



# Kiwanigram

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Serving the children of the world



# Governor Paul Message

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**On the cover: The Easter Bunny is giving hugs to children in a Kindergarten class at Prairie Dell Elementary School in Union with Hailee Quaethem's assistance.**

## Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

Happy Easter! Mid-Year Retreat programs went off as planned, better attended than last year (but still not enough), facilities and food were well-received and all seemed to enjoy our time together so I hesitantly call it a success.

Why hesitate you may ask? Because MO-ARK didn't break even, came out maybe \$8000.00

short. We planned for more to attend, always

do. Attendance, while up slightly over last year, we are still attracting about 1/4th of our pre-Covid member attendance numbers. Our goal for next year may be a shorter mid-year event at multiple alternative locations that are less expensive, a mid year that better conveniences our membership so more and younger can participate around busy schedules. I will say all who attended this year seemed to enjoy themselves, it was fun! Singo had everybody singing along Friday night. Maybe next year we can include more key-clubbers because again, Kiwanis is best when shared!

Big thanks to our mid year committee, especially Susan Lafond, Angie Oshie, John Goss, Jen Kamp and the Pulaski Kiwanians, Guillermo's Coffee, Saffron Jazz, Sanford Tollette, Dunbar Gardens, Dennis Kurczek and so many others. Bev wants to thank Jim and Gwen Hogan (fed 70+ at Ronald McDonald House that Friday night) and all Kiwanians (especially ECentennial members) who packaged over 340 meals to go Saturday (delivered Saturday and Sunday in both states). Big thanks to ECentennial for their big lift to make Ronald McDonald House a very successful project for MO-ARK in both Missouri and Arkansas.

Lots going on as we speak. Jim Fritz reminds our LTGs their training in Mountain Home AR the weekend of April 12. Newest Mo-ARK club celebration @ Weston 4/18 ( Weston-Platte City). Key Leader at Camp War Eagle weekend of April 26. Region VI Council in Harrison AR April 27. Boots on the ground April 29-May 2 to start a new club in Green Forest AR (speak 13 languages in their school system). Jump in whenever and wherever you can, I promise you good times had by all who do. Kids need Kiwanis, we all do.

*Yours in Kiwanis,*

*Sherm*

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# MAKE HAPPEN



## MOARK KIWANIS MIDYEAR RETREAT

The Wyndam Hotel was the site for our Midyear Kiwanis Educational Retreat in Little Rock Arkansas. Kiwanis Clubs from all over Missouri and Arkansas met for camaraderie,

education, service, and fun. MO-ARK Governor Paul Sherman was active throughout the 2-day event together with other guest speakers who provided interesting classes and forums on a wide range of Kiwanis related topics including: visions for the future, strengthening membership, retention, and updates on Earl Collins Scholarships. A very interesting new concept from Governor Sherman was the development of new Kiwanis Clubs called Single Purpose Clubs that run virtual projects and meetings where all members share a common interest such as Fly Fishing, networking/ coffee house, and meeting at various related locations for service, meetings, and fundraising.

Of special note was the awards given out for Distinguished Clubs 2022-2023. Of the 159 clubs in MO-ARK, ten clubs were recognized for their achievements (See page 6 for the list of clubs).

The Earl Collins Foundation Board had their semi-annual board meeting and there were two fantastic announcements that will be important to all MO-ARK Kiwanis Clubs. (1) There will be 2 Earl Collins Scholarships available for each Kiwanis Division provided each one of our division Kiwanis Clubs donate the minimum of \$5 per member. Previously there was only had one scholarship awarded per division and (2) even more exciting, the Earl Collins Board has proposed that the 2023-2024 scholarships be raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500 pending the Financial Committee's approval. Clubs should look forward to a visit to your club from your Earl Collins Trustee who will explain grant and scholarship news from the Earl Collins Foundation. See you soon!



Governor Paul addressing the attendees



Region V Trustee Garry Warner Presenting at the fundraiser panel



Sanford Tollette, Executive Director of Kiwanis Camp Pfeifer, in Little Rock area.



