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ON THE COVER

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FROM THE GOVERNOR



Memorial Day has past and I thank all who serve to keep us safe.

May is traditionally membership month. Highlight your programs and service projects. Find ways to connect potential members with opportunities to serve the community and get involved in Kiwanis.

As a District we are doing well, thanks to you. I encourage you to bring new members to your Club. If you need help we have it, with your help there are several trained members who will come in and help your club. To do it, your help will be needed.

Let Ren know about things your club is doing so we can put it in the Kiwanigram. Others may want to borrow your ideas for their club.

We don't know of any clubs that are considering closing. If you do please let us know so we can offer help. If you know of members that you will lose, drop them now so we will know were we stand.

The pleasure of this position is meeting you. Please continue to let us know about your celebrations.

We love to celebrate and to serve.

THANK YOU,

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.](#)

JUNE

- 06/13/2026 – Region 5 meeting, Trustee Garry Warner (2 of 2)

JULY

- 07/01/2026 – 07/03/2026 CKI ICON, Dallas, Texas
- 07/01-2026 – 07/05/2026 Key Club ICON, Dallas, Texas
- 07/04/2026 – Independence Day
- 07/30/2026 – Board of Trustees Meeting, Springfield, Missouri
- 07/31/2026 - DCON Day 1, Springfield, Missouri

EARL COLLINS CORNER

The latest from the Earl Collins Foundation.

Don't forget to make your 2025-2026 donation to Earl Collins Foundation of \$5-10 per club member, get that check issued today!

WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

49 - \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS THIS YEAR

We still have grant monies available for clubs or Service Leadership programs to access UP TO \$1,000 for service projects. Application is on the MO-ARK website, linked below.

[ECF Grant Application](#)

A NEW DIGITAL APPLICATION TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN MO-ARK KIWANIS

At the Lt. Governors Retreat this spring, we were excited to announce and launch a new digital membership application for Mo-Ark Kiwanis.

Scan the QR code to see it in action!



MEET THE LT. GOVERNOR

Traci Perrin, Region VIII



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

Since the fall of 2021, my home club is the Kiwanis Club of Greater Jonesboro, Jonesboro, AR.

Q: “What does service mean to you?”

Volunteering to improve and build my community. The joy is in watching the opportunities that open for others.

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

I was a founding member of my high school Key Club at Highland High School. There I served on the board, as Treasurer, VP, President, and Lt. Governor. Key Club instilled a love for community service. I had great Kiwanian mentors including my Key Club faculty advisor, the late Robert Vance.

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

I hope to encourage and remind Kiwanians and our communities of the importance of providing service, mentorship, opportunities, and leadership guidance to our youth. I hope to help students see how their service, leadership, and example can inspire others while putting them in situations to be mentored and inspired themselves. Young people need adults who will show up for them, invest in them and inspire them to lead by modeling leadership and service themselves. It takes adults who care to inspire the next generation to care about their communities and make them better for all of us. Key Club instilled a love in community service for me, and I hope to inspire those around me to help cultivate that love of service in the next generation with Kiwanis.

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.

Kampers from Alabama visit Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp



**BY JERRY MARTIN, PRESIDENT
BEATRICE JOHNSON KIWANIS
YOUTH KAMP FOUNDATION**

I was at the Kamp May 15 when we hosted 50 kids from the Builders Club sponsored by the Huntsville, Arkansas Kiwanis Club. The kids were all wearing their bright yellow “Connecting Kids With Nature” t-shirts provided by the grant from the Earl Collins Foundation. Kamp manager Joe Pearson arranged a program of nature related activities including a nature walk, archery, and a turtle talk. The kids and adults were treated to hot dogs for lunch with all the trimmings cooked outdoors by Kamp chef Dan Chapman. In addition to Dan and myself, board members Ron Knost and Patti Cline, Kamp Manager Joe Pearson, and several members of the Russellville Kiwanis Club were there helping.

It was truly a great event for us and the kids! It would be good if each member of the board could attend and participate in one of the two upcoming day camps. The first is next Thursday, May 21 when we will be hosting 80 kids from the neighboring Lamar Public Schools and then on Friday, June 12 when we will be hosting the Russellville Boys and Girls Club for their annual visit to the Kamp. It’s all about the kids!



