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CELEBRATING DIVISION 6

A DISTRICT FUNDRAISER
A SPECIAL QUILT FOR A
SPECIAL CAUSE.



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ON THE COVER

Kiwanis Club of Eureka, Missouri recently donated crafting supplies to their local WEE School. The club loves supporting the youngest members of their community as they explore creativity, imagination and learning through hands-on activities.



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FROM THE GOVERNOR



Spring is here and time to plant. A early start for your garden with seeds coming up may give you an idea of planting seeds in friends minds about your Kiwanis club. Dexter Mo. wanted to close, Gary Warner decided to plant the seeds in that area for Kiwanis they had 24 at there last meeting.

We are building a club in the Benton -Bryant area April 26,27,28,29 any one who wants to help we would love to have the help.

If you have any desire to be a Lt Governor let us know for the Governor position you have till late May to get your name in.

If you need any of us call, text or email.

Stay safe, and enjoy spring!

HUMBLY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Hill'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MO-ARK GOVERNOR

FROM THE MO-ARK DISTRICT

Snapshots of Service

Photos are often 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.](#)

APRIL 5

Easter

APRIL 18

Region 1 meeting

APRIL 25

Region 8 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.](#)

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A MOARK LEADERSHIP ROLE

MoArk is always looking for people who care about children and their communities. If you're interested in a leadership role in MoArk, contact your Trustee or current LTG.



2ND ANNUAL

BENEFITING:
MOOLAH SHRINE CLOWNS Red Sneaker Program

PRESENTED BY:
Maplewood and Meramec Valley Community Kiwanis Clubs

Race for the Roses
KIWANIS FOUNDATION
K is not only for Kennedy

5K Race & 1K Family Walk
Kentucky Derby Week Kick-Off

Saturday | Queeny Park, Smith Pavilion
April 25 | Fee: 5K = \$25 (Includes Race Shirt and Bib)
2026 | Family Walk = \$8/person* (Additional Cost for Shirt)
9:00 AM | *Children 3 and under are free

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

SCAN TO REGISTER:

MOOLAH SHRINE CLOWNS

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

Do not <https://racefortheroses.com/>
events/2026/11322/race-for-the-roses

MEET THE LT. GOVERNOR

Paula Staten O'Connell, Division 6



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

I have only been a Kiwanian since 2023, when the Kiwanis Club of Wentzville was formed. I was honored to serve as the club’s Charter President.

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

I love musicals! We have season tickets to both The Fabulous Fox and The Muny. We also love to travel and spend time with our grandchildren.

Q: “What does service mean to you?”

Helping people. I love connecting with organizations who are already doing the work in their community. It’s a great way for small Kiwanis clubs to get involved and have an impact.

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

My K-Family history extends over 40 years. As a student I joined Builders Club and served as a club and district leader in Key Club. In college, I chartered a Circle K club at UMKC. Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) shaped me in so many ways, I was excited to help provide that opportunity for other students.

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

I think leadership is an important way to understand an organization. As Kiwanians, we often think about fostering leadership for our SLPs, but I think it’s a valuable growth and development opportunity for Kiwanians, as well.

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.

A Quilt Raffle for MoArk Members



BY PATTI CLINE

The Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp is holding a fundraiser this year by raffling the pictured quilt made by Board Member Patti Cline. The quilt is an outdoor themed quilt and is an oversized queen. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased from any Kamp Board Member. You can also email Patti at plc@madisoncounty.net for a Venmo link to purchase tickets.

The drawing will be held at the District Convention in Springfield.

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BUILDING BIRDHOUSES

Builders Club members at Immaculate Conception in Union, MO built bluebird houses this spring.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BUILDERS CLUB BUILDING BLUEBIRD HOUSES



BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

Union Kiwanis Club member Bruce Templer and his crew helped the Immaculate Conception Builders Club with a bluebird house building project.

The group consists of 6th - 9th grade Builders Club members and one second grade guest.

Adults in the Bruce Templer's crew are in the back row from left to right: Frank Freise, Ken LaBoube, Bruce Templer ad Bill Walker.



KIWANIS CLUB OF EUREKA

KIWANIS MEMBERS HELP KEEP THEIR
COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL.



BY BETH GOULD

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Eureka stepped up in service, rolling up our sleeves to pick up litter and help care for Lions Park. Taking care of our local spaces is one small but meaningful way we show up for the community we love. Service starts with action – and we're proud to be a part of keeping Eureka beautiful.

Be part of something bigger than yourself. No one person can do it alone, it truly takes a village. If you've been looking for a way to make a difference, this is your invitation.



KIWANIS CLUB OF EUREKA DONATING FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED IN THEIR COMMUNITY.



BY BETH GOULD

The Eureka Kiwanis Club is proud to share that we recently donated non-perishable food items to our local food pantry at The River Church. Supporting families in our own community is at the heart of what we do, and we know we're not alone in that mission. Now, we're inviting you to join us.

If you have items in the back of your pantry collecting dust, consider taking the challenge to turn them into a blessing for someone in need right here in Eureka. A simple bag of groceries can make a meaningful difference.

The food pantry is currently in need of:

- Toilet paper
- Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Helper-style boxed meals
- Cereal
- Pasta sauce

This is your opportunity to be part of something good, to show up for your neighbors you may never meet, but who will absolutely feel the impact of your generosity. Let's continue to be the kind of community that steps forward, together.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. JAMES READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY CELEBRATED WITH KIWANIS.



