

# The Misprint

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield South

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**Feb. 27, 2024**

Meetings every Thursday at  
noon at Jimmy's Egg,  
3738 S. Campbell

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## Care to Learn Helps with the Three "H"s

Our guest speaker at the Feb. 22 club meeting was Andrea Harp, a member of the Marketing and Communications team at Care to Learn. Care to Learn partners with schools and area non-profits to provide immediate relief for health, hunger, and hygiene needs of students in Missouri schools, allowing them to focus on learning. Care to Learn currently has 40 chapters working with school districts throughout Missouri.

Health, Hunger, and Hygiene are the 3 "H"s the organization focuses on. Care to Learn works with teachers to identify students who have unmet needs and provide immediate relief in a confidential manner that preserves the students' dignity.

Health issues can include such things as eyeglasses, emergency dental surgery, transportation to medical appointments, and even treating for bedbugs in the home. They are also developing programs to provide mental health treatment.

Hunger is the biggest part of Care to Learn's work. By partnering with churches and local community organizations has helped 30,000 students with food insecurity and served 3 million meals since 2018. They provide students with vouchers to purchase fresh produce, as well as supplies for school food pantries and snacks for classrooms to help students get through the day.

Hygiene includes traditional and feminine hygiene products, which students can request confidentially through the school nurse. Care to Learn also supports school clothes closets in all Springfield Public Schools, and provides vouchers to laundromats so students can have clean clothes to wear to school.

Care to Learn knows that simple things like these can often stand between a child and their ability to learn. By partnering with schools and community organizations they can meet these needs immediately and discreetly, giving all students a chance for a better future.



Andrea Harp explains the mission of Care to Learn at our February 22 club meeting.  
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[www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)

Kiwanis is a global organization of  
volunteers dedicated to improving the  
world, one child and one community  
at a time.

# Club Service Projects

## Upcoming Service Projects

Mark your calendars. The club has two park clean-up projects scheduled for the next two months. We'll be at the Living Memorial Park near the Springfield Nature Center on Tuesday, March 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. and at Cowden Park at Battlefield and Kimbrough on Tuesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. Both these dates are weather dependent and alternate dates will be announced if necessary.

# Club Business

## Upcoming Programs

Feb. 29 - Chris Childers, Big Brothers & Big Sisters  
March 7 - Jenny Trussell, Council of Churches of the Ozarks  
March 14 - Board Meeting  
March 21 - Living Waters of the World  
March 28 - Kandice White, HOPE (Helping Overcome Pediatric Emergencies)

## Volunteers to Lead Prayer & Pledge

The following club members have volunteered to open the weekly meeting with prayer:  
Feb. 29 - Mike Powers  
The following club members have volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance:  
Feb. 29 - open

## 50/50 Drawing

Nobody won the weekly 50/50 drawing, so the pot increases to \$136.00.

# Kiwanis Community

## MoArk Mid-Year Retreat

The Missouri Arkansas District Mid-Year Retreat is scheduled for March 22-23, 2024 at the Wyndham Riverfront hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. The theme this year is Make It Happen. The retreat will include sessions on club website development, effective communication, club growth, recruiting from a younger generation, and amazing service projects. Registration is available on the district website.

## Kiwanis Club of Christian County Trivia Night

It's Shake, Rattle & Roll Trivia Night on Friday, March 22, with a 50's theme, at the Ozark Innovation Center, 1600 W. Jackson St. in Ozark. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with individual registration for \$25 or a table of 6 for \$150, which includes pizza, drink, and dessert. There will be a \$150 cash prize for the table that best represents the theme. Call or text 417-294-4441 to reserve your spot.

## Kiwanis Club of the Ozarks Kentucky Derby Afterglow

The Kiwanis Club of the Ozarks will hold a Kentucky Derby Afterglow party on May 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Merriam Woods Community Center, 4417 State Hwy 76 in Merriam Woods. There will be mint juleps, a 50/50 contest, and best Kentucky Derby Hat contest. Pizza and salad will be available for \$8. Email [pstrunk1957@gmail.com](mailto:pstrunk1957@gmail.com) to RSVP.