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## Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis

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### NEXT MEETING

**March 16, 2022**

**Fun Meeting**

**12:30 pm**

### MARCH

**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** - Paintings by Sandy – Sandy Bodendieck.

**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).

12 members and 7 guests present: Outstanding Student Nina Ndonwi from Hancock Place Middle School, her mother Maze Ndonwi, her Principal Joe Veldhuizen and Central Office Administrator Tom Dittrich; Outstanding Student Brody Stocking from St. Mark Catholic School, his mother Melissa Stocking, and his Principal Julie Bingham.

Louann opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pauline followed with the invocation. Louann reminded us to donate our quarters today if we had not yet turned them in. These quarters are for the refugees and will help with laundry costs while housed in apartments. Louann also reminded us about the Lent collection for the Mehlville schools. Bring your supplies in over the next several weeks. Lee stated that our scholarship applications are due in one week. Chad said one has been submitted and three are pending. Carla O'Brien is collecting cash donations for the Ukrainian refugees. Ed made the motion for our club to donate \$100.00 to the MO-ARK Gateway Region Foundation for this cause. Motion was approved. March 16 is our Fun meeting. March 23 is Paintings by Sandy, Lee's wife, and March 30 is the Board/business meeting. It was good to see Linda Hoppe returned from a vacation in Mexico. She said they visited a total of six cities and that it was a very delightful experience.

Nina Ndonwi is from Hancock Place Middle school and is actively involved in the National Jr. Honor Society. She has maintained straight A's for her entire education at Hancock Place. She is actively involved in her church and plays the piano. Nina's principal said she is a once in a lifetime student. She is studious, a critical thinker, and brings it on every single day. Nina's mother stated that Nina is the middle child of three

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children. She sets a good example for her siblings. Her mother thanked the school staff, the Kiwanian's and the community as a whole. Nina said her education after high school includes Arts and Engineering.

Brody Stocking is from St. Mark Catholic School. He carries a 3.96 grade point average, is active in Boy Scouts, St Paul's Kitchen, serves mass at two locations, is active in a musical at school and at one point was the school's mascot (lion). His school principal stated that she is very appreciative of him. He automatically volunteers to assist with any given project and is always dependable. Brody's mother said she is super proud of him. He too is a middle child and is now tutoring his younger brother in math. She said he has matured tremendously through the programs from the Boy Scouts. She thanked the school staff and the Kiwanians.

**HAPPY \$\$:** All for our very Outstanding Students today.

**50/50:** Drawing - Pauline.

Lottery ticket - Louann.

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 March was held on March 3 after school. At this widely anticipated meeting, the leadership of MHS Key Club continued to remind members to collect bottle caps/soda tabs. These materials help contribute to our service project of creating a public bench in collaboration with the Ronald Macdonald Foundation. We also continued to plan our book drive which will take place in April. To collect new or lightly used books, we will have a mini-golfing event (material provided by MHS Robotics) where you have to donate a book to play! Finally, to help with our continued mission of collecting children's books, we planned a collection day in collaboration with the drama department. There will be a table with a bin to donate (new or gently used) children's books. If someone donates, they have the option to send a sucker bouquet to an actor or stage crew.

In future meetings, our goals are to increase membership by 10%, continue to collect bottle caps/soda tabs, collect children's books, strengthen our connection with Builders club/Kiwanis, decide on new officer positions for the 2022-2023 school year, and plan an end of the year party for May.

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 recently honored Brody Stocking of St. Mark Catholic School and Nina Ndonwi of Hancock Place Middle School as its "Outstanding Students." Brody and Nina 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, Brody and Nina each received a gift card to a local store. Pictured with Brody and Nina are their mothers Melissa Stocking and Maze Ndonwi.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored the following students from Rogers 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 Kiwanian Pauline Roth, Selma Karkholova, Colton Alemond, Jackson Duerford, Rogers Elementary School Principal Dr. Patrick Keenoy, and Kiwanian Carla Rowell.