



# South County K-NEWS

## Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**January 11, 2023**  
**Outstanding Students**  
**12:30 pm**

### JANUARY

- Jan 3** - Flying Squadron to Glendale-Kirkwood Kiwanis, Mike Duffy's, 12pm.
- Jan 4** - Kiwanis Mtg. Wings of Hope.
- Jan 11** - Kiwanis Mtg. Outstanding Student, Green Park Lutheran School.
- Jan 18** - Kiwanis Meeting. Final Trivia Night Planning Session, Louann Elledge.
- Jan 25** - Kiwanis Mtg. Board/Business Meeting.

9 members and one guest, Jeffrey Rapp, were present for today's meeting. Jeffrey was our guest speaker from Wings of Hope. Connie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Pauline followed with the Invocation. Connie reported that 5 club members attended the flying squadron yesterday to the Kirkwood club. Thanks to those who participated! On another note, Chad will follow up on the fund raiser at Oberweiss. Thanks Chad!

Jeffrey has been with Wings of Hope for about 5 years. The global organization provides air transport for individuals in need of medical services. Needs include transportation to locations not readily assessable to the patient. This transportation is based on need and free of charge. There are 12 to 15 paid staff members and approximately 300 volunteers. Currently there are 14 pilots. The organization teams up with 9 partners throughout the world. These partners are organizations that use aviation for medical emergencies and services. Funding is provided through grants, donations and fund raising. One large fund-raising event is "The Taste of Hope" held annually in the Chesterfield Airport hangar. This past event raised approximately \$40,000.00.

The Wings of Hope was originally founded in 1959. Eighty-six cents of every dollar collected is spent on programs, and every two days a patient is flown to needed healthcare services. These numbers are based on the year 2021. The organization is actively involved with high school children in an effort to promote aviation in their lives. 650 students have been engaged with STEM education. This is a 4-week course based on airplane basics, mechanics, navigation and drones. They also provide Career Fairs and "Discovery Flights" for the children. These discovery flights are out of the Spirit of St Louis Airport and funded through a grant from the Boeing Corporation. This is truly a unique and amazing organization.

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

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**Happy Dollars:** All members were happy for today's presentation from Wings of Hope.

**50/50: Drawing:** Lee.

**Lottery Ticket:** Jeanne.

## **CLUB MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY**

**“When the Mehlville School District cancels classes declaring a snow day (weather related cancellation) on one of our meeting days, our meetings will be cancelled as well. If they declare a late start (snow schedule) on one of our meeting days, we will meet as usual. Tune in to the TV or radio for notification.”**

### **Trivia Night**

Our Trivia Night is Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Seven Holy founders Church Hall, 6741 Rock Hill Rd., 63123 (at Gravois). Doors open at 6pm, Trivia begins at 7pm.

### **Member News**

**Bill Leonard** is back at the Delmar Gardens Fenton location.. **Pauline Roth** had hip replacement surgery recently and is back home. **Carla Rowell** also recently was hospitalized with colitis and is back home. Several other members have had some ailments lately as well. Please keep all 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month after school, 2:15pm, in the library/.

**Jan 9 - Key Club Meeting.**

**Jan 23 - Key Club Meeting.**

December 12th, OHS Key Club hosted our one and only December meeting to check up on everyone. We had discussions about our past volunteer events and reminded students about upcoming events. We thanked all of the volunteers for participating in Reading is Fun! We provided feedback from the children that participated in the event to the volunteers. We also reminded them that there is no Reading is Fun in December. Next, we thanked the students who helped with events at Point Elementary for the Holiday Extravaganza which is an event hosted in the evening for elementary students to come to participate in. There are craft games, photo booths, food stations, and movies provided, and many of our Key Club members were there to help with the event. Then we talked about the Bell Ringing event and showed our appreciation to those that participated. The upcoming event before winter break is TSA night. Oakville High School TSA is hosting a STEM night on December 16th for small kids to come to participate and learn about STEM. This is a great way for our Key Club members to earn points and collaborate with other clubs in school. Lastly, we reminded them about our points expectations and

made sure they know who to contact if they have any questions. We wrapped up our meeting and sent them off with happy holiday wishes.

### **Mehlville HS Key Club News**

The Mehlville HS Key Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month after school.

#### **Jan 5 - Key Club Meeting.**

At our December 1st meeting we had 2 new members join us. We discussed that we are going to do a school-wide competition for our soda tab collection this year. The winner will win a pop party that goes to the class that collects the most soda tabs by weight. Then, we spent some time making Holiday cards for people who have helped us this year as well as our cafeteria staff.

### **Reading is Fun**

Our Reading is Fun program is once again on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, September thru May except for December since that is such a busy month, at the Lemay Child and Family Center, 9828 S. Broadway, 63125 at 3:00pm. 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 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. Thanks also to Jennifer Bess for volunteering to work with them.

### **JANUARY**

**Birthdays:** Judy Burnette - 1/1  
Steve Dodson - 1/18

**Anniversaries:** None in January.

**Kiwanis Anniversaries:** Judy Burnette - 1/25/95  
Bill Leonard - 1/30/13  
Pauline Roth - 1/30/13  
Shirley Zoellner - 1/10/08 Bridgeton Kiwanis  
- 10/9/12 South County Kiwanis