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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

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FROM GOV. FRITZ

GIVING STOCKINGS AND
STOCKING A FOOD PANTRY



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ON THE COVER

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FROM THE GOVERNOR

Hello Mighty Missouri Arkansas Kiwanis,

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season and a Happy New Year! As we dive into 2025, many of us are starting the year digging out from winter storms and braving the cold. But with the New Year comes a renewed focus on what we do best: serving our Members, Clubs, Divisions, Regions, and District—and, of course, continuing to make a difference for our youth and communities.

On the topic of membership, I'd like to remind club secretaries to double-check your membership lists and invoices. Right now, we have 152 clubs, but only 74% of our members are fully paid for the 2024–2025 Kiwanis year. That leaves a significant number of unpaid memberships that need attention. Let's work on addressing this together. While we haven't seen a net gain in membership for several years, we're aiming to turn that around with improved communication and leadership engagement at every level.

Speaking of leadership, it's that time of year to start thinking about our leadership team for the future. We're always on the lookout for members to step up as leaders in clubs, divisions, regions, and the district. Positions like Governor-Elect, Trustees, Lieutenant Governors, Club Officers, and committee members are essential to achieving our goals. If you've been considering stepping into a leadership role, we'd love to have you! As Uncle Sam once said, "We need YOU."

I'm also excited to share an incredible opportunity with the Gateway Region YMCA. They've invited MOARK to partner with them for the 2025 Miracle League All-Star Game in St. Louis on September 13, 2025. This event will take place at the new \$5.2 million Adaptive Sports Complex at the South County YMCA, which serves children and adults with disabilities, giving them a chance to play baseball on a field designed for all abilities. This is a chance to make a real impact, and we'll be discussing it further during the Region 4 Conference/Road Show on Saturday, February 1, 2025. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation!

Thanks to the Earl Collins Foundation, each division can now provide two \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors. Applications are due by January 31, 2025, so make sure they've been shared with local high schools and Key Clubs. It's a wonderful way to help shape a young person's future.

Don't forget about the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp! It offers overnight and day camps for supervised groups, as well as programming and primitive camping opportunities. The camp is growing and evolving, and we encourage Kiwanis Clubs and groups to use the facility or assist with workdays and funding to ensure it's accessible for all youth.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your dedication and service. Without you, none of this would be possible. Kiwanis is so much more than a local club—it's a global organization committed to serving children around the world. So, as we step into 2025, I'll leave you with this: "We need YOU."

Together, we can accomplish anything.

WARM REGARDS,



MO-ARK GOVERNOR



Snow has blanketed much of the Mo-Ark District as we begin 2025. Sending you warmest wishes.

FROM THE MO-ARK DISTRICT

Snapshots of service

Photos shared in the Mo-Ark Facebook group. [Share your own by joining the group.](#)



FROM THE MO-ARK DISTRICT

Mo-Ark Events

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Mo-Ark events are an innovative new way to connect and learn together to better serve our communities, close to home.

Region III

April 5, 2025

Location and time to be announced

Region V

Kiwanis Club of Union Tee Off for Kids

Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 13, 2025

Birch Creek Golf Club

Union, Missouri

Learn more at unionkiwanis.org



MID-YEAR EVENT

Region IV Mid-Winter Conference

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Syberg's Dorsett Banquet Facility

Cost is \$25, includes hot lunch and drinks

Register by emailing bonniegailp@gmail.com.

Learn more about the conference here.

Earl Collins Scholarship Information

Each year, approximately 300 scholarships are given by Mo-Ark Kiwanis Clubs to high school students.

Thanks to the Earl Collins Foundation, \$1,500 scholarships are available for high school seniors.

Scholarship applications must be received by Kiwanis Clubs by Jan. 31.

[Download the 2025 Earl Collins Scholarship application.](#)



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

BOOK DRIVE 06

Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club
St. Louis, Mo.

THINK WARM THOUGHTS 07

BJK Youth Kamp Registration is open
Johnson County, Ark.

HONORING AN EDUCATOR 08

Kiwanis Club of Cape Girardeau
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS 09

Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield
Springfield, Mo.

STOCKINGS + DONATIONS 10-11

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Union, Mo.

