



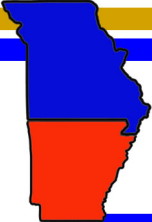
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Serving the children of the world



Governor Paul Message

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On the cover:

Santa and reindeer in the Batesville Parade

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:



Tis' the season. Keepin' busy? Remember Kiwanis is best when shared. Wrapping presents? Sponsored youth activities? Nursing home visits? Caroling? Making sure the kids in your community have a merry Christmas? Ringing a Salvation Army bell? You build, inspire, give back in so many ways, you roll up your sleeves and you good people of Kiwanis make good things happen every day all over MO-ARK Country. THANK YOU!

Tuesday, Bev and I wrap presents for kids with our club.

Wednesday, I get together with NW Arkansas at the Springdale Club.

Friday, Bev and I are on the other side of Arkansas, Batesville, for a get together with Division 17 then mount a Kiwanis parade float Saturday night to throw some candy.

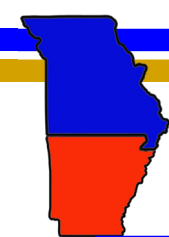
Next week we attend 2 Christmas parties for kids. The Christmas spirit in Kiwanis is alive and incredible. We are blessed to be invited to participate.

So, are you busy inter-clubbing? Ask your LTG how your club is doing in your Division. While you're at it, don't forget these activities are great opportunities to bring new people along. Invite a potential new member to your next meeting or project. Keep sharing that Kiwanis spirit every chance you get, and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As always, yours in
Kiwanis,

Sherm





Earl Collins Foundation

What is the Earl Collins Foundation

The purpose of the Earl Collins Foundation is to secure funds through donations, bequests, or other suitable means and invest these funds, the income from which will be used in supporting objects that cannot feasibly be funded by an individual club. These objects include Kiwanis sponsored youth organizations and other youth services. The Foundation helps support CKI, Key Clubs, Builder's Clubs, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs.

We also help support Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp in Little Rock, Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp in Johnson County (AR) and the Key Leader, TERRIFIC KIDS and BUG programs. In 2020, the Earl Collins Foundation added a Grant Program for Service Leadership Programs.

Foundation Scholarships

Kiwanis clubs gifts and individual Kiwanian gifts to the Foundation along with earnings from the Foundation's investments are used to provide college scholarships to Missouri and Arkansas graduating high school seniors who plan to attend schools of higher education. Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 have been awarded each year to one qualified student in each of the divisions of the Missouri-Arkansas District, and one additional incentive scholarship to the division that raises the most donations. With greater financial support from clubs and individual Kiwanians in Mo -Ark, the plan is to increase this scholarship amount in the next few years, and/or to add University scholarships.

The Earl Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1960 to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Earl A. Collins, an educator and administrator on the faculty of Central Missouri State for 15 years and Southeast Missouri State for 20 years. As a Kiwanian, he was a charter member of the Cape Girardeau Kiwanis Club, editor of the KIWANIGRAM and was MO -ARK District Governor in 1952. He served as MO -ARK District Secretary from 1956 until his death in 1960. In 1984, in order to further honor Dr. Collins, the Earl Collins Scholarship Fund was incorporated into the Earl Collins Foundation and its purpose was expanded.

**DELIVER TO SPONSORING KIWANIS CLUB BY
JANUARY 26, 2024**

[Download the Scholarship Application Here!!](#)



I believe that one of the most important things to learn in life is that you can make a difference in your community no matter who you are or where you live.

— Rosalynn Carter —

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Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Wright City Holds Events

Saturday, November 4th was a busy day for the members of the Wright City Kiwanis. During the morning, the club held a Pancake Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed delicious pancakes that were flipped onto people's plates by Chris Cakes of St Louis. Friends and neighbors enjoyed a hot breakfast of pancakes and sausage while Kiwanis supplied background music and talked about Kiwanis. The Wright City High School Key Club had 10 volunteers to help during this event.



Saturday evening the Wright City Kiwanis hosted their first Rock & Roll Bingo Event. People gathered for a unique Bingo and were treated to rounds of Rock & Roll songs while identifying them on their Bingo Cards. Everyone was rock and rolling and singing songs as they were played. There was a costume contest, guitar playing contest, Silent Auction Baskets and 50/50. What a night!

Club member Rich Lagemann ran the event. Music and videos were played throughout the night and winners from each round were entered into a guitar mime play off.

Everyone who attended had a great time and the profits went to support the club's signature project Wright City Kiwanis Sports Closet that provides free sports equipment to kids.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Batesville Chubby Menard Pancake Day

Batesville's pancake day was held this past October and the Kiwanians, Key Clubbers, and volunteers from Lyon College showed up and showed out with all the volunteer hours starting at 4:00 am to the clean up at 5:00 pm! Kiwanians love our kids!