Dive beneath the surface and enter a world where courage is tested and purpose rises like the tide. At this Under the Sea-themed Convention, we explore the power, mystery, and resilience of the ocean alongside guest speaker Nick Tokman—better known as “Sunshine” from Discovery Channel’s Deadliest Catch.

From braving the unforgiving waters of the Bering Sea to sharing lessons on perseverance, authenticity, and navigating life’s storms, Nick’s journey mirrors the ocean itself: bold, unpredictable, and deeply transformative. Prepare to make waves, discover new depths, and surface inspired.

DCON DETAILS

Hotel: Oasis Convention Center
Springfield, Mo. **[Book hotel now.](#)**

Dates: July 31-Aug. 1, 2026

[Registration is now open.](#)

[DCON 2026 WEBSITE](#)

Kiwanis District Convention Service Project Jared Box Project

<https://thejaredbox.org/>



For more than 20 years Jared Boxes have delivered countless smiles, laughter and hope to children in hospitals across the country.

Jared Boxes are a great way for you, your children, school or organization to bring the gift of play through toys in a box to young patients as they navigate through their hospital experience.

Our hands on project will give the District members an opportunity to create boxes of toys and games to be delivered to area hospitals. Clubs around the district will bring items to the convention to be assembled into Jared Boxes. The MoArk eCentennial club requests each club in each division and region to bring specific items to the convention.

Here's what to bring: All items can be found on Amazon.

Region 1/Divisions 2, 3, 4:

Arrozon 12PcsSmallStuffedAnimals Bulk, 4.5 Inch Mini Stuffed Animals,

Region 2/Divisions 1,5:

Kalysky 20Pack Coloring Books for Kids Ages 4-8 (5.1 x 7 inch),

Region 3/Divisions 11, 12, 13, 26:

TruViare 10Pack6QuartClearPlastic Storage Boxes with Snap-On Lid

Region 4/Divisions 6, 7, 8, 9:

ChildFun24PCSPartyFavorsforKids,3D Animal Pop Toys

Region 5/Divisions 10, 14:

LotFancy Card Games for Kids, 6 Decks, Go Fish, Old Maid, Crazy Eights, Memory Match, Slap Jack, Animal Playing Cards

Region 6/Divisions 18, 19, 24:

HuoHuair Crayons12 Colors of 6 Pack (72 Crayons) Coloring Books Individually Wrapped

Region 7/Divisions 15,20,23:

First Little Readers Parent Pack: Guided Reading Level A: 25 Irresistible Books That Are Just the Right Level for Beginning Readers

Region 8/Divisions 16, 17:

SillyPuttyBulkVarietyPack(24ct), Assorted Soft Sensory Putty

Region 9/Divisions 21, 22, 25:

Kalysky 12Set ReusableStickerBooks for Toddlers 2-4 1-3, Kids 3D Puffy Sticker Activity Books,

We hope you can all join us at the convention. If not, you can still participate. You can either donate funds to help purchase items or purchase yourself and deliver to your Lt. Governor or Trustee to bring to the hotel.

For more information, contact:

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A Field Day of Fun

Union Kiwanis Club hosts an epic celebration for students with special needs for Field Day fun.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

UNION HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB RECEIVES EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION SERVICE LEADERSHIP GRANT



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: UHS KEY CLUB FACULTY SPONSORS JACQUELYN DRURY AND ALICIA SCHOONOVER

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: UNION KIWANIAN AND UHS KEY CLUB SLP ADVISOR GINA PETERS; KEY CLUB MEMBER MORAN GUNN; 2026-27 KEY CLUB PRESIDENT NORA SPARKMAN; 2026-27 KEY CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT GABBY UNDERWOOD; OUTGOING 2025-26 KEY CLUB PRESIDENT BREANNA VOLLMER; KEY CLUB MEMBER KARLA DAVIS; UNION KIWANIS PRESIDENT KATHY SKRIVAN

BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

The Service Leadership Grant helped the Union High School (UHS) Key Club fund several service projects at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.

