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A LT. GOVERNOR PROFILE
CELEBRATING REGION 21

CELEBRATING MILESTONES
WRAPPING UP A HOLIDAY
SEASON FULL OF SERVICE



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JANUARY 2026

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ON THE COVER

Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 (Missouri) was on the case just before Christmas to fill 25 boxes with food items and kitchen supplies. Club members and the Northeast Fire & Ambulance District that serves the greater Normandy area collected and donated non-perishable food items and kitchen supplies. Each box was labeled with a Christmas greeting and to top off each box, a gift certificate to a local grocery store was included in each box.

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FROM THE GOVERNOR



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

The New Year is here again and we have a opportunity to spoil our family and our club.

We still have some openings for leadership in Mo-Ark, if you have any interest please contact me.

Regional meetings are listed in the Kiwanigram, look for one to attend. We are here to help you and your club, don't hesitated to contact us.

In order to provide more service to children and our communities, we need to increase our number of members. It all begins with inviting guests to join you in service projects and attending club meetings. Challenge your fellow club members to bring at least one like-minded friend along to check us out every month.

We have built 4 clubs and have a few more on the books. There is help for you club with Boost if your clubs need.

Keep up the good work and lets us know how we can help.

Keep serving, and keep growing!

HUMBLY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Hill'.

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.](#)



FROM THE MO-ARK DISTRICT

District Calendar

[View the full Mo-Ark district calendar.](#)

FEBRUARY 7

Region 4 Meeting

Trustee: Carla O'Brien

MARCH 12-14

Key Club DLC in Springfield, MO

MARCH 13-15

Circle K DCON in Springfield, MO

APRIL 18

Region 1 meeting

EARL COLLINS CORNER

The latest from the Earl Collins Foundation.

Earl Collins Scholarships are available for high school seniors. [Scholarship applications are being accepted now.](#) [View the scholarship timeline here.](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

Earl Collins Foundation also has availability of grants to Service Leadership groups: K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Clubs and CKI of UP TO \$1,000 for service projects. These same Service Project grants are available to individual clubs in MO-ARK. [Fillable or printable grant application can be found here.](#)



MEET THE LT. GOVERNOR

Sylvia McDaniel, Region 21

WITH A HEART FOR SERVICE OF ALL KINDS,
SYLVIA LOVES TO SUPPORT HER
COMMUNITY. THIS IS WHY SHE SERVES.



Q: "How long have you been a Kiwanian, and what is your home club?"

"My home club is the Conway Kiwanis Club. I have a Kiwanian for 15 years."

Q: "Outside of Kiwanis, how do you spend like to spend your free time?"

"I love walking and riding my bike. I also enjoy playing tennis and pickleball. I have a passion for travel, both inside and outside of the United States. I serve my church by working in our food pantry, singing in the chancel choir and ringing in the handbell choir, and I am a handbell soloist."

Q: "Why did you want to join Kiwanis originally?"

"I was initially drawn to join Kiwanis because of their motto, serving the children of the world. I am a retired teacher, so joining a civic organization that serves children was an easy choice for me."

Q: "What does service mean to you?"

"Service means doing what you can for those who need assistance. I love the various ways our Kiwanis Clubs choose to perform service to our communities."

Q: "Why do you choose to serve the Mo-Ark district as a lieutenant governor?"

"I enjoy visiting the clubs in my division to see the ways in which they serve their communities, and I enjoy hearing programs about their communities. I also like to share the information I get from one club with other clubs that I think can benefit from the success the various clubs have in serving their children."

MO-ARK NEEDS MORE LEADERS SERVING MORE COMMUNITIES

The Missouri-Arkansas Kiwanis District is looking for more leaders to serve at the district level. If you're interested in serving more communities, contact Governor Ron Hill to be considered for lieutenant governor. Email ronhill@conwaycorp.net.

Maplewood Kiwanis Installation & Awards Dinner



BY BONNIE PAULSMEYER

The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, Missouri held its annual installation and awards dinner on October 1, 2025, at the Provinces Restaurant in the Hilton Frontenac Hotel.

Past Lt. Governor of Division 9, Bonnie Paulsmeyer, was the installing officer. After the officers and board members were installed, there were special presentations.

Because of the generosity of the Greenberg Family Foundation, Barry Greenberg presented Phil Johnson and Ed Rich with a George F. Hixson Fellowship. Ed Rich then presented Brian Adkisson with his 10-year Longevity Award.

Bonnie Paulsmeyer presented Barry Greenberg with a “special little gift” (K-State pillow she made) to thank him for all of the hard work and special things he does for the club.



