to invest in our own club members in providing leadership knowledge and training," said Jean Long Manteufel, another graduate from the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District. "And it is awesome."

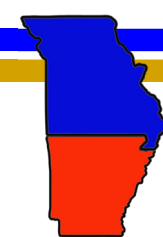
Kiwanis Amplify is conducted online. Participants can complete their assignments at a time that's convenient for them. Eight leadership topics are covered in the course:

- The qualities of a good leader.
- Methods of communication.
- Planning engaging events.
- Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion throughout a team.
- Working with others.
- Sharing a message.
- Strategic planning.
- Self-care.

The participation fee is US\$50 for members of Kiwanis International. The fee is \$600 for non-members.

To enroll, learn more or recommend
someone for the program, visit
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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

Important Missouri Arkansas News

Attention All Presidents and Secretaries

FORM 990N DUE FEBRUARY 15

IRS regulations require that tax exempt clubs file their annual income tax returns in the fifth month after the end of their fiscal year. For most Kiwanis clubs with an October 1-September 30 fiscal year, returns are **due February 15 of each year.**

In most cases, the filing is informational. You advise the IRS that your club is still active, and provide names and contact information of officers and directors.

Similar reports are required to the Secretary of State's office in your state. In Missouri you can file in 2-yr intervals electronically. In Arkansas, annual filings are required. (State reports are due in August.)

If you fail to make these filings, the IRS can revoke your tax exempt status. Secretary of State's office can cancel your incorporation. Then you must file paperwork and pay fees to get them reinstated. They send post card reminders when your filings are due, but be careful to keep your mailing address up to date to receive the reminders.

For more about requirements see the Tax Exemption Guidelines article on the MO-ARK Website:

<https://k14.site.kiwanis.org/tax-exemption-guidelines/>

or a MO-ARK summary at: <https://dwyq4sa1lz55y.cloudfront.net/.../mo-ark-form-990.pdf>



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District Information

MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT, KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL, History 2023

The purpose of this History Book is to answer questions about the Mo-Ark Kiwanis District such as:

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?

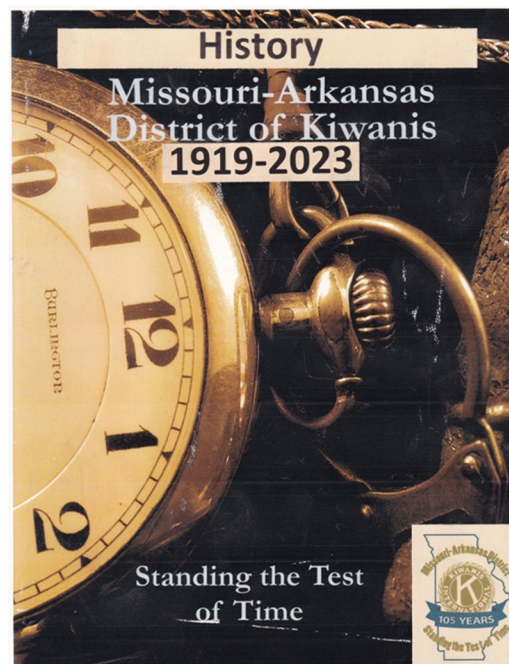
What does the name "Red Tails" stand for?

When did Kiwanis become Kiwanis International?

Why do we have District Conventions and Mid-Year Conferences?

What does ECF stand for? Where did the "Blizzard of '79" occur? What does KCF stand for? What is Lou's tomb? 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?

Contact Les Mace at 417-861-6887 or lesmace@att.net to order your copy.



Kiwanis Club of Huntsville Holds Annual Auction

The annual kids auction for Christmas shopping by Huntsville Arkansas Kiwanis was a huge success!! We shopped for 279 kids this year spending \$140 per child!!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Maplewood & MRH Key Club Joint Luncheon

The Maplewood Kiwanis Club hosted a joint meeting with the MRH Key Club on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. This luncheon was held during Key Club Week which was November 6-10. Thirteen Kiwanians and 24 Key Club members enjoyed pizza, salad, and dessert at the MRH Research & Design Center at the Maplewood Richmond Heights High School. The luncheon gave each group an opportunity to get to know each other.

