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NEXT MEETING
June 29, 2022
Board/Business Meeting
12:30 pm

JUNE

- Jun 22** - Open Space Council, Bonnie Harper.
- Jun 29** - Board/Business Meeting.

JULY

- Jul 6** - Patriot Training Foundation, Keith Hausher
- Lt. Gov, Bonnie Paulsmeyer, Official Visit to our club.
- Jul 13** - Oasis International, Mark Akers.
- Jul 20** - Oasis St. Louis OR Fun Meeting.
- Jul 27** - Board/Business Meeting.

12 members and 2 guests present: Bonnie Harper, today's speaker from Open Space Council; Doug Rowell, Carla's husband. Louann opened the meeting with a greeting to all and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pauline followed with the Invocation. Louann reminded us that the service event for packing meals has changed dates and location. She will send an e-mail with new information. Last Saturday was the Camp Wyman service project. Two club members and two guests from our club participated in this service project. Connie stated that last week's field trip was fun but hot. This may be a better fun day for this fall.

Bonnie Harper is the Executive Director of the Open Space Council. This 501c3 nonprofit organization's primary goals are restoration, protection, and invasive species cleanup of open spaces within a 100-mile radius of St Louis. The organization was established in 1965 and is local to St Louis only. They are responsible for helping develop what's now known as Bee Tree and Castlewood Parks. They have been active in helping develop many other local municipal parks also. They are the organization known for "Operation Clean Stream". They help clean up 500 square miles of water shed which includes the Meramec, Missouri and River Des Pere rivers. This cleanup usually nets at least 1000 old tires annually. It is a challenge to not only clean up these rivers but also to dispose of the collections.

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

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They also have an annual clean-up project for River Des Peres called Trash Bash. This takes place every October. Restoration projects include tree planting, pollinator and rain gardens. Their expansion plans are to add two to three new parks per year.

Projects are funded through grants, memberships and fund raising. The organization is governed by 27 board members. The annual budget is \$170,000 to \$200,000.00. Eighty percent of this budget is for salaries. They rely on partnerships to help offset many expenses. For example, the Metropolitan Sewer District provides the dumpsters for Clean Stream. Coordinating with private foundations help fund land acquisitions. Seventy five percent of other funding is from the grants. Bonnie expressed an interest in connecting with our Key Clubs for volunteers. This would be a win, win situation!

Happy \$\$: All for Bonnie's presentation today.

50/50: Drawing - Bonnie Harper
Lottery Ticket - Carla Rowell

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

Member News

No new information at this time.

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 11th**! 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 you 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/>

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JUNE/JULY

Birthdays: Bill Leonard - 6/18
Linda Hoppe - 7/1
Sherry Stevenson - 7/5

Anniversaries: Pauline and Gene Roth - 6/4/60
Lee and Sandy Bodendieck – 7/6/57

Kiwanis Anniversaries: Sherry Stevenson - 6/27/2000
Gerry Abeln - 7/11/2008
John Howard – 7/13/2010



President Louann Elledge presents a check to Bonnie Harper, Executive Director of Open Space Council, for her presentation at today's meeting,