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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

A LT. GOVERNOR PROFILE
CELEBRATING REGION 8
CELEBRATING MILESTONES
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS
OF SERVE WITH KIWANIS



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ON THE COVER

Cheryl Anderson reads to Head Start kids as part of a Lees Summit Kiwanis Club effort. All students got a book to take home, purchased by LS Kiwanis.



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FROM THE GOVERNOR

Hello Everyone,

Many of you know I don't talk long when I'm with you. I like typing less.

In a sports term we're on a roll and I would love to keep it going. Dexter asked for help and we went in a increased the membership enough to give them a chance to survive. If you need help contact us and we will try to help any way we can.

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.

Thank you for all you do!

HUMBLY,



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.](#)

MARCH 12-14

Key Club DLC in Springfield, MO

MARCH 13-15

Circle K DCON in Springfield, MO

MARCH 14

Region 3 Kiwanis Social
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 Prject grants are available to individual clubs in MO-ARK. [Fillable or printable grant application can be found here.](#)

YOU ARE INVITED TO

REGION 3 KIWANIS SOCIAL

Join fellow Kiwanians from SWMO to connect, complete a service project and learn how Kiwanis strengthen our communities.

At the ARC of the Ozarks
1721 W Elfindale
Springfield, MO

14	March 2026	9.00 am - 1:00pm
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Lunch is \$10

Collecting Sensory Toys and Shampoos & Conditioners for Kids

RSVP to Marsha McClanahan at marsha.mcclanahan@cityutilities.net or 417-766-7115

2ND ANNUAL

BENEFITING: MOOLAH SHRINE CLOWNS Red Sneaker Program

PRESENTED BY: Maplewood and Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis Clubs



Race for the Roses

5K Race & 1K Family Walk

Kentucky Derby Week Kick-Off

Saturday
April 25
2026
9:00 AM

Queeny Park, Smith Pavilion
Fee: 5K = \$25 (Includes Race Shirt and Bib)
Family Walk = \$8/person* (Additional Cost for Shirt)
*Children 3 and under are free

PRIZES
1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place
Best "Derby" Hat

SCAN TO REGISTER:



Moolah Clowns will be there entertaining and making balloon animals. Come join the fun!

Or visit <https://racefortheroses.com/events/2026/11723/race-for-the-roses>

MEET THE LT. GOVERNOR

Craig Luetkemeyer, Region 8



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

I became a Kiwanian in October 2022. I am a member of the Northwest Jefferson County Kiwanis Club.

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

I am an avid hiker, and do about 70,000 steps (30 miles) of walking weekly. I am a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Parish in Hillsboro, where I am on Parish Council, and I lector and cantor for masses. I am the Recorder for the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus (Council 6401.) I also am a tour guide at the Gateway Arch as a side hustle in my retirement.

Q: “Why did you want to join Kiwanis originally?”

I was asked by Mary Vaughan, a long time Parks and Recreation colleague, to help start the Northwest Jefferson County Club. I was starting to look at retirement at that time, and thought this would be something new to pursue.

Q: “What does service mean to you?”

It’s just what I’ve always done, both personally and professionally. I feel very blessed for God’s gifts to me, and I believe we are here to help others not so fortunate. Since I have always worked to improve the lives of kids, this was a nice way to keep doing it.

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

Carla O’Brien asked me! But seriously, our collective strength as Kiwanians allows us to do so much more. If I can help the broader goals of Division 8 and MOARK Kiwanis, we can be so much better together.

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.



Springdale Kiwanis 80th anniversary



BY JEANNE HARP

Springdale Kiwanis Club celebrated 80 years of serving its community this February!



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REGION IV GOVERNOR'S MEETING

A gathering of members full of milestones and celebrations in Region IV.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION GRANT TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BUILDERS CLUB



BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

The Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Builders Club (sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club) has received an Earl Collins Foundation Service Leadership Grant for their “Continuing Tradition” Project – bringing joy and holiday cheer to 50+ preschoolers at their school. With the grant, the Builders Club bought plain stockings and paint for decorating the stockings with Christmas Designs. They filled the stockings with small items including toys and gifted them to the 52 preschool students at I.C.