Clubs in Action

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Crestwood-Sunset Valley Kiwanis Club

SANTA CLAUS IN KC 15

Plaza Area Kiwanis Club



\$44,355 SHIOPPING SPREE

Huntsville Arkansas Kiwanis Club goes big with annual giving tradition of children in need in their community.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

RINGING THE BELL AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY, ONE SMILE AT A TIME.



BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

The Union Middle School (UMS) Builders Club, Immaculate Conception (IC) Builders Club, Union High School (UHS) Key Club, and even Santa himself teamed up to ring the bell for Salvation Army at Schnucks in Union. These clubs are all sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club.

Pictured from left to right: UHS Key Club Faculty Sponsors Jacquelyn Drury and Alicia Schoonover; UHS Key Club Secretary Nora Sparkman; UMS Builders Club member Kayden Gordon; UHS Key Club President Breanna Vollmer; UMS Builders Club member Nora Luby; past IC Builders Club President Morgan Bailey (face hidden) and guest; Immaculate Conception Vice President Reagan Bailey; and Santa.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

GIFTS FOR PRESCHOOLERS, DELIVERED BY KEY CLUB MEMBERS.



BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

The Builders Club from Immaculate Conception (IC) School spread some Christmas cheer. Representative Builders Club Elves and their Kiwanis advisor gifted stockings they had decorated and filled with teacher-chosen trinkets to each I.C. preschooler student. This tradition, started by the Builders Club composed of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders a few years ago, helps form a bond between the older and the younger students. It also shows the older students the true meaning of giving and not receiving. Seeing the faces of preschoolers light up when the stockings are delivered is the club's favorite part.

Immaculate Conception Builders Club is a Service Leadership Program sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club.

I.C. Builders Club members pictured from left to right are: Rosie Bardot, Hilda Brueggemann, Sophia Dwyer, Addison Loerch and Amelia Gildehaus. Gina Peters, Union Kiwanis Club advisor for the IC Builders Club, is at the far right.



HUNTSVILLE ARKANSAS KIWANIS CLUB

CELEBRATING A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE IN NORTHERN ARKANSAS.



BY PATTI CLINE

Huntsville Arkansas Kiwanis celebrated their 50th Anniversary in September 2025, with a banquet held at Carroll Electric Community Room in Huntsville. The banquet was attended by Governor Ron Hill and Governor-Elect Jeff Maxwell. Kiwanis Member Sumner Brashears, a charter member of the club spoke about the history of the club. Outgoing President Derek Witt thanked all the club for the many things they do for the club and the community. Witt and Incoming President

Whitney Cline exchange a friendly hug as she presented Witt with his parting gift from the club and before the passing of the gavel to Cline.



HUNTSVILLE ARKANSAS KIWANIS CLUB

A SHOPPING TRIP FOR KIDS IN NEED IN HUNTSVILLE, ARKANSAS.



BY PATTI CLINE

Each year, Huntsville Kiwanis provides a shopping experience for needy children in the country. This year with the help of volunteers in the community, The Club was able to take 320 students shopping and spend \$140 for each. Fundraisers are held all year to provide the funds for this shopping trip.

A total of \$43,355.56 was spent for this effort.

Photo: President Whitney Cline shopping with a student.





JOPLIN KIWANIS CLUB

A HOLLY, JOLLY SERVICE EVENT FOR THE JOPLIN COMMUNITY.



BY DAVID NIEBUR

In mid-December, the Joplin Kiwanis Club continued its decades-old project of bringing Christmas lunches, goodies, and Santa Claus to two Joplin Schools. Shown in the photo at Jefferson Elementary, Kiwanis provided a pizza lunch with soda, cookies, candy, and winter hats and gloves to each student. Kiwanian Dr. Benjamin Rosenberg is shown filling in for Santa Claus who was too busy to make the event.



KIWANIS CLUB OF NORMANDY 24:1

A WINTER WONDERLAND FOR ST. LOUIS AND ITS COMMUNITY.



