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Governor Ron's Message:

My Fellow Kiwanians,

What do you say in times like these? I don't think any of us know what to say at this time since we haven't experienced anything like this before. Social distancing seems to be the key to keep from spreading the virus. Of course, it keeps us from being together. This is very hard to fathom for very intelligent people with ideas and a need to serve. But we must stop the spread until a cure can be found. Looks like it's working. We have two members in our club with the virus and fortunately it seems mild.

I strongly encourage all clubs to hold an online meeting to keep in touch with each other. It's easy with today's technology. You will find information on that later in this edition of the Kiwanigram.

Also, there are forms of service each of you can do during this time of need. Local food pantries are in need of supplies. So many people are locked inside their homes. Find out what you can do as a club or individual.

None of us likes isolation. We are meant for fellowship. Check on your friends, make a phone call and help when you can. After all we are Kiwanians.

A quote from Hill Street Blues " Be careful out there."

Yours in Service,

Ron Hill

Missouri Arkansas District Governor

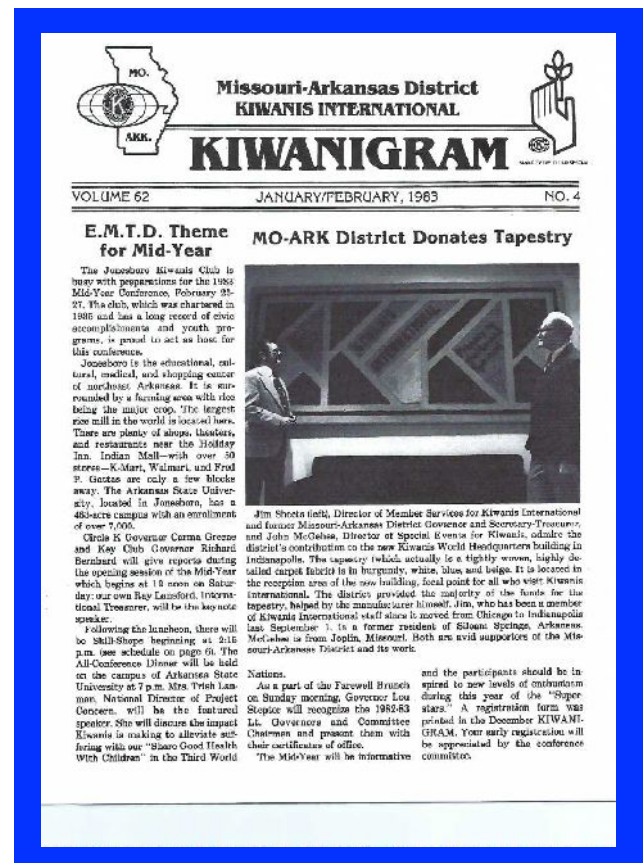


In Remembrance of Past Governor James Sheets



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of James Sheets, past Governor of MoArk District of Kiwanis (1965). He passed away March 1, 2020, at the age of 88, leaving to mourn family and friends. He was loved and cherished by many people including: his wife Martha; his daughter Kimberly; and his step-sons, Mark, Kevin, and Aaron, 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Saturday, March 14th, at the Village Baptist Church, in Bella Vista, AR.

- Jim joined Kiwanis in 1953, with the Siloam Springs Kiwanis Club.
- He was president of Siloam Springs Club in 1961.
- In 1962, he served as the Lt. Governor of MoArk Division 19.
- Served as MoArk District treasure in 1963.
- Jim was Governor of the Missouri-Arkansas District in 1965.
- He served as MoArk District Secretary 1977-82
- In 1982, Sheets left Siloam Springs to become Director of Member Services and serve on the Kiwanis Foundation Board with Kiwanis International, based in Indianapolis, a position that he retained until he retired in 1998.
- After his retirement he came back to Arkansas and became a member the Bella Vista Kiwanis Club.*



*I want to thank those who helped me put together the information about Jim. (Les Mace, David Gosnell, Katie Rennard, and Brian Tenclinger)



Message from Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron



As we're all impacted by the spread of COVID-19 to some degree, Kiwanis International wants to keep members and the kids we serve safe during this time. We are asking all clubs to postpone all events — including in-person meetings, projects and fundraisers — through the month of April.

