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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

ANNOUNCING TWO NEW CLUBS
GOV. FRITZ

GROWING MEMBERS
GRAVIOS KIWANIS CLUB



Kiwanigram

Missouri-Arkansas District

MAY 2025

MO-ARK

Kiwanigram

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ON THE COVER

Gravois Kiwanis had 6 members, one spouse, 1 son, and one Kiwanis friend work three hours on May 3 cleaning the grounds, removing leaves, preparing 5 raised beds then planting vegetables and trimming and mulching around the property at Gateway180 Homeless Shelter.

KIWANIGRAM CONTRIBUTORS

HANK JARVIS

Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village

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Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis



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Hello Mighty MOARK!

Let's take a quick refresher on the Objects of Kiwanis, adopted back in 1924. These principles are the heart of who we are—they remind us to focus on people over possessions, live by the Golden Rule, uphold strong ethics, promote good citizenship, build lasting friendships, serve our communities, and lead with integrity.

May Highlights:

We kicked off the month with the Bridgeton Prayer Breakfast—great turnout and great fellowship!

Then came Springfield South's 70th anniversary at the historic Crystal Ballroom—same place they were chartered in 1955! Executive Director Paul Palazzolo gave a fantastic keynote. We also started planning quarterly meetings with club presidents to improve communication—thanks to Ron Hill for that great idea.

We're thrilled to welcome two new clubs:

- Kiwanis Club of Newton-McDonald Counties in Neosho
- Kiwanis Club of Vernon County in Nevada

Huge thanks to everyone who helped build these clubs—you're helping unite communities and serve youth in powerful ways. Schools are eager for our SLP programs, and we're always looking for more help—just ask!

Next up: the Lieutenant Governors Retreat in West Plains, focused on leadership training and connection. We're also planning a meet-and-greet with the local club—should be a great time!

Thank You

Thanks for letting me serve you—it's been an inspiring and rewarding journey. I'm excited for what's ahead!

And remember: Tell your story.

"If serving is below you,
leadership is beyond you."

DON'T STOP BELIEVING,



MO-ARK GOVERNOR



I thoroughly enjoyed celebrating 70 years of service for Kiwanis Club of South Springfield.

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

DCON Details

Mo-Ark District of Kiwanis

DCON 2025

Aug. 8-9, 2025 in Jonesboro, AR

Registration Information:

- \$40 (Kiwanis members)
- \$25 (non-Kiwanis members)

Events You Can't Miss:

- District Activity Aug. 8
- We Are Family Luncheon Aug. 9 (\$35)
- Governors' Banquet Aug. 9 (\$55)

Registration opens Friday, June 6. An email will be sent to you to register online, with online payment information accepted. For more information or questions, contact Angie Oshia at kiwanismoark@outlook.com.

Kiwanis members must register separately using their email addresses.

SUPPORT DCON AND MOARK AS A SPONSOR.

A variety of opportunities to support the District Convention are available. Your individual, corporation, club or division sponsorship will help keep our events as affordable as possible.



HOTEL INFORMATION

Red Wolf Convention Center
Embassy Suites by Hilton
223 Red Wolf Blvd, Jonesboro, AR 72405

Book your hotel stay before July 17 to guarantee a room for \$129 per night.

Book your hotel.

House of Delegates

At DCON, the House of Delegates gathers each year. To vote, Kiwanians must register in advance. The House of Delegates Registration Form is exclusively digital again this year. Registration forms for the House of Delegates will not be accepted onsite. Additional email communication with links to register for House of Delegates will be sent in the weeks leading up to DCON. For additional information on the process, contact district secretary Angie Oshia at kiwanismoark@outlook.com.



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DISTRICT CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Thank you for your consideration in making our MO-ARK Kiwanis District Convention a success by supporting our efforts with a sponsorship. Your contribution ensures that we can aggressively pursue our youth programs and service to children throughout Missouri and Arkansas, one child and one community at a time. Our convention is to be held in Jonesboro, AR at the Embassy Suites, August 8 and 9, 2025, All advertising must be received by June 30, 2025.

