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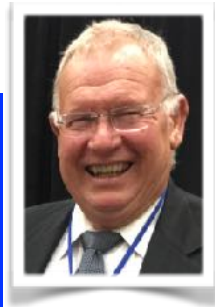
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Governor Ron's Message:

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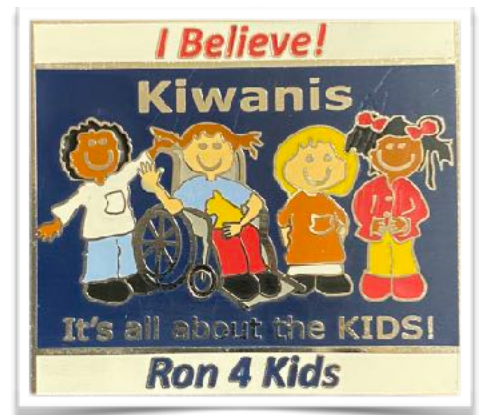
Ranen Miao
CKI Governor

Well my year as your governor is almost over, and my only regret is that I didn't meet more Kiwanians. The good news, I may be the only Governor who ends up with a big surplus. 😊 This year wasn't what we expected, but you can still make a push for new members. Kiwanis International is forgiving dues for new members until Oct. 1, and the MOARK District board voted to pay next year's dues for new members that joined between August 1 and September 25 (See the article on page 14 for more information about dues payback or contact District Secretary Mary Vaughan).

I want to encourage you to give to the Earl Collins Foundation. They increased their number of scholarships, developed an SLP grant (information about the grants can be found [here](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page) and made a large donation to the Beatrice Johnson Camp.

Keep safe and reach out to someone, call someone in your club or another club and let them know they are on your mind.

Yours In Service,
Ron Hill
MOARK District Governor





MO-ARK District Delegates at Large Meeting



The Missouri Arkansas District held their annual meeting in Springfield, MO on August 1, 2020 at the University Plaza Hotel. It was definitely an annual meeting of a different sort. Since the Coronavirus Pandemic changed the rules of meeting, the District Board decided to meet in-person but allow members to join by Zoom.

Members include the current District Officers, Trustees, Lt. Governors, and Past Governors. A total of 59 people constituted the Delegates at Large. We had 29 delegates which made the quorum for the meeting.

The Delegates elected AC Paxton as the next Governor and Carla O'Brien as the next Governor-Elect. Both were elected with a motion and approved by the delegate body.

The District presented two (2) sets of by-law changes for approval.

1. The Missouri Arkansas District By-Laws required an update of the terms of office for the Trustees and Lt. Governors to match the wording in the Kiwanis International bylaws.

Article III, Section 3 of the by-laws relating to Officers was changed to read that each Lieutenant Governor shall serve for a term of two-years and each Trustee shall serve for a term of three (3) years. No Governor or Governor-Elect shall be elected to more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office. All other officers shall serve a term of one (1) year, unless otherwise specified.

This allows a Lt. Governor or Trustee to serve additional terms, if necessary. Hopefully, we will always have individuals that step up to serve. However, this will insure that each division and region are represented.

2. The Earl Collins Foundation Board felt the need to make various changes in their by-laws. There were several changes made to make clarifications and update processes. The biggest change made was to make the Earl Collins fiscal year match the fiscal year of the District, October 1 – September 30th.

The second change was to make it clear that any future changes to the by-laws must be made by the House of Delegates. All changes can be found at www.moarkkiwanis.net.

Both items passed by a motion and approved by the delegate body.

There were also two (2) resolutions for approval.

1. A resolution endorsing Barbara Thompson's bid to run for the Kiwanis International Vice President in Salt Lake City in 2021. If elected she would serve in 2021-2022.
2. This resolution was to recognize the many Kiwanians that passed on in the last year. We lost 47 great people in the past year. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.





MO-ARK District Delegates at Large Meeting



Reports were then given by our Foundations.

