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DCON 2026

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Missouri-Arkansas District

JUNE 2026

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ON THE COVER

Sylvia McDaniel was proud to represent MoArk Kiwanis at the Kiwanis International Convention in Manila last week. If anyone has questions about anything related to the convention, please reach out to Sylvia. Mabuhay!



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June is almost over and I had a great time meeting a lot of you. Trips to Yellowstone and Montana also. Things look good at this time, but don't slack off invite new members to join your club.

Not being a acrobat I took a spill over a fence, and will join many of you with stitches in my shoulder. Till its over I asked Jeff to please fill in for me.

Most important DCON is coming up. Marsha and her crew have been working long and hard to make it joyful and learning. Come and bring new members its in the center of Mo-Ark and a easy drive.

Send pictures to Ren and Angie of things we do; I think the Kiwanigram has been excellent.

Come for what ever reason, and if i don't introduce myself to you then you do it.

Hope all have a great summer in the 250 Year Of this Great Nation.

We love to celebrate and to serve.

THANK YOU,

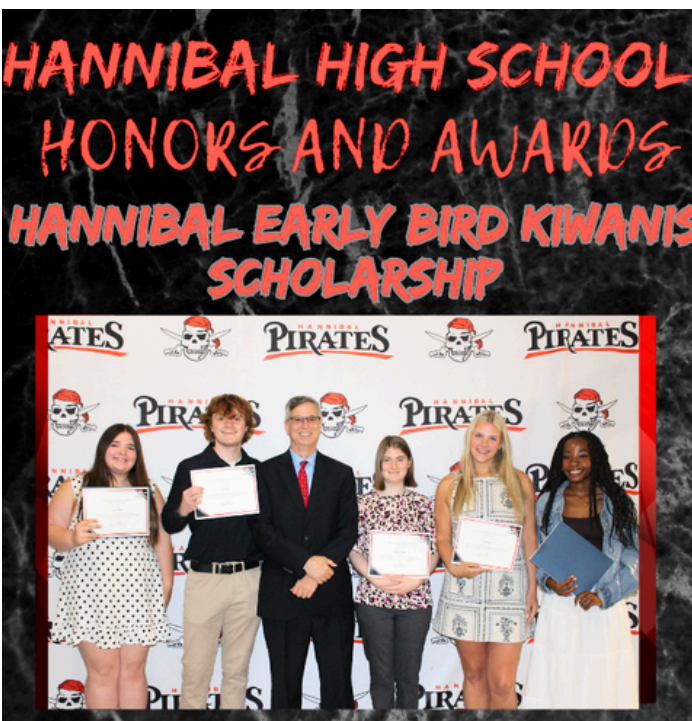


MO-ARK GOVERNOR

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.](#)

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

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Information on how to vote at DCON.

The House of Delegates session on Saturday afternoon of our annual Missouri-Arkansas District Convention is the annual business meeting at which our officers are elected, district bylaw amendments are addressed, resolutions are adopted, and other business is conducted.

To register as a Delegate, you must follow certain instructions by July 24. Potential Delegates also must submit their completed form digitally. One Delegate per club is sufficient for your club to be counted toward the quorum. [Learn more.](#)

[ALL THINGS DCON](#)

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!





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 12 Pcs Small Stuffed Animals 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 10-Pack 6-Quart Clear Plastic Storage Boxes with Snap-On Lid

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

ChildFun 24 PCS Party Favors for Kids, 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 Crayons 12 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:

Silly Putty Bulk Variety Pack (24ct), Assorted Soft Sensory Putty

Region 9/Divisions 21, 22, 25:

Kalysky 12 Set Reusable Sticker Books 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:

Bev Sherman—417-894-3344 or email

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Checks with donations must be mailed by July 20.

Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community and Kiwanis Club of Maplewood team up to raise money for children’s charities



BY KATHY JOSEPHSOHN, KIWANIS CLUB OF MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY AND BONNIE PAULSMEYER, KIWANIS CLUB OF MAPLEWOOD

Two St. Louis area Clubs recently presented a check to the Shriner Clown’s Sneaker Fund. The second annual “Race for the Roses” 5K Race and 1K Walk held in April raised \$4,000 for the program that provides sneakers for children in Shriners Hospitals Burn units. Kiwanians Nancy Willimon and Bonnie Paulsmeyer organized the Race, which supports a different children’s charity each year. In 2025, proceeds were donated to St. Louis Children’s Hospital.



