

# Kiwanis

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**Mr. and Mrs. Claus of  
North Little Rock  
Kiwanis Get Ready to  
Serve the Kids**

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**Kiwanis Roll Call:** As of November 26, 2014 the number of Kiwanis Clubs in the Missouri-Arkansas District - 182; number of members: 5,149. Club with the most new members since Oct. 1, 2014 - Searcy, Ark. with 8.

## It's Time for the Mid-Winter Conference for Mo-Ark Again

It's time to start planning to attend the Mid-Winter conference. This is the coming together of all of the Kiwanians in the district to plan, share, motivate, and create that enduring friendship that enables us to accomplish great things. But, just like our own family reunions, it doesn't seem right when it comes time for the family picture and some family members are absent.

Our Kiwanis organization is a family, and we can never reach our potential unless all our family members come together. At this conference on the 27-28th of February, we will take a picture. Will you be in it?

We have worked hard to make it informative and fun with sixteen information booths set up to offer you information on all phases of Kiwanis. We will have knowledgeable people and adequate literature along with information on how to use the international web page to find out what you need to know at each location.

Unlike some conferences where there are hours of speakers, we have structured this event so you will have plenty of time to talk one-to-one about your situation. We want to help you make your dreams for your community a reality.

We will have first class entertainment from the Branson area on both Friday and Saturday along with opportunities to find out about major emphasis programs which you can take back to your club to truly make a difference for the children of the world.

*Please do your club and yourself a favor and become a part of the picture. Without you, our family picture is not complete.*

Registration materials and further information will be available in the weeks to come.

JEFF HARTMAN, *Mid-Winter Conference Chair*

**The deadline for the March issue is February 24.**



Governor Dan Yates

## LOVE IT, SHARE IT, LIVE IT!!!!

Kiwanis, the Mo-Ark District, 25 Divisions, and 183 Clubs are depending on your LOVE for Kiwanis. You need to be an ambassador for Kiwanis. Let others know what you love about Kiwanis. SHARE IT! It is a proven way to gain new members for your club.

And it is not growth for just growth - it is for the kids. Almost all clubs in the Mo-Ark District have lost members over the last several years. This means less help and money for improving the life of children and strengthening communities.

To put it *distinctly*, the future of Kiwanis and your club is in your hands. NOW is the time to SHARE your LOVE for your club and what it does for the kids, communities, and the world. Your club needs more members and neighboring communities need new Kiwanis clubs.

**ENGAGEMENT** - We are in the second year of the Formula, a Kiwanis sponsored and funded five-year plan, which is the year of engagement. What does this mean? It means growth. Our goal in Mo-Ark this year is to grow in membership numbers by 10% which means by at least a 500 increase in members. We are committed to opening ten new clubs in the Mo-Ark District. These are not stretch goals but rather easily attained goals IF we all work at it.

Are you sharing your LOVE for your club and Kiwanis? It is easy to promote Kiwanis and your club by just talking about the wonderful service projects, wearing pins and/or clothing with Kiwanis on it. I believe that most persons are potential members if you just SHARE with them what Kiwanis does in your community, other communities and the world.

I want to hear about your success stories. I also want to know your concerns. As stated in the last issue, I take a great amount of pride in being your governor this year. E-mail me at: [moarkgovernor2014@gmail.com](mailto:moarkgovernor2014@gmail.com).

Governor Dan



The Radisson Hotel in Branson will be site of the Mid-Winter Conference in 2015.

## It's **BRANSON** for Mid-Winter February 27-28

We are trying a new format this year. To make it informative and fun, we have sixteen informational booths set up to offer you information on all phases of Kiwanis. We will have knowledgeable people and adequate literature along with information on

how to use the international web page to find out what you need to know to at each location. Please read through the tentative Mid-Winter schedule below to see how things are different.

If this is your first Mid-Winter, come learn to be your best Kiwanian!

### MID-WINTER TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

February 27-28, 2014

#### Friday, February 27th

7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Meet and Greet - Free coffee & rolls as we gather to discuss the new convention format and help set up the information booths.

9:15 to 10:45 a.m. The Eliminate Team will celebrate their success and discuss how to finish their campaign.

11:00 to 12:00 p.m. Open discussion for club presidents and secretaries who are having problems with accessing the Kiwanisone web page, doing reports, or just would like to discuss how to use the system more effectively.

12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Past Governors Luncheon for past governors and those interested in running for the office of governor.

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### MID-WINTER TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Friday continued)

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Eliminate Basket Raffle and silent auction are open.

