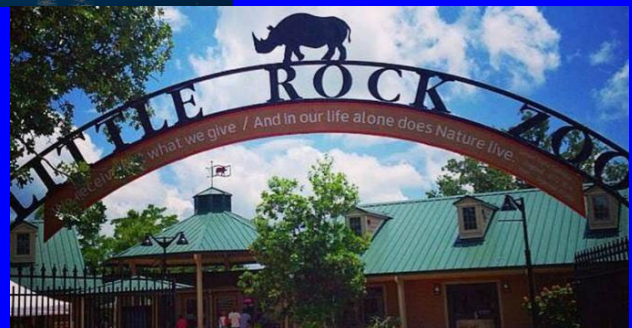




# Kiwanigram

Missouri-Arkansas District

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Serving the children of the world



## Governor Paul Message

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### On the cover:

Places to see in Little Rock, Arkansas during the Mid-Year Retreat.

### Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

Wonderings and wanderings. 2024 is here, but have you "saved the date"? I wonder if you have March 22-23 on your calendar? If so, have you clearly marked it saved so you can attend the MO-ARK Kiwanis District 2024 MID-YEAR RETREAT? If not, please do so now and plan to wander down to North Little Rock for our MAKE IT HAPPEN event riverside at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel. Call them, 501-371-9000, and tell them you want the Kiwanis preferred rate (includes breakfast) and plan on having fun! We hope to bring together interested Kiwanians. You garden? We have a program on that. You fish? We have a program on that too. You want to better your Kiwanis computer skills, we can help on that also. There's a direct link on the MO-ARK website to click in and register.

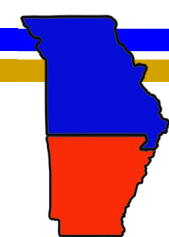


We try to be informative. Friday afternoon there's a program offered by Kiwanians to Kiwanians on Estate Planning and Gift Giving for people with questions about such topics as required minimum distributions. We strive to be fun! I mention fun, just know we will mix and mingle with hor d'oeuvres on Friday night and play a version of Bingo with music- I think they call it "Singo". You want to attract younger members to your club? We have a program Saturday on that to be put on by guess who- younger members. And then there's a jazz band with dinner Saturday night, Little Rock's own Saffron, so don't miss out!

Russellville, AR- our District Board meets there this weekend, then on Saturday afternoon (2/3/24) we all gather at the Beatrice Johnson Kamp for a ribbon cutting ceremony. This is my first opportunity to see the Kamp and its new Education Center, hope you can make it.

Last weekend Region 3 held its Regional Council Meeting with presentations on happenings in Region 3 and a Chili Cook-Off. Thanks Les Mace for a well-planned and informative event. It was a great get-together.

MO-ARK Lieutenant Governors are contacting me with suggestions for presenters from their divisions on the two MID-YEAR RETREAT panel topics- BEST Successful Fund Raising Events and BEST Amazing Service Projects- to be presented



# MAKE IT HAPPEN

## MOARK KIWANIS MIDYEAR RETREAT



### JOIN US FOR THE MO-ARK KIWANIS DISTRICT 2024 MID-YEAR RETREAT

The 2024 Mid-Year Retreat has been planned. Join us in Little Rock, Arkansas for a weekend of collaboration, fun, and service this year!

#### **Friday, March 22 - Schedule of Events**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Earl Collins Foundation Board Meeting
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Past Governor's Luncheon
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Kiwanis Hub & Silent Auction open
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Mo-Ark Board of Trustees Meeting
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration in hotel foyer
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Estate Planning and Gift Giving Session
6:30 p.m.	Mix and Mingle with Hor d'oeuvres
7:00 p.m.	Singo (musical Bingo)

#### **Saturday, March 23 - Schedule of Events**

7 a.m. - 8 a.m.	Past Lt. Governors Meeting
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Registration in hotel foyer
8 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Opening Welcome Session - Paul Sherman, Mo-Ark Governor
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Kiwanis Hub & Silent Auction open
<b>8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Make It Happen Breakout Sessions</b>

1. Club Website Development - Does your club need a new or refreshed website? Learn how to develop a synamic and informative website to promote your club.
2. Communicating with Purpose - Effective communication to keep members engaged.

#### **9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.      Make It Happen Breakout Sessions**

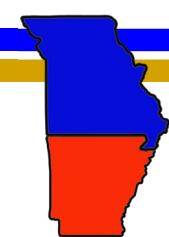
1. Getting Your Club Ready to Grow - Is your club ready to grow? Be prepared to make changes to welcome guests, convert them to members and keep them engaged. Best practices to be a fun, friendly, and positive club.
2. Youth Protection - We love kids, so lets learn the best practices to work with youth.

#### **10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.      Make It Happen Breakout Session**

1. Best Practices to Recruit and Develop Younger Generations - Helping clubs to understand preferences and activities to engage and recruit members of future generations.
2. Successful Fundraising Ideas - Panel Discussions

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# MAKE HAPPEN



MOARK KIWANIS MIDYEAR RETREAT

**12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**Luncheon**

**1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

**Make It Happen Breakout Sessions**

1. How to Navigate the Kiwanis Dashboard - Maximize your time and increase your understanding of how to navigate and utilize the Kiwanis Dashboard.
2. Do You Call This A Kiwanis Club?

