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MO-ARK DIVISION 4

TOUCHPOINTS

Lt. Governor Listermann's 2025-26 Vision



As the Kiwanis year begins, I'm excited to share some thoughts with you. My vision for 2025-26 is summed up in the word FUNNER.

We need to be **FUNNER**.

However, since "fun" means different things to different people, I'll provide a bit of context. Each letter of the word FUNNER signifies characteristics to be demonstrated in all of us. Fun is often confused with entertainment. That's not the fun I'm referring to.

F - Friendly...We're not just cordial and professional, we're sincerely kind and enjoy one another's company. This doesn't mean we won't have conflicts. It means we're willing to enter the danger and engage in difficult conversations. Returning emails and phone calls applies here. If we're not talking, we're not communicating.

U - Undaunted...We sense needs and take action. We don't let naysayers easily discourage us. We have a mission to complete and complete it we will. We're not afraid to take risks and try new things, yet we shouldn't infringe on another person's sense of belonging. This requires implementing new ways of working. We'll learn these together. Preparation is required on our part and the resulting engagement is worth the effort. Just showing up is not enough. And turning every gathering into a business meeting is pure torture for us and the participants.

N - Negotiating...We embody the desire and ability to mediate, understanding ideas are just ideas, and all ideas are beneficial. We'll navigate conflicts by focusing efforts on the problems to solve rather than personalities and factions. We're all Kiwanians first and foremost, yet serving different functional roles remain part of our organizational structures. Consequently, our rapidly changing

world requires a more adaptive and responsive approach. A position of Good Intent as opposed to our titles and past experiences is a good place to start. We should abstain from preconceived notions and reject the “we’ve never done it that way before” thinking.

N - Networkers...Without being salesy, we build authentic relationships based on mutual trust, not predictive trust, but trust where someone can say things like, “I have this position and I need help” or “I don't know what I'm doing, can you show me what to do.” Most problems in organizations start when we assume people know what we know. Worse yet, when we assume they're too busy to learn, so we exclude them from conversations. Our efforts are invitational and we expect people to participate.

E - Elevating...We need to lift the spirits of people and the impacts of our work to encourage others towards love and good deeds. It's about reducing the WEIGHT and GRAVITY of BUREAUCRACY to give LIFT to HUMAN ENERGY while overcoming the DRAG of FEAR and producing the THRUST of PURPOSE. Always with a POSITIVE ATTITUDE. This is what happens when you LEAD with JOY. Thanks to Richard Sheridan and his book *Chief Joy Officer*. We are the competition, individually and collectively. Mo-Ark Division 4 is best when we challenge ourselves to raise the bar, rather than comparing ourselves with others. Let's continue to elevate one another and our division by leading with joy.

R - Results...We need to focus on results. Anyone can talk, but actions speak louder than words. We're looking for real and lasting impact and we shouldn't be so concerned about who sows and who reaps. It's amazing what we can do when we don't care who gets the credit. We must embody trust and open communication leading to greater commit to our plans while holding one another accountable. Otherwise, metrics and measurements don't matter. To get results, we need every component of FUNNER.

I can't begin to tell you how great Mo-Ark Division 4's performance will be in 2025-26, but I know we'll amaze ourselves time and time again. Let's do FUNNER things together!

All the best to you and yours,



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2025 Mo-Ark Division 4 Gathering

Registration for the 2025 Division 4 Gathering is now open.

Come join us at **The Salvation Army Prospect Corps** and **Fogo de Chão** for a day filled with fun, fellowship, and community. This in-person event is a great opportunity to connect with others in the Mo-Ark Division 4 community. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the area, all are welcome to attend!

Get ready for engaging activities, inspiring speakers, and plenty of chances to make new friends. Don't miss out on this exciting event - mark your calendars and spread the word! We can't wait to see you there!