1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The following information booths will be open to answer your questions and provide you with information about their programs: Formula, Eliminate, Earl Collins, Kamp Kiwanis, International Foundation, Terrific Kids & Bring up Grades, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K Kids, Aktion Club, District Convention, Presidents Visit, International Convention, Youth Protection and District Leadership.

1:45 to 3:45 p.m. District Board Meeting (District officers and trustees)

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner with the presentation of the colors and recognition of all veterans, followed by entertainment. Remarks by guests and district leaders, with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment to follow.

#### Saturday, February 28th

7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Breakfast for all, honoring past lieutenant governors.

8:15 to 9:00 a.m. First timers welcome meeting.

8:15 to 10:15 a.m. Earl Collins Foundation Board Meeting.

8:15 to 12:00 a.m. All Information Booths, Eliminate Basket Raffle, and Silent Auction are open.

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Eliminate Breakout Session

10:30 to 12:15 p.m. District Council Meeting. (lieutenant governors and District Board)

12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Kiwanis Family Luncheon. Updates on the Formula Program, Eliminate, Circle K, Key Club, and Aktion Club. Earl Collins Foundation Awards

2:45 to 4:30 p.m. Information Booths, Eliminate Raffle, and Silent Auction are open.

2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Formula Program Breakout Session

3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Youth Protection Guidelines Breakout Session

4:30 p.m. Information Booths, Eliminate Raffle and Silent Auction close.

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Governors Banquet. Information about coming events, and awards for Distinguished Clubs and Divisions, International Foundation, Eliminate, and Interclub. Drawings for prizes followed by dinner (served at 7:00 p.m.) and entertainment.

#### Sunday, February 29th

8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Devotional



Helping Union (Mo.) Kiwanis celebrate 35 years of service: Gov. Dan Yates and wife Brenda, Region V Trustee Myrna Rueff, Div. 10 Lt. Gov. Tim Berrier, Union Kiwanian Rich Sandoval, Mo-Ark Secretary Jeff Hartman, and former Mo-Ark Gov. Velma Wachter.

## From the clubs **NEWS BRIEFS**

The Kiwanis Club of Cape Girardeau (Mo.) last month received the following handwritten letter regarding a project of their Central Middle School K-Kids:

"I am Helen Little, 93 years old, live alone and have my lunch meal delivered every day by the Cape Senior Center. I appreciate the bag of Halloween treats your group sent along with my lunch. The decorated bag made it extra special.

"I taught 6th grade 20 years in the

"Officer of the Quarter" Dan Rosenthal was honored by South County-St. Louis Kiwanis President Ed Kurmann.



There's more to just cooking and serving chili at North Kansas City Kiwanis Chili Day. Here Penny cleans a big pot.



The Crestwood Sunset Hills Kiwanis had a great Peanut Day in October and raised over \$1,000 for their Builders Club.

Cape Public Schools. You can tell by my age that it was many years ago.

"I would like to know about the K-Club. It would be great to have a letter telling me about it.

"There are many exiting things going on in 5th and 6th grades now. Work hard to make the most of them.

"Have a safe and fun Halloween.

Sincerely,  
Helen Little"

Downtown Springfield Kiwanis recently provided and served a fried chicken dinner to homeless, runaway, and street youth.



The South County-St. Louis Kiwanis Club sponsored Madison Stinnett and Brittany Cox to attend Key Leader Camp.

The Gravois (Mo.) Kiwanis Club once again sponsored the Bayless High School Band in the Affton Days Parade. Members of the Gravois club participated in a Dinner Fundraiser at Katie's Pizza for Gateway 180, raising \$2,300.

The El Dorado (Ark) Kiwanis Club held its annual Pancake Day fundraiser on October 17. More than 25

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The Ferguson (Mo.) Kiwanis Club recently presented a check for \$1,500 to the Ferguson Parks & Recreation Department.





The Kiwanis Club of St. Charles (Mo.) recently toured the Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis and brought donations to be used in the “home away from home” for families of seriously ill children.

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 Kiwanians and over a dozen El Dorado High School Key Club members participated in the event during which 2,000 pancake meals were served. The event raised over \$16,000 dollars. On November 6, the club participated in its annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing event. Six club members joined other local service club members and packed more than 1,600

shoebox Christmas gifts.

The Palmyra (Mo.) Kiwanis Club voted to donate \$100 to the Adopt-A-Family program.

