



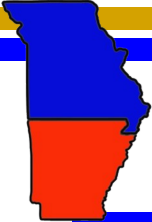
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Serving the children of the world



Governor Paul Message

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Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

Support Each Other: Theme at our mid-year retreat just last month was MAKE IT Happen! Knowing your own strengths, are you getting to apply them in your own club, in your own community? I hope so. I also hope attending the retreat helped you to rekindle that which binds us all, helping kids. I encourage you to give it some thought, get more involved and challenge yourself. One thing for sure, we cannot do this alone, we need each other, and the kids need us. Kiwanis gives us the opportunity, but it is up to each of us to grab ahold and pull together.



Be active: This past month we celebrated the chartering of MO-ARK's newest club, Weston-Platte City. That night we recognized 26 (Mary, please confirm #) charter members who bring to the table various strengths for their shared goal of helping kids, together. Their individual abilities are now united in their new club to accomplish MORE for their kids and community than any could have done alone, together.

They have fine coaches from the nearby Smithville and Liberty Clubs to get them started. Together they will make a difference for their kids and community. Kiwanis is best when it is shared, they will build.

Build: John Goss and his Key Leader staff just finished a weekend with kids at Camp War Eagle, just East of Rogers, AR. Happened to be a particularly stormy weekend for the young campers weather-wise but understand all went well. For some the experience can be life changing. Future leaders in the making.

Grow: This week our new club building team is walking the streets of Green Forest, AR. Many weeks of dedicated planning, research, phone calls, zoom meetings and coordination preceded these four days of boots on the ground. We search out and interview for leaders who share our sincere desire to help the kids. If we are successful, then they realize the many benefits Kiwanis provides to their community. Together we support each other and the kids. It takes a lot of teamwork to build a new club. Please be reminded to take care of your own club and Support Each Other, we need each other and most of all, the kids and communities we serve, like Green Forest, need us.

Yours in Kiwanis,

Sherm

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MOARK District Convention

Registration Begins May 15th

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!



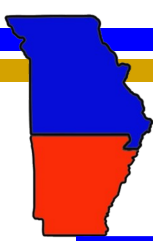
**2024 INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION
JULY 3-6 • DENVER**

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!





Election of Officers

The Kiwanis International Bylaws require that clubs hold annual meetings that include the election of 2024-25 officers by May 15. Each officer and director (and each nominee for the same) must be a member in good standing with the club. Any qualified, consenting member may be nominated either in advance or from the floor, according to club policy.



Other than the immediate past president, all officers and directors — including the secretary, unless appointed — will be elected at the club’s annual meeting by a majority vote, following a process provided in club policy. The president, immediate past president, president-elect, treasurer, secretary and vice president(s), (if any) will serve one-year or two-year terms as provided in club policy, beginning October 1 of each year. Directors may serve up to three-year terms, as provided in club policy, with each term beginning on October 1 after election. Online elections are permitted; follow these guidelines to conduct elections through an online voting website or app.

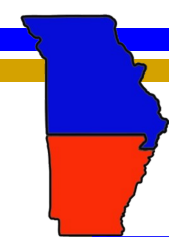
Club secretaries should report the results of any midyear changes and the election of 2024-25 officers through the Secretary Dashboard.

[For more information](#)

Missouri Arkansas Charters a New Club

Missouri Arkansas District and Division 18 is so proud to welcome the brand new “Kiwanis Club of Green Forest Diversified”, organized 5/2/24. Left photo is new members who were able to attend, right photo is the attending members and most of our MO-ARK Club building team. There is a definite need for additional support for children in this town and now theres a fantastic group of folks who have stepped up to do so. Congratulations and welcome to MO-ARK Kiwanis District!





MO-ARK News and Club Action

2023-2024 Distinguished Club Criteria

Must Have Completed:

- The Club must have a net increase in membership of at least two members. The invoice the club pays to Kiwanis in October 2024 must contain at least two more members than the invoice paid in October 2023.
- The club must have appointed a Membership Chair and Public Relations Chair.