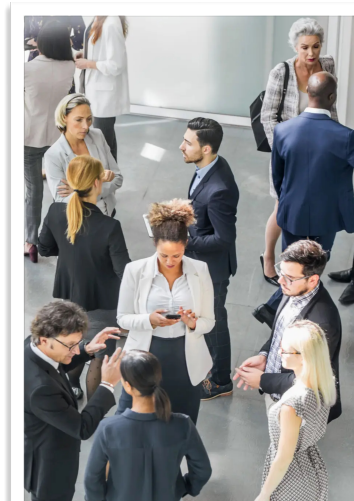
(Best Option) In-person with Lunch: **\$75.00** - this option has the same price for guests whether they attend the workshops or not. Significant others may go shopping at the Country Club Plaza Mall and join us for lunch later.

In-person without Lunch: **\$25.00** - this option allows attendees to join for lunch, but they'll pay at the restaurant separately. The individual meal cost is higher and adds to their overall participation cost.

Online / Virtual: **\$15.00** - this option allows attendees to participate in the workshops remotely. Additionally, certain aspects of the lunch will be live-streamed for remote attendees.

The Fogo® Churrasco Experience includes:

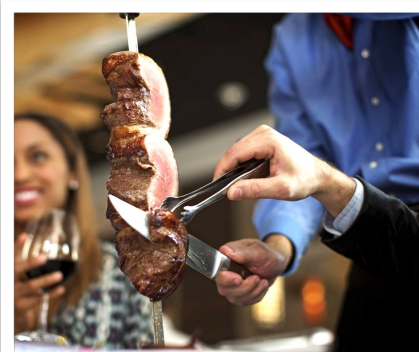
- ◆ Market Table Feijoada Bar with seasonal salads, exotic vegetables, imported cheeses, smoked salmon, cured meats, Fogo feijoada (traditional black bean stew with sausage), seasonal soup and more
- ◆ Fire-roasted meats including: Filet Mignon, Rib Eye, Picanha, Lamb Chops, Chicken, Sausage and more
- ◆ Traditional Brazilian sides of warm pão de queijo (cheese bread), crispy polenta, mashed potatoes and caramelized bananas
- ◆ Fountain beverages, coffee and tea



Visit the event [registration page](#) for more details.



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Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kiwanis-mo-ark-division-4-gathering-tickets-1640553572899>

2025 Mo-Ark Division 4 Gathering Agenda

Note: Links in this agenda are not clickable. For more info click [here](#)

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Getting to Know Each Other



Dominic Listermann

Join us in developing our working agreement and sharing contact information.

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM

Exploring Our Challenges Together



Dominic Listermann

We'll rapidly share challenges and expectations while building new connections (20 min.) Learn to tap a deep well of curiosity and talent by helping a group focus on problems they want to solve. Cons...

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10:50 AM - 11:00 AM

Break (10 mins)

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

Example of an Award Winning Signature Project



Lee Kuan Yong

2024-25 Kiwanis International President shares about the Signature Project founded by the Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur. Since it's founding in 1989, The KDFS National Centre has educated more than 2...

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11:20 AM - 12:05 PM

Improving Our Listening



Dominic Listermann

Practice deeper listening and empathy with colleagues (35 min.) Many situations do not have immediate answers or clear solutions. Recognizing these situations and responding with empathy can improve ...

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12:05 PM - 12:15 PM

Break (10 mins)

12:15 PM - 12:35 PM

Improving Our Focus, Balance and Relaxation with Tai Chi



Cynthia (Cindy) Frusha

We'll participate in a short practice of gentle movements helping us to improve focus, balance and relaxation. Please consult your physician before performing any physical activities.

12:35 PM - 12:50 PM

Moving from Ineffective Meetings to Meaningful Engagement



Dominic Listermann

We'll explore stereotypes found in meetings and discover the power behind VMCL (Vision, Mission, Capacity and Learning).

12:50 PM - 1:05 PM

Surfacing Generative Ideas Faster

Engage everyone simultaneously in generating questions, ideas, and suggestions (12 min.) Using a simple, but elegant approach, we'll experience what it's like to generate better ideas and more of the...