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Kiwanis Club of Kirksville
Kirksville, Mo.

A KEY CLUB CHAMPION 13

Springdale Kiwanis Club
Springdale, Ark.

INTERCLUB CAMPING 14

Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village
Hot Springs, Ark.



BJK YOUTH KAMP

A place to connect with nature, BJK Youth Kamp is designed for children in the Mo-Ark District to learn in nature.



CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS KIWANIS CLUB

A BOOK DRIVE FOR A LITTLE LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR COMMUNITY.



CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS AND MAGIC OF THE SEASON WITH THE CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS KIWANIS CLUB.

BY LISA MARIN

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club was busy over the holidays! In December, we sponsored a book fair at the Barnes & Noble store in Fenton to raise funds for books for our children's Little Free Library.

Later in the month, members of our club worked at the Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park to earn funds for other causes supported by our Club.



Members of the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club hosted a book drive for their Little Free Library at Barnes & Noble.



BJK YOUTH KAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

SCHEDULE YOUR CAMPING VISIT WITH KIWANIS THIS SUMMER 2025.



BJK YOUTH KAMP IS LOCATED IN JOHNSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, NEAR LONDON, ARKANSAS.

BY RALPH MCCORMICK

On behalf of BJK Youth Kamp, we want to wish you a fantastic New Year in 2025. It is our wish that you [visit our website](#) and schedule your camping visit in 2025 with us.

The Missouri-Arkansas Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp (BJK Youth Kamp) was created to fulfill the need for kids to connect with nature through a variety of nature-based, hands-on activities in a primitive environment.



[Schedule your visit](#) to BJK Youth Kamp, a free-to-use camp in the heart of the Ozarks.



KIWANIS CLUB OF CAPE GIRARDEAU

HOSTING AN EDUCATOR LEADER AND CHILDREN
ADVOCATE IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI.



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CAPE GIRARDEAU HOSTED MARK ROARK FROM SAXONY HIGH SCHOOL, ONE OF THE TOP HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI.

BY MICHAEL ANDERS

The mission of Saxony High School is dedicated to equipping students for future success. Founded twenty-five years ago with only seven students, the school now proudly educates 236 young minds. They moved to their current location in 2004 and are founded on four core pillars: Faith, Family, Academics, and Activities.

Each school day starts with a prayer, and the school boasts the highest ACT scores in Southeast Missouri.

This year, they welcomed 70 new students, maintaining a commendable student-to-teacher ratio of 13 to 1. Many of their new students were previously homeschooled.

Their JV football team had a stellar debut season with an 8-0 record among 35 players. Additionally, the school hosts 50 students in its FFA program.



KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD CONTINUING THE TRADITION: RINGING THE BELL.



FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS, KIWANIS CLUBS MEMBERS THROUGHOUT SPRINGFIELD HAVE CONTINUED A TRADITION OF RINGING THE BELL FOR SALVATION ARMY AT THE BATTLEFIELD MALL.

BY DAWN BLAKE

Several members from the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield rang bells for Salvation Army as we do every year.

These are just few, including our little future Kiwanians!



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

STOCKINGS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESCHOOLERS



PICTURED ARE PRESCHOOL STUDENTS IN MISS HENDERSON'S CLASS WITH BUILDERS CLUB ELVES FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: SOPHIA DWYER, BECCA CASH, AMELIA GILDEHAUS, MACI CRONIN

BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

Immaculate Conception (IC) Builders Club gave IC's preschool students Christmas stockings. Representative Builders Club Elves gifted stockings that the Builders Club had decorated and filled with Play Doh, bubbles, a Christmas sticker activity and a Wikki Stix activity.

Dairy Queen, Pasta House and Taco Bell donated gift certificates that were included in the stockings. Builders Club at IC is a service leadership program sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDERS CLUB
DONATES TO FOOD PANTRY AND MORE.



THE WILDCAT FOODPACK PROGRAM PROVIDES NON-PERISHABLE BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER FOOD ITEMS TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED SO THEY CAN RECEIVE MEALS WHEN NOT AT SCHOOL.

BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

Union Middle School Builders Club donated \$275 to the Union Food Pantry and \$275 to the Wildcat Foodpack Organization. Money was raised by the students participating in neighborhood collections and selling hand-decorated totes at a craft fair.

Union Kiwanis Club member Ken Rohrbach picked up the checks for both organizations receiving funds.



KIWANIS CLUB OF KIRKSVILLE

KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB DONATES WARM CHILDREN'S CLOTHING TO KIRKSVILLE SCHOOLS.



PICTURED, FROM LEFT, ARE KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT TRICIA REGER; KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD DAVID GORING; KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB PAST PRESIDENT, PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND PARADE CHAIRMAN ASHLEY YOUNG; KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT TED FRUSHOUR; KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB PAST PRESIDENT ELIZABETH CLARK; KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD VON ABBOTT; AND KIRKSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB SECRETARY, PAST PRESIDENT, PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND PAST REGIONAL TRUSTEE, JOHN BUCKWALTER.

BY ASHLEY YOUNG

The Kiwanis Club of Kirksville delivered over 600 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 donated through the generosity of participants in the Club's annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade, held this on Saturday, Nov. 30, in Downtown Kirksville.

Specifically, the Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade collected 68 coats; 16 hoodies and jackets; 2 snowsuits; 9 leggings; 156 hats; 63 mittens; 264 gloves; 14 scarves and neck warmers; 15 headbands; and 6 shirts, for a total of 613 items.



SPRINGDALE KIWANIS CLUB

A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR A KEY CLUB ADVOCATE.



SPRINGDALE KIWANIS CLUB ADVISOR JEANNE HARP DELIVERS A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CAT PETERS, SPONSOR OF SPRINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB.

BY JEANNE HARP

Springdale Kiwanis club advisor Jeanne Harp delivers a certificate of appreciation to Ms Cat Peters sponsor of Springdale High School Key Club recognizing her service and dedication to the SHS key Club for 10 years. Ms. Peters had grown the club from 20 members to a current membership of 67 students. They have already this school year completed 17 volunteer projects. They will be joining the Kiwanis club as we ring the bell for Salvation Army in December.



SPRINGDALE KEY CLUB HAS GROWN DRAMATICALLY SINCE MS. CAT PETERS HAS BECOME ITS ADVISOR.



KIWANIS CLUB OF HOT SPRINGS

A TRIP TO A CAMPGROUND AND AN INTERCLUB MEETING IN THE HEART OF ARKANSAS.



MEMBERS OF TWO CENTRAL ARKANSAS KIWANIS CLUBS GATHERED TO GIVE BACK AT CAMP PFEIFFER IN OCTOBER 2024.

BY HANK JARVIS

The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village supports the work of Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp in Little Rock. Instead of a normal Thursday morning meeting on Oct. 24, 12 of the Club members travelled to Camp Pfeifer for a visit, tour and interclub with the Little Rock Downtown Kiwanis Club. For many of the members, they had never visited the camp, so this was a learning experience. Included information about the start of the camp and its continued efforts to help Youth-At-Risk. The tours included administration offices, cabins, learning center and mess hall.

During the meeting in the learning center, a check for the annual support from Kiwanis HSV was presented to Executive Director Sanford Tollette. Afterwards, the HSV club members helped to pack bags of school supplies donated by Dr. Tyler Thompson of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.



FROM LEFT: DR. TYLER THOMPSON, SANFORD TOLLETTE, RICK MARTINEK, JONATHAN DAVIS, MIKE MCWILLIAMS.

In Memoriam

DIVISION 7

Davis Wilbert
Florissant Valley

DIVISION 19

Don Williams
Springdale

DIVISION 14

William NcNeary
Charleston

DIVISION 15

Gene Farnsworth
Hot Springs Village

DIVISION 20

Roy Lloyd
Paris

The Mo-Ark District also recognizes the passing of Dr. Bert O. Miller, a past Mo-Ark Governor who served in the 1960's. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Little Rock. We remember his leadership.



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KIWANIGRAM SUBMISSIONS

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. Your submission may be featured in the Kiwanigram, District website and/or MO-ARK Kiwanis Facebook group.

**KIDS NEED
PEOPLE TO LOOK
OUT FOR THEM.**



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