The new Key Club advisor, Kristen Belcher, was presented with a Key Club Advisor pin and an honorary membership certificate. Maplewood Kiwanis made her an honorary member of the club.

The Key Club members helped at the Pancake Breakfast and Special Olympics rummage sale on November 11. The Key Club members are doing a lot of terrific service work in the community and school. At the breakfast, there were bins for donations of food that are used to help MRH families who are in need. Key Club members pack the food which is distributed each week.



Maplewood Kiwanis Members and MRH Key Club Members



President, Scott MacDonald, and Kristen Belcher, MRH Key Club Advisor

Kiwanis Club of Springdale's Christmas Party



Springdale Mayor Doug Sprouse did a great job leading the group in singing Christmas songs at the Christmas party.



Past President Larry Peckham added a little extra bling to Springdale Kiwanis club Christmas party



Past President Larry Peckham and past district governor Jerry Martin ring the bell for Salvation Army



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Maplewood Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, Missouri held its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. The MRH Key Club members and the MRH basketball team were there to help. Their advisor and coach, Kristen Belcher and Joe Sausele, respectively, were there to support the students. As usual, veterans ate free!

The money made from this breakfast will support programs in the MRH School District, specifically the basketball team and the Seed to Table programs in the three school buildings in the district.

Other outreach programs will also benefit. At the breakfast, there were special placemats that thanked and honored our veterans. Children, as well as some adults, colored them. The placemats were taken to the local VFW Hall. Many members of other Kiwanis clubs in the area attended the breakfast. We thank them for their support.

Special Olympics held a rummage sale during the Pancake Breakfast. Maplewood Kiwanis was happy to partner with them. Proceeds from the rummage sale went to support Special Olympics athletes. Maplewood Kiwanis member, Jocelyn Diehl, is the director of Special Olympics in this area.



It's all about the kids!



Barry Greenberg, Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Mark Greenberg, Jeff Johnson, Deni Greenberg, Dick Ulrich, Phil Johnson

Kiwanis Club of Union Gave Christmas Stockings

On December 6, three Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Builders Club members gave Christmas stockings to preschool students. I.C. Builders Club members had decorated the stockings and filled them with gifts. The Union Kiwanis Club sponsors the I. C. Builders Club

Pictured are preschool students in Mrs. Kohler's room. I.C. Builders Club members standing in back from left to right: Korbin Schell, Lily Holdmeyer, Adeleide Rodrigues





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Union Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Union High School Key Club Faculty Sponsor Alicia Schoonover (on left) and Key Club members Katie Schwentker and Griffin Sparkman rang the Bells for Salvation Army December 15 at Union Schnucks. They also played Christmas music for everyone on their kazoo-type instruments. Key Club President Katherine Bolte also assisted but is not pictured.



Kiwanis Club of Union Angel Tree Gift Delivery

Union Kiwanis Club members and friends assisted the United Bank of Union in the annual Angel Tree gift program serving as Santas and drivers for the gift delivery. Elves included members of Union High School Key Club, Union Middle School Builders Club and Immaculate Conception School Builders Club. This year 155 children received gifts and 52 families received gift cards for a Union grocery store. Money for the gift cards was donated by Union Kiwanis member Jim Strubberg and wife, Sharon, along with an anonymous donor. The whole community participated by purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children.



Kiwanis Club of Union Donates Stockings and Books

Pictured below are children in a Head Start class in Union, MO. Kiwanis members gave decorated and filled Christmas stockings and books to Union preschoolers and Head Start children. The children were excited to receive the stockings filled with a wooden puzzle, a box of crayons, a toy, gloves and a hat. Union Kiwanis Club members made and decorated the wooden puzzles and area business donated gift certificates. The children also enjoyed Union Kiwanis members staying with them to read a book. Each child received a copy of "There Was A Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow!"