Up-to-date health information is available from the [World Health Organization](#), your country's health department, as well as local governmental health agencies.

We realize that interactions with fellow Kiwanians will be missed, and we encourage you to find ways to connect during this difficult time. Skype,

Facebook chats and conference calls on a landline or mobile phone are all options. These resources can help your club stay connected and plan.

Work together to generate ideas on how your club can help your community — and when things return to normal, you'll be ready to help kids.

Kiwanis will continue to serve you and provide ideas about how to continue making an impact. If you haven't followed us on social media, please do. Follow Kiwanis on [Facebook](#) for the most up-to-date news and information.

Thank you for all you do for Kiwanis. Let's work together to stay strong during this uncertain time so we'll all be healthy and ready to help those who need us most.

Message from Kiwanis Youth Programs Executive Director Michelle Study-Campbell



The Circle K International Governors and Administrators Conference (GATC) scheduled for April 2-4, 2020, has been postponed. The rescheduled date will be announced at a future time.

The Key Club International Governors and Administrators Conference (GATC) scheduled for May 28-31, 2020, has been postponed. The rescheduled date will be announced at a future time.

SPARK!, a Circle K International leadership experience, scheduled for May 28-31, 2020, has been postponed. The rescheduled date will be announced at a future time.





2020 Education Days Review



Four education days were held in El Dorado, AR, Little Rock, AR, Jonesboro, AR, and St. Louis, MO. We had 159 registrants for those four days. Of course, we postponed the last three due to the coronavirus. Total registration for all the days is 276. That is huge for Missouri Arkansas Kiwanis. We haven't had that many attendees in many years.

The evaluations of the four days held were very positive towards the content and format. The majority of participants were pleased with the round table discussions and workshops. Also, they were appreciative with the location and availability of the education day. Of the people attending, many were very happy to continue the Education Days for next year. Again, this was all based on the four days held thus far. More information will be forthcoming on the three days postponed due to the coronavirus.

A special thank you to the many individuals working on the planning committees at each site. Many hours have gone into the planning of these events. All committees were volunteers from the local clubs. They did a great job and conducted highly successful workshops. Thank you also to the many volunteers leading roundtable discussions and workshops. The District could not have done this without you.





Distinguished Clubs, Members, and Divisions



Distinguished Clubs

As recognized by Kiwanis International

Batesville, AR
Boonville, MO
Bridgeton, MO
Carrollton, MO
Christian County, MO
Columbia, MO
Columbia-Boonslick, MO
Farmington, MO
Huntsville, AR
Lees Summit, MO
Liberty, MO
Meramec Valley Com, MO
Mexico, MO
Midtown-Kansas City, MO
Normandy 24:1, MO
Ozark, Empire, MO
Saline County, AR
Siloam Springs, AR
Union, MO



Distinguished Members

Cheryl Anderson	Jim O'Donnell
Cynthia Ashmore	Rebecca Panchot
Randall Barry	Angela Pigg
John Beilfuss	Jim Przybylski
Mary Kay Campbell	Katie Rennard
Dana Chadwick	Bradley Rothlisberger
Elizabeth Clark	Reaner Shannon
Amanda Farrell	Deb Shore
James Gibson	Sue Storey
Clark Hopper	Doyne Swan
Deborah Jones	Jeff Tindle
Jim Major	Wilford Williams
David & Earlene Martin	Ashley Young
Kenneth McKinney	Tony Zahn

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Columbia, MO
Columbia-Boonslick, MO
Huntsville, AR
Liberty, MO
Meramec Valley Com, MO
Midtown-Kansas City, MO
Rogers, AR
Russellville, AR
Springdale, AR
Union, MO

Distinguished Divisions

Division 6
Martha Radginski, Lt. Gov.
Division 7
Andrea Flynn, Lt. Gov.
Division 17
Lyndal Waits, Lt. Gov.
Division 24
Rebecca Cox, Lt. Gov.