All profits go to the youth in our community for scholarships! Thank you for your support!



Kiwanis Club of Batesville Annual Christmas parade

Gov Sherman Visits Batesville's Club and participates in Christmas Parade

Storm warnings didn't stop Batesville Kiwanis Club's annual Christmas parade. The parade was scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, however with the forecast of severe storms, the parade was pushed back to Friday evening. The Christmas in Toyland themed parade was a hit with all, and ended with Santa greeting all of the excited children.

Governor Paul Sherman arrived earlier that day so that he and his wife Beverly could attend the club's Friday noon meeting. At the meeting he updated the club on his goals for the year. He also got to welcome newly inducted member Matthew Schuetz to the club. Later club president, Brenda Doty and president-elect Martha Lewallen presented gifts to the Governor and First Lady Beverly.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Union Build and Decorate Ornaments

Below are Union Kiwanis Club members and several family members shown with some of the puzzles they decorated. The colorful wooden puzzles will be included in each of the 178 stockings for preschool and Head Start children in the Union area. The group is pictured along with a few finished puzzles at Union Kiwanis Club member Bruce Templer's large garage. The work and social evening provided an opportunity to visit with fellow members and enjoy chili along with a variety of snacks and desserts.



Union Kiwanis Club member Bruce Templer, a retired middle school shop teacher, coordinates the process of making and decorating wooden puzzles from start to finish. After selecting various puzzle designs, he cuts out and sands each puzzle. Union Kiwanis Club members color the puzzles in Bruce's large combination garage and workshop. Members of the Union High School Key Club, the Union Middle School Builders Club and the Immaculate Conception School Builders Club all decorate puzzles at their schools.



Union Kiwanis Club member and retired high school art teacher, Dee Hauck, designed and outlined wooden puzzles so others could fill them in with color. The puzzles are included in Christmas stockings for preschool and Head Start children in the Union area.

Kiwanis Club of Union's Builders Club Decorates Stockings

Immaculate Conception (I. C.) Builders Club is sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club. I. C. Builders Club members decorated Christmas Stockings for I. C. preschoolers and filled them with items including wooden puzzles they decorated and other small gifts.



Pictured:
I. C. Builders Club member
Lily
Holdmeyer



Pictured:
I. C. Builders Club member
Adeleide
Rodrigues



Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

TWO IN ONE DAY!!! The Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club is keeping busy!! Last month, members participated in two different service projects to help kids on the same day! Members Dan Garvey, Carol Gloss, and Brent Stewart handed out candy at the Crestwood Trunk or Treat Festival and Brent ALSO participated with Nancy Benson and Jim Saylor to help out the Builders Club members by holding a Kiwanis Peanut Day (pictured with Builders Club sponsor Laura LeVigne and two students in the club).



Kiwanis Club of Fort Smith 2023 Kiwanis Boys Camp

2023 Kiwanis Boys Camp was held in July 2023 at Lake Fort Smith State Park and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Fort Smith.

This was the 85th camp held. It was founded in 1937 and has served over 16,000 boys ages 8, 9, 10, and 11 in that time frame. The Kiwanis Club of Fort Smith raises the funds to conduct the camp and there are no charges to any boy who attends. Club members Mike Nichols, Zayne Amerson, Shawn Henson and Steven Riggs directed the camp this year. It is an overnight camp and has an annual cost of approximately \$15,000. Activities include swimming, fishing, archery, bb guns, woodworking, and hiking. There are guest speakers each night who talk about developing good character and its importance throughout life. They are looking forward to 2024.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village holds Officer installation

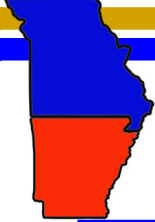
Traditionally, the Kiwanis Club HSV has an installation meeting with a catered breakfast on the first Thursday of October. Awards and recognition for club members with the installation of officers and board of director members. Some of the Kiwanis members in Arkansas may remember the news story of a gas line explosion in the Jessieville area in early October. The restaurant scheduled to cater the morning breakfast had to close because of the explosion. No one in Jessieville was injured and Kiwanis met with a quick supply of donuts. Awards included: Rick Martinek as "Kiwanian of the Year", Bill Jackson with a "Hixson Award" presentation, Chauncey Townsend and Jerry Nolte with Club Service awards and Hank Jarvis with a Leadership award. New Officers: President, Bob Barnett; Vice president, Sarah Jordan; Treasurer, Rick Martinek; Secretary, Kathleen Kinney; Assistant Secretary, Charley Derryberry and Assistant Treasurer, Jerry Nolte. Also, the Lieutenant Governor banner was passed from Blake Robertson to Kathleen Kinney.



