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WITH KIWANIS CLUB
OF NORMANDY 24:1

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ON THE COVER

The Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp recently hosted over 75 youth from the Boys & Girls Club of the River Valley. This group enjoyed a day full of outdoor driven activities that included archery, hiking, turtle interpretive program and camp lunch that included grilled hamburgers, chips and cookies. This day would not have been possible without Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp Directors and Russellville Kiwanis Club Members Danny Hipps, Dan Chapman and Ron Knost. Kamp Manager Joe Pearson & Family led the hike and interpretive program.



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Greetings Mighty MoArk,

It has been a pleasure having the ability representing you, the Membership of the Missouri Arkansas Division of Kiwanis International. It was an enlightening experience and now comes the time for me to move aside and support both Ron Hill as Governor and Jeff Maxwell as Governor Elect.

This has been a great journey, met great members and made many friends in doing so. MOARK is a great group of individuals in pursuit of doing what is necessary for our children and youth to thrive. In my eyes Kiwanis "is all about the kids," we must put all the drama and nonsense aside as it has no place in helping our children.

My primary reason to run for Governor was to give the membership a voice, bring the organization together, similar to a team or family. I was fortunate in my life journeys to understand that a true leader doesn't create separation, a true leader brings people together. I was amazed recently when one of our District Key Club Board Member stating, "Teamwork makes the Dreamwork." What an appropriate thought.

Once again, Thank you, I cherish all the memories and friendships that have been forged. I am not sure what is next for me, however in time I am sure I will get a sign if I am needed elsewhere. Please support both Ron Hill and Jeff Maxwell as you did me, they have some great things in store for all of us.

May God Bless you all.

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MO-ARK GOVERNOR

FROM THE MO-ARK DISTRICT

Snapshots of Service

Photos shared in the Mo-Ark Facebook group. Share your own by joining the group.



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FROM THE MO-ARK DISTRICT

District Calendar

For more information, contact
Kiwanismoark@outlook.com.

OCTOBER 3

Kiwanis Club of St. Charles
90th Anniversary Party

OCTOBER 12

Board of Trustees Retreat/Meeting
8 a.m.

OCTOBER 12-16

Club Build in Mountain View, Ar.

NOVEMBER 9-13

Club Build (3) in partnership with
Kiwanis Club International



2026 EARL COLLINS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Instructions and the application are now
available to encourage students to apply for
Earl Collins Scholarships. [Learn more.](#)



Check out what's
going on at the
Beatrice Johnson
Kiwanis Youth Kamp!

For more information
or to book your
group today!

 **SCAN ME**

Kiwanis Clubs in Action

A NEW CLUB IN NEOSHO 06

Kiwanis Club of Newton and McDonald
Counties Neosho, Mo.

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Gladstone, Mo.



REELING IN THE FUN IN NORMANDY

A Fishing Derby encourages kids to explore
the outdoors.



KIWANIS CLUB OF NEWTON & MCDONALD COUNTIES

AFTER FIVE YEARS WITHOUT ONE,
KIWANIS IS BACK IN NEOSHO.



BY DAVID NIEBUR & CARLA OBRIEN

After five years without one, a Kiwanis Club has been reestablished in Neosho. The Kiwanis Club of Newton and McDonald Counties held its charter meeting on Saturday. There were fifteen charter members, and those able to attend the first official meeting to receive their charter certificates were left to right: Laura Burch, Tyler Gordon, Sarah Couch, Rebekkah Harris, Melissa Bartlett, John Bartlett, Danny Hubbard, and Club President, Lana Henry.

The club is a member of the Neosho Chamber of Commerce



They were welcomed by Jim Fritz, Paul Sherman, Ron Hill, Jeff Maxwell and members of 7 surrounding clubs with monetary donations. A food pantry collection service project added a service contingent.

25 Years of Service to Newton County



Congratulations to Kiwanis Club of Newton County/Jasper (Arkansas) 25th anniversary celebration. Mayor Thomas issued a proclamation to that effect. A representative from Arkansas Congressman Westerman's office brought greetings. Past Governor Paul Sherman and his wife, Beverly; Governor Elect Designate Jeff Maxwell; and Governor Elect Ron Hill and his wife, Karen, were in attendance and brought greetings. Also Past Lt Governors Jim Brisco and Toinette Madison brought greetings.

Past Governor J. Troy Massey was the MC and recognized the club for their many activities through the years and their impact on the community. He inducted club officers: President Bobby Raulston; VP Kathy Breedlove; Secretary Brandy Willis; and Treasurer Kayla Waters. Ironically PG Massey inducted the initial charter officers in 2000 and now 25 years later, had the honor to do so again! The club was chartered on October 25, 2000 and now looks forward to their next 25 years!



REGION IV DAY OF SERVICE

A HOMERUN SERVICE EVENT WITH A NUMBER OF KIWANIS CLUBS.