1. Barbara Thompson gave the Earl Collins Foundation report. She reported that it has been a tough year for fundraising. They were able to give 26 scholarships to high school seniors. They have also made a pledge to give \$25,000 each year in the next three years to Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp.
2. Nancy Hoff gave a report on the Children's Fund. Kids need Kiwanis more than ever. As of June 30, 2020, MOARK district clubs and individuals had donated \$22,087 to the Children's Fund. Thanks to those clubs and individual Kiwanians who have donated. We appreciate your donations. For those of us who have not donated yet, remember they are due by the end of the Kiwanis year which is September 30th.
3. Roger Jespersen gave the Eliminate report. He stated that we have eliminated Neo-natal/Maternal Tetanus from all but 12 nations. He also reminded the group that matching funds were still available for Zellers through the district and encouraged clubs to take advantage of that. MOARK still has \$50,000 to donate for the pledge made to KI. rogerki16@gmail.com
4. Thom South gave a report from Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp: The permanent rest room has been installed. Some grade leveling and concrete is still needed to complete the project which came in at the budgeted amount of \$45,000. Current unrestricted Kamp General Funds balance was \$48,400, this includes capital improvements. On July 31, 2020 restricted funds balance was \$22,388, of which \$11,905 were for the Head Quarters Cabin. The Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp is your Kamp. It belongs to the Missouri Arkansas Kiwanis. The Board wants you to be aware of and a part of what we do. Thank you for your support.
5. District Secretary, Mary Vaughan then gave the Secretaries Report by stating that:
 - Our plans to develop new clubs hit a snag when the Covid-19 Pandemic arrived. However, the Columbia County (Magnolia) Club has been our only club so far. We do have a few months left and plans to open at least five more clubs in the next 2 months.
 - We started the year with 180 clubs and 4,499 members. As of July 30, 2019, we have 176 clubs with 4,504 members. With the pandemic, it has been difficult to keep the membership on the positive side.
 - We also have a challenge to get and keep good, active Lt. Governors. Currently three divisions have no Lt. Governor while many current LTG's are serving their third or fourth terms. This is a huge concern. We need good leadership at the top of our divisions if we want our clubs to succeed.
 - Our SLP's have had some successes. Aktion Club has added three clubs and now has 12 clubs with a total of 217 members. That is three more clubs from last year. Builders Club is booming by chartering 17 new clubs this year for a total of 59 clubs. K Kids chartered 9 new clubs which brings them to 59 clubs. Thank goodness for our youth programs.



New Leadership of the MO-ARK Kiwanis District

Mo-Ark District Governor 2020-2021



2020-2021 MO-ARK District Governor A.C. Paxton



A.C. Paxton was elected as MO-ARK District Governor for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year.

A.C. Paxton has been a Kiwanian since 1977, with over 20 years of perfect attendance. He has served as president of both the Benton AR Kiwanis Club and the Benton AR Golden "K" Kiwanis Club. A.C. has been honored as Kiwanian of the Year and Distinguished Lt. Governor. He currently serves as Trustee for Region VII. He has worked to charter new clubs in Malvern and Bryant, Arkansas.

A.C. has served the city of Benton, AR as an alderman. He and his wife, Linda, owned and operated the Credit Bureau of Saline County for 40 years, retiring in September of 2016. A.C. and Linda have one daughter, Tracy, son-in-law Tim, one granddaughter, Alex, and one grandson, Colby.

Granddaughter, Alex, continued A.C.'s Kiwanis service as a member of the Circle K while attending UCA in Conway, AR. "I love Kiwanis and am ready to serve and lead the MO-ARK Kiwanians as your Governor."



Les Mace inducting A.C. Paxton into the office of Governor during the Delegates at Large Meeting in Springfield, MO

Mo-Ark District Governor-Elect



2020-2021 MO-ARK District Governor-Elect Carla O'Brien



Carla O'Brien was elected MO-ARK District Governor-Elect for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year.

