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## Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**April 13, 2022**  
**Outstanding Student**  
**12:30 pm**

### APRIL

- Apr 6** - Easter Message - Pastor Bill Simmons.
- Apr 10** - **Palm Sunday.**
- Apr 13** - Outstanding Student - Lizzie Altenbernd, Oakville Middle School.
- Apr 17** - **Easter Sunday.**
- Apr 20** - St. Louis County Library Services - Katie Keeven.
- Apr 27** - Board/Business Meeting. Annual Meeting Election of Officers and Board Members.  
Determine whether or not to continue offering the zoom option for meetings.

10 members and one guest present: Pastor Bill Simmons, today's speaker. President Louann opened today's meeting and Pauline followed with the Invocation. We will wrap up our "Lent a Helping Hand" project next week. If you have any items you still plan to bring for the classrooms/students in the Mehlville School District, bring them next Wednesday as we will then hand them over to the school district. Ed will purchase the gift cards for Key Club graduating seniors in the next week or so and then get them to the Key Club Advisors in early May. Lee mentioned that he and Chad have received a total of 10 applications for our South County Kiwanis Scholarship. They will be reviewing the applications, inform the winners, and we will present them at our May 18 meeting since the school district will not be hosting a 60+ BBQ again this year due to COVID. Louann then introduced today's speaker, Pastor Bill Simmons, to deliver our Annual Easter Message.

Pastor Bill ran a half-marathon this past weekend but has never run a full marathon. For our message today, he compared running a marathon with living a good Christian life in that both of these things involve keeping your eye on the goal. Bill has run 12 half-marathons over the last decade. As he runs, he constantly thinks of the goal (the finish line) as he is running. St. Paul compares the Christian life to a race, emphasizing that you must always keep your eyes on the goal. In a marathon, the goal is the finish line, while the goal of a Christian life is Heaven. We must always practice forgiveness as Jesus did (forget what is behind) and strive for what is ahead (the Christian life). The finish line for believers is Heaven, and the prize is Jesus.

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**Meetings: Wednesdays – 12:30pm - Frailey's Southtown - 4329 Butler Hill Rd. 63128 (at I-55) - 314-892-1866**

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**Happy \$\$:** All for today's message and Pastor Bill.

**50/50:** Drawing - Shirley Zoellner.

Lottery ticket - Lee Bodendieck.

### **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.

As we are now well into Spring, this is the last time this season that I will be including our cancellation policy in the K-NEWS. However, I would urge you to remember our policy as we have experienced some snow days in April in years past!

### **Member News**

Nothing new at this time.

### **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, (March 28), we held our regular meeting. Our next meeting is April 11. Our seniors are now eligible to apply for the Kiwanis Scholarship, and it needs to be turned in by April 1. Our on-going events are: collecting tab tops, volunteering with setting up and taking down the Point Elementary School Book Fair, volunteering to help run the Point Elementary School Literacy Night, and running a booth at Oakville STUCO's Egg Hunt on April 9. We are now taking officer applications and will be holding our elections soon.

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 McDonald 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

## APRIL

**Birthdays:** Rick Kircher - 4/6

**Anniversaries:** None in April.

**Kiwanis Anniversaries:** Ed Kurmann - 4/2/1997  
Jeanne McKenna - 4-27/2018



President Louann presents a Kiwanis Coffee Mug to Pastor Bill Simmons in appreciation for his delivering the Annual Easter Message to our club today.