Must have completed at least five of the following:

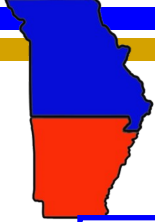
- Sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis Club or a new Service Leadership Program. If so what was it?
- Both the club's President and Secretary attended Club Leadership Education either in person or online before September 2023.
- Club was represented by a member at one of the following: District Mid-Year Retreat, District Convention, or the Kiwanis International Convention and at least one Division or Region Meeting.
- Club provided service projects or programs for the children of the community.
- Club supported and donated to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.
- Club sponsored a Service Leadership Program.
- Club contributed to the District Outreach Fund or to at least one of the following: The Earl Collins Foundation, the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp Foundation, or Key Leader.
- Club had an interclub with at least 75% of the clubs in their division.



Kiwanis Club of Gravois Provided Landscape Services

On April 25th Gravois Kiwanis Club worked at Gateway180 - Homelessness Reversed. They cleaned up 10 yards, mulched, planted 5 garden beds with vegetables and 6 Beds with herbs. The residents get to watch the plants grow then harvest all of the food for their meals. Workers were members Paul Eckrich, Karl Grattendick, Allan Cordes and Carla OBrien with additional help from Pam Grattendick and Paul's son, grandson, granddaughter and friend!





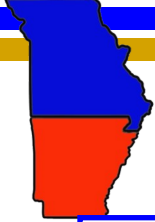
Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of St. James Sponsors Girls Volleyball Program

The St. James Kiwanis Club Girls Volleyball season wrapped up April 23, 2024. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade girls played each evening for four Tuesdays in April. The program serves as a feeder program for the St. James Middle School volleyball teams. The girls focus on fundamentals and rules of the game, making friends, learning good sportsmanship and having fun. We had 5 teams this year with a total of 50 girls participating. It is always exciting to see how much the girls improve from week to week. The season ended with certificates for participants and coaches and snacks as well. Thank You to the St. James Elementary School for allowing us the use of the gym and to all of our community businesses who sponsored. A special Thank You to the coaches, line judges, parents and grandparents for your talents and support of our volleyball program. Rewards are great when you help the life of a child.



Congratulations to St. James Kiwanis and the Basketball Program. They are a finalist in the Small Cities Signature Project with Kiwanis International!!



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton Holds Annual Prayer Breakfast

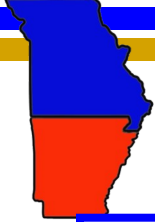
The Bridgeton Kiwanis Club held the annual prayer breakfast on May 2, 2024. Over 100 people attended the event on the National Day of Prayer, which highlights prayers for nation, community and children led by local ministers. Two Key Club members read bible passages from the Old and New Testaments. This event is held each as a service to the community. Many fellow Kiwanis clubs attended the event.



Kiwanis Club of Chesterfield Holds Annual Prayer Breakfast

The Chesterfield Kiwanis Club also held an annual prayer breakfast. They had 250 people attended the event. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Alex Garza, Chief Community Health Officer for SSM Health. The club is happy to report that \$25k was made in gross receipts and proceeds from this event benefit Kiwanis Camp Wyman and Crisis Aid International.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood Sunset Hills Awards Scholarships



The Crestwood Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club continues its tradition of providing scholarships to Lindbergh High School seniors! Recently the club awarded two \$1,500 scholarships to help young people achieve their college dreams. Pictured is club member Julie Bostick with this year's recipients.

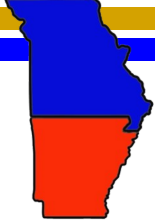
Kiwanis Club of Greater Hot Springs Village

Greater Hot Springs Village had a special presentation. Member Jack McKinney aka Professor MacAroni presented a Science Is Fun program at Jessieville Elementary school.

After the presentation each student was given a t-shirt and workbook.

Professor MacAroni enjoys giving these kinds of presentations at the local elementary school and boys and girls clubs.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village Returns the Special Kids Picnic

For many years, the Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village has provided a fun morning in April as part of the special kid’s picnic. The event takes place at the Cortez Pavilion and includes fishing, facepainting, crafts, chalk art, cornhole boards and sometimes boat rides on Lake Cortez.