Pictured below is Union Kiwanis Club Co-President Debbie Puls with Mrs. Pratt's pre-school class at Beaufort Elementary School. After reading "There Was A Cold Lady Who Swallowed Some Snow!" to the children, she gave them Christmas stockings filled with goodies from the Union Kiwanis Club.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Cottleville Weldon Spring Celebrations Cultures

On the evening of Thursday, December 7th Kiwanis of Cottleville Weldon Spring members greeted students and parents as they entered Castlio Elementary School to attend "Celebrating Cultures at Castlio". The school was hosting an evening to learn more about the different cultures from the various families attending Castlio Elementary.

Kiwanis members (Brian Mack, Mary Vaughan, Ed Radginski) provided snacks and fruit drinks and explained the role of the Kiwanis club in sponsoring Castlio Elementary school's K-Kids and Terrific Kids programs.

Cultural displays from throughout the world were featured through food, displays and beautiful ethnic attire from countries that students and their families represented. There was even a world map where everyone was asked to pin the country they were from. A highlight of the evening was a choir performance and students performing cul-



Kiwanis Club of Independence Provides Bell Ringing

Independence Kiwanis Club provides Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. Pictured on the left is Diane Montgomery and Dan Montgomery (current President).



participants are: Mark Baumann, Dan Jeffers and Don Coffman.



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club got into the holiday spirit at their 2nd annual Barnes & Noble book fair. Members Bernie LaRose, Diane Slattery, Sarah Cantrell, Lisa Marin, Kevin Hollander, Nancy Benson, Donna Rabbitt and Carol Gloss helped raise \$2,400 to purchase children's books for our Little Free Library.



Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield provides Christmas party

The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield has provided a Christmas party for children with disabilities of Delaware School for 50 plus years. Through fundraising and generous donations, each December we present a check to the school for gifts. This year there were 52 students. Their teachers do the shopping since they know their wants and needs. Then they wrap each gift. We provide lunch as well. The students sing Christmas Carols for us before Santa comes in and hands the gifts to each student individually. It's always good to have a tissue available. Not sure who has more fun, adults or the students! The Club even managed to carry on this tradition through Covid. However, instead of being there in person, the teachers set up Zoom for the club to watch and after. The club always receives hand made thank you cards by some of the students, some of them with hugs. When all is said and done, the club always leave the school looking forward to next year!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24-1 works Winter Wonderland

THANKS LOADS to the KCON and Key Club members who endured several hours of service staffing the Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park on December 7, 2023. The club will receive \$500 for performing this service. See the photos below of the dedicated cohorts getting it done yet again. It's what this club does.



Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton works Winter Wonderland

Barry Nelson @Barry_NelsonPSD · 24m

🎄 Teamwork in action at Tilles Park! Pattonville High School's Key Club joined forces with Kiwanis for a festive evening at the Winter Wonderland. A big shoutout to our students and Kiwanis for spreading holiday cheer and community spirit! 🌟

@PattonvilleSD @Pattonville_HS





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Kirksville Donated Warm Clothing

The Kiwanis Club of Kirksville recently donated over 440 pieces of warm clothing to the Kirksville R-III School District to be distributed to local children in need this winter. This record-setting amount of warm children's clothing was raised through the Club's annual Kirksville Kiwanis #Christmas Parade, which was held Saturday, November 25th, 2023, in historic Downtown Kirksville, as part of Kirksville's Hometown Holiday!

"The Kirksville Kiwanis Club believes every local child should have the warm clothing they need to be healthy and safe this winter," said Kiwanis Club of Kirksville President Dan McGurk. "We are grateful to the community's support of our annual Christmas Parade which allows us to collect this warm children's clothing and donate those items to our local school district."

Specifically, the Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade collected 44 coats; 15 sweaters, hoodies, and jackets; 1 snowsuit; 5 leggings; 109 hats; 16 mittens; 164 gloves; 11 scarves and neck warmers; 3 headbands; 73 pair of socks; and 1 backpack, for a total of 442 items!

The Kirksville Kiwanis Club also wishes to thank the Kirksville community for their support of the Club's numerous service and fundraising projects. Together, the Club and the community can help realize the Kiwanis motto of "serving the children of the world."