THIS EVENT BROUGHT OUT MANY MEMBERS FROM REGION IV.

BY CARLA OBRIEN

Many of the 24 clubs in Divisions 6, 7, 8, and 9 participated in the Region IV day of service for the Miracle League Baseball World Series by grilling hamburgers and hot dogs to serve meals to the participants and their family members.

Kiwanians distributed early morning snacks and fidget spinners by circulating through the stands and greeting youth. A super hot, 9 hour day well spent at the new South County YMCA ADA compliant field in St Louis.



KIWANIS CLUB OF UNION

PEANUT DAYS UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDERS CLUB VOLUNTEERS



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CASPER SPARKMAN; UNION KIWANIS CO-PRESIDENT AND BUILDERS CLUB ADVISOR DEBBIE PULS; DAN PAINTER (IN FRONT); HANNAH MCFERRIN (IN BACK); CECE PAINTER

BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

Union Middle School Builders Club members assisted with Peanut Day. The Union Kiwanis Club sponsors this Builders Club. Union High School Key Club members assisted with the Union Kiwanis Club fundraiser as well.

On right: (Pictured from left to right) Key Club President Breanna Vollmer (in back), Morgan Gunn, Nora Sparkman, and Secretary Gabby Underwood





KIWANIS CLUB OF NORMANDY 24:1

FISHING DERBY REELS IN FAMILIES FOR FUN AND CONSERVATION EDUCATION.



REELING IN THE FUN AT THE FISHING DERBY SEPT. 20.

BY MONICA HUDDLESTON

The Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 (KCON) held its 13th annual free fishing derby for kids ages 15 and under at Ramona-Mathison Lake in Berkeley, Mo. Over 70 youngsters and their parents/guardians enjoyed great fishing, prizes, free donuts, and free lunch as well as free use of loaner fishing poles provided by the Missouri Dept. of Conservation. A young lady fishing for the very first time caught a 23.5-inch catfish, winning the Largest Fish prize. Many of the kids were experiencing this outdoor sport for the first time and left with the bug to do it more often.

They also left with free fishing poles and kits donated by another great partner, Amazon, who also donated the lunch. The City of Berkeley, Mo. stocked the lake, provided donuts and coffee, the bait and free use of a beautiful park and lake. Northeast Fire District was on site with paramedics just in case and Midwest Bank Centre donated to the event also. Bringing city and suburban kids to meet and greet Mother Nature at this our Signature Project was a special occasion for the club members and other volunteers.



WENTZVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

A SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT FOR KIDS IN NEED.



DEBRA FROM WENTZVILLE CENTRAL OFFICE AND MELINDA SIMMS FROM WENTZVILLE KIWANIS CLUB.

BY MELINDA SIMMS

During the month of August, the Wentzville Kiwanis Club in Wentzville, Missouri, collected school supplies for the Wentzville School District. A total of 471 items including backpacks, notebooks, crayons, rulers, pencils, and much more were collected for local students. Pictured are the supplies plus Debra from Wentzville Central Office who makes sure these items get to students in need and Melinda Simms from the Kiwanis Club.





KIWANIS CLUB OF MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY

KIWANIS SETS UP SECOND LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY.



PICTURED FROM LEFT: KIWANIS CLUB OF MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY TREASURER DAVE BERTOLINO, PRESIDENT ROGER JESPERSEN, KATHY JOSEPHSOHN, CLUB MEMBER AND SECRETARY PAUL ECKLER CELEBRATE THE CLUB'S SECOND "LITTLE FREE LIBRARY."

BY KATHY JOSEPHSOHN

In 2022, Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community members began collecting new and gently used books for their first "Little Free Library." The book-sharing wooden box was purchased by Club Board Director Nancy Willimon. It was built by Steve Roberts, the club's board director. He set up the club's first "Library" in Meadowlark Park in Ellisville, Mo.

Park visitors are encouraged to take a book and return it; and can add their own books. Club members maintain boxes, adding books as needed.



GLADSTONE KIWANIS CLUB

GLADSTONE KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS

NORTHLAND CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST



FOUR CONTEST WINNERS, BACKED BY SPONSORING ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

BY RICHARD HINDERLITTER

Kiwanians have been coordinating a drawing contest for children in the northland of Kansas City since 2005. This year's contest drew forty-one entries across four age bands in the five to twelve year old range. The North Kansas City Public Library helps distribute and collect the entry forms. The Northland Art League judges the entries, selecting first place winners in each age category. Our Kiwanis Club frames the winning entries and tops them off with a big blue First Place ribbon.

Kiwanian Adam Schwery and the Briarcliff Insurance Group award a \$25 gift card to each winner. We select a different theme each year, with this year's theme being "The World of Tomorrow". An awards ceremony is held at the library, with representatives of the four sponsoring organizations present to congratulate the winners. All forty-one entries in this year's contest will be displayed at the library for the month of September.

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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

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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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