PICTURED ABOVE: RACE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MAPLEWOOD. PICTURED ON RIGHT: SHRINER CLOWN DAVE “BUCKLES” HARTWIG (LEFT); KIWANIS CLUB OF MAPLEWOOD’S BONNIE PAULSMEYER, CLUB SECRETARY; NANCY WILLIMON, BOARD DIRECTOR OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY; AND DALE “ZIGZAG” KLING, PRESIDENT OF THE MOOLAH SHRINE CLOWNS

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\$18,000 in scholarships

Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village donated \$18,000 in scholarships to high school graduates this spring.



UNION KIWANIS CLUB

EARL COLLINS GRANT FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BUILDERS CLUB



BUILDERS CLUB MEMBERS PICTURED, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE: AMELIA GILDEHAUS, PRESIDENT ELENA BRINKMANN, SECRETARY REAGAN BAILEY, TREASURER ROSIE BARDOT, AND VICE-PRESIDENT GRANT STOWE. ON THE FAR RIGHT IS SERVICE LEADERSHIP ADVISOR GINA PETERS.

BY LINDA SCHNEIDER

The Union Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Builders Club received a Service Leadership Grant from the Earl Collins Foundation for their "Increasing School Safety through First Aid & CPR Training" projects.

The I.C. Builders Club is sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club.



MISSOURI-ARKANSAS CKI

JARED BOXES DONATED BY KIWANIS
COLLEGE STUDENTS.



BY TAYLOR VONWOLFSECK

Throughout the school year, Lindenwood University's Circle K International (CKI) chapter assembled nine Jared Boxes to donate to Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital.

A Jared Box is a decorated plastic container filled with small toys, games, coloring supplies, and other activities. These boxes are gifted to hospitalized children to provide a cheerful distraction from medical treatments. More than just a box, each one is meant to calm nerves, lift spirits, and remind children that they are cared for and supported during their hospital stay.

This summer, Russell Haynes (CKI District Governor), Taylor von Wolfseck (CKI District Editor and Lindenwood CKI President), and Paula Staten O'Connell traveled to Ranken Jordan to personally deliver the Jared Boxes.

As a district, we look forward to continuing our partnership with Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. The Jared Box project will remain a meaningful service initiative for Lindenwood University and the CKI district.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. JAMES

KIWANIS VOLLEYBALL SEASON WRAPS UP IN ST. JAMES KIWANIS CLUB EFFORT



BY MARETTA DIESTELKAMP

The St. James Kiwanis Club Girls Volleyball season wrapped up April 28, 2026. Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade girls played each evening for four Tuesdays in April. The program serves as a feeder program for the St. James Middle School volleyball teams. The girls focus on fundamentals and rules of the game, making friends, learning good sportsmanship and having fun. We had 5 teams this year with approximately 60 girls participating. It is always exciting to see how much the girls improve from week to week.

The season ended with certificates for participants and coaches and snacks as well. Thank You to the St. James Elementary School for allowing us the use of the gym and to all of our community businesses who sponsored. A special Thank You to the coaches, line judges, parents and grandparents for your talents and support of our volleyball program. Rewards are great when you help the life of a child. Remember Kids Need Kiwanis and Kiwanis Needs You.



KIWANIS CLUB OF HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

KIWANIS AWARDS \$18,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS IN HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE.



BY KATHLEEN KENNEY

School is completed for the 25/26 school year and the Seniors are moving on. Kiwanis is pleased to announce the awarding of the following scholarships totaling \$18,000. The Robert Grinnell Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500 was presented by Barb Grinnell to Ava Schwebi who will be attending Southern Arkansas University majoring in Criminology

The Dennis Stephany Memorial Scholarship for \$3,000 was awarded to Jimeda Pineda who will be attending Washington University in St. Louis majoring in Psychology.

The Jerry Nolte Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000 was awarded to Sophia Wyatt who will be attending University of Central Arkansas majoring in Kinesiology.