Richmond (Mo.) Kiwanis’ “Trick or Treat Street,” in collaboration with the Richmond police, was a huge success. There were many area businesses and individuals who donated time and money. There were an estimated 1,100 kids served. Also, the club presented



At the collection point for the Union (Mo.) Kiwanis Peanut Day, notice the nice poster listing club service projects.

dictionaries to every third-grader (135) in the county.

Charlie Ball of the North Little Rock Kiwanis Club was recognized for 65 years of perfect attendance. Can anyone in Mo-Ark top this? Also, at the same time, club member and past Mo-Ark Governor Bill Burgin was honored by the club with a Zeller Award.

The Columbia Boonslick (Mo.) Kiwanis Club presented three special



This Key Clubber and St. Clair (Mo.) Kiwanian were collecting for the Kiwanis Pretzel Day (formerly Peanut Day).

awards at their annual installation and awards banquet. For his work on the Eliminate Project, the club presented Mike Farrall with a Hixson Award; for his work as treasurer of the club, Marlowe Schlegel was presented a Tablet of Honor; and for his leadership year, Matt Pigg was given a Hixson Award. On September 26 the Boonslick club gave 100 plus dictionaries to the

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1st three photos from the Golden K Kiwanis of Columbia (Mo.): 1st photo- President Penny Braun places a Hixson lapel pin on Tom Sisson. 2nd photo: Louise Mitchell presents a Tablet of Honor for her late husband, Roger Mitchell. 3rd photo: Roger Fisher presents a Zeller award to 98-year-old Kiwanian Bob Lee. 4th photo: Mo-Ark Gov. Dan

Yates presents a Hixson award to Union Kiwanian Phil Klemme at the club’s 35th anniversary. 5th photo: In October Springfield South Past Club President John O’Donnell presented J. D. Nave (in arm sling) a Zeller award. 6th photo: Bill Leonard of the South County-St. Louis Kiwanis Club was recently honored with a Hixson by Mo-Ark Gov. Elect Don Leupold.





The Oak Park High School Key Club had a pie-in-the-face booth, created by Austin Edmisten, where several teachers “took one.” The Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City.

The El Dorado (Ark.) High School Key Club members, pictured here, were a big help to the El Dorado Kiwanis Club for its annual Pancake Day fund raiser in October when over 2,000 pancake meals were served.



The Kiwanis Club of Pine Bluff (Ark.) hosted a chicken dinner fund raiser in September for the Boys and Girls Club of Jefferson County, raising \$1,300.

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third grade students at Hallsville Intermediate School.

Band Day and the Key Club concession stand were very profitable for the Carrollton (Mo.) Kiwanis Club this year. The club had its first assembly to recognize its Terrific Kids at Adams School September 30.

The Fort Smith (Ark.) Commissary Kiwanis Club was recently recognized for its role in developing Cavanaugh Park, dedicated earlier this year. Once a dilapidated trailer park when the school district bought the property across from Cavanaugh Elementary School several years ago, it is now a very useful park with a substantial pavilion, constructed mostly by Commissary Kiwanis. The city and many other groups and individuals help make Cavanaugh Park a very useful part of the community.



The Kiwanis Club of Sikeston (Mo.) held its annual Fish Fry on October 21 with great success. With their Key Club's help, almost \$5,000 was raised.

Columbia (Mo.) Kiwanis, the home club of Ray Lansford, had a special treat September 25th. Just a few days before his 94th birthday, this former president of Kiwanis International, shared a few words with his club, after placing his usual generous check in the Kiwanis Foundation basket. He complimented the club's leadership and other Kiwanis friends, then recalled some of his worldwide travels for Kiwanis. The



The Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis Club held a mini-golf fundraiser in August, with the proceeds (\$1,000) going to the Boys and Girls Club of the Ozarks.

Columbia club has reported raising \$43,015 for the Eliminate Project, 75% of its goal of \$57,000.

The Kiwanis Club of Pine Bluff (Ark.) hosted a chicken dinner fund raiser in September. The fundraiser net results went to the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County, of which four Kiwanians are Board members. This year, \$1300 was the amount raised.

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The “Friends Against Hunger” Meals-A-Million Pack-a-thon was held in November and Springfield (Mo.) South Kiwanis Club members helped with morning and afternoon shifts. As a bonus, they each got to get their picture taken wearing a silly hair net.





These Terrific Kids were recognized by the sponsoring Carrollton (Mo.) Kiwanis Club.