BY MARETTA DIESTELKAMP

The St. James Tiger Tots and the Kiwanis Club of St. James celebrated Read Across America Day. Kiwanis Club member Caryl Mussig read “The Itsy-Bitsy Spider” to the students for story time. After story time the students sang “The Itsy-Bitsy Spider” song and worked on craft projects with help from Kiwanis members Caryl Mussig, Nakia Maddy, Dr. April Williams and Maretta Diestelkamp. Each student received a copy of the book “The Itsy-Bitsy Spider” to take home with them. The youngest Tiger Tots received a copy of the book “Smile” to take home.

Books were purchased with funds from the Harold Wright Memorial Fund in memory of Harold Wright, former member of the Kiwanis Club of St. James.

This was the first year the St. James Kiwanis Club has partnered with the Tiger Tots for Read Across America Day. Reading is a great way to engage with others and in some small way make a big difference in the life of a child.



NEWTON-MCDONALD COUNTY KIWANIS CLUB

A GRANT FOR SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AWARDED TO KIWANIS CLUB.



FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: SCARLET ESTRADA NHS KEY CLUB PRESIDENT ELECT, REBECCA HARRIS BOARD SECRETARY, LANA HENRY BOARD PRESIDENT, JEFF MAXWELL GOVERNOR ELECT MO-ARK DISTRICT. BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: LAURA BURCH BOARD MEMBER, TAYLOR BROWN OWNER - FREQUENCY MARKETING, CHRIS FENSKE NHS NEWCAPS, DANNY HUBBARD BOARD TREASURER, SARAH MUNSON NHS KEY CLUB, AND DEBORAH POLLOCK MEMBER NEWTON-MCDONALD COUNTIES KIWANIS CLUB

BY DAVID NIEBUR

In February, the Newton-McDonald County Kiwanis Club was awarded An Earl Collins Foundation grant award of \$1000, for the Neosho High School Key Club NEWcaps Service Learning Project. Show presenting the check to club President Lana Henry, is MO-ARK Governor elect Jeff Maxwell.



HUNTSVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

BUILDER'S CLUB MEMBERS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HUNTSVILLE.



BY PATTI CLINE

The Builder's Club at Huntsville Middle School has been very active this year. Sponsors Tracy Prince and Cathy Kirk have the 50+ members busy doing community service, clothing drives, reading to Pre-K students and recently cleaned up the Middle School grounds as a service hours project. If each member completes their required hours, they will be eligible to travel on school approved day trips. One trip will be to visit the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp in Russellville. The Builder's Club is sponsored by Huntsville Arkansas Kiwanis Club.



GRAVETTE AR KIWANIS CLUB

DONATING BOOKS TO KIDS IN THEIR
COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT LITERACY.



BY NANCY JONES

Gravette AR Kiwanis recently donated 50 children's books to Arkansas Children's Hospital in honor of their 50th anniversary of serving the children of our community. Show from L to R are Gayla McKenzie (president), Nancy Jones (secretary) and Morgan McCaleb who is the Associate Development Directory of Arkansas Children's Hospital NW.



CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS KIWANIS CLUB

CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS KIWANIS CLUB SUPPORTS TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE



BY LISA MARIN

The Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills is proud to sponsor the Lindbergh High School Key Club! Recently, club officers and their faculty advisor visited our club to update us on their many worthy activities and projects. Pictured below is Kiwanis president John Sebben, Key Club officers and their advisor, Lindsey Borcharding.



KIWANIS CLUB OF EUREKA

CELEBRATING A NEW CLUB THAT IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING OTHERS.



BY CARLA A O'BRIEN

Welcome was official on 3/25/26 when Kiwanis Club of Eureka celebrated their Charter ceremony. It was short, sweet and amazing like this new club whose members have jumped into community service with both feet. They've completed 4 projects and have at least 3 in the pipeline as well as a membership drive!



3/26/26 A BEAUTIFUL DINNER AND CHARTER CEREMONY WAS HELD IN THE CHAMBER OFFICES. ELEVEN MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING A MEMBER COUPLE WITH THEIR JR KIWANIANS.THE CLUB CONTINUES TO ADD MEMBERS AND PLAN SERVICE.

ABOVE ARE BOARD MEMBERS BACK ROW DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND SECRETARY FRONT ROW: 2 DIRECTORS

ABOVE WE HAD TWO CLUBS SPONSOR WASHMO, GRAVOIS - ST LOUIS COUNTY AND SPRINGFIELD SOUTH L-R JIM FRITZ - GRAVOIS, PAUL & BEV SHERMAN - SPRINGFIELD SOUTH, CARLA O'BRIEN - GRAVOIS



**UNION KIWANIS CLUB
STUDENT PHOTO
CONTEST**



THE UNION KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTED ITS 2026 STUDENT PHOTO CONTEST AWARDS ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER IN UNION. THIS IS THE 11TH ANNUAL STUDENT PHOTO CONTEST ORGANIZED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNION KIWANIS CLUB.

PICTURED BELOW IS A GROUP PHOTO OF THE WINNERS. THIS YEAR'S CONTEST FEATURED STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS AGES 3-18 FROM AREA SCHOOLS WHO SUBMITTED ENTRIES SHOWCASING THEIR UNIQUE TALENTS AND CREATIVITY. THE PHOTOS WERE DIVIDED INTO SIX AGE GROUPS FOR JUDGING. THE AWARDS CEREMONY PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THESE YOUNG ARTISTS AND DISPLAY THEIR WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS.

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