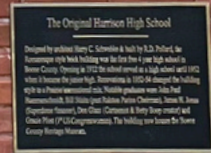




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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

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GRAVIOS KIWANIS CLUB



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Missouri-Arkansas District

JUNE 2025

MO-ARK

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ON THE COVER

Jeff Maxwell and J. Troy Massey in front of the Boone County Heritage Museum in Harrison, Arkansas. This Kiwanis sign will have a permanent home in the Civics Room where MOARK archival documents and photos are displayed. This sign was given by the widow of a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Bentonville.

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Hello, Mighty MOARK!

Let's kick things off with some great news from around our district!

Big congrats to the Batesville and Palmyra clubs! Out of 135 Kiwanis clubs worldwide, only a handful have grown membership five years in a row—and these two made the list! They'll be featured on the digital recognition wall at both the International and MOARK District Conventions. Way to go—we're proud of you!

Speaking of the District Convention—mark your calendars for August 8–10, 2025, in Jonesboro, AR! Our planning team is working hard to make it an exciting weekend full of learning, networking, and fun. Register early to help us prepare, and come meet our special guests: Kiwanis President Lee Kuan Yong from Malaysia and incoming International Trustee Jo Schwartz from the Kansas District.

That same week, we're also launching a new club in Trumann, AR, with help from Lee, Jo, and Club Building Specialist Jay Hubbard. If you're nearby—or know someone who is—get in touch! It's a great way to support the Trumann community and its youth.

Our MOARK team had a strong presence at the International Convention and is coming back energized with fresh ideas and updates to share.

We also hosted a fantastic Lieutenant Governors Retreat in West Plains, MO—great feedback and a chance to connect with local members.

As always, we're looking for passionate members to join our leadership or committees. Everyone's welcome—because when we work together, we grow stronger.

Thanks, MOARK! Keep the passion going!

DON'T STOP BELIEVING,



MO-ARK GOVERNOR



ICON was a blast this year. Thank you to all the Mo-Ark members who joined me in Pittsburgh.

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

REGISTER NOW

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 is going on now!

Dynamic keynote speakers, exciting breakout sessions with special guests, plus the KI president! 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**

FROM THE MO-ARK DISTRICT

ECF Grant Winners

Celebrating grant recipients from
the Earl Collins Foundation.



Shannon Cantrell, Principal at Folsome Elementary School. Check from Fayetteville, AR; Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville Sequoyah with President Jennings Copley



Butterfield Elementary School. Jill Phillips, Academic Interventionist. Check from Fayetteville Sequoyah Kiwanis by Rebecca Cox.



Washington Elementary School. Principal Claire Garrett and Maranda Seawood, Instructional Coach. Check from Fayetteville Sequoyah Kiwanis with Charles Pudlas and Rebecca Cox.



Holcomb Elementary School. Katie Oliver Principal, Allison Houston, Assistant Principal, and Brook Edwards, Instructional Coach. Check from Fayetteville Sequoyah Kiwanis Club.



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Kiwaniis Clubs in Action

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THE ROARING 20s

[Mo-Ark photos from ICON and an incredible international Kiwanis convention.](#)



GRAVOIS KIWANIS CLUB

GRAVOIS AWARDS FOUR \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS
TO ST. LOUIS AREA SENIORS



BY CARLA OBRIEN

On May 14, Gravois Kiwanis awarded 4 - \$1,000 scholarships to seniors attending college or university in the Fall. The four students were Key Club members from Hancock Place and Affton High Schools.

Pictured are the winners with the Scholarship committee members:

Front row: L-R Avery Spears, Shana Iuli, Alicia Wilson, Adelle Burr

Back Row: L-R Allan Cordes, Paul Eckrich, Roger Richie, Jim Fritz and Carla OBrien



HARRISON KIWANIS CLUB

FUNDING A PEDIATRIC THERAPY SENSORY GYM FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL



THIS PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO IMPACT 7,800 CHILDREN IN THE SURROUNDING AREA ANNUALLY.

BY J. TROY MASSEY

The Harrison Kiwanis Club partnered with the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center in Harrison, AR to fund/develop a new Pediatric Therapy Sensory Gym. Sensory Gyms are structured and fun environments designed to help children with special needs improve communication and motor skills, manage sensory challenges, and foster independence. It will offer a vital space for therapy, enabling young patients to achieve their full potential in a safe supportive setting. These gyms are equipped with various tools and equipment.

All the equipment support physical, emotional and cognitive growth.

Pediatric sensory gyms are particularly beneficial for children with sensory processing disorders, autism spectrum disorder (ASD), ADHD, and other developmental challenges, but they also offer advantages for all children.

Working with the Harrison Kiwanis Foundation, being awarded a grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund, and receiving donations from club membership made this \$30,000 project possible!



CARTHAGE KIWANIS CLUB

REGION III TRUSTEE PRESENTS AT CARTHAGE CLUB.



LES MACE IS A LEGENDARY KIWANIAN IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI.

BY DAVID NIEBUR

MOARK Region III Trustee Les Mace made a club inventory presentation today at a weekly meeting of the Carthage club. He asked members about the activities and future of their club. Present in addition to Carthage club members, were Norma Clinton and Victor Head of the Monett club, and Division 12 Lt. Governor David Niebur of the Joplin club.

Bill Barksdale, President of the Carthage club introduced the guests.



O'FALLON KIWANIS CLUB

CELEBRATING SENIORS FOR OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL.



KALIE GOETTEL (CENTER PICTURE) IS ONE OF OUR DIVISION 6 MO-ARK KIWANIS EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION WINNERS.

BY MARTHA RADGINSKI

The Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon presented certificates to scholarship winners at a recent Kiwanis meeting. Kiwanis President, Martha Radginski and Kiwanis Treasurer, Katie Radginski presented checks to Anne Sankale and Elizabeth Mateja for Club Scholarships.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

UNION CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AND GIFTS TO LOCAL OUTSTANDING STUDENTS.



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FALLYN BLANKENSHIP, GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP; LUCILLE KOENIGSFELD, GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP; KATHERINE BOLTE, SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP; MILLICENT LABOUBE, AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP; DAKODA WAYNE, EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP; KEN ROHRBACH, KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR.

BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

The Union Kiwanis Club awarded scholarships to four Union High School seniors. Dakota Wayne received an Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship.

In addition, Union Kiwanis Club gave perfect attendance tags to 167 students at Beaufort Elementary School (in the Union R-II School District) for the month of May.

The two students pictured to the right had perfect attendance all year. They each received a Cardinal cup and gift certificates from Pasta House and Dairy Queen.



From left to right: Union Kiwanis Club Co-President Debbie Puls; 3rd grade student Scarlett Sieve; and 5th grade student Dalton Duffie.

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 9

Robert Gustafson
*Meramec Valley
Community*

DIVISION 18

Jim Harp
Harrison

DIVISION 5

Harold Enslen
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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.

A photograph of four young children in a swimming pool, leaning on the edge. The pool is filled with blue water and has lane lines. In the background, there are blue and white pennant flags hanging from the pool's structure. The text "KIDS NEED PEOPLE TO LOOK OUT FOR THEM." is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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



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