Recent projects that the grant helped fund include:

- Hosting a refreshment stand during the Missouri Live Steamers Mini Train Rides at Grant Park on Founders Day

- Holding an Appreciation Brunch for Union Kiwanis Club members, which featured an Installation and Pinning Ceremony for the new Key Club officers

- Community Outreach: Hosting a Bingo afternoon with prizes for the residents of Union Pointe Assisted Living in Union, MO



KIWANIS CLUB OF EUREKA

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS
IN EUREKA, MISSOURI.**



BY BETH GOULD

The Eureka Kiwanis Club is proud to support our community by collecting and donating food to the Eureka Food Pantry at The Rivers Church.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, these donations will help provide meals and relief to individuals and families right here in our own backyard. It's a simple act that makes a meaningful impact—because no one in our community should go without.

We're grateful to partner with organizations like The Rivers Church that work tirelessly to care for those in need.



FOREMAN KIWANIS CLUB

**A FOOD BOX DEDICATION IN
FOREMAN, ARKANSAS CELEBRATED.**



BY ELBERT BRADLEY

Foreman Kiwanis Club Help food box dedication, left to right front row Foreman Mayor, Mayor Harp, passed President Diana Bradley, Vice president Barbara Bradley, and Callie William member. Second row Foreman High School students and Mr. Stone shop instructor.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. JAMES

KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. JAMES HELPS FIFTH-GRADERS JUMP INTO HEALTH



BY MARETTA DIESTELKAMP

Members of the Kiwanis Club of St. James met with the fifth-grade class on Monday, April 27 to donate over 100 jump ropes to the kids. Part of the Jump Into Health program conducted by the club, students were each outfitted with a properly sized jump rope, which they get to keep. This is the fifteenth year the program has been held, with each rope handmade by the club members. A short program was held to introduce kids to how to handle their rope, what sort of tricks can be done, and tips for a healthy lifestyle.

Kiwanis members spoke to the class on the importance of living an active lifestyle and how activities such as jump roping help a person live healthy.

Following the program, students were sized for their jump ropes, which they then had the opportunity to use in the gym for the remainder of the period.



CUBA KIWANIS CLUB

CUBA MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDER'S CLUB DONATES TO ANIMAL SHELTER



BY MARETTA DIESTELKAMP

The Cuba Middle School Builder's Club recently held a "Pet Supply Drive" to benefit the Cuba Animal Shelter. In addition to food and other items collected the club made "chew toys" with the assistance of the Cuba High School Key Club and the Cuba Kiwanis Club. Donated t-shirt material was braided into chew toys by the students. Builder's Club and Key Club are student lead clubs promoting leadership skill and community service. Both are part of the Kiwanis International family.





KIWANIS CLUB OF HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

SANFORD TOLLETTE IS CELEBRATED IN
HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE



BY KATHLEEN KENNEY

A retirement dinner was recently held at Pulaski Heights Presbyterian church to celebrate Sanford Tollette's Retirement of 50 years as Director of Camp Pfeifer. This is a Kiwanis sponsored camp for children of which Sanford Tollette was the Director for 50 years. His wife, Binky Martin-Tollette is the new Director. The celebration was M.C.'d by David Bazzel - radio personality and former Razorback Football player. Sanford was also honored by Mayor of Little Rock, Frank Scott, Jr. Mayor Scott officially named May 1st as Sanford Tollette Day in Little Rock.

Attendance for the evening was 350 of which a delicious steak dinner was prepared by Charles Coleman, Chairman of the Board for Camp Pfeifer. Both David Bazzel and Mayor Scott had attended Camp Pfeifer, The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village was in attendance for the evening and donated \$1,000 in addition to earlier donations. Kiwanis believes in helping children and Camp Pfeifer has helped many children and are continuing to do so under the direction of Binky Martin-Tollette.



GLADSTONE, MO KIWANIS CLUB

GLADSTONE KIWANIS HOSTS BABY ITEM DRIVE FOR MOMS IN NEED.



BY RICHARD

The Gladstone MO Kiwanis Club spent the day before Mother's Day again this year collecting baby items for distribution to low income mothers around Mother's Day. Operation Breakthrough participated in the collection and distributed the baby items. Paula Johnson, Dick Hinderliter, and Adam Schwery are shown at the entrance of the local HyVee supermarket. We gave out leaflets explaining our project to incoming shoppers, encouraged them to purchase baby items in the store, and donate them to us as they left the store.

This project, which dates back to 1999, is always a rewarding day helping new mothers in the Kansas City area have a great Mother's Day.