Troy Massey Speaking at the Do You Call This a Kiwanis Club



Pratt Remmel Founder of Dunbar Gardens



Les Mace recognizing Inter club winners



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## MOARK KIWANIS MIDYEAR RETREAT

### District Service Project Ronald McDonald House

Attendees stuffed over 340 snack bags for a local Ronald McDonald House Community Service Project at this years' MO-ARK Midyear retreat. Thank you First Lady Beverly Sherman and the Mo-Ark eCentennial Kiwanis Club for coordinating. Also, thank you to all the clubs that donated items for the snack bags.



Governor Paul, First Lady Beverly and Governor Elect Jim delivered the 340 snack kits and any left over items to the Ronald McDonald House of Little Rock, Arkansas.



# Mid-Year Retreat

## Singo



## Conga Line



## Silent Auction for Past Lt Governors



Charlie Thompson, Chair of the Past Lt Governors Council arranges the basket for the auction.



# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Mo-Ark eCentennial Assisted in Service

The Mo-Ark eCentennial Club not only assisted in the District Project by spreading the word for the project for donations to the snack bags, but also actually went to the Ronald McDonald House in Little Rock to prepare and serve a meal to the people staying there. A huge thank you to Jim and Gwen Hogan for purchasing and preparing the meal along with First Lady Bev Sherman. 70 patrons were served with 6 pots of soup: 4 cream cheese chicken chili and 2 potato. Also served was cornbread, vegetable platter and dessert.



The Mo-Ark eCentennial Club also sponsored a fundraiser for the District by taking orders and selling Guillermo's coffee at the retreat. The eCentennial Club took orders and collected the funds and then will donate back to the District. Barbara Thompson chaired the project. \$470 were made from the coffee sales. Hopefully this will be repeated at the District Convention in St. Louis.



## 2022-2023 Distinguished Clubs

Ten outstanding clubs made the list of Distinguished Clubs. These clubs met the criteria to be recognized for their hard work. The District hope more clubs will reach this achievement as they rebuild out of Covid.

**Congratulations to these fine clubs:**

- Kiwanis Club of Batesville**
- Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton**
- Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills**
- Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield**
- Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community**
- Kiwanis Club of Normandy**
- Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs**
- Kiwanis Club of South County-St. Louis**
- Kiwanis Club of Springdale**
- Kiwanis Club of Wright City**

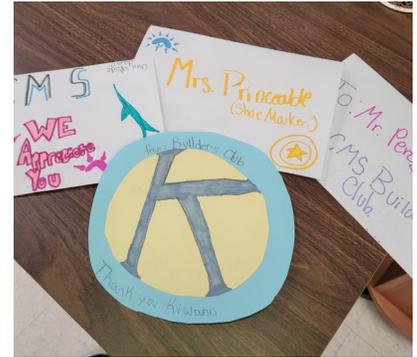




# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Cuba Builder's Club Celebrates Builders Week.

The Cuba Middle School Builders Club has had so much fun celebrating Builders Club Week. They started off on Tuesday (first day of school) with Builders Club Pride Day. Everyone wore their t-shirts and hoodies. The Builders Club has a yearly t-shirt design contest. Some wore the Builders Club colors and group pictures taken. Wednesday, they created a video telling what Builders Club was all about and showing how much fun they have helping the community. Thursday, stickers were passed out to the student and staff promoting kindness and positivity. On Friday, the club wrote and produced a News story for the local paper with pictures of the years events. The Club currently has 32 active members and have a blast at every meeting and event.



## Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs Gives Books to Local Children

The Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs is proud of their club for continuing to live out their mission of making a difference one child and one community at a time! The club purchases books to give free to children who visit urgent care and other local facilities. This will help to encourage them to continue to embrace a love of reading. The club has built two book selves to encourage reading: one is an elephant and one a tractor.





# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Cottleville Weldon Spring's Castlio K-Kids Helps with Senior Prom

Castlio K-Kids worked with Breeze Park in Weldon Spring to plan and celebrate the facilities Senior Prom. The K-Kids Club has 40 members. 30+ seniors participated in the event. The King and Queen were crowned. A great time was had by all.



## Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club is truly supporting children and families around the world. In a project coordinated by member Mike Raeber, the club collected and sent cast iron pans and skillets to families in need in Honduras! Pictured below are some of the recipients with the "heavy metal" donation! 😊







# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton Holds Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton held their annual Pancake Breakfast on March 23 at Bridgeton Recreation Center. A flurry of people enjoyed pancakes, sausage and coffee. The club also holds a basket raffle each year. A plethora of baskets were bid on and won. This is one of the club big fundraisers for the year.

A huge thank you Pattonville Fire Protection District for slapping up our flapjacks!!! And for the cherished photo opps for the kids! Also a big shout out to the Pattonville Key Club for their assistance.



## Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area Holds Movie Bingo Event

On Friday, March 8th the Kiwanis Club of Warrenton Area had their first Kiwanis Movie Bingo. The idea was created by the board members and the actual Movie Bingo format and action plan was created by Kiwanis member Michelle Berth and her staff from Agape Food Pantry. Michele was the MC for the evening and attendees could buy 50/50 tickets, raffle tickets, decorate their tables, compete in an alcohol ring toss, and enjoy adult beverages including Bourbon Peach Lemonade. Popcorn was available for all the guests and everyone had a great fun filled evening.

Bingo winners received a large popcorn bowl filled with several DVD movies, candy, popcorn and surprise gifts. Each bingo round was sponsored by local businesses. Funds raised will support the club's four Terrific Kids Programs.





# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Union's Beaufort K-Kids Clothing Swap

An annual Beaufort Elementary School clothing swap was sponsored by the K-Kids at the school on March 7. Many families donated and many took advantage of this event to grab some things they could use. It is a great opportunity to clean out closets and share clothes that are not used any more. The kids love shopping and finding clothes that make them smile! The Union Kiwanis Club sponsors the Beaufort Elementary K-Kids. Union Kiwanis members helped pack leftover clothing and delivered it to Gerald Outreach.



Pictured are Beaufort Elementary K-Kids.



Two Beaufort Elementary School girls enjoying shopping at the clothes swap

## Kiwanis Club of Union's Union High School Key Club Hosts an Easter Egg Hunt

The Union High School (UHS) Key Club hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the Early Childhood and Preschool kiddos at Prairie Dell Elementary School in Union. The Kindergarten classes were also excited to have the Easter Bunny visit them in their classrooms. Union Kiwanis Club Co-president Gina Peters is the Union Kiwanis Club Advisor for the UHS Key Club. An Early Childhood class at Prairie Dell Elementary School in Union had fun with the Easter Bunny.



Pictured are UHS key club members from left: Hailee Quae- them, Key Club Vice President; Easter Bunny (AKA Abby Blaser, Key Club Social Media Director); Jordan Linhardt and Kayla Smith



An Early Childhood class at Prairie Dell Elementary School in Union with the Easter Bunny



The Easter Bunny is giving hugs to children in a Kindergarten class at Prairie Dell Elementary School with Hailee Quae- them's assistance.



# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Gravois Holds Service Project at Gateway180



Member Ellen Sandweiss (not pictured), Jane Gilbert of St Peters Episcopal Church, Talecia and Jalea Scott of Gateway180 are pictured with a few of the 60 Easter baskets made for the resident kids. Gravois also purchased the Easter Bunny outfit to make the holiday extra special.



## Kiwanis Club of Gravois Sponsors a Trivia Night

On 3/23/24, Gravois Kiwanis had their major fundraiser, Trivia Night with 22 tables attending and 65 silent auction items. Club Sponsors and helpers from the club were: Ken Bennett, Allan Cordes, Jim and Ginger Crooks, Paul Eckrich, Jean Eckrich, Jim For-gash, Ann Fritsch, Karl Grattendick, Ken Haller, Don Leupold, Marisa McCluer, Carla and Dave OBrien, Roger Richie, Don Sabbert and Ellen Sandweiss. Yes, it does take a village and they earned \$9200 to support neighborhood youth!



Jim Crooks Slings beers!!





# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of NW Jefferson County Participated Easter Photos

On 3/9/24, Kiwanis Club of Northwest Jefferson County participated at Image Realty in a morning of photos with Bunny, making picture frames for their photos, goodie bags, everyone receives a book, cookies and drinks. An awesome time for neighborhood youth!