The tradition has allowed the older Builders Club students to connect with the younger, newer students. It has helped form a bond so that the preschoolers have a familiar face in the building. It allowed the older students to experience the feeling that one gets from giving and not receiving. Seeing the faces of the preschoolers light up when the Builders Club delivered the stocking was the Builders Club kids’ favorite part.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

TERRIFIC KIDS AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

All the students at Central Elementary School in Union, MO enjoyed a sweet surprise at lunch recently. The Union Kiwanis Club provided popsicles as part of the Terrific Kids program. There were smiles all around. It was a fun way to celebrate being terrific.

Union Kiwanis Club members standing from left to right: Karen Tucker, Ken Rohrbach, Bruce Templer, Gina Peters



KIWANIS CLUB OF EUREKA

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED IN
THEIR COMMUNITY.



BY BETH GOULD

The Kiwanis Club of Eureka is collecting gently used blankets, coats, gloves, hats, scarves, and shoes to support our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity this winter in St. Louis County and Jefferson County. As you look through your closet, consider passing along something you haven't used yet this season. A simple donation can make a meaningful difference and bring warmth, comfort, and hope to someone during these cold winter days. Thank you for helping our community care for one another.



KIWANIS CLUB OF BRIDGETON CELEBRATING A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE JUST OUTSIDE ST. LOUIS.



BY SUSAN PRENITCE

We celebrated Ron Abernathy 50 years in the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton. He is current and past President of the club. We thanked him for leadership and service. He is an army veteran. Mayor Randy Hein presented him with a proclamation from the city of Bridgeton. Carla O'Brien presented him with a special Kiwanis pin from Kiwanis international President Mike Mulhaul at conference on February 7. 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.



CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS KIWANIS CLUB

CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HONORS EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATORS IN THEIR COMMUNITY



BY LISA MARIN

As part of our focus on children, we regularly honor excellent educators from local schools (nominated by their administrators) who are making a real difference in the lives of young people in their classrooms. This month our club honored Leanne Gregston from Dressel Elementary School in the Lindbergh District. Shown (center) is Mrs. Gregston, with our club president John Sebben and Dressel Assistant Principal Jennifer Albers.



KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTHWEST JEFFERSON COUNTY

A WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR KIDS IN NEED



BY CARLA OBRIEN

Kiwanis Club of Northwest Jefferson County has partnered with the Grandview R-2 Elementary School in Hillsboro Mo to provide foodstuffs for the weekend backpack program. The February contribution was \$760, 2 big carts of food. Students from our newly formed KKids program helped bring in all of the bounty. An Earl Collins grant for \$500 is helping us keep this program continue. Check out those 2 thumbs up!





**CHARTER CEREMONY
KIWANIS CLUB OF
PACIFIC AREA**



Kiwanis[®]



You're Invited
Wednesday March 25th
5:00 - 6:00 PM

113 Hilltop Village Center Dr
Works Space - Lower Level
Eureka Mo 63025

A large pair of gold scissors is shown cutting through a thick red ribbon. The ribbon is draped across the bottom half of the page. Golden confetti and streamers are scattered around the scissors and ribbon. The background is a dark blue gradient with small white dots, suggesting a night sky or a celebratory atmosphere.

New Club
Opening Celebration
&
Ribbon Cutting



Come join us for

Kiwanis



Pancake Day

March 7, 2026

6:30 am – 12:00 pm

St. James Middle School

Tickets \$7 each or 4 for \$25

Age 5 and under free

Live Music 8-11am

Lots of specialized toppings

Kids need Kiwanis &

Kiwanis needs you.

BE A DISTINGUISHED KIWANIS CLUB

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.

2024-2025 DISTINGUISHED CLUB CRITERIA

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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