Inter Club Awards

Batesville, AR
Hot Springs Village, AR
Liberty, AR
Huntsville, AR
Union, MO
Gravois, MO
Meramec Valley Com, MO
Gladstone, MO



Kiwanis Elections

2020 Election of Officers



It's that time again to get your officers elected. You'll need your clubs 2020-2021 slate of officers, Lt. Governor's for each division, Trustees for Regions and your District Governor-Elect.

Elections of Clubs Officers:

All clubs must have your elected officers: President, President-Elect (Vice President), Secretary and Treasurer voted on and elected by June 1st. Club elections are reported directly on the club secretary dashboard. There is no separate election form to fill out. This allows us to plan for the change over on October 1st. Please note that any club that has not entered their officers by September 30th will not have access to the dashboard on October 1st.

New elections will be held within 60 days, provided at least fourteen (14) days previous notice of the meeting and nomination(s) is given to the members.

Election of Lieutenant Governor and Lieutenant Governor-elect:

The current Lieutenant Governor of each division shall hold a meeting to elect a Lieutenant Governor and a Lieutenant Governor-elect for the next term. You must notify the president of each club in the division at least 10 days prior to the meeting and anyone else in the division that has served in a leadership with the district to be invited to the meeting. Delegates from at least a majority of the clubs in the division shall constitute a quorum.

Election of Trustees:

Current Trustees in Regions I, V, & VII will shall hold a meeting to elect a new Trustee for the next term. You must notify the president of each club in the division at least 10 days prior to the meeting and anyone else in the division that has served in a leadership with the district to be invited to the meeting. Delegates from at least a majority of the clubs in the region shall constitute a quorum. The Trustee shall conduct the elections, unless he/she is a candidate for election. Delegates from at least one-third (1/3) of the clubs in the region shall constitute a quorum. All candidates must complete a consent form. Contact the District Secretary for more information.

Governor-Elect:

All qualified candidates for this office to be elected at the annual convention must submit written notice of candidacy to the District Secretary no later than sixty (60) days prior to the before the convention begins. They must also submit a signed agreement to Kiwanis International to fulfill the duties of office and have a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. Please contact the District Secretary for more information.

Since we are in a quarantine and social distancing situation and can not meet as usual, KI is recommending online voting for Club Officers, LT. Governors and Trustees. We are hoping that all will be opened up prior to the District convention and the Governor election will be held as usual.

As for options to online voting, many vehicles are available. Email members to get a quorum vote. You can also use the Free Conference Call application - FreeConferenceCall.com or Go To Meeting is a good option - <http://www.gotomeeting.com> or Zoom - <https://zoom.us> . All are free to use.

All offices must be filled prior to the District Convention to be held at the University Plaza Hotel on July 31 – August 2, 2020. The results must submitted to the District Secretary upon approval.

Club Officer Training:

To be announced. Clubs will be notified by their Lt. Governor and Trainer after the first of June.



Kiwanians in Action

Union Kiwanis SLP Bowling Social

The Union Kiwanis Club recently hosted its annual spring-training themed bowling social for members of the Beaufort and Clark-Vitt K-Kids Clubs; Union Middle School and Immaculate Conception Builders Clubs; and Union High School Key Club; their families, and Kiwanis members and their families. In all, 178 people attended the event at Oasis Lanes in Union for cosmic bowling, pizza, raffles and other prizes. Parents expressed their appreciation and the kids were very enthusiastic.



Immaculate Conception Builders Club (Union, MO) members had a fun afternoon at the Union Kiwanis Bowling Social.



Union Kiwanis Bowling Social, 2020



Three Beaufort Elementary K-Kids, and a younger sister of two of the girls, are having fun at the Union Kiwanis Bowling Social.