**2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

**Make It Happen Breakout Sessions**

1. Amazing Club Service Projects - Keep members engaged through service.
2. Kids Need Gardens - presentation from Dunbar Gardens
3. Fly Fishing 101

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Packing Care Kits for Ronald McDonald House - come together as a group in service packing care kits.**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner with Entertainment. Jazz Band Saffron will be performing.**

**Register Here**

## Hotel Information

**Wyndham Riverfront**

**2 Riverfront Place**

**North Little Rock, AR 72114**

**501-907-4837**

Reservations can be made by calling 501-371-9000 or **Click Here to Book**

Ask for the "Kiwanis MO-ARK Mid-Year Retreat" block when calling.

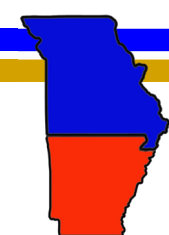
The Mo-Ark Kiwanis room rate is \$109.00 + tax per night for standard Kings & Doubles. A \$50.00 incidental hold, in addition to room charges, will be placed on your card. It will be released should the guest have no incidentals, such as room service. Breakfast is included.

24 Hour Cancellation Policy: Call by 3:00 p.m. the day before your arrival to revise or cancel your reservation without penalty.

Check-in time is any time after 3 p.m. & check-out time is 11 a.m.



# MAKE IT *Happen*



## District Service Project



### Mid Year Retreat Project Ronald Mc Donald House Quick Meal Care Kits

**These meals provide the families with a meal they can take with them to the hospital.**

**We are asking for your help to put the kits together on Saturday at the retreat and also for item donations.**

**We are dividing suggested donations by divisions listed below.**

**All food items should be individually prepackaged.**

**We are trying to prepare 100 kits .**

**Divisions 1, 2,3,4 and 26--16 oz bottled water**

**Divisions 5,6,7,8,and 25-- Easy Mac and Cheese cups**

**Divisions 9, 10, 11,12--Tuna or chicken pouches**

**Division 13, 14 15,16--soup or noodle cups**

**Divisions 17, 18, 19, 20--Oreo or Rice Krispie treats in individual packets.**

**Division 21, 22, 23, 24--gallon ziploc bags**

**Thank you for your support**

**eCentennial Club**

**First Lady, Bev Sherman**





# 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."

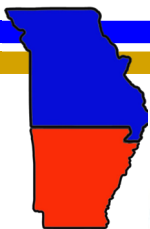
Kiwanis Amplify is conducted online. Participants can complete their assignments at a time that's convenient for them. Eight leadership topics are covered in the course:

- 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  
[kiwanis.org/amplify](https://kiwanis.org/amplify).

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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>



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service





## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Gravette Promotes Children's Literacy

The Kiwanis Club of Gravette, AR is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a \$500 microgrant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund For a project to benefit the Sulphur Springs Public Library. Sulphur Springs is a small rural town of 481 residents, and 33% of the population are children under age 8. This area has no public transportation and many of the children receive free or reduced-price meals at school. The public library had been closed for several years and was reopened 1 year ago in an older historic WPA building built in 1942 which served as a school in the past.

The Gravette Kiwanis Club built a large bookcase and donated over 120 children's books for the library using funds from the microgrant and from our annual pancake breakfast ticket sales. The library hosted a summer reading program and served 30 children the first summer they were open, and they also host a weekly children's story time. Our Kiwanis Club also donated a large rug so the children would have a place to be seated for story time.



Left to right Gravette Kiwanis members Nancy Jones, Jay Oliphant, Melinda Griffin (Sulphur Springs librarian), Karen Benson and Colton Moorman.



Melinda Griffin (Sulphur Springs librarian) with filled bookcase.

### Kiwanis Club St. James MO Gives Community Service Award

The St. James MO Kiwanis Club was honored to present their Community Service Award to Manchester Packaging. The employees at Manchester Packaging selected the Tot Pack Program as their Christmas project. A contest was held between department to see which department could bring in the most items per employee. The Maintenance Department narrowly beat the Office Staff. St. James Kiwanis Club Tot Pack Program sends food items home with students of the St. James Head Start each Friday of the school year.

Chris Presson, Kiwanis Vice President presents the Community Service Award for Manchester Packaging to Megan Krause.







## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### St. James Kiwanis Club Had a Super Busy December

The holiday season is always busy but the St. James MO Kiwanis Club took it to a whole new level. First they had their annual Christmas Dinner and Auction. Club members were encouraged to invite friends and family to attend. The Rolla Breakfast Club took the opportunity to do an Interclub Visit. Good food, fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all in attendance.



On Saturday, Dec. 9 the club and the St. James Senior Center hosted Breakfast with Santa. Attendees enjoyed pancakes, pictures with Santa, coloring crafts, Grinch face crafts and cookie decorating.