Craig Luetkemeyer and Ginger Crooks help kids assemble their photo frames



Participating Kiwanians were Craig Luetkemeyer, Carla OBrien, Ginger Crooks, Bunny, Colleen Lynn, and Charlene Robinson

## Missouri Arkansas Key club Held Their Convention

The Mo-Ark District Key Club held their District Convention at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield. Here are the newly elected Officers



Passing if the Governor Banner from Santosh Manikandan 2023-24(L) to Arusha Survi 2024-25 (R)



Gov Paul Sherman retires the 2023 -24 Board with assist from Cheryl Anderson



Alex Trinh, Kiwanis Key Club International Trustee



2024-25 Lt Governors



Gov Elect Jim Fritz inducts the 2024-25 officers



Key Club Adult Staff: Don Leupold, Gaylon Lewis, Cheryl Anderson, Caral O'Brien, Deb Hoffman and Lori Leupold. Not pictures: Gary Baker.



# Kiwanis Clubs in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community awards "Student of the Year" to Parkway West Junior

The Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community (MVC) recently presented their first "Student of the Year" award to an outstanding local student. Assisted by Parkway West High School (PWHS) Counselor Chris Lorenz, Kiwanis members surprised Mckinlay Marie Loveless with a framed certificate and a check for \$100, as her classmates applauded.

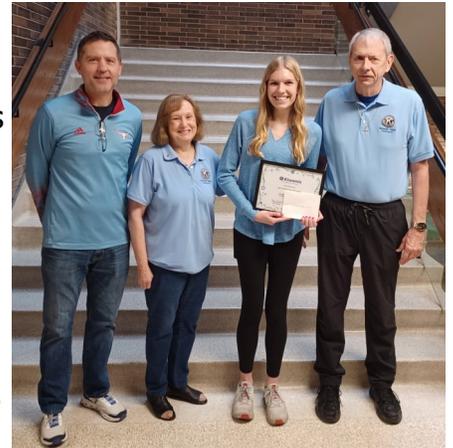
Loveless, 17, is a junior at Parkway West, one of the area high schools that is located in the Kiwanis Club of MVC service area in West St. Louis County. Selected for her exemplary commitment to serving her community, Loveless volunteers her time and talents through the Parkway West Key Club and National Honor Society. Also, she makes blankets and other needed items, as well as holiday cards for the Hospice patients at Caris Healthcare in St. Louis.

Recently, Loveless expanded her volunteerism beyond her local community. Through a non-profit organization, Humanitarian Experience (HXP), Loveless traveled to Africa. She said, "On my [three week] trip we built an extension to a low funded school in need in Zimbabwe. It was a lot of work but really fun and rewarding!"

While carrying a 4 point + GPA, Loveless performs in the Jazz Choir and plays on two athletic teams, Tennis and Lacrosse. She is the daughter of Meghan and Tyman Loveless.

In April, the Kiwanis Club of MVC plans to honor outstanding students at Rockwood Summit and Valley Park High Schools.

Pictured above: Parkway West High School Counselor Chris Lorenz (left), joins Kiwanis Club of MVC members, Kathy Josephsohn and Steve Roberts (far right) in presenting their "Student of the Year" award to Mckinlay Marie Loveless.





## MOARK District Convention

### Mark Your Calendars NOW

August 15–17, 2024

St. Louis, MO

Doubletree Westport

Plans are being made now for a great event. It will include a Cardinal Baseball Game. The game will be on Friday night, August 16th. It will be the Cards vs the Dodgers. Tickets are in section 268. The cost of \$90 includes your ticket and motorcoach transportation. It's gonna be a blast!



**2024 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
JULY 3-6 • DENVER**

Embark on an extraordinary journey at the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S. Discover the pathways to expanding your club's membership and magnifying its influence on your community. Delve into innovative fundraising concepts. Learn how to transform service projects in ways you never thought possible. Receive hands-on guidance in becoming a skilled Kiwanis leader.

And the best part? The chance to connect with fellow Kiwanians and swap fresh ideas. You'll leave inspired to make a difference.

So, grab your gear and join us for the most exciting and educational Kiwanis event of the year. You don't want to miss out on this adventure of a lifetime! See you in Denver!





## IN MEMORIAM

### Division 1

William Spaun  
Hannibal

*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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