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NEXT MEETING
September 28, 2022
Board/Business Meeting
12:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 21** - Kiwanis Meeting. Dr. Chris Gaines, Mehlville School District Superintendent.
Meeting at 2900 Lemay Ferry Rd. next to Mehlville High School.
- Sep 26** - Reading is Fun, Lemay Child and Family Center, 3:00pm.
- Sep 28** - Kiwanis Meeting. Board/Business Meeting.

11 members and 1 guest present: Dr. Chris Gaines, Superintendent of the Mehlville School District, today's speaker. Louann opened the meeting with a greeting to all and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pauline followed with the Invocation. Louann reminded us that Fisher House supplies are due no later than the last meeting this month (next week).

Our guest speaker today was Dr. Gaines, Mehlville School District Superintendent. Dr. Gaines stated that the school year started nice and easy. With the passage of Prop S, numerous projects have begun. Work is on-going with the problems of the supply chain. Doors and windows to arrive in August are now pushed back to October. One project, the parking lot at Oakville Elementary School, has gone well. It is ahead of schedule and expected to be completed in 30 to 40 days. Bierbaum Elementary School front teardown has not been as disruptive as thought but traffic in front of school has been crazy. The classroom addition on the back has presented its own problems with having to move the library and other areas. The elevator addition at Mosaic is much more complicated due to the layout of the old building but all is moving along at a slow pace.

Prop S for 35 million dollars was the first Bond issue to pass since 1992. At that time, 200 million dollars in needs were identified. At some point in time, possibly this April, the district expects to ask for additional funding. Most all relief funding from COVID has been spent on staffing support for students. Going forward, 8 to 10 cents on a tax levy would be needed to keep supporting this staff. Currently, beginning teachers' salary is \$2,000 below area average. The 2900 Lemay Ferry building was purchased through the capital fund account. This building will take the place of offices from the Witzel building and the Central Office Building. Renovations to hopefully begin by March 1, 2023.

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

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They will take place in various phases due to the building of both office and educational spaces together. All and all, projects are moving along. Thank you, Dr. Gaines, for keeping us informed.

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

Member News

Carla Rowell and her husband, **Doug Rowell**, are both still under the weather with ailments. **Bill Leonard** had back surgery recently and will still be in the hospital probably for a couple of more weeks. Several other members have had some ailments lately as well. Please keep all of our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they recover.

Oakville HS Key Club News

The Oakville HS Key Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month after school, 2:15pm, in the library, starting September 12.

Sep 26 - Key Club Meeting, 2:15p.

- Reading is Fun, 3pm, Lemay Child and Family Center

Oct 10 - Key Club Meeting, 2:15p.

Oct 15 - Candy solicitation at Dierberg's on Telegraph Rd..9a-1p.

Oct 24 - Key club Meeting., 2:15p.

Mehlville HS Key Club News

The Mehlville HS Key Club meets on the first Thursday of each month after school. My error in last week's K-NEWS. The MHS Key Club meets on the **FIRST** Thursday of each month.

Sep 26 - Reading is Fun, 3pm, Lemay Child and Family Center.

Oct 6 - Key Club Meeting, 2:15p.

Oct 15 - Candy solicitation at Dierberg's on Telegraph Rd., 1p-4p.

We have invited both Key Clubs to help with our Candy Days at the Dierberg's stores on September 10 and October 15.

Reading is Fun

Now that the COVID restrictions have been lifted, the Reading is Fun program will once again begin on the 4th Monday of each month, September thru May except for December since that is such a busy month, starting on September 26 at the Lemay Child and Family Center, 9828 S. Broadway, 63125

at 3:00pm. We look forward to our Key Club members reading to the pupils. The young children love having the teenagers read to them and then they get to keep the books to take home.

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.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Birthdays:

Jeanne McKenna - 9/30
Mary Howard - 10/15
Katie Keeven - 10/19
Ed Kurmann - 10/24

Anniversaries:

John & Mary Howard - 9/8/2007
Katie & Patrick Keeven - 10/29/2016

Kiwanis Anniversaries:

Carla Rowell - 9/27/2006
Katie Keeven —10/6/2021