Carla has been a member of the Gravois-St. Louis County Kiwanis Club for nine years, where she has served in every elected position with the exception of treasurer, and was honored twice as Kiwanian of the year. She currently serves as club secretary. Carla has served two terms as Lt Governor, earning distinguished designation for the 2015-2016 year. She also serves as Earl Collins Trustee for Division 9 and Region IV Trustee.

In her professional life, Carla spent the past 19 years as a salesperson for a manufacturer's representative firm for industrial equipment, retiring in September of 2019. Prior to that she spent 20 years as an accountant and salesperson in a family auto parts business.

Carls has been happily married to her husband , David for the past 43 years. They have a daughter, two sons, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"I was raised in a Kiwanis family; my father a 64-year member, and my mother a long time president of the Sinawiks auxiliary. Enhancing the lives of children and performing community



Les Mace inducting Carla O'Brien into the office of Governor-Elect during the Delegates at Large Meeting in Springfield, MO





MO-ARK District Delegates at Large Meeting

Installation of 2020-2021 Officers



Governor A.C. Paxton

Les Mace inducted the 2020-2021 Mo-ARK District officers.



Governor-Elect Carla O'Brien



District Secretary Mary Vaughan



District Treasurer Robin Asher

Ceremony of Roses



Ceremony of Roses Left to right; Les Mace, incoming Gov. A.C. Paxton, First Lady Linda, and MO-ARK District Sec. Mary Vaughan.

The Ceremony of Roses was held during the Delegates at Large Meeting in Springfield, MO.

This tradition was started in 1973, at the MO-ARK District Convention, by past MO-ARK Governor and Kiwanis International President, Ray Lansford, to honor Governor Partners.

A bouquet of yellow roses, representing a symbol of friendship, joy and caring were given to First Lady Karen Hill in appreciation of her courage and grace and a job well done. Governor Ron accepted the roses for Karen as she was unable to attend the meeting.

Les Mace then presented a bouquet of red roses representing respect, admiration and harmony to welcome upcoming First Lady Linda Paxton.



First Lady Linda and Governor A.C. Paxton





New Kiwanis International Leadership 2020-2021



Art Riley was elected president of Kiwanis International, Peter Mancuso was elected president-elect and Bert West was elected vice president during Kiwanis International Council, a special meeting of the board of trustees, past presidents, current district governors, the European Federation president and the Kiwanis Asia-Pacific chair. The Kiwanis International Board convened the Council on July 25, 2020, due to the cancellation of the 105th Kiwanis International Convention.

"The events of 2020 dictate that we look ahead with determination and optimism," said Art Riley, 2020-21 president. "The air of uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 virus demands we examine our values more than ever. In the coming year I will work to transform Kiwanis through membership growth, more focused youth leadership education and greater attention to diversity and inclusion."

Additionally, council voted to memorialize past international presidents who died in the past year, including: Ray Lansford, 1984-85; Frank DiNoto, 1986-87; Anton "Tony" Kaiser, 1987-88; John Button, 2014-15; and Florencio "Poly" Lat, 2018-19.

Executive Director Stan Soderstrom addressed the challenges presented by the pandemic.

"Our inability to predict where we will be three months from now has never been more difficult," Soderstrom said. "We are not necessarily in crisis, nor are we in the midst of a calamity or impending disaster. We need to properly assess the environment in which we exist."

Soderstrom challenged members to be innovative when finding ways to meet, fundraise and support children in their communities. "We may not be able to predict the future, but we can begin to predict the skills we will need to survive and we can recognize that change is on the horizon," he said.

"It has been a difficult second half of the Kiwanis year," said 2019-20 Kiwanis International president Daniel Vigneron. "We have lost members to the pandemic and it has not been easy for our clubs to meet. Some of our initiatives have been put on hold, including training for expansion in Africa. I know that coming through this we will be stronger in the future. The transition of leadership to Art Riley and Peter Mancuso will put Kiwanis in a position to move our organization forward."