The following recipients were awarded \$1,500 scholarships from The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village:

Makenzie Chance, Jordan Martin, Ellie Graves, Emanuel Pricop, Alexis Safley, Addison Moore, Abigail Burden, and Treyton Gray.

These awards were presented to students of Fountain Lake and Jessieville High Schools.



KIWANIS CLUB OF GRAVOIS – ST LOUIS COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN ST. LOUIS TO EXEMPLARY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS.



BY CARLA OBRIEN

St Louis County was so proud to honor the 5 recipients of their \$1,000 Scholarship with their families and school advisors at our May 13th Scholarship Luncheon. We also had the opportunity to award one Earl Collins Foundation scholarship for \$1,500. Club member and author Roger Richie presented autographed copies of his book, Look for Good.

Photo row 1 L-R: Justice Silver of Lutheran High School South, Elise Hoehner of Lutheran High School South (also Earl Collins winner), Abigail Giunta of Affton High School, Nina-Annette Ndonwi of Hancock Place High School, and Justice Silver of Hancock Place High School



JOPLIN KIWANIS CLUB

PRESENTING THE BELL IN HONOR OF
OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP.



BY DAVID NIEBUR

Since the mid-1960's, the Joplin Kiwanis Club has gifted Gold Kiwanis Meeting Bells to new clubs in their District. Lt. Governor David Niebur of the Joplin club, is shown presenting Greater Vernon County Missouri Kiwanis Club President Kalli Gober with a bell, at their July meeting. Earlier this year, the Joplin club presented the Newton and McDonald Counties Club a similar bell.



SILOAM SPRINGS KIWANIS

KIWANIS CLUB RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION IN ITS COMMUNITY.



BY STEPHANIE FREEDLE

On May 28, 2026, Bright Futures Siloam Springs recognized Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs as a Legacy Champion during their 10-year celebration breakfast. For ten years now, Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs has volunteered countless hours and donated funds yearly to help ensure Bright Futures meets its commitment "to ensure every child's basic needs are met, paving the way for their academic success."

Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs has enjoyed these ten years of backpack stuffing, food and supply drives, and providing funds for Bright Futures to help children meet their basic needs in a dignified manner, and look forward to our continued partnership!



KIWANIS OF CRESTWOOD-SUNSET HILLS

COOKING FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE FAMILIES IN NEED.



BY LISA MARIN

As an ongoing monthly project, several of our members cooked for the families at Ronald McDonald House on June 22. It was "breakfast for dinner" night and we made three different breakfast casseroles, fruit salad, biscuits, French toast sticks, waffles, pancakes, cinnamon rolls and more!! Pictured are two of our members: Sammie LaRose, and Diane Slattery (who leads this committee) with part of the feast!!



GRAVETTE KIWANIS CLUB

STEM CELL DONOR DRIVE HELD IN GRAVETTE TO SUPPORT HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.



MEMBERS OF THE GRAVETTE KEY CLUB. LEFT-RIGHT LESLIE ALVAREZ, ANDREA FERGUSON, LILY PAR AND AFIA SUI.

BY NANCY JONES

On Friday, May 1st, the Gravette Kiwanis Club and Ozarks Community Hospital sponsored a Stem Cell donor drive. The drive was to benefit persons with leukemia, lymphoma and other blood disorders. For some patients, a bone marrow transplant may be the only cure. This can be a lifesaver for some individuals.

Mouth swabs were collected from potential donors, and 49 new people were added to the stem cell donor registry.

The main requirements were that the potential donors must be between the ages of 18-55 and to be in good health. Members of the Gravette Key Club also assisted during the event.

The drive was organized by Gayla and Maggie McKenzie, who are members of Gravette Kiwanis. Gayla's husband Lloyd battled leukemia. Gayla is president of the Gravette Kiwanis Club.



HELP US HONOR LES

Les Mace's dedication to Kiwanis, his leadership, and his commitment to serving others made a lasting impact on our district. A special sponsorship provides an opportunity for clubs to recognize his legacy while supporting the convention he would have been proud to attend.

Participating clubs who donate \$100 or more in sponsorships will be recognized in convention materials and memorial acknowledgments.

To participate in the Memorial Sponsorship, contact Robin Asher at moarkdistrictmoney@outlook.com or submit your sponsorship by July 7.



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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