DIAMOND LEVEL

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET SPONSORS

\$5,000

- Advertisement at dinner presentation
- Opportunity to address members at the dinner
- Two tickets to Saturday luncheon (if desired)
- Two tickets to Saturday Night Banquet (if desired)
- Exhibit Hall space from 1PM Friday to 4PM Saturday
- Full page ad in program book (inside front or back and back covers are first-come, first-reserved)

PLATINUM LEVEL

SATURDAY LUNCHEON BANQUET SPONSORS

\$3,500

- Advertisement at luncheon presentation
- Opportunity to address members at the luncheon
- Two tickets to Saturday luncheon (if desired)
- Two tickets to Saturday Night Banquet (if desired)
- Exhibit Hall space from 1PM Friday to 4PM Saturday
- Full page ad in program book (inside front or back and back covers are first-come, first-reserved)

GOLD LEVEL

EXHIBIT HALL SPONSORS

\$1,000

- Two tickets to Saturday luncheon (if desired)
- Two tickets to Saturday Night Banquet (if desired)
- Exhibit Hall space from 1PM Friday to 4PM Saturday
- Full page ad in program book (inside front or back and back covers are first-come, first-reserved)
- Podium mention at both Saturday meals

SILVER LEVEL

BREAKOUT SPONSORS

\$500

- Two tickets to Saturday luncheon (if desired)
- Two tickets to Saturday Night Banquet (if desired)
- Exhibit Hall space from 1PM Friday to 4PM Saturday
- Half page ad in program book
- Advertisement posted on board at event

BRONZE LEVEL

REFRESHMENT SPONSORS

\$250

- One ticket to Saturday luncheon (if desired)
- Exhibit Hall space from 1PM Friday to 4PM Saturday
- Advertisement posted on board at event

PROGRAM ADS

CONVENTION BOOKLET

HALF PAGE 4x5 inches **\$60**

FULL PAGE 8x5 inches **\$100**

FULL PAGE inside front or back (2 spots) **\$200**

FULL PAGE back cover (1 spot) **\$250**

Inside front, inside back, back cover are first-come; first-reserved.

SCAN BELOW

TO PAY VIA VENMO



EXHIBIT HALL TABLES

1' - 8' TABLE SPOTS IN EXHIBITION HALL

Commercial **\$100**

Non-Kiwanis non-profit
or Kiwanis fund-raising **\$50**

Kiwanis organizations
(if not for fund-raising) **NO CHARGE**

Kiwanis Clubs in Action

BUILDERS CLUB 07

Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village
Hot Springs, Ar.

A DERBY DAY 08

Maplewood & Meramec County Clubs
West St. Louis, Mo.

TWO MORE SCHOLARSHIPS 09

Maplewood Kiwanis Club
Maplewood, Mo.

A MUSEUM ADVENTURE 10

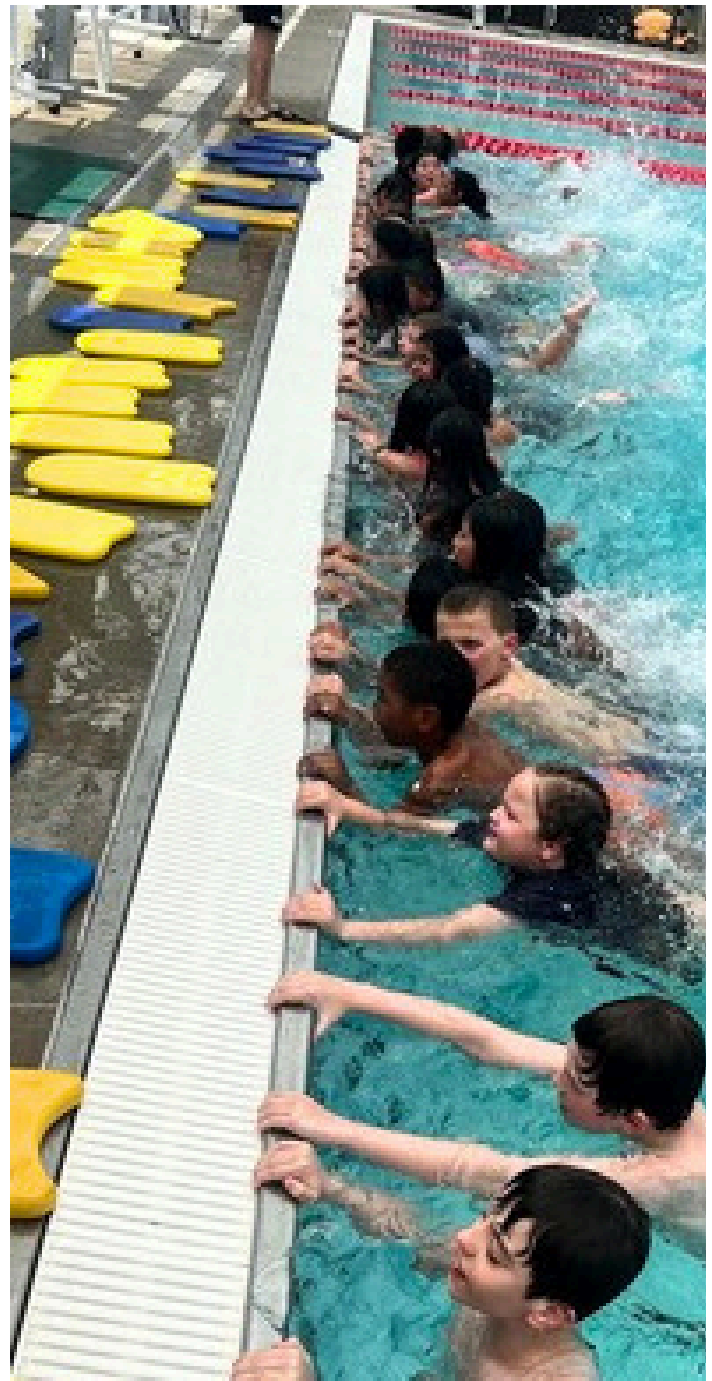
Richmond Kiwanis Club
Richmond, Mo.