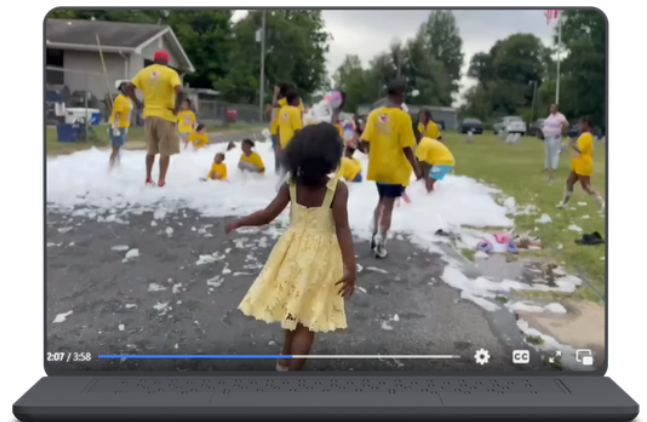
SIKESTON KIWANIS CLUB

AN END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION FROM MS. RITA FOR FAMILIES IN SIKESTON, MISSOURI.



BY PAUL SHERMAN

Ms. Rita Savage was supported this year in part by the Sikeston Kiwanis Club, throwing her 20th Annual End of School Giveaway party for neighborhood children. Free food, games, prizes and fun was enjoyed by all. Next year promises to be even BIGGER!



[Watch the video on Facebook!](#)



MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS

MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS HOSTS ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR MRH KEY CLUB



BY BONNIE PAULSMAYER

Maplewood Kiwanis hosted an Ice Cream Social for the MRH Key Club on April 29, 2026. Eleven seniors were recognized with a Key Club graduation cord and a certificate.

Under the direction of Mrs. Kristen Belcher, the MRH Key Club has been very active. The 46 member club, does one service project a month. This year, among many other project, they rang bells for the Salvation Army, helped at the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, collected and sorted food for the MRH Weekend on Wheels food pantry, participated in a basketball fundraiser to

help two MRH families, and worked the Trunk or Treat in the District.

Congratulations to the MRH Key Club seniors, and thank you to all of the MRH Key Club members for the service they have provided all year.



MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS

MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO MRH SENIORS



MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS TREASURER, BARRY GREENBERG, PRESENTED A SCHOLARSHIP TO EMILY STONE.

BY BONNIE PAULSMEYER

Maplewood Kiwanis presented three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving MRH (Maplewood Richmond Heights) seniors. The MRH Scholarship Night was held on May 14, 2026. Two of the scholarships were in memory of Isaac Young, a 56 year member of Maplewood Kiwanis. His family continues to make these scholarships possible.

All three of these young people have been active MRH Key Club members. They are each destined for success as they begin their college experiences



MAPLEWOOD KIWANIS SECRETARY, BONNIE PAULSMEYER, PRESENTED SCHOLARSHIPS TO NOE ZAMORA AND JOSEPH LUNDGREN.



KIWANIS OF CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS TWO PROJECTS IN ONE DAY FOR THE CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS KIWANIS CLUB



PICTURED BELOW ARE CLUB MEMBERS AT THE SAVERS DROP OFF. IN THE NEXT PHOTO, CLUB MEMBERS BRENT STEWART, RALPH BOSTICK, AND CAROL GLOSS SET UP FOR THE MOUSE RACES.

BY LISA MARIN

The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club had a busy April! On April 18, we completed not one, but TWO fundraisers to enable some of our service projects. In the morning, we completed our Savers Drive, turning in over 4,500 pounds of donated goods to earn almost \$750. Later that evening, we held our 2nd Annual Mouse Derby, earning about \$4,900. All of these monies help us to continue to do good things for kids!





**BOB KNIGHT MEMORIAL
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SILOAM SPRINGS HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL BOB KNIGHT MEMORIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST. MEMBERS FLIPPED PANCAKES, FRIED BACON, AND SERVED HUNDREDS OF MEALS THROUGHOUT THE MORNING. THROUGH TICKET SALES AND SPONSORSHIPS, THE CLUB RAISED MORE THAN \$5,000 THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.



**CULVER'S SHARE
NIGHT IN EUREKA**



OUR HEARTS ARE FULL AFTER SUCH A GREAT CULVER'S SHARE NIGHT!

TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE EUREKA KIWANIS CLUB—THANK YOU. YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE GIVING BACK IN MEANINGFUL WAYS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY. AND TO OUR FELLOW KIWANIS MEMBERS WHO SHOWED UP, WORKED HARD, AND GAVE THEIR TIME SO GENEROUSLY—THIS EVENT IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE.

IT'S NIGHTS LIKE THIS THAT REMIND US HOW STRONG AND CARING OUR COMMUNITY TRULY IS. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF IT.



FIELD DAY FUN WITH UNION KIWANIS CLUB



THE UNION KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORED FIELD DAY FOR AUTUMN HILL SCHOOL AND RAINBOW ABILITIES CENTER. THIS ANNUAL EVENT WAS HELD IN EARLY MAY AT THE UNION HIGH SCHOOL TRACK.

UNION KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED WITH FIELD DAY.

PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: LUCY SCOTT, BRUCE TEMPLER, CATHY SCOTT, UNION KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT KATHY SKRIVAN, FIELD DAY COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVE INGOLD, KAREN RINNE, DENNIS NEVILLE, LYNNE ELLIOTT. (NOT SHOWN: LINDA SCHNEIDER, PHOTOGRAPHER)



IN LOVING MEMORY

On May 4, Missouri-Arkansas Kiwanis lost more than a leader, but a true legend of integrity, service and care.

For more than 50 years, **Les Mace** was an active member of Kiwanis Club of Springfield South. He went on to serve as governor of Mo-Ark in 1981-82. But for decades after serving as District leader, Les kept showing up and leading, cultivating generations of Kiwanians with service, heart and kindness.

Mr. Kiwanis, we honor your memory by continuing to serve others and our communities. **But we will miss you.**



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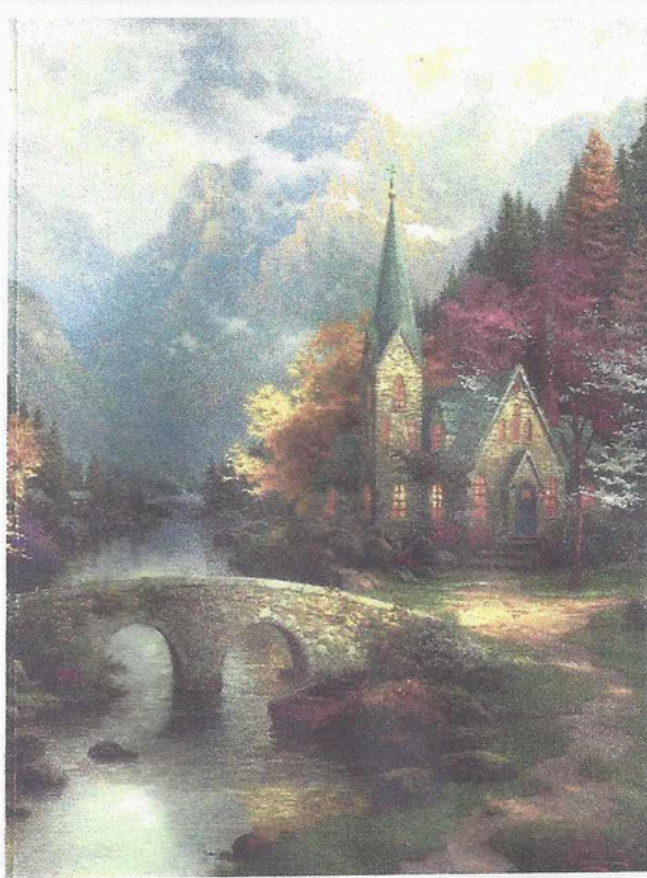
KIWANIGRAM SUBMISSIONS

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.

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The Artist's Way

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MESSENGER



To Kiwanians of Missouri -
Arkansas
Thank you all
for the tree that
will be planted
in Les' memory.
He would be pleased
and surprised.

As many of you
know, Les and I
traveled all over
the U.S., Canada,
and to Europe, twice,
for Kiwanis meetings.
His heart was in it!
My Best to All,
Virginia Mace

Thank you for your
thoughts, prayers and kindness
during this difficult time

From the family of

Les Mace

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



Kiwanis