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The Ozark Empire (Springfield, Mo.) Kiwanis Club just finished its annual apple sale to support their shoe bank program. A \$15 Shoe Buddy box, containing four apples and mixed chocolates, will pay for one pair of shoes for a needy child. Larger donations buy more Shoe Buddy boxes—up to \$100 which provides for seven pairs of shoes, for which the donor gets five large Buddy boxes.

The St. Charles Kiwanis Club, MODoT, and St. Charles County Government proudly hosted the “One Shot and Done” 5K Run in October. Over 250 runners were treated to a view from at a most unique vantage point on a beautiful, but chilly morning.



The annual Christmas display was put up this year by Cape Girardeau Kiwanis.


The Kiwanis Club of St. Charles (Mo.) recently toured the Ronald McDonald House on the campus of Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Along with a guided tour of the facility, members of the St. Charles Kiwanis Club brought donations as part of a service project to the house. These donations will go toward the benefit of the families who are utilizing the services of the Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald



Union Middle School Builders Club members worked alongside 13 Union Kiwanis members to serve more than 85 adults and children at a Community Dinner.

McDonald Family Rooms. Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis provide a “home-away-from-home” for families of seriously ill children, and support to organizations which serve the needs of children.

This year the Kiwanis Club of South County-St. Louis presented its Kiwanian of the Year Award to Pauline Roth, a member of the club’s board and a chair of two committees this year.



**Kiwanis**  
One Day

**April 11, 2015**

What is your club planning to do for its part in Kiwanis One Day on April 11? Plan a day of hands-on service work in your community. Include the entire K-Family.

The Kirkwood (Mo.) Kiwanis Club gave away hot dogs to kids and parents at the annual Kirkwood Halloween Walk in the downtown business district. The event was successful and was repeated at the annual Downtown Christmas Walk..





President Mike Powers of Springfield (Mo.) South Kiwanis presents a check to support the Key Club's holiday basket program to Key Clubbers Kelsey and Sarah, and faculty sponsor Lesley Ratterree.



Oak Park High School Key Club advisor, Lori Dameron, together with Key Club members, brought the sponsoring North Kansas City Kiwanis Club up to date on their activities at the club's meeting. This Kiwanis Club also sponsors the Winnetonka Key Club.

Columbia (Mo.) Kiwanis President Sally Robinson presented a \$1,000 check to Jack Jensen of First Chance for Children.



The Canton (Mo.) Kiwanis Club held a Halloween Parade where costumes were judged from over 60 parade entries,



## FUTURE KIWANIS EVENTS

January 23-25	100th Anniversary Party, Detroit, Michigan
February 27-28	Mo-Ark Mid-Winter Conference, Radisson Hotel, Branson, Mo.
April 9-11	Centennial Playground & International President Visit, Troy, Missouri
April 11	Kiwanis One Day
May 1-2	Lieutenant Governor Training, Ramada Oasis Hotel, Springfield, Mo.
June 25-28	Kiwanis International Conv., Hyatt Regency (District hotel), Indianapolis, Ind.
July 31-August 2	Mo-Ark District Convention, Ramada Oasis Hotel, Springfield, Mo.
Feb. 26-28, 2016	Mid-Winter Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel. Jefferson City, Missouri
June 25-28, 2016	Kiwanis International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada



Mark your calendar to be with us as we have the honor of a visit from the International President, Dr. John Button. This is on April 11, 2015. Dr. Button will be in the St. Louis area to dedicate a playground in Troy, Missouri on Saturday. We will be having a dinner in St. Charles Saturday evening with quality entertainment to honor Dr. Button. We need to have a large gathering at both to show the world our strength and the effect that we have on the kids. Governor Dan

## IN MEMORIAM

### Division 2

Bob Hagley  
Burlington Junction

### Division 3

Robert Dickson  
Jerry Richards  
Smithville

Arlon Ebright  
North Kansas City

Loren Gruber  
Marshall

### Division 5

G. Dean Fitzgerald  
Little Dixie Columbia

### Division 7

William Stroer  
Bridgeton

### Division 8

Robert Lewis  
Farmington

### Division 11

Robert Endsley  
California

### Division 12

Malven Baum  
Monett

Edwin Denham  
Joplin

### Division 13

Edward Walter  
Republic

### Division 15

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Wilbert Gibson  
Royal Knott  
Hot Springs Village

### Division 19A

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Siloam Springs

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Ruth Couch  
Beebe

Albert Raymond  
Conway

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Southwest Little Rock

### Division 22

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The 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International is a worldwide celebration—and it's coming to us! Join Kiwanis President John Button in our district as we kick off the next 100 years. **St. Louis, Mo., April 9-12**



*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.*