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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

DCON STARTS SOON!
DON'T MISS THE FUN IN SPRINGFIELD

DCON 2026
ALL THE DETAILS FOR YOU TO
GO UNDER THE SEA.



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Missouri-Arkansas District

JULY 2026

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I will let you in on a secret: it's hot and will be for awhile believe it or not, it happens each year around now.

In order to provide more services 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.

Another thing is DCON is in Springfield, the center of the District. Please come and bring a new member. Marsha and her crew have put together learning and fun.

We will have a Governors welcome table in front, we want to meet you, so come by. We will have current, future, and past Governor pins for you.

We love to celebrate and to serve.

THANK YOU,

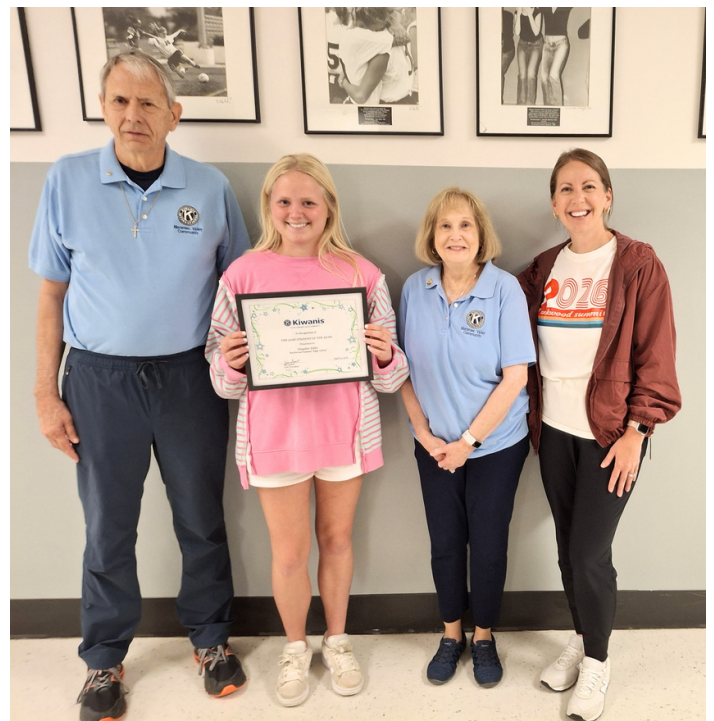


MO-ARK GOVERNOR

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.](#)

DELEGATE INFO

DCON STARTS SOON! REGISTRATION CLOSSES THIS FRIDAY, JULY 24

Registration for the 2026 District Convention must be completed and submitted online by Friday, July 24.

Don't miss out on the fun and register now online now!



DIVE INTO LEADERSHIP AT DCON



THE FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL EVENING EVENT IS LOCATED AT WONDERS OF WILDLIFE AQUARIUM IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

The 2026 Kiwanis MO-ARK District Convention, July 30-August 2 at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center in Springfield, promises four days of leadership, learning, fellowship and service. The convention begins Thursday with Board of Trustees meetings before registration opens for attendees.

Friday features officer training for presidents, treasurers, lieutenant governors, and secretaries, along with a special welcome session for new members and first-time attendees. Educational workshops will highlight innovative fundraising ideas, youth protection training, and strategies for building successful new clubs. Members can also enjoy the Kiwanis Hub, featuring hospitality, informational displays, and a silent auction benefiting the Earl Collins Foundation. The evening includes an optional visit to Wonders of Wildlife and networking during Dockside Connections by the pool.

Saturday's general session opens with district updates followed by keynote speaker Nick Tokman, reality television personality, who will share leadership insights and creative strategies. Additional workshops will focus on impactful service projects, leadership development, and succession planning. The afternoon concludes with the House of Delegates before members gather for the Governor's Banquet, celebrating award recipients, honoring outgoing leaders, and installing the 2026-2027 district officers. The convention concludes Sunday morning with the final Board of Trustees meeting, sending members home inspired to strengthen their clubs and continue serving communities throughout the MO-ARK District.