TAKING THE PLUNGE 11

Batesville Kiwanis Club
Batesville, Ar.

A SPECIAL SPIRIT DAY 12

Union Kiwanis Club
Union, Mo.



A DEEP DIVE INTO SERVICE

In Batesville, a 40-year-old program helps children be ready to splash and play safely each summer.



KIWANIS CLUB OF HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

BUILDERS CLUB AT MOUNTAIN PINE

SERVICE PROJECT



BY HANK JARVIS

Kiwanis International has what is known as Service Leadership programs for public school affiliations. This provides for student clubs at all levels in school. The elementary club is known as K-Kids, middle school has the Builders Club and the high school has Key Club.

The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village has availability for all of these clubs at Fountain Lake, Jessieville and Mountain Pine. A Kiwanis advisor is assigned to each club, and the schools need to have a teacher sponsor for the club. The clubs are student-led to work on their own fundraisers and to make decisions on how to help their own community.

Recently, the Builder Club at Mountain Pine completed a fundraiser and decided to provide food for the community. With the help of the local fire department food was delivered to the needy in their community.



MAPLEWOOD AND MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY KIWANIS CLUBS

5K RUN BENEFITS ST. LOUIS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS CLUB VOLUNTEERS AT THE RACE FOR THE ROSES

**BY BONNIE PAULSMYER, MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS
KATHY SMITH, MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY KIWANIS**

On Derby Day, May 3, Maplewood and Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis Clubs sponsored “Race for the Roses,” a 5K run held at Queeny Park in west St. Louis County. Nancy Willimon (Meramec Valley Community) was the creator and led the coordination of the race. Bonnie Paulsmeyer (Maplewood) coordinated efforts between the two clubs. Rene Knott from KSDK-TV was the Master of Ceremonies and provided much excitement about Kiwanis and raising funds for St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

In its first year, Race for the Roses raised \$3,000 for St. Louis Children’s Hospital. Thanks to the 19 Kiwanians from Maplewood and Meramec Valley Community who volunteered the day of the race. There were over 20 sponsors including the Division 9 Kiwanis Clubs of Maplewood, Meramec Valley Community, Crestwood-Sunset Hills, Kirkwood, and Gravois-St. Louis County, as well as individual Kiwanis members from these clubs and many businesses and other individuals.



MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS CLUB

FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR INCREDIBLE SENIORS.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS JORDYNN PHIPPS, DICK ULRICH (PRESENTER), MAIA TRUEEMPER.

BY BONNIE PAULSMEYER

Maplewood Kiwanis awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to deserving MRH (Maplewood Richmond Heights Senior High School) seniors. Karen Wood (President), Barry Greenberg (Board member and Past President), and Dick Ulrich (Member) presented the scholarships at the MRH Scholarship Night on May 19, 2015.

Joseph Lin and Alexander Manipula received scholarships in memory of Isaac Young who was a 56-year member of Maplewood Kiwanis.

Marilyn Young, Isaac's wife and Honorary Member of Maplewood Kiwanis, provided these two scholarships. Jordynn Phipps and Maia Truemper received the other two scholarships that were awarded. Proceeds from the club's annual golf tournament fund the scholarships.



RICHMOND KIWANIS CLUB

RICHMOND KIWANIS COMPLETED “AN AFTERNOON AT THE MUSEUM.”