Gravois Club Terrific Kids and Reading Program

Gravois Kiwanis Club sponsors monthly reading program and Terrific Kids awards to the 10 First grade classes at Mesnier Elementary in Affton, MO. They work with the school and teachers to present a book that models the "trait" of the month that the teachers are working on with the students. Five of our Kiwanians and two Kiwanis family members work to make this a successful endeavor. Congratulations to our February and March Terrific Kids. These students have worked extra hard to be Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable - TERRIFIC! They earned certificates, TK pencils, TK bookmarks, TK refrigerator magnets, and a McDonald's gift card.



March 2020

Left; Ken Bennett, Carla OBrien
Right; Ellen Sandweiss Not pictured is Paula Eckrich Kiwanis wife reader and Kiwanis Mom reader Kay Sandweiss.



Feb 2020

Left; Ken Bennett, Lori Leupold
Right; Carla OBrien, Robert Praprotnik





Kiwanians Celebrate

Charter Celebration of Greers Ferry Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Greers Ferry Lake, Heber Springs, AR held its charter ceremony February 18, 2020. The evening started with a social gathering which included a silent auction. Governor Ron Hill installed the new club's officers; President David Clark, President-Elect Angela Collins, Secretary Phillis Mulliniks, and Treasurer Judy Johnson.

Immediate Past Governor Gary Baker presented David Clark with new club banner as well as other Kiwanis gifts. The new club is already working with the nearby school district to start a Key Club as well as a Bring Up Grades program. The Greers Ferry Lake Kiwanis Club is sponsored by the Batesville Club.



Governor Ron Hill installing David Clark as president of the new Greers Ferry Lake Kiwanis Club.



Past Gov. Gary presenting president of the Batesville Kiwanis Club, Frank Hilbert, with sponsoring club banner patch.



Pictured L to R; Phyllis Mulliniks, Sec., Angela Collins President-Elect, David Clark, president, and Past Gov. Gary Baker.

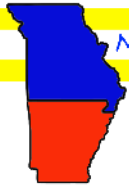


South County St. Louis Kiwanis Club Honors Police Officers

The Kiwanis Club of South County-St. Louis recently honored officer Sanda Cosic of the Affton-Southwest Precinct of the St. Louis County Police Department as its "Officer of the Quarter." "Officer Cosic's accomplishments are far too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say that Officer Cosic was honored for her untiring dedication and service to the South County community. President Lee Bodendieck presented Officer Cosic with a Certificate of Recognition, a gift card to a local restaurant, and South County Kiwanis pen. Officer Cosic was accompanied to the meeting by Lt. Brad Kelling, and Officer Eric Tripp.



Pictured left to right Lt. Brad Kelling, Officer Cosic, and Officer Eric Tripp.



Kiwanis Honors

Member Celebrates 50 years of Service

Eldon Morgan a Kiwanian, is shown with his cake showing that he has been a member of the Neosho Kiwanis club for 50 years. Shown on left is club President Chris Eads and on right is Division 12 Lt. Governor Victor Head. Victor is a member of the Monett Kiwanis Club



Legions of Honor Presented



Batesville Kiwanis Club President Frank Hilbert (left) presents Past Governor Gary Baker with a Legion of Honor certificate and pin for his 35 years of service to the Batesville Club. Gary has worked as referee during Batesville Kiwanis football games, started the Every Child a Swimmer program in Batesville, to mention a few of the many hours he has put in to help the Batesville Club improve the community one child at a time.



Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs President Mike Velo (right) had the great pleasure of presenting a Legion of Honor recognition certificate to Jay Williams, City Attorney for Siloam Springs, for his 30 years serving as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs. Jay is a past president of our club and is a current member of the Board of Directors. We want to thank Jay for his service with our club, helping the Siloam Springs community one child at a time.



Kiwanis in Action...

Gladstone Kiwanis Club Presents Check

The church which hosts the Gladstone Kiwanis Club serves a senior buffet lunch the last Wednesday of each month. When that coincides with our club meeting, they invite us to fill our plates but refuse payment. Instead the club collects a meal fee and donates it quarterly to the church's preschool program. On March 11 the preschool children serenaded us with "You are My Sunshine", which they were preparing for their Grandparents program, and we presented them with a \$75 check.