REGISTER FOR DCON



What to Bring to DCON

- Photo ID
- Convention registration confirmation
- Delegate credentials (if provided in advance)
- Business cards for networking
- Notebook and pens
- Phone and charger
- Business casual attire for convention sessions
- Comfortable shoes for walking
- Business casual outfit for the Governor's Banquet
- Light sweater or jacket (meeting rooms can be cool)
- Swimsuit (optional, for pool time during Dockside Connections)
- Cash or checkbook for the Silent Auction (payments are cash or check only)

MoArk eCentennial Kiwanis Club plans fundraiser at convention

The MoArk eCentennial Club will be selling Krispy Crème Donuts Friday and Saturday mornings at the District Convention. Since the eCentennial Club consists of members across the district, this will provide them with the opportunity to raise funds and provide a delicious treat to keep you awake for the educational sessions. The funds will be raised by any and all donations to the club. However, please donate at least \$1.50 per donut.

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.

What is Inter-clubbing?



THE PURPOSE OF AN INTERCLUB

- Inter-clubbing is an exciting activity for club members to participate in.
- It will benefit your club to visit other Kiwanis clubs to provide friendships, sharing, and learning ideas for growth, service projects, speakers for programs, co-sponsoring projects, Sponsored Youth programs and many other benefits.
- The club Secretary will keep records, tabulate points, forward the information monthly to their Lt. Governor and present a final tabulation at the end of the administrative year to the Mo-Ark District Inter-Club Committee chair.
- The club that has the most points in their Division, respectively, will be recognized and receive a patch from their Lt. Governor.

Ultimately, a trophy will be awarded by the Governor at the Mo-Ark District Mid-Year Retreat to the club scoring the highest points for the year in the entire Mo-Ark District, suitably emblazoned, theirs to display until the next year (travelling trophy).

INTERCLUBBING UPDATE

Get the latest information on Inter-clubbing, including a new worksheet, on the MoArk website.

INTER-CLUBBING INFO

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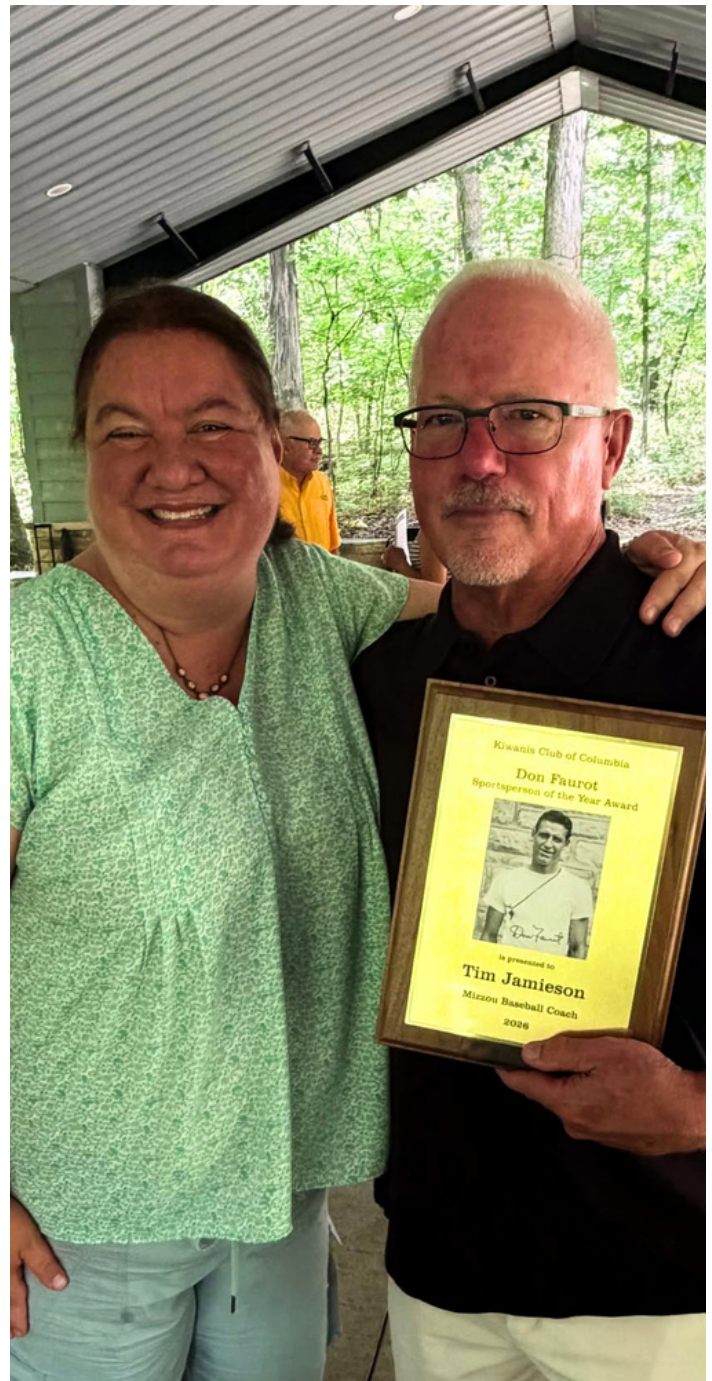
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Kiwanis Club of Charleston