Kiwanis Club of NW Jefferson County In Christmas Parade

The Kiwanis Club of NW Jefferson County sponsored this float in the House Springs Christmas parade, a great community celebration with 240 hand outs for the kids! A Charlie Brown Christmas





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of Union Stocking Stuffing Evening

Union Kiwanis Club members stuffed Christmas stockings for Union preschool and Head Start students with gifts including a wooden puzzle cut from wood by Union Kiwanis Club Bruce Templer. Members of several groups helped decorate 178 puzzles and stockings — including Kiwanis members, Union High School Key Club members, Union Middle School Builders Club members and Immaculate Conception Builders Club members. Kiwanis members formed an assembly line to stuff the stockings.



Pictured in the foreground are Union Kiwanis Club members Kevin Donovan and Co-President Debbie Puls.

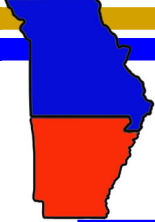
Roger Jespersen, Kiwanis Children’s Fund Rep, Shares Message

This email was received by district Kiwanis Children’s Fund chairs in the MO-ARK District and 12 other districts who met the challenge to increase club giving to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund by 10% from 2021-2022. MoArk clubs gave just over \$32,000. Thanks for your generosity.

“Congratulations to many of you who have accomplished the 22-23 President’s Challenge. We have 13 Districts that have achieved the challenge and will be recognized at the Denver International Convention in July 2024. This year I am happy to announce that as a result of your fundraising efforts we were able to award US\$1.076 million in grants and scholarships with nearly double the amount of awards given in previous years! Thank you for your continued support and hard work to help impact more children around the world. With warm regards and deepest appreciation,”

Filip Delanote, Immediate Past President, Kiwanis Children’s Fund





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon Kiwanis-Celebration of Lights Fundraiser

Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon members and friends joined together to celebrate the holidays through a fundraiser with the City of O'Fallon. The City of O'Fallon decorates Fort Zumwalt Park with a mile-long lights display which draws 13,000 vehicles annually. The park is filled with scenes and displays constructed by the city, local businesses, and organizations.

O'Fallon Kiwanis members signed up to be gate attendants on November 29th and 30th. With bitter cold temperatures and a one-inch forecast of rain everyone wondered what Santa had planned for them. For the two nights six Kiwanis members greeted people who had come to view the massive light displays strung throughout Fort Zumwalt Park in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Ed Radginski, Martha Radginski, Katie Page and Xandria Page greeted visitors and scanned in their prepaid tickets at the front gate while Tom Page and John Chambless helped a Park Ranger officer at the back gate to check in visitors for an hourly hayride. This was the first time the current club members participated in this fundraiser event.

Yes, it did rain and it was cold, but Kiwanis members and friends kept warm with propane heaters, drank hot chocolate and coffee plus sang Holiday carols to keep warm.





Kiwanis Clubs in Action

Kiwanis Club Maplewood Kiwanis & MRH Key Club Joint Luncheon

The Maplewood Kiwanis Club hosted a joint meeting with the MRH Key Club on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. This luncheon was held during Key Club Week which was November 6-10. Thirteen Kiwanians and 24 Key Club members enjoyed pizza, salad, and dessert at the MRH Research & Design Center at the Maplewood Richmond Heights High School. The luncheon gave each group an opportunity to get to know each other.

The new Key Club advisor, Kristen Belcher, was presented with a Key Club Advisor pin and an honorary membership certificate. Maplewood Kiwanis made her an honorary member of the club.

The Key Club members helped at the Pancake Breakfast and Special Olympics rummage sale on November 11. The Key Club members are doing a lot of terrific service work in the community and school. At the breakfast, there were bins for donations of food that are used to help MRH families who are in need. Key Club members pack the food which is distributed each week.



2023-2024 District Calendar



- December 25, 2023 Christmas
- December 26, 2023 Kwanzaa
- March 21 to 23, 2024 **Mid-Year Retreat**—North Little Rock at the Wyndham Riverfront.
- August 15-17, 2024 **District Convention** in St. Louis at the Doubletree Westport to include Cardinal Baseball Friday Night.



IN MEMORIAM

Division 7

David Weber
Bridgeton

Kashina Bell
University City

Division 20

Bert Mullens
Russellville

Division 15

Jesse Hansen
Greater Hot Springs Village

Division 22

Barbara Rhinehart
Pine Bluff

Deceased members are taken from the secretary's dashboard. Please make sure that the deceased members are deleted from your roster list. Also make sure to list them as deceased in order to be included in the memoriam list.

Kiwanigram Submissions

Help!!! Please share your projects with me. Many Kiwanians do not do Facebook and don't get to see the wonderful work everyone is doing. 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. If you submit a club newsletter, please use captions for the pictures. I sometimes use articles that are submitted on MO-ARK District Facebook page, please list the people in the photos when you put something on the Facebook page so they can be identified in the Kiwanigram. Thank You

Mary Vaughan is the Kiwanigram Editor.

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