PICTURE LEFT TO RIGHT: MAC PROFFITT, TROY PYLE, BARB DOOLEY, BRUCE TAYLOR, MICHELE LEWIS, DAVID MILLER, CAROLE JONES, WILLIAM DOOLEY, JOHN HARTMAN

BY WILLIAM DOOLEY

The Richmond Kiwanis Club held “An Afternoon at the Museum – Shaking Up the Spirits” at the Ray County Museum on Saturday, April 12. Students and families from the Ray County area were invited to come visit the displays at the museum, participate in a scavenger hunt and enjoy refreshments and free coupons for local fast-food restaurants. Club members hosted several rooms with some dressed up in costumes relating to those specific rooms. “Several sponsors helped provide funding for this and future events,” said Barb Dooley, current President of the club.

She said that the funds raised will be helpful in ensuring that the children of our area are provided with interesting events and opportunities. The club supports the Farris Youth Theater, Ray County Library’s Summer Reading Program, Hotdog Give-away for children and youth at Halloween, The Dictionary Project for third graders at Hardin-Central and Sunrise Elementary Schools, College Scholarships for Seniors, Key Club at Richmond High School, Boys / Girls State Attendees, Terrific Kids Honors Program at Sunrise and Dear Elementary Schools, and the playground at Hamann Park in Richmond.



BATESVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

**A DEEP DIVE INTO THE EVERY CHILD A SWIMMER
PROGRAM IN ARKANSAS.**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EVERY CHILD A SWIMMER, CONTACT GARY BAKER AT 501-412-2489.

BY DIANE BAKER

The Kiwanis Club of Batesville completed another successful year of our “Every Child a Swimmer” program. This year marks the 40th year the club has provided free swimming lessons for thousands of kids. The program has grown over the years, from teaching 60 kids per year to several hundred kids each year. Our program has evolved with the cooperation of local city officials.

The city now provides the pool, instructors, and they arrange with the county school districts to bus all third grade classes to and from the pool location. The program is called Batesville Kiwanis Club Every Child a Swimmer program and the club provides funding for paying the instructors. This program teaches young children how to be safe around water and saves lives! For information on the program, you can visit the web site at <http://everychildaswimmer.org/pdf.shtml>.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

FIELD DAY BRINGS DAY OF FUN AND SPIRIT OF SERVICE



PICTURED ARE UNION KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED WITH THE FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES, KNEELING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: UNION KIWANIS CLUB CO-PRESIDENT DEBBIE PULS, FIELD DAY CHAIR DAVE INGOLD. STANDING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: KATHY SKRIVAN, LUCY SCOTT, BRUCE TEMPLER, LYNNE ELLIOTT, KEN ROHRBACH. NOT PICTURED: LINDA SCHNEIDER

BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

Union Kiwanis Club members assisted in a Field Day for Autumn Hill School and Rainbow Activities Center. Over 60 participants enjoyed a fun morning in various competitions – including races and distance ball throwing. The Health Occupations students from the Four Rivers Career Center in Washington assisted and were a big help in making Field Day a success.



This service project included races in both running and wheelchair use.

TELL



STORY

MO-ARK
2024-2025



"Empower Youth,
Inspire Dreams"



HERE ARE THE DETAILS

- Record a 60-second or less video that answers the question: "What is your Kiwanis story?"
- Videos can feature individuals, clubs, and new friends
- Send a link of the video to renbishop@gmail.com as a .mp4 or .mov
- Anyone who submits a video agrees to be published on Mo-Ark's social media/website

In Memoriam

DIVISION 8

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Festus-Crystal City

DIVISION 5

Glenn Hatfield

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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.**



Kiwanis

The Boone County Heritage Museum



BY J. TROY MASSEY

The Boone County Heritage Museum is located at 124 South Cherry Street, in Harrison, Arkansas. This building was built in 1912 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. For nearly 100 years, this building was the home of students in the Harrison Public School District. With the building of newer buildings at other locations, the three-story building became obsolete to the classroom education of the Harrison students. In 1988, the building was given to the Boone County Historical and Railroad Society, Inc. to house the artifacts and history of Boone County.

With the many tri-level rooms in the building, each room has been designated for different areas pertinent to the history of the county. One room on the third floor was chosen as the Civics Room and the local Kiwanis Club materials were stored and housed in that room.

During Jeff Hartman's term as MOARK District Secretary, we agreed to MOARK purchasing two file cabinets to house the several files he had in possession from MOARK District files, to be placed in the museum. Files have accumulated from other past MOARK District Secretaries and placed in the Civics Room. Defunct club bells and pictures are also on display.

Though Mr. Hartman had discussed compensation to the museum some ten years ago, no monies have come forth as of this time. Recently, the MOARK District Board voted not to support the museum with an annual stipend for the housing of MOARK files. We will continue to house the present files but will be unable to accept any future files until this situation can be worked out.