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**NEXT MEETING**  
**September 14, 2022**  
**Fun Meeting**  
**12:30 pm**

### SEPTEMBER

- Sep 7** - Kiwanis Meeting. Firefighter of the Quarter.
- Sep 9** - Feed My Starving Children, Kennedy Rec Ctr.
- Sep 10** - Candy Day, Dierberg's on Lemay Ferry Rd. at Buckley Rd., 9a-4p.
- Sep 14** - Kiwanis Meeting. Fun Meeting.
- Sep 21** - Kiwanis Meeting. Dr. Chris Gaines, Mehlville School District Superintendent.
- Sep 26** - Reading is Fun, Lemay Child and Family Center, 3:00pm.
- Sep 28** - Kiwanis Meeting. Board/Business Meeting.

12 members and 8 guests present: today's honoree Critical Care Paramedic Hannah Gevers; Ass't Fire Chief Dan LaFata, HR Manager Tara Gremmiger, Ass't Chief EMS Brian Gebert, Ass't Chief EMS Todd Besancenez, Deputy fire Chief Rich Link, Jim Heimos firefighter/paramedic; Jennifer "Jenny" Bess, Mehlville School District (new member to be).

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 this Saturday, and for Feed My Starving Children this Friday. Also, dues are due Sept. 14 and we are still collecting donations for Fisher House. Louann also mentioned that Camp Wyman is celebrating its 125-year Anniversary next year. They are having a gala at the Ritz on April 1 and looking for donations from \$1,250 or more. There is an open house for Carla O'Brien at Helen Fitzgerald on Sept 21 for anyone interested in attending. Chad brought in a new member today, Jenny Bess, from the Mehlville School District. Looking forward to seeing her often!

Assistant Chief Dan LaFata spoke briefly giving us an update on what is going on in the Mehlville Fire District. He then told us that Hannah Gevers is a critical care paramedic for the Mehlville Fire District. She has been a paramedic for 20 years and has extensive knowledge in her field. She is the field training officer for the district. Prior to working for Mehlville FPD, she was with Arch Helicopter. Hannah and her husband live in New Haven and both work part time for the New Haven Fire District. Hanna stated that critical care paramedics are trained in much more technical procedures

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

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such as various drips, IV pumps and most recently, ultrasound. Most of Mehlville's firefighters are paramedics meaning that there is at least one on every truck and one or two in the ambulance. The district also has two medical directors who are physicians. Hannah said the best part of her job is the support and compassion she provides to those she sees. Thank you, Hannah and all the other district employees, for providing a great service to the community!

**Happy \$\$:** All for the Mehlville Fire Protection District.  
**50/50:** Drawing – Ass't Chief Dan.  
Lottery Ticket - Hannah..

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

### **Member News**

**Carla Rowell** and her husband, **Doug Rowell**, are both under the weather with ailments. Please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers for quick and speedy recoveries.

### **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](http://feedtheneedstl.org).

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

### **Oakville HS Key Club News**

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

**Sep 10** - Candy Sales, 1-4pm, Dierberg's on Lemay Ferry Rd. at Buckley Rd.

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

## **Mehlville HS Key Club News**

The Mehlville HS Key Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month after school.

**Sep 10** - Candy Sales, 9am-1pm, at Dierberg's on Lemay Ferry Rd. at Buckley Rd.

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

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Birthdays:** Jeanne McKenna - 9/30

**Anniversaries:** John & Mary Howard - 9/8/2007

**Kiwanis Anniversaries:** Carla Rowell - 9/27/2006



President Louann Elledge presented a Certificate of Achievement and a congratulatory letter and gift card to a local restaurant to Paramedic Hannah Gevers of the Mehlville Fire Protection District at today's meeting. Pictured With Hannah are Asst Chief EMS Todd Besancenez and President Louann.



Hannah Gevers is pictured with Ass;t Chief EMS Todd Besancenez and Ass't Fire Chief Dan LaFata of the Mehlville Fire Protection District.