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1:05 PM - 1:25 PM

Focusing on What Matters Most



Dominic Listermann

Rapidly generate and sift a group's most powerful actionable ideas (30 min.) Through a fun, fast, and casual approach we'll generate an uncensored set of bold ideas and use the wisdom of the group to...

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12:25 PM - 12:30 PM

Depart for Lunch



Dominic Listermann

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Travel from Salvation Army Prospect Corps facility to Fogo de Chão

Free Parking available at the Country Club Plaza. Useful Links - Restaurant:

<https://fogodechao.com/location/kansas-city/> Directions from Salvation Army to Fogo de Chão:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/4Vg2N...>

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2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Lunch - Fogo de Chão

The Fogo® Churrasco Experience ♦ Market Table Feijoada Bar with seasonal salads, exotic vegetables, imported cheeses, smoked salmon, cured meats, Fogo feijoada (traditional black bean stew with sa...

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2:30 PM - 2:50 PM

Installation of Division 4 Officers and Club Officers

Dominic Listermann

We'll install the 2025-26 Mo-Ark Division 4 Officers and Club Officers of the various clubs of Division 4 requesting their installation at our gathering.

2:50 PM - 3:00 PM

Share Division 4 Culture Capture - 3 Pillars of Tension

Dominic Listermann

We'll examine the 3 pillars of tension facing Kiwanis based on our interactions.

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

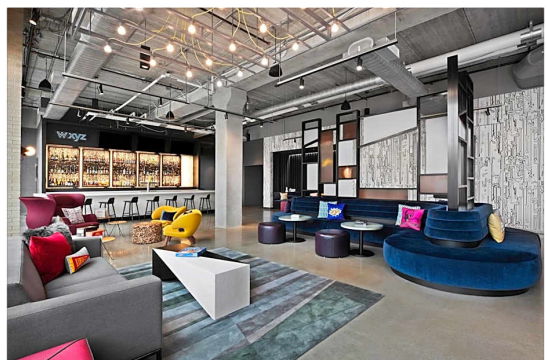
Taking Ideas to Action Faster

Dominic Listermann

Discover and focus on what each person has the freedom and resources to do now (20 min.) You can reveal the actions, however small, that everyone can do immediately. These will create momentum, and m...

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For out-of-town guests requiring accommodations for our gathering and meetups, the preferred hotel is the [Aloft Kansas City Country Club Plaza](#). Mo-Ark Division 4 is negotiating a courtesy room block.

We'll host two meetups in the hotel lobby. Both meetups are scheduled from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The event is free, and registration is encouraged to update proper staffing levels of our events.

Kiwanis members are encouraged to attend and support both events.



October 10, 2025 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Circle K International Meetup**

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1645414582309>



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October 11, 2025 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Kiwanis Voices Meetup**

Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1645378233589>



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Mo-Ark Division 4 - Kiwanis Keeps You Warm Fundraiser

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/kiwnis-keeps-you-warm>



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2025-26 Kiwanis International-led Club Leadership Education

For any incoming or existing club leaders looking to further their education or who missed their district-led training, please watch the Kiwanis International-led Club Leadership Education videos. The slides, important links and questions from the chat are also provided in PDF form for your convenience. If you're an existing or incoming **President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Chair**, please complete the training before September 30, 2025 at (login may be required):

<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/for-leaders/officer-guide/kiwanis-led-training/>

Please complete the form linked below after viewing the video to receive credit for completing the Club Leadership Education.

<https://forms.office.com/r/mtnf1mwLCp>



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Club Officer Checklists

A great way to track what's expected of each Club Officer. These checklists are the place to start after completing your Club Leadership Education.