The last picnic was in 2019. Then between pandemic restrictions and thunderstorms on the day of the scheduled event, the picnic finally returned April 17, 2024.

Kiwanian Bill Herzog was in charge of this year’s event. Since boat rides were not available this year, Bill requested the HSV Fire Department and HSV Police Department to participate this year. Forty-eight Students from both Mountain Pine and Fountain Lake participated and enjoyed a fun morning. The children were able to checkout the fire trucks and police vehicles, play cornhole game, chalk art, face painting and, of course, catching some catfish. The morning finished with lunch before returning to school. Over 30 fish were caught and released.

A “BIG” thank you goes out to all the members of the HSV Police and Fire Departments that were able to help the children and Kiwanis HSV.

Pictures can be viewed on the club Facebook page.



Diego receives a prize from Bill Herzog for biggest fish caught.



Connor receives a prize from Bill Herzog for most fish caught.



Everyone enjoying fishing!!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Joplin Presented An Art Exhibit

The Kiwanis Club of Joplin and Spiva Center for the Arts, recently presented the inaugural high school exhibition and competition, 'Emerging Expressions: A High School Showcase'. An art exhibit featuring the talents of 59 students from five area high schools.

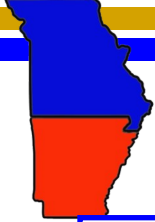
This showcase is a celebration of the budding creativity and perspectives of young artists in the Joplin area community. The exhibit ran from April 4 thru April 20. The Kiwanis Club provided cash prizes for the top three entries, and there were honorary prizes for an additional eight entries. The photos are from the well attended opening reception. In the future, this will be an annual service project of the Joplin Kiwanis Club. The committee for this project included Kiwanians John Good, Steve Doerr, and Sharrock Dermott.



Kiwanis Club of Springdale Reads to Preschool Students

Springdale Kiwanis Club reads to preschool students. The club reads to 1100+ students each year and presents each student a book to take home.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Union Celebrates Service Leadership Programs

Builders Club

Union Middle School (UMS) Builders Club, sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club, donated \$200 each to two organizations: the Union Food Pantry and the Wildcat Foodpack Organization. The students made the money by painting and selling tote bags. They also collected money in their neighborhoods. Union Kiwanis Club member Ken Rohrbach accepted the checks for both organizations. Ken is President of the Wildcat Foodpack Organization and Statistician for the Union Food Pantry.

Pictured are two UMS Builders Club members, Ryan Stratmann and Nora Sparkman, with Ken Rohrbach.



Immaculate Conception (IC) Builders Club in Union MO received a \$500 Service Leadership Grant from the Mo-Ark Kiwanis District Earl Collins Foundation for Emergency Kits that they hope to include in each classroom in the school. IC Builders Club Faculty Sponsor Kate Schroeder and Builders Club member Lily Holdmeyer were both very involved in writing and submitting the grant. IC Builder Club is an SLP of Union Kiwanis Club.

Pictured are Kate Schroeder (left) and Lily Holdmeyer

Key Club

The Union High School (UHS) Key Club donated the \$400.00 proceeds from their recent Bingo Night and Silent Auction to the Union Food Pantry.

Pictured from left to right: Union Food Pantry President Carole Thurmond; Key Club Faculty Sponsor Jackie Drury; Key Club Vice President Hallie Quaethem; Key Club member Jordan Linhardt; Key Club Secretary Lauren Pratt; and Key Club Faculty Sponsor Alicia Schoonover. UHS Key Club is a Service Leadership Program sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Downtown Kansas City Hosts Key Clubbers

The Kiwanis Club recently hosted the Key Club students from Center High. They are extremely proud of this group of young people including Key Club service projects.



Pictured: Faculty Advisor, Miranda Young, Kiwanis Sponsor, Ron Shafer and Key Club members: Jennifer, Savannah, Laila, and Oscar

MO-ARK Key Club Holds Meeting

Here is your MO-ARK Key Club Board IN ACTION at their Spring Board Meeting



Aktion Club of Lee's Summit Celebrates Aktion Club Week

It's Kiwanis Aktion Club Week!! Today they celebrate by showing their "K" in every way!