THE IMPACT AWARD 15

MoArk eCentennial Kiwanis Club



MID-MISSOURI MOMENT

Celebrating excellence in athletics and community service in the heart of Missouri.



COLUMBIA KIWANIS CLUB

DON FAUROT SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD 2026 LUNCHEON AT COLUMBIA KIWANIS PARK



BY LEIGH KOTTWITZ

The Columbia Kiwanis Club held the annual Don Faurot Sportsperson of the Year Award lunch on Tuesday, July 7 at Kiwanis Park. This was the 36th annual award lunch.

The Kiwanis Don Faurot Sportsperson of the Year Award is named in honor of Coach Don Faurot, an icon in collegiate sports and a Columbia Kiwanis Club member for many decades. This award is presented annually to an individual for outstanding contributions to the Columbia area sporting community over a significant period of time, which may be awarded for a number of reasons.

This year's recipient was Tim Jamieson, former University of Missouri Baseball head coach. Tim graduated from Rock Bridge High, had an excellent baseball career at the University of New Orleans, then returned to spend 30 years in the MU baseball program – six under Faurot winner, Gene McArtor, then 22 years as the Tiger head coach, winning 698 games, gaining nine regional tournament berths, winning league titles in both the Big 8 and Big 12 –and now coming out of retirement to be the pitching coach for the second year in 2025.



JASPER KIWANIS CLUB

WHEELS FOR WELLNESS PROMOTES BICYCLE SAFETY AND HEALTHY CHOICES



PICTURED: KYLE EVATT, BAILEY TAYLOR, TROY MASSEY (KIWANIS), NEWTON COUNTY YOUTH, PAT DIXON (PIP), MAYOR MIKE THOMAS

BY J. TROY MASSEY

The Jasper Kiwanis Club partnered with Newton County Partners in Prevention (PIP) to host Wheels for Wellness, a youth-focused event promoting bicycle safety, physical activity, and making healthy choices.

Twenty-five youth from the Newton County Summer Youth Camp participated in a day filled with bicycle safety education, encouragement, and community connection. Participants received bicycle safety instruction, bikes, helmets, food, and water while learning the importance of staying active and making positive choices.

This event was made possible through the collaboration and support of several community partners, including Newton County Partners in Prevention, Newton County Summer Youth Camp, Jasper School, local law enforcement, Pedal It Forward, Junction Quik Stop, Harp's Grocery, the Mayor of Jasper, and North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education.

The Jasper/Newton County Kiwanis Club and Newton County Partners in Prevention are grateful for the community support that allows us to provide meaningful opportunities and promote the health and well-being of Newton County youth.



KIWANIS CLUB OF MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY

KIWANIS CLUB HONORS JUNIORS AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS



BY KATHY JOSEPHSOHN

The Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community ended the school year by celebrating outstanding students at area high schools. Kiwanis officials presented the club's fourth annual "Student of the Year" awards to three high school juniors. Each received a framed certificate and a \$100 check. The honorees were selected for their positive impact on classmates and their service to the community.

Honored students are: Joy Shin, Parkway West; Hayden Elder, Rockwood Summit and Raegan Fitzgerald, Valley Park.

In the photo above, classmates in AP English join in celebrating Joy Shin (center) receiving the 2026 Student of the Year Award from Kiwanis Club members Kathy Josephsohn (left) & Steve Roberts; and Parkway West High School Post-Secondary Counselor Chris Lorenz (right).



KIWANIS CLUB OF MERAMEC VALLEY COMMUNITY

KIWANIS CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO
OUTSTANDING RECENT GRADUATES.