Kiwanis makes it very easy to know what to do and when for the various officer positions. Mo-Ark Division 4 has added many of the important dates and checklist items / deadlines to the Division 4 website calendar located at: <https://k1404.site.kiwanis.org/calendar/>

The finer details of each checklist are available for the following Club Officers (Login may be required):

President: <https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-26-Club-President-Annual-Checklist.pdf>

Secretary: <https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-26-Club-Secretary-Annual-Checklist.pdf>

Treasurer: <https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2025-26-Club-Treasurer-Annual-Checklist.pdf>

Membership: <https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2025-26-Club-Membership-Chair-Annual-Checklist.pdf>

Distinguished Criteria

Once you've completed your annual training and referenced your checklist, the next step is to familiarize yourself with the 2025-26 Distinguished Criteria. I like to use this criteria as a gauge for what a club or division is doing. If we're doing something that's not on the Distinguished Criteria, we should ask, "why are we doing it?" Many find they're doing things because they think it's expected when it was merely a previous officer's preference or the club always did it that way. We must examine everything we're doing and the Distinguished Criteria is a great place to start. If we're not doing the things on the Distinguished Criteria we should ask, why aren't we doing them?

2025-26 RECOGNITION PROGRAM

For Kiwanis International clubs, members, divisions and districts



Distinguished club recognition

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Be in good standing with Kiwanis International and the district.
- Be at least at charter strength in membership.
- Earn 100 points from the following achievement opportunities:

1. MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

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| 1.1 | Develop a 2025-26 membership plan that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one recruitment event. • Defined goals for each recruitment effort. <i>Kiwanis International provides an online form for a membership plan, to be submitted to the lieutenant governor.</i> | 15 points |
| 1.2 | Recruit at least four (4) new members into the club. | 15 points |
| 1.3 | Achieve a net gain of at least two (2) members. | 10 points |
| 1.4 | Sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis club. | 10 points |
| 1.5 | Appoint a club membership chairperson at the start of the administrative year. <i>Membership chairperson should be submitted on the club election report.</i> | 5 points |

55 points

2. LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

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| 2.1 | Club president, secretary, treasurer and membership chairperson participate in Club Leadership Education or similar training coordinated by division, district or international educational leaders. | 15 points |
| 2.2 | Officers are reported on the secretary dashboard. | 10 points |
| 2.3 | At least one member attends the Kiwanis International convention. | 5 points |
| 2.4 | At least one member participates in Kiwanis Amplify. | 5 points |

35 points

3. COMMUNITY IMPACT

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| 3.1 | Submission of a club signature project in the Kiwanis Signature Project Contest. | 5 points |
| 3.2 | Sponsorship of one or more of the following Service Leadership Programs: Aktion Club, Builders Club, Circle K International, Key Club or K-Kids. | 15 points |
| 3.3 | Submit at least 10 of the 12 monthly club reports. | 10 points |

30 points**4. FINANCIAL VIABILITY**

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| 4.1 | Donate at least US\$10 per member to the Kiwanis Children's Fund or national Kiwanis foundation. | 15 points |
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15 points**5. BRANDING AND IMAGE**

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| 5.1 | Complete Youth Protection Guidelines education. | 10 points |
| 5.2 | Appoint a club public relations chairperson at the start of the administrative year. <i>Public relations chairperson should be submitted on the club election report.</i> | 5 points |

15 points**GRAND TOTAL POINTS >>****150 points***Club must earn 100 points to reach distinguished status***AWARD RECOGNITION**

- Presidential letter of recognition
- Distinguished club president pin and certificate
- Distinguished club secretary pin and certificate
- Distinguished club banner patch

PRESENTATION

At district convention or other district event by board counselor or district governor

Distinguished member recognition**ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS**

Sponsor at least two (2) new members.

AWARD RECOGNITION

- Presidential letter of recognition
- Distinguished member recognition pin and certificate

PRESENTATION

Club meeting by Kiwanis club president or lieutenant governor

Download the complete Distinguished Criteria at (login may be required):

<https://www.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/UPDATED-Distinguished-Criteria-Info-2025-26.pdf>**Scan Me**