What a great way to end Aktion Club week today with a tour of our new building with our sponsoring club, Kiwanis of Lee's Summit!



L-R these folks are: Barb Dooley, Bill Dooley, Sarah, Mel Blunt, Vincent, Richard Veasman, Cheryl Anderson





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Maplewood Honors Scholarship Winners & MRH Key Club Seniors

On May 1, 2024, a joint luncheon between the Maplewood Kiwanis Club and the MRH Key Club was held at the MRH (Maplewood Richmond Heights) Senior High School.

The purpose of the luncheon was to celebrate the two graduating seniors, Aleksei "Alex" Juracsik, Earl Collins Scholarship winner for Division 9 and Callan Sukanek. The outstanding service work of all of the Key Club members was recognized.

Maplewood Kiwanis President, Scott McDonald and MRH Key Club Sponsor, Kristen Belcher presided over the meeting. Division 9 Lt. Governor, Teri Jacob, presented the Earl Collins Scholarship for Division 9.

This year, students sponsored food drives for the District's Weekend on Wheels food program. They collected coats and had a rummage sale. They donated money to families in need at Christmas and donated a pumpkin for the Maplewood Halloween event. They provided childcare for Board of Education meetings, so parents were able to attend. Key Club members had two workdays at Kiwanis Kellogg Park. On Wednesdays, they have worked to pack food boxes for the WOW food program. Their last service project will be May 4th at Joe's Place which provides a home for unhoused boys attending the MRH School District.

Two very deserving Key Club members were honored. Aleksei "Alex" Juracsik was presented with the Earl Collins Scholarship for Division 9. He received a \$1,000 scholarship. Congratulations, Alex! Seniors, Alex Juracsik and Callan Sukanek, received Key Club graduation chords and certificates from the Maplewood Kiwanis Club.



Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon Congratulates Student Accomplishment

The O'Fallon Kiwanis Club congratulates Gunnika Singh, the President of the Ft. Zumwalt West High School Key Club for being named STEM Student of the Year. Gunnika is also the President of the Math Club and works as a tutor at Mathnasium. She earned a perfect 36 on her ACT and has excelled in advanced coursework from calculus to physics to macro economics, as well as advanced world languages courses. Gunnika has a passion for computers and programming and puts a priority on serving her community. She has been seen volunteering with the O'Fallon Kiwanis at the Salvation Army and the Boys and Girls Club during the past year. Congratulations to Gunnika!





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Maplewood Richmond Heights Key Club Cleans Up Kiwanis Kellogg Park

The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, MO sponsors the Maplewood Richmond Heights (MRH) Key Club. This year, under the supervision of the new faculty sponsor, Kristen Belcher, the club has been very active.



The Kiwanis Kellogg Park is a small neighborhood park in Maplewood. On April 20, 2024, nine members of the MRH Key Club worked for several hours to clean up the park.



MRH Key Club Members: Marglie Duggin, Maia Truemper (Secretary), Enzo Gilbonio, Graham Colvin (President), Alex Juracsik (Vice President), Isaac Shafer, Alex Fuoss, Emma Loos, Marissa Usher

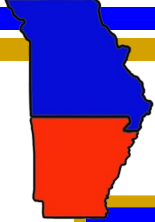
Region IV Provides Service Project For Camp

The Kiwanis Clubs of Bridgeton and Crestwood Sunset Hills provided hand labor to the Kiwanis Camp Wyman facility in Eureka.

The main project tackled on Saturday was clearing Discovery Trail and installing posts for a new sign at the trailhead. Discovery Trail will soon be renamed in honor of the late Clarence Robinson - camp name "Bear", a beloved former Wyman staff member who recently passed away. Bear deeply enjoyed his work with young people and sharing the outdoors with them. With their help the trail was lined with painted rocks from teens in the Teen Outreach Program. That trail is once again a beautiful hike and a lovely tribute to Bear.

They also helped prepare the new goat pasture and "barn". Yes, Camp Wyman adopted 3 adult and two baby goats!





IN MEMORIAM

Division 23
David Stewart
Hope

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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The world needs more of that.