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Kiwanis in Action

Siloam Springs Kiwanis Club Members Fill Backpacks



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs had the great opportunity to help Bright Futures Siloam Springs fill backpacks for the upcoming school year. The club worked in two shifts to keep within CDC and State regulations, (9a.m. - 11a.m. & 1p.m. - 3p.m. on Thursday, July 23rd). Members that contributed was Katie Rennard, Jimmy Allen, Karl Mounger, Lloyd Fagan, Dan Siemens, Jack Conger, and Robyn Daugherty.



Boonslick Kiwanians Provide Services at Learning Center



Mud Kitchen

Boonslick Kiwanis was privileged to help sanitize toys, power wash and stripe the parking lot, build a Mud Kitchen, paint, and spruce up Mary Lee Johnston Learning Center.



Matt Pigg



Roger Dawdy



Ann McGinity



Barb Wolf





Kiwanis in Action

Union Kiwanis Youth Photo Contest



Trenton Tobben, 12, winner of ages 12 to 13 division, for "The Glass Eye"

The Union Kiwanis Club recently hosted its annual youth photo contest. Area students were invited to submit up to three images depicting photos around the theme "The World Through My Eyes." Students also had the option of entering one image into a special "creative" category for pictures that had been altered with filters, color changes or other photo editing tools. Students from 13 area schools and home schools submitted more than 70 photos for judging. Students submitting photos included K-Kids, Builders Club and Key Club members. Photos were judged on a number of criteria, including exposure, focus, depth of field, leading lines and more.



Greta Sparkman, 4, winner of ages 4 to 6 division, for "My Daddy, My Hero"



Adeleide Rodrigues, 8, winner of ages 8 to 11 division, for "Beautiful Eggs"



Leah Kluba, 14, ages 14 and older division, for "SeeinaSoots"



Catherine Hannon, 18, Creative Category, for "Seeing Through Exposure"



Seeing Through Exposure"

Springfield South Kiwanis Club Donates

On July 16, 2020, the Springfield South Kiwanis Club donated approximately 500 diapers to Kelly Papperella with the Diaper Bank of the Ozarks. The mission of the Diaper Bank of the Ozarks is to keep babies healthy and happy by distributing diapers to partner agencies serving families in need throughout the Ozarks. The Diaper Bank works with over 100 partner agencies, such as Crosslines and the Salvation Army, in Springfield and 58 counties throughout the Ozarks. Since the Diaper Bank opened in 2017, they have distributed nearly 5 million disposable diapers through their partner agencies in the Ozarks. In addition to distributing disposable diapers, the Diaper Bank of the Ozarks has a program to loan cloth diapers to families in need. Ms. Papperella said using cloth diapers will save a family an average of \$1,000 per year.



Pictured above are Kelly Papperella, Development Director of Diaper Bank of the Ozark and Ryan Aubuchon, president of Springfield South Kiwanis Club.



Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club of Columbia, MO Lunch In The Park

The club's first involvement with Lunch in the Park this year, which is our 20th year of helping with this program, was on Monday, June 15 in the pavilion in Douglass Park. It was a beautiful day, with sunny skies and warm weather. The only thing missing was a strong turnout of hungry children. Pictured ready to serve the sack lunches are Jim Bowman, Janet Schisser and Leigh Kottwitz. As reported, a total of eight youngsters ventured into the park that morning or early afternoon to receive their nutritional lunch from our volunteers. Most agreed, the low turnout was due largely to this being the startup of the summer program and the ever-present COVID- 19 threat. Thanks to the watchful eye of representatives for the Voluntary Action Center and the Columbia/Boone County Department of Health & Human Services, all preventative measures were in place to help protect against the spread of the coronavirus. As pictured, club members wore masks, gloves were worn while packing the lunches, and everyone practiced physical distancing throughout the event. On the following Thursday, June 18, Carol Clark, James Powell (pictured) and John Haralson (behind the camera) helped package and serve lunches to a larger number of children in Douglass Park. Everyone was shocked when the containers of food arrived, with a total of 64 meals. This far exceeded any previous day's head count. Thankfully, one of the summer school programs had called in, wanting a total of 45 meals, to be picked up by staff members. The remaining meals were given to a steady flow of hungry children visiting the park that day. To our surprise, all meals were distributed shortly after 12:00 and the operation closed down.



