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**NEXT MEETING**  
**March 9, 2022**  
**Outstanding Students**  
**12:30 pm**

### MARCH

**Mar 2** - Firefighter/Paramedic of the Quarter.

**Ash Wednesday.**

**Mar 9** - Outstanding Students - Hancock Place MS and St. Mark Catholic School.

**Mar 13** - **Daylight Savings Time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour.**

**Mar 16** - Fun Meeting.

**Mar 23** - TBD.

**Mar 30** - Board/Business Meeting. Nominating Committee report nominees for 2022-23 Officers and Board Members. Election of nominees at our April Annual Meeting (Apr 27 Board/Business Meeting).

13 members and 6 guests present: CPT Dan Rosenthal (today's honoree), Ass't Chief Dan LaFata, Deputy Chief Tim Dempsey, CFO Brian Bond, and firefighters Craig Dexter & James Jameson. Louann opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pauline followed with the invocation. Louann then reminded us to bring in our quarters next week (March 9). These quarters are for the refugees and will help with laundry costs while housed in apartments. Louann also reminded us about the "Lent a Helping Hand" collection of school supplies for the Mehlville schools. Bring your supplies in over the next 6 weeks or all at once. Mary fixed the dual Facebook pages so the Facebook page is now current, and Katie is working on getting our new web site up and running! Lee reminded us that there are two weeks left for completion of our scholarship applications. We have not yet received any applications, but Chad is looking into that situation.

Our honorary guest today was CPT Dan Rosenthal. He has been with the Mehlville Fire District for 22 years. Prior to Mehlville, he started with the Ferguson Fire Department at the age of 19, and then worked with Ferguson Police Department as well. Currently he runs the Mehlville fire house Number 1. He plans on retiring on July 1, after 41 years of service. CPT Dan's fire house responded to between 2300 and 2400 calls last year, making it one of the busiest fire houses in the county. 53% of all calls are for EMS. The Mehlville Fire District has twice the recovery rate state-wide for cardiac cases. Due to the increases in EMS cases, additional employees, and other costs, the district is asking for a tax raise on the April 5 ballot. Currently,

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Melville has the lowest tax rate in the county. Please get out and support our first responders! Dan said he has enjoyed his career but is looking forward to retirement.

**HAPPY \$\$:** All members were happy for our fire fighters and the great work they do. We were also happy to see Carla back to a meeting today.

**50/50:** Drawing - Lee.  
Lottery ticket - Lee.

Thanks to Jeanne McKenna for taking the notes of today's meeting.

### **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 in early February 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's** problems are not now so much with her knees, but rather her legs are weak due to not getting around much lately. **Carla Rowell and her husband, Doug**, continue to have various health issues and **Carla** has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. **Steve Dodson** is doing well, but his wife, **Sherrie's** Alzheimer's continues to progress slowly. **Vern Langenfeld's** Alzheimer's also continues to progress slowly, and his wife, **Carolyn**, is doing well except for some back pain. Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers for full and speedy recoveries.

### **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.**

Today (Feb 28) was our second member meeting in February. We have a bake sale at the Band Craft Fair! Members can sign up to bake goods or run the fair booth, lots of slots left for both. Our Bethesda Valentine Day cards were greatly appreciated! Our next meeting will be March 14. Our seniors are now eligible to apply to the Kiwanis scholarship.

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 February was held on February 10 after school. At this meeting, we reminded members to continue collecting bottle caps/soda tabs for our fundraiser. Additionally, we proposed a service opportunity. Garden Villa South needs helpers to assist residents with technology (learning how to use a smart phone/emails/etc.). Finally, we decided to hold a book drive during the spring. The books must be new/gently used. An idea we came up with was using this as an opportunity to hold a mini golfing event, where in order to play you must donate a book. Thank you, Kiwanis!

Alex Norrenberns, Vice-President

**MARCH**

**Birthdays:** John Howard - 3/6  
Vern Langenfeld - 3/8  
Marge Lechner - 3/21

**Anniversaries:** None in March.

**Kiwanis Anniversaries:** Louann Elledge - 3/9/1994  
Roy Wunsch - 3/19/2014  
Sue Franey - 3/25/1998



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis honored CPT Dan Rosenthal (center) at today's meeting as its Firefighter/Paramedic of the Quarter. Deputy Chief Tim Dempsey and Assistant Chief Dan LaFata accompanied CPT Rosenthal to our meeting.