FROM LEFT, KATHY JOSEPHSOHN, COORDINATOR, KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; BRADY RUDOLPH, RECIPIENT OF THE 2026 EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP; DENISE RUDOLPH, BRADY'S MOTHER AND KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT JAMES GRANT.

BY KATHY JOSEPHSOHN

In June, the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community held an Awards Presentation celebrating three high school graduates. Each student received a \$1,500 college scholarship. Marquette High School graduate, Brady Rudolph is attending The University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Sponsored by the Meramec Valley Club, he was selected to receive the prestigious 2026 Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship.

Jessica Talapati is the recipient of the Club's 2026 Parkway West High School Scholarship.

She is pursuing a degree in Computer Science at the University of Science & Technology, Rolla, Mo. George Doerr is heading to Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo., majoring in Humanities. He received the 2026 Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community Scholarship. Since its inception in 2001, the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community has donated more than \$25K to the Valley Park Education Foundation Scholarship Program.



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CHARLESTON, MISSOURI PROUDLY CELEBRATED ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 16, 2026, MARKING A CENTURY OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND YOUTH SUPPORT. CLUB PRESIDENT JASON OLIVER OPENED THE EVENT AS EMCEE, WELCOMING DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND KIWANIS MEMBERS FROM ACROSS THE REGION, INCLUDING ATTENDEES TRAVELING FROM KANSAS CITY AND ARKANSAS.

THE PROGRAM FEATURED A HISTORICAL PRESENTATION BY CLUB MEMBER MIKE NUELLER, WHO APPEARED IN PERIOD ATTIRE AS FOUNDING MEMBER W. BUCKNER RAGSDALE. HIS PORTRAYAL OFFERED GUESTS AN ENGAGING LOOK AT THE CLUB'S EARLY EFFORTS AND THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE THAT SHAPED KIWANIS IN 1926. KEY CLUB ADVISORS LANA COLLIER AND LAURA COON SHARED REFLECTIONS ON FOUR DECADES OF KEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS, EMPHASIZING THE ORGANIZATION'S LASTING IMPACT ON CHARLESTON STUDENTS.

FORMER KEY CLUB MEMBER BAYLUN TUCKER FOLLOWED WITH A HEARTFELT MESSAGE ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS HE RECEIVED AND HOW KIWANIS SUPPORT INFLUENCED HIS ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY.

MAJOR GENERAL JAMI SHAWLEY, CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNA AND THE EVENT'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER, DELIVERED AN INSPIRING ADDRESS ON THE ENDURING STRENGTH OF SMALL-TOWN AMERICA, HIGHLIGHTING COMMUNITY VALUES, HARD WORK, LOYAL SERVICE, AND THE DEEP CONNECTIONS THAT DEFINE CHARLESTON.



MOARK E-CENTENNIAL KIWANIS CLUB

MOARK ECENTENNIAL KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTS IMPACT AWARD



ECENTENNIAL BOARD MEMBER JIM HOGAN PRESENTED THE AWARD TO KELLEY UPHAM, CHAPTER PRESIDENT.

BY MARY VAUGHN

The MoArk eCentennial Club developed an IMPACT Award to highlight organizations and individuals throughout Missouri Arkansas that have truly made a difference in their communities by awarding the Inspiring. Motivating. Partnering. Advocating. Community Togetherness (IMPACT) Award.

The 3rd Quarter award goes to “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” – Columbia, Missouri Chapter – is led by a dedicated core team of volunteers, saw a need in the community and stepped up to make a difference.

This team has worked tirelessly to complete training, organize bed build events, interview families in need, schedule deliveries, and coordinate volunteers. They also participate in community presentations and events to raise awareness so families know help is available. Their commitment, compassion, and teamwork have helped ensure that children in our community have a safe and comfortable place to sleep.



MOARK MEMBER SYLVIA MCDANIEL ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL KIWANIS CONFERENCE IN MANILA IN LATE JUNE, REPRESENTING MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS CLUBS IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

FINALIST FOR GROUP 1

Kiwanis Club of Springfield South Missouri, U.S.





CLUBS & MEMBERS ATTENDING DCON

Whether one member or an entire Club, these MoArk members are making their learning and leadership a priority by attending DCON 2026.

Be a part of changing your community for the better, and be a part of DCON 2026.

[**VIEW ATTENDEES**](#)



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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