Kiwanis Club of Harrison, AR Hears About Museum

Les Mace visited the Boone County Heritage Museum in Harrison, Arkansas, on July 27. He then continued over to the Kiwanis Club of Harrison, AR for the weekly meeting and fellowship. Les discussed the MOARK Kiwanis exhibit in the museum and is pictured with the display of past Kiwanis International President Ray Langford and wife Buena.





Kiwanis Honors

Governor Ron Hill presents Governor's Award



Left to right; Barb Thompson and Mary Vaughan

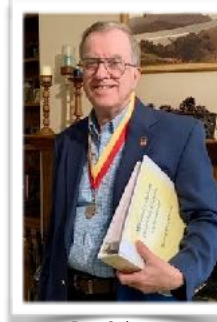
Governor Ron Hill presented seven Governor awards during the Delegates at Large meeting, August 1, 2020. The awards were presented to Lt. Gov. Division 9 Mary Saale, District Secretary Mary Vaughan, District Convention Chair, Katie Rennard, Governor-Elect A.C. Paxton, District Finance Committee Chair Roy Ockert, Membership Chair Barb Thompson, and Lt. Gov. Division 24 Tom Wiles.



A.C. Paxton



Katie Rennard



Roy Ockert



Pictured left to right are; Gov.-Elect Carla O'Brien, Mary Saale, and District Secretary Mary Vaughan.



Union Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships

Union High School Students Earn Union Kiwanis Scholarships

The 2020 Union Kiwanis scholarship recipients are pictured with Scholarship Committee Chairman Ken Rohrbach.

Miranda Blankenship also received an Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship from MO-ARK Kiwanis Division 10.

Abigail Eckstein is attending the University of Missouri-Columbia and majoring in Agricultural Education. Miranda Blankenship is attending Missouri State University (Springfield) and majoring in Business. Austin Griffin is attending Missouri University of Science and Technology (Rolla) and majoring in Chemical Engineering. Colten Duvall is attending St. Louis College of Pharmacy and majoring in Pharmaceutical Chemistry.



Pictured from left are: Abigail Eckstein, agricultural education scholarship; Miranda Blankenship, service scholarship; Austin Griffin and Colten Duvall, general scholarships; and Ken Rohrbach, Union Kiwanis scholarship committee chairman.

Class of 2020





Kiwanis in Action

Downtown Springfield Kiwanians Participate in Groundbreaking Ceremony



L to R: Kelly Cox, Tim Blake, Gill, and Mary Kay Hostler (Nick's Parents), Greg Sullivan, Marsha McClanahan, Stacey Long, Dawn Blake

The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for Mr. Nick's Inclusive Playground on May 30, 2020. The club assisted in raising \$5,000 in funds for the playground last summer at the Burger & Beer Wars. All proceeds from the auction, plus additional funds, were donated for the building of this playground. Mr. Nick's Inclusive Playground will soon allow children of all abilities to experience inclusion where they play, creating an important step towards inclusion in Springfield.

"I am excited to see a new playground that serves all residents in our community. The hard work and effort our club put into this project shows how much we care about the kids in our city," says club president, Marsha McClanahan. The playground is scheduled for completion for late August 2020.

