

# **South County K-NEWS**

# **Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis**



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NEXT MEETING July 27, 2022 Board/Business Meeting 12:30 pm

#### JULY

Jul 20 - Kiwanis Meeting. Oasis St. Louis.

**Jul 27 -** Kiwanis Meeting. Board/Business Meeting.

#### **AUGUST**

Aug 3 - Kiwanis Meeting. Budget Planning Session - Bill.
Aug 10 - Kiwanis Meeting. Child Protection Guidelines - Ed.

Aug 17 - Kiwanis Meeting. Leftovers, etc. - Sandy.

Aug 24 - Kiwanis Meeting. TBD.

Aug 31 - Kiwanis Meeting, Board/Business Meeting.

9 members and 1 guest present: Marissa Sandbothe, today's speaker from Oasis St. Louis. Louann opened the meeting with a greeting to all and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pauline followed with the Invocation. Louann reminded us of the summer scratch-off raffle drawing next week and candy sale dates. Bill will bring in the sign-up sheet for the candy sales. Ed talked with Sue last night, and she said that we have collected approximately \$1,100.00 from the raffle. The grand prize is \$100.00 worth of scratch-off tickets and 4 drawings each for a \$20.00 scratch-off ticket consolation prize. Louann thanked Bill and Rick for participating in the CLE training. Louann also stated that we need a replacement for Sherry Stevenson for the "Reading is Fun" program. Sherry is no longer physically capable of performing this function. Carol Kurmann will continue to work with whoever takes over Sherry's position.

Louann then introduced today's speaker, Marissa Sandbothe from Oasis St. Louis. Marissa stated that the Oasis of St Louis was founded 40 years ago by a woman named Marilyn Mann. Her main objective was to provide activities for her retired parents. Today, the organization has three major activities -- 1) Lifelong Learning: They provide many classes such as history and musical. 2) Health and Wellness: They provide exercise classes from beginners to advanced, health classes for managing chronic conditions, nutrition classes and other health related issues. 3) Volunteer Engagement: This is the organizations' main function. Volunteers attend classes to learn what to do and what is expected of

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them. Each volunteer works with the minimum on one student, one hour each week for one school year. Students are K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and the emphasis is on literacy. To date, the organization has tutored 485,000 students in 14 different cities across the US. Ninety eight percent of students show improvement.

The organization's main training location is in Clayton Mo. This training location has room for up to 40 participants at a time, in addition to virtual learning. Many classes are free while some are fee based. They have round table discussions centered around various current events. Their music group includes a jazz ensemble of approximately 25 musicians which play at various venues. The organization is funded through grants, fee-based classes and a partnership with BJC. Oasis currently has 30 permanent employees. Marissa said they are always looking for more volunteers so if anyone is interested, please contact her.

**Happy \$\$:** All happy dollars were for Marissa's great presentation.

**50/50:** Drawing - Bill.

Lottery ticket - Bill.

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

#### **Member News**

**Linda Hoppe's** daughter, Carmen, has been diagnosed with large B-cell non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and begins treatments next week. Linda will be out of town for a while watching the grandkids as Carmen takes her treatments. Please keep our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

## Feed My Starving Children

Due to the fact that there was vandalism to the air conditioning at the construction site at Queeny Park, our group could no longer be accommodated in August. However, we have some Good News because we have now secured the **St. Louis County Kennedy Recreation Complex in South County** -- 6022 Wells Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128. We also have new dates which we feel will work better for schools and churches -- New dates --- **September 8, 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup>!** Also, Parking is much more plentiful and more accessible. We think this will be a blessing to FMSC's outreach program. We will need up to 3500 volunteers in order to pack our goal of 1 million meals. So, we are hoping you will spread the word and possibly we can encourage many of the schools and churches to participate in this community project! Canned Goods will also be collected for Operation Food Search during this mobile pack. Please visit us at feedtheneedstl.org.

For your information, Feed My Starving Children has sent over 15 million meals to the Ukraine Area.

Oakville HS Key Club News OHS Key Club Meetings TBD. Mehlville HS Key Club New MHS Key Club meetings TBD.

With school out for the summer, the Key club meeting times and days will have to be determined when school starts up again in the Fall.

### South County Kiwanis Web Page and Face Book Page

We now have a Web Page and a Face Book Page up and running. You can now follow us on either page by going to them with their addresses, or you can click a link on either of them to get to the other. We encourage you to follow us through either of them to keep abreast of our activities.

Web Page: <a href="http://k11339.site.kiwanis.org/">http://k11339.site.kiwanis.org/</a> Face Book Page: South County Kiwanis

Thanks to Mary Howard for taking care of the Facebook page and to Katie Keeven for taking care of the Web Page.

#### JULY/AUGUST

**Birthdays:** Linda Hoppe - 7/1

Sherry Stevenson - 7/5 Gerry Abeln - 8/4 Chad Dickemper - 8/21

**Anniversaries:** Lee and Sandy Bodendieck - 7/6/57

None in August.

**Kiwanis Anniversaries:** Gerry Abeln - 7/11/2008

John Howard - 7/13/2010 Chad Dickemper - 8/8/2018



President Louann Elledge presents a check to Marissa Sandbothe from Oasis St. Louis for her presentation today.