BY MONICA HUDDLESTON

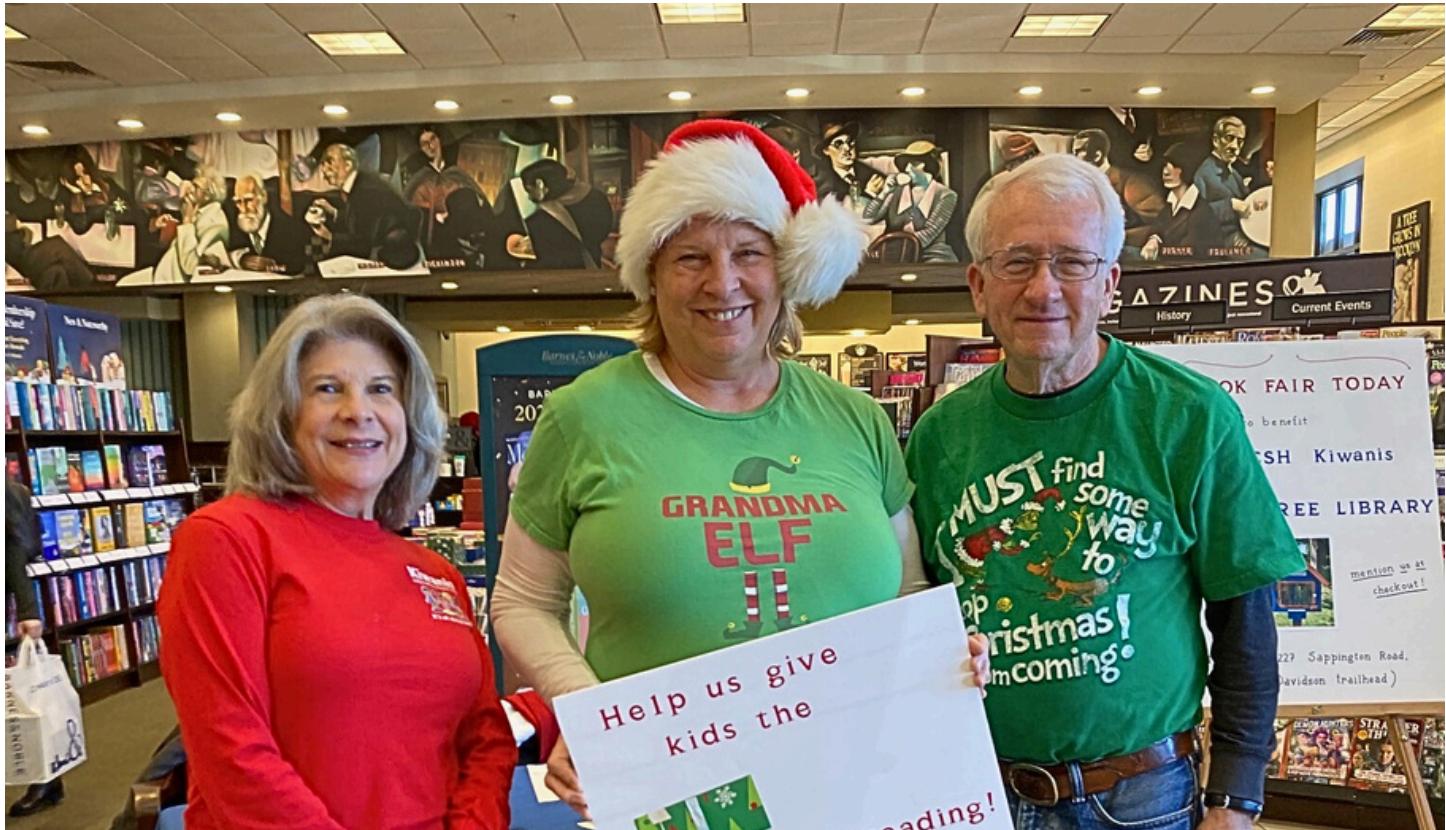
Five members of Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 braved the cold on New Years Day night to staff the entrance to Winter Wonderland in Tilles Park in St. Louis County. The sign on the entrance booth told everyone we were the volunteer crew that night. We even got a few "thank you for doing this" comments.

It was about 32 degrees. A steady stream of cars and even a tour bus came through to view the over 2 million lights holiday display, and we greeted them in fine fashion, through the teeth chatters. Another great service project!



CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS KIWANIS CLUB

A BOOK FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN IN ST. LOUIS.



BY LISA MARIN

On December 6, members of the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club held a book fair at a local Barnes & Noble Bookstore to raise funds for our two children's Little Free Libraries. The fundraiser was a huge success, earning over \$3,000 to purchase books for the libraries! Our club is thrilled to be able to put books into the hands of local kids!! Pictured below are club members Julie Bostick, Lynda Light, and Brent Stewart.



PLAZA AREA KIWANIS CLUB

LAST MONTH THE PLAZA CLUB, ASSISTED THE SALVATION ARMY FOR A NUMBER OF EVENTS.



BY AUDREY GOEBEL

The Ringing of Bells on the Plaza for two days is always helpful for our Local Mission. The Club was also privileged to sponsor a children's Christmas party for 40 attendees. The Salvation Army provided a list of names, ages, and desired gifts for each child. The Club members then wrapped almost 100 gifts. Treats, Games, and Santa were all part of the event. Thanks to Member, Captain Cooper for his planning of these successful opportunities.





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Get the recognition your Club deserves! The deadline to submit an application to be a Distinguished Kiwanis Club has been extended. Learn what criteria are in place for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

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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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