The playground is in honor of Nick Hostler, a McBride Elementary special education teacher who died two years ago from a heart attack at age 35. Nick was an advocate for the children in his class with disabilities. He wanted them to have the ability to play with their classmates on equipment accessible to them. The fundraising efforts for the playground has been spearheaded by Nick's parents, Gil and Mary Kay Hostler, with support from principal, Lael Streight, McBride Elementary staff, Springfield Public Schools Foundation, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, and many local organizations.



L to R: Tim Blake, Dawn Blake, Marsha McClanahan, Les Harris (all members of Downtown Springfield Club)

Joplin Kiwanis Club Donates School Supplies

Through partnership with Bright Futures Joplin, the Kiwanis Club of Joplin was able to donate Back to School supplies for Joplin's local students. We are so thankful to have the opportunity to serve our community, especially in this time of need and uncertainty.





In Memoriam 2019-2020

It has been a long tradition that a memorial service is held on the last morning of the district convention with the reading of each name, the ringing of the bell, and passing of carnations from one vase to another. Since this ceremony could not be held due to the convention being cancelled this year, we will honor those we lost in the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year up to this date by listing all of them now. If a name hasn't been included they have not been dropped from the membership roster.

Division 1

Debra Catlett
Hannibal, Early Birds

Division 2

John Neal
Chillicothe

Division 3

Don Kerin
Robert Swafford
Richmond

Elizabeth Heide
Liberty

Division 4

J. Roger Brown
John Horner
Lee's Summit

Jack Campbell
Kansas City

Marti Cowherd
Warrensburg

George Davis
Larry Tolliver
Mid-Town, Kansas City

Gary Rohrs
Independence

Division 5

J. C. Feger
Mexico

Raymond Lansford
James Tapp
Columbia

James Odom
Centralia

Billie Sullivan
Boonville

Division 6

Michael Bockhorst
Joseph Witte
Troy

Division 6 (cont)

Orville "Ozzie" Maher
O'Fallon

Division 8

Ron Schnieder
Festus-Crystal City

Division 9

John Bild
Harold Goedde
Crestwood-Sunset Hills

Carl Moritz
Meramec Valley Community

Division 12

William Duke
Robert Higgins
Joplin

Eric Kean
Monett

Division 13

Dennis Johnson
Ozark Empire, Springfield

Division 14

Fred Herrell
Jerry Hampton
Cape Girardeau

James Largent
Sikeston

Harold Williams
Dexter

Division 15

Jim Cunningham
Hot Springs Village

Division 17

Charles Covington
Don Gilchrist
Pat Lea
Roy Row
Ionice Pierce
Batesville

Division 18

Eddie Pillow
Harrison

Division 19

Danny Elrod
Siloam Springs

Sharon Jones
Rogers, Breakfast

Julia Landry
Dee Riley
Rogers

Max McGaugh
Bentonville

Jim Sheets
Bella Vista

Division 20

Laurence Connelley
Paris

A. Jenkins
Fort Smith

Division 21

Betty Flowers
Cabot

Division 23

Mike Murphy
Hope

Division 24

Clay Gordin
Springdale

Donald Stanton
Fayetteville-Sequoyah

Division 26

Robert Smith
Lebanon



New Member Incentive Program



The new member fee that you will not be able to pass up.

The Missouri Arkansas Kiwanis District Board voted on July 31, 2020 to add an incentive for recruiting new members. As you all know, Kiwanis International and MOARK voted to waive the new member fees for all new members signing up between April 15 through September 30, 2020. The MOARK board has now voted to reimburse all clubs the 2020-2021 membership fees for all new members signing up between August 1 - September 25, 2020.

If you bring in a new member between August 1 - September 25, that new member's dues to KI and MOARK will be reimbursed to the club for the new Kiwanis Year.

The District will be able to track those new members and funds will be sent to the club before September 30, 2020. This is a great opportunity to get members in and keep them for at least one year.

Please contact Mary Vaughan, District Secretary at kiwanismoark@outlook.com.

This is a great membership recruiting opportunity!



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