The Evening Star 4H Club contacted the club asking for help ringing the bell for the Salvation Army so of course they said "Yes".





## Kiwanis Clubs in Action

### Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills helps children

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club is helping children of the community . . . and of the world! Recently they hosted Lisa and Tony Slyman from Arms of Love International. This group provides food, clothing, education and a safe environment for children in need in Nicaragua and in the Philippines. The Slymans spoke to the club about their ongoing projects and were presented with a check from to support their efforts! Lisa and Tony are pictured with club president Sarah Cantrell.



### Kiwanis Club of eCentennial Donates Proceeds to Convoy of Hope

The eCentennial Kiwanis Club held a photo contest in the fall to raise funds to donate to Convoy of Hope. The Club raised \$1,126.70 from votes gathered from the Anything on Wheels Photo Contest. All winners donated awards back to the club. This allowed the 80% of proceeds or \$900 be donated to Convoy of Hope in Springfield.

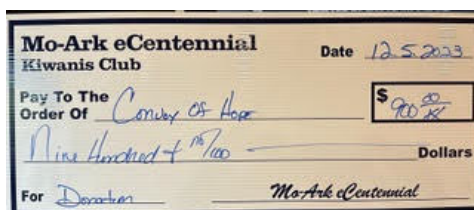
Convoy of Hope is a faith-based organization with a driving passion to feed the world through children's feeding initiatives, community outreach, and disaster response.

In partnership with local churches, businesses, civic organizations, and government agencies, Convoy strategically offers help and hope to communities around the world.

Their motto is Changing Lives Through Kindness



1st Place



2nd Place





## Governor Sherm's Message Continued

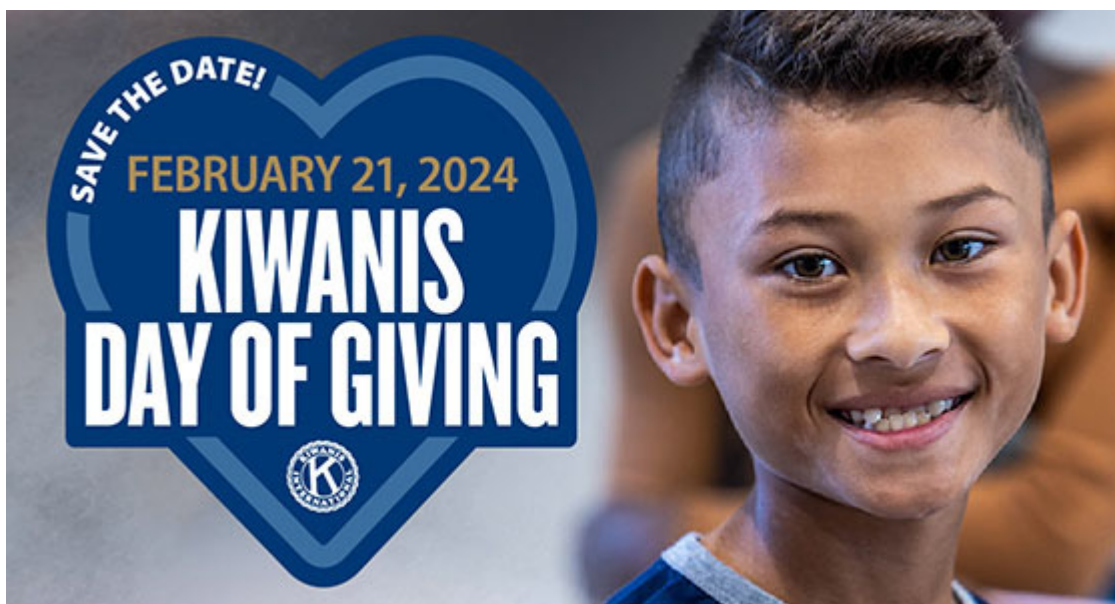
at the 2024 MID-YEAR RETREAT! If your club has a special fund raiser or service project that you are especially proud of then contact Susan Lafond or Katie Rennard or Angie Oshie or Jim Fritz or me ASAP with contact info and particulars to be considered. This was well-received at mid-year last year so we offer it again. We hope this helps clubs exchange ideas and discuss because we all know Kiwanis is Best When Shared!

Do you speak Spanish? If so, and you want to participate in a new club build in a Spanish/Hispanic MO-ARK community let Barb or Carla or Jim or me know. If you just want to get involved in new club building, boosting or coaching, let us know. We have links, we have information to share and we have projects ongoing throughout MO-ARK and would like to identify those interested by their Region. Thanks.

Also, almost forgot, at the 2024 MID-YEAR RETREAT there is an opportunity for some hands on service project work for Ronald McDonald House so don't miss out. As always, I expect the opportunity to catch up with each other and enjoy the fellowship will be tremendous! Our Committee has worked long and hard to MAKE IT HAPPEN! Hope we see you there!

*Yours in Kiwanis, Sherm*

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## IN MEMORIAM

### **Division 9**

Mary Ann Fulhorst  
St. Louis City

### **Division 17**

Charles Wilson  
Cherokee Village

*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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