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NEXT MEETING July 13, 2022 Oasis International Mark Akers 12:30 pm

JULY

- **Jul 6 -** Patriot Training Foundation, Keith Hausher
 - Lt. Gov. Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Official Visit and Teri Jacobs, 2022-23 Lt. Gov.
- **Jul 13 -** Oasis International, Mark Akers.
- Jul 20 Oasis St. Louis.
- **Jul 27** Board/Business Meeting.

12 members and 7 guests present: today's speaker Keith Hausher from the Patriot Training Foundation; Div. 9 Lt. Gov. Bonnie Paulsmeyer; and 5 members from the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club -- Teri Jacob (next year's Div. 9 Lt. Gov.), Brent Stewart, Mary Saale (Div. 9 Trustee), Lisa Marin, and Nancy Benson. Louann opened the meeting with a greeting to all and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pauline followed with the Invocation. Louann reminded us of the candy sale dates in September and October, and the change of venue for Feed My Starving Children.

Lt. Gov. Bonnie reminded everyone of the upcoming MO-ARK District Convention on Aug. 26 and 27. Also, please set annual dues by Aug 1st so they can get paid on time. Bonnie said all Div. 9 clubs are now on the International Website. She thanked everyone for allowing her to be Lt. Gov. and looks forward to turning her duties over to Teri. Teri said she would try to do the same great job as Bonnie has. Mary Salle asked everyone to attend the upcoming District Convention. She stated that the International President will be in attendance and his attendance is a first for our MO-ARK District Convention.

Louann then introduced today's speaker. Keith Hausher who is the founder and Commander for The Patriot Training Foundation. This non-for-profit organization gives extensive training in tactical, weapons and leadership to the elite military and police, at no cost to them. By elite we mean Seals, Army Rangers, and Swat Teams -- the best of the best. Currently, the police represent 85% and the military represent 15% of recruits. It is sponsored solely by individual and corporate donations and fund raisers. Keith had originally started this training with his own funding but due to growth and increased

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necessary funding, he went to the non-profit identity. Their biggest fund-raising event is a Trivia Night which nets \$100,000. It is a unique trivia night where there are fitness challenges between rounds.

They train at a 500-acre site in Warrenton Missouri. Keith said it is an old quarry and is an impressive facility. He said the police rely on this training tremendously. Recruits are taken from high school after graduation. Attendance is at an all-time low now due to the negative perception of police officers. The police are having a hard time recruiting. Keith is currently focusing on character development due to the lack of support from our schools. He reinforces the students to stand tall and be proud of our country's flag in face of all of today's atrocities. Keith is a Flight Captain for the St Louis Honor Flight progam, and also an organizer of the Flags of Valor. There were over 7,000 flags planted on Art Hill this past year, all of them representing a fallen veteran. This is quite an organization. Thank you, Keith, for all the hard work and volunteer hours you have given to our country.

Happy \$\$: All for today's great presentation by Keith Hausher and for our fellow Kiwanis guests.

50/50: Drawing - Bill Leonard.

Lottery Ticket - Pauline Roth.

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**th! 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: http://k11339.site.kiwanis.org/ 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.

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Birthdays: Linda Hoppe - 7/1

Sherry Stevenson - 7/5

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

Kiwanis Anniversaries: Gerry Abeln - 7/11/2008

John Howard – 7/13/2010



President Louann presents a check to today's speaker, Keith Hausher for his presentation about the Patriot Training Foundation.



President Louann with Div. 9 Lt. Gov. Bonnie Paulsmeyer.



Flying Squadron from Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club. L to R Div. 9 Trustee Mary Saale, Lisa Marin, Teri Jacob (next year's Div. 9 Lt. Gov.), Brent Steward, Nancy Benson.