"You Are My Sunshine"



Kiwanis Treasurer Adam Schwery presents check to Preschool Director Cindy Powell

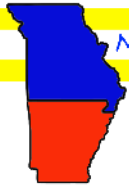
Earl Collins Foundation Donates to Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Kamp

Earl Collins Foundation donates \$25,000 to the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp Foundation restroom project, which completed the \$48,000 fundraising goal to install a permanent restroom facility at the camp. The gift was presented by Troy Massey, immediate past president of the Earl Collins Foundation, at the Russellville Kiwanis club weekly meeting. Pictured (left to right) are: front row, Spud Westmoreland and Troy Massey;

second row, Ron Knost, Thom South and Joe Pearson; back row, Steven Riggs, Dan Chapman and Jerry Martin.

The Kiwanis Youth Kamp is located at Piney Bay and offers nature based programs and activities for elementary school children through college age students. For more information, visit kampkiwanismoar.org.





Kiwanis in Action...

Siloam Springs Meets With Friendship Care Aktion Club

At the Friendship Care Kiwanis Aktion Club meeting on Friday, February 14th, members of the Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs brought Valentines for the members of the club. Kiwanis members that participated included: Kevin VanCuren, Jimmy Allen, Arthur Hulbert, Billy Gum, Robyn Daugherty, and Katie Rennard.

The club's next meeting will be on March 13th at 2 p.m. at Friendship Community Care. The Kiwanis Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 12,000 members worldwide. The club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs.



Charleston Kiwanis Club Honors Students

The Charleston Kiwanis Club recently honored the students of the month from Charleston High School for the month of January. The picture at right shows; left to right, Cole McDermott, club president John Tucker and Terridean Bogan.



Charleston Kiwanis Club honored the Charleston High School Students of the Month for February. The picture at left shows; left to right, Shave Fitzpatrick, club president John Tucker and Anica Paris.



Mark Your Calendars Now



Kiwanis International Convention - June 18—21, 2020—Indianapolis, IN
Deadline for Early Registration is April 10th

From Kiwanis International:

As of March 25, 2020 — While there hasn't been a formal change on the website or registration form to extend the early registration pricing, if the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention does go forward, Kiwanis would allow everyone to make up for lost time and register at the discounted rate. Additionally, we will provide full refunds of registration fees should the convention be canceled because of COVID-19.

Missouri - Arkansas District Conference
July 31 - August 2, 2020
University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO



Cancellation:

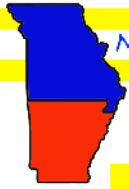
The Spring Key Leader training scheduled for April in Rogers, AR has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Grant Opportunity



EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION
MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT, KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
FUNDS PROVIDED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, BUILDERS CLUBS, KEYCLUB, CIRCLE K

The Earl Collins Foundation is now offering \$500 grants to Missouri-Arkansas District Service Leadership programs. The application for the grant can be found on the MoArk District website following this link: <https://www.moarkkiwanis.net/Page/24170>



In Memoriam

Division 1

Debra Catlett
Hannibal, Early Birds

Division 3

Elizabeth Heide
Liberty

Division 5

James Tapp
Columbia

Division 6

Joseph Witte
Troy

Division 14

Harold Williams
Dexter

Division 15

Jim Cunningham
Hot Springs Village

Division 17

Charles Covington
Pat Lea
Batesville

Division 19

Sharon Jones
Rogers, Breakfast

Division 24

Jim Sheets
Bella Vista

Division 26

Robert Smith
Lebanon

Kiwanigram Submissions

Information to be considered for the Kiwanigram should be submitted by email to moarkkiwanis@gmail.com NOTE THE CHANGE IN EMAIL ADDRESS!

Please include the name and location of your club. Preference will be given to photos and/or articles of Kiwanians, or Service Leadership Programs interacting with children at a service project. Please include a brief description of the project along with the names of Kiwanians, or SLP members featured in the photos. Please do not send your entire club newsletter, submit individual articles and pictures ONLY to be considered for publication. The deadline for submissions is the 10th day of the month prior to publication.



Diane Baker
Kiwanigram Editor