Pictured, from left, are and Kirksville Kiwanis Club Past President and Past Lieutenant Governor Ashley Young; Kirksville Kiwanis Club member Michael Ross; Kirksville Kiwanis Club Vice President Chris Koch; Kirksville R-III School District Assistant Superintendent Tricia Reger; and Kirksville Kiwanis Club member Bill King.

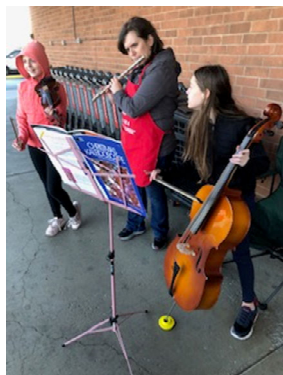




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Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon Rang Bells

Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon members and family rang bells to raise money for the Salvation Army on a Saturday in December. Kiwanis members John Chambless, Ed, and Martha Radginski, Tom, and Katie Page, plus Katie's nieces and nephews – Luke, Oliver, Emma & Carly. Christmas music was played, and carols sung while greeting shoppers going into Schnucks. Brrrr... it was cold, but everyone had a great time!



Kiwanis Club of Jonesboro Charters KKids

Traci Perrin (center), a member of the Board of Directors for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Jonesboro, presents the charter for Jonesboro's first K-Kids Club to Melinda Smith, sponsor of the Cane Kids as the Leadership Magnet club is called. The school is the former Micro-Society Magnet. Club president Gregg McElhanon (left) looks on. The presentation took place during the club's regular club meeting on Jan. 3.



2023-2024 District Calendar

- 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.





Governor Sherm's Message Continued

the merrier the experience for all, the fellowship opportunities are incredible! Kiwanis International (KI) puts on monthly educational training virtually (live with question and answer opportunities) alternating one month Club Opening (next is 1/9 at 7:00pm) , then the next month Coaches Training (next is 2/6 at 7:00 pm). These are taught via zoom in about an hour. You log in and the convenience of zooming can get you started anywhere there's WIFI. I took my first class in a hotel lobby, for example. Get your training and let us know how it goes, we will get you involved. Whether regionally or divisionally, the effort is quite rewarding. You meet new people, experience new places and raise awareness as we expand and reach out to help those younger and weaker among us. We strengthen existing clubs and build new ones where we are needed. Some Kiwanis Clubs in MO-ARK have aged over 50 years and are in need of some younger members with fresh ideas on how best to serve. We need you!

Don't forget, our mid-year Retreat this year is in North Little Rock March 21-23, 2024, at the North Little Rock Wyndham Riverfront and I am told there is a live band. Our Retreat Committee is hard at work on the events. Please mark your calendar. Also, don't forget, mark your calendar for KI's International Convention held Denver July 4-6, 2024. Our own MO-ARK District Convention ("DCON") is in St. Louis at the Westport Doubletree August 15, 16 and 17. What do they ask nowadays....." save the date"? So, mark your calendar now and save the dates. Perhaps planning is not my forte, but never fear our DCON Committee is hard at work – my instruction is simple- make it FUN! Do plan to have FUN because we will!!!!

As always, yours in Kiwanis,

Sherm

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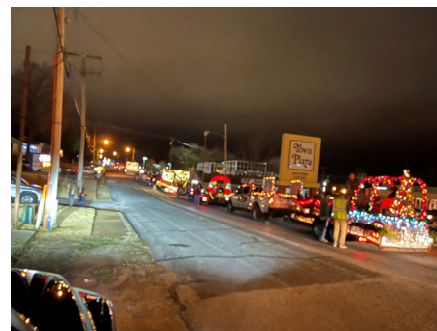
Governor Paul's Travels



Downtown Springfield's Santa found working their annual Delaware Elementary Christmas Party for handicapped kids December 15, 2023



(L to R) Newest member of Batesville Club Matt Schuetz, Gov Sherm, and past Gov Forrest Priest (1998-99) on Matt's induction the day of annual Batesville Kiwanis Christmas Parade, 12/8/23.



Start of Batesville's annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade-LOTS of candy was thrown as the parade route wound through historic downtown Batesville.



IN MEMORIAM

Division 3

Leann Polen
Carrollton

Charles Ferguson
Marshall

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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