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**NEXT MEETING**  
**February 16, 2022**  
**Brainstorming Fundraising Ideas**  
**12:30 pm**

### FEBRUARY

- Feb 9** - Outstanding Students from Bernard & Washington Middle Schools.
- Feb 16** - Brainstorming ideas for fundraising.
- Feb 23** - Board/Business Meeting.

### MARCH

- Mar 2** - Kiwanis Meeting. Firefighter/Paramedic of the Month
- Mar 9** - Kiwanis Meeting. Outstanding Students from Hancock Place MS and St. Mark Catholic.
- Mar 16** - Kiwanis Meeting. "Fun Meeting."
- Mar 23** - Kiwanis Meeting. TBD.
- Mar 30** - Kiwanis Meeting, Board/Business Meeting.

12 members and 11 guests present: Outstanding Student Brooke Newsom from Washington Middle School, her parents Chris & Laura Newsom, grandparents John & Ruth Newsom and Denny & Mary Rees, and Assistant Principal Bill Murphy; Outstanding Student Parker Givens from Bernard Middle School, his mother Jessica Givens, and one of his teachers Sara Miner.

Louann opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pauline followed with the invocation. Louann reminded us to bring our fund-raising ideas to the next meeting. We will pick three projects from our ideas. She also passed around three thank you cards for our donations to their organizations, from the Salvation Army, Nurses for Newborns and the Honor Flights. Ed and Gerry both spoke to Roy. He is doing well and at home recovering from a full knee replacement. Carla has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Please keep her in your prayers.

Brook Newsom attends Washington Middle School and is active in the Girl Scouts and has won the Girl Scouts Bronze Award. She participated in raising \$2000 for an adopted family this past Christmas. She is active in volleyball and soccer. She also operates her own jewelry making business. She will attend Mehlville High School and plans to major in accounting after that. Louann suggested that she look up the Key Club when

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she gets to high school. Brooke's mother stated that she is an outstanding leader and a perfectionist. A very good example for her siblings.

Parker Givens attends Bernard Middle School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in Robotics and video games. He is currently taking three high school classes and has all "A's". He enjoys the swim team, skiing and hiking. Parker plans on attending Oakville High School. He also plans to continue with the National Honor Society and Robotics and the Key Club in high school. He will most likely major in design and engineering in college. Parker's teacher said he is a phenomenal, compassionate student.

It was interesting to note that both student's mothers work together at the Special School District. This was a surprise to everyone including them when they saw each other here today.

**Happy Dollars:** All members were happy for the outstanding students, their families and faculties. Connie was also happy for the snow fall last week.

**50/50:** Drawing - Laura Newsom, Brooke's mother.  
Lottery ticket - Linda Kuchar.

### **Meeting Cancellation Policy**

This winter we will again follow the Mehlville School District Snow Day policy if inclement weather should occur on one of our meeting days. If the Mehlville School District declares a snow day or a virtual instruction day, our meeting will also be cancelled. In other words, if the students do not go to school, neither will we go to our meeting. On questionable days, tune in to the TV or radio for school district cancellation announcements.

### **Member News**

**Roy Wunsch** had total knee replacement surgery on February 7 and is home recovering and receiving rehab services. **Judy Burnette** is also home after hip surgery and is receiving rehab services as well. **Sherry Stevenson** continues to have problems with her knee. **Carla Rowell and her husband, Doug**, continue to have various health issues. Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers for full and speedy recoveries.

### **Builders Club Meeting**

**Builders Club meets every other Wednesday at Bernard Middle School at 6:30pm**

Builders Club met on 12/1 at Bernard. 4 students in attendance. Students decorated holiday cards that will be sent to active duty US military through the USO. Students from the Chamois Youth Fellowship also made cards that will be delivered along with those from Builders Club. We are delivering nearly 50 cards.

Plans are in place for a small holiday party at the next meeting on 12/15. In January, we will start distributing pencils through the libraries at both Washington and Bernard Middle Schools. They will have a note attached with mission and meeting dates/times. Hoping we recruit some new students this way.

**Oakville HS Key Club News**  
**OHS Key Club meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 2:15pm, library.**

Our January 24 meeting today was our second meeting of the month. We once again promoted our instagram account @oakville\_keyclub. Our next meeting is on 2/14, Valentine's Day, and we will have a service project where we write Valentine's Day cards for residents at the Bethesda nursing home. We are still collecting tab tops! And members are still continuing to collect hours. We have a service project in the works for raising money at the Oakville Band Sponsored Craft fair, but nothing is finalized yet.

Anna Brand, Secretary

**Mehlville HS Key Club News**  
**MHS Key Club meets once a month,**  
**usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday,**  
**but sometimes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 2:15pm, library**

Mehlville High School's monthly Key Club meeting for January was held on January 6 after school.

At this meeting, we discussed our plans for the second semester of school. After discussing as a group, we came up with a lot of interactive ideas that we believe will positively impact the community. Our first idea is to start delivering soda tab bags on the week of the 24th during TAP classes. Additionally, we are planning on holding a book drive during the spring. Finally, we are going to reach out to Mehlville's Robotics Club to use their mini golf set for an event (the details are yet to be decided).

In addition, we celebrated the success of our most recent service project, (local animal shelter) as we ended up raising \$214! The success of this event has motivated all of us to work as hard as possible to make a positive impact within our community. This is an exciting time for all of us and we are so grateful for the opportunity to leverage our amazing partnership with Kiwanis to help make the world a better place.

Thank you Kiwanis!

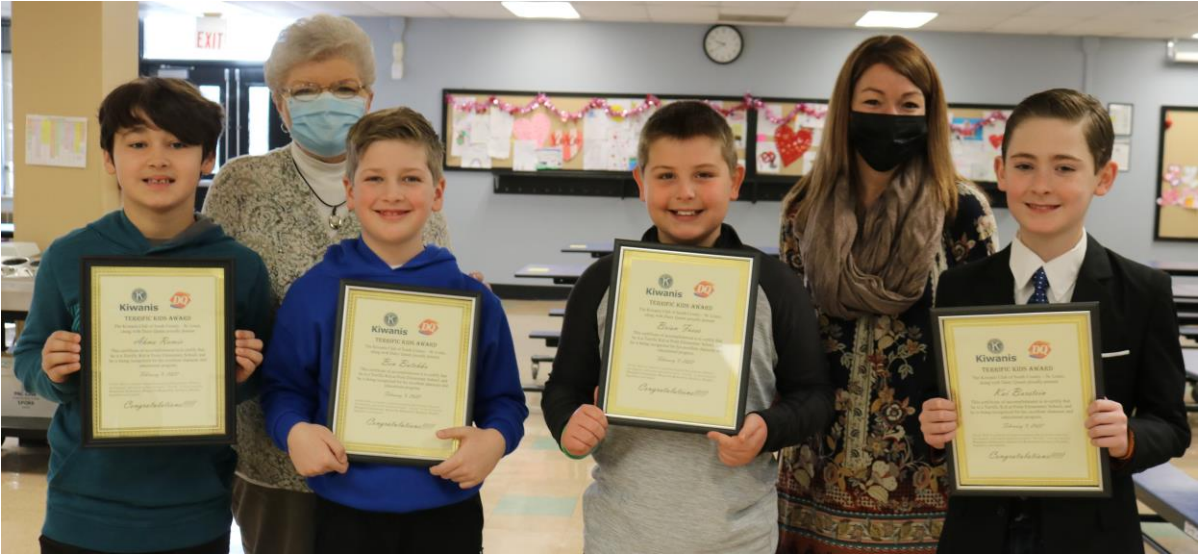
Alex Norrenberns, Vice-President

**FEBRUARY**

- Birthdays:** Carla Rowell - 2/3  
Shirley Zoellner - 2/12  
Connie Kuchar - 2/14  
Pauline Roth - 2/18
- Anniversaries:** Vern & Carolyn Langenfeld – 2/8/97  
Ed & Carol Kurmann 2/12/66
- Kiwanis Anniversaries:** Linda Hoppe – 2/14/2020  
Lee Bodendicek – 2/15/2010  
Mary Howard – 2/20/2002



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored Parker Givens And Brooke Newsom as its "Outstanding Students." Parker and Brooke were honored for their outstanding academic performance, as well as their involvement in school and community activities, and the service they render to their respective schools and the community. In addition to a Certificate of Recognition, Parker and Brooke each received a gift card to a local store. Pictured with Parker and Brooke are their parents Jessica Givens, and Laura & Chris Newsom.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored the following students from Point Elementary School in the Mehlville School District as Terrific Kids for showing great improvement in attendance, grades, academics, behavior, or some other area as determined by their teachers. Pictured from the left are Ahmo Ramic, Ben Butchko, Brian Fuess, and Kai Burstein. In the back row are Kiwanian Pauline Roth and Point elementary principal Dr. Shannon Pike.



South County Kiwanis members present at today's meeting. Seated are Connie Kuchar, Bill Leonard, Gerry Abeln, Katie Keeven. In the back row are Ed Kurmann, Louann Elledge, Lee Bodendieck, Linda Kuchar, Shirley Zoellner, Pauline Roth, Jeanne McKenna, and behind her is Rick Kircher.