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**Union Kiwanis Club  
Christmas Stockings for  
Early Childhood Students**

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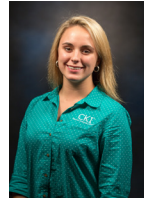
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## CKI Governor's Project

Boo Koss, 2017-18 CKI Governor, is asking your club to help with her Governor's Project. While this is normally done in the fall, this year it will happen at the MOARK CKI Convention, in Columbia MO., Feb 23, 2018. Yes, CKI will be having their convention same time, same location as the MOARK Mid-Winter Conference.



The project is to help Homeless Women's Shelters. These shelters are at the bottom for state funding for homeless shelters, and the money they receive has restrictions on how it can be spent. Almost none of these funds can be used for personal hygiene items, and the shelters must depend on local donations to meet this need. Governor Koss has decided that this year CKI can help with this. We are asking the CKI clubs to bring personal hygiene items or send money to support this project. ALL CKI clubs that participate will return to their home areas with supplies to donate to a local women's shelter. If your club would like to join with CKI, even if you have no CKI club in your area, you can help. Please bring any of the things from the list below to the Mid-Winter Conference by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb 23rd. Or you can mail a check care of the Kiwanis Club of Springfield South at, P.O. Box 14502, Springfield, Missouri 65814-0502. We have an arrangement with Walmart in Springfield to purchase personal hygiene items at a great price with no state sales tax, but we will need to receive your check before Feb 20th as it takes time to receive everything from the warehouse.

We hope to be able to give an account of this project to MOARK on Saturday at the luncheon. I would like to thank you all for your support and hope you will be pleased with the outcome.

Ralph Bald  
District CKI Coordinator

### List of needs

Tampons, Peri Pads, Peri wipes, Panty liners  
Hair bands, combs, brushes, shampoo & conditioners, soap, deodorant, and moisturizers, Chapstick, body powder, body sprays, waterless hand wipes, (a real treat would be those little sample bottles or wipes of perfume.) socks, panties, gloves, & scarfs.

## Governor's Message

I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season. Happy New Year to you, your family, and your Kiwanis Club!!!

As I spend this January 1st writing this article and thinking about resolutions I might suggest a few for your thoughts for 2018, our Centennial Year!!! Can you believe this Kiwanis year is one-third of the way over and many goals are still to be met? Remember Past Governor Roger's mantra – A goal without a plan is just a wish. If your club hasn't done an I-Plan that would be your first step to a successful year.

1. Plan to introduce a new member to your club. If each of us did just this one resolution we would end the year with over 10,000 Kiwanians in MO-ARK. A dream would come true.
2. Plan to grow your club by 3 or more members, or build back up to the charter minimum of 25 members.
3. Plan to serve more children in your community and world. What goals are in your I-Plan for service?

I can't say I have ever really made resolutions and if I did I failed to follow through. I feel these three are very doable for each club in MO-RK and I will do my best to support each club to accomplish them.

We are in the season of Regional meetings and our Mid-Winter Conference in Columbia. I invite each of you to consider spending the weekend of Feb. 23-25 in Columbia. We are going to party like it is 1999 when our membership strived to reach 9,000 and we will also explore our Kiwanis Super Powers. The planning committee is working on an exciting event with lots of learning opportunities. I hope you are thinking about how you can be a leader of your club, your division and the MO-ARK District. We are asking that you register early for both the Mid Winter and your hotel room to assist us with planning and preparation. Registration is open on the MO-ARK website now.

We are recruiting Lt. Governors for our divisions right now. Talk to your Lt. Governor about how you can serve. I will need names of 2018-2019 Lt. Governors by April 1st so they will be invited to the training retreat the first weekend in May.

Have a great 2018. See you at Mid-Winter.

Cheryl

## Kiwanis Honors

### We're proud of ...



The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone (MO) honored members Lloyd Lapore Jr. (left) and Bob Whitaker (right) with the Walter Zoeller Fellowship award. Past Governor Gary Goebel (center) presented the award at a recent meeting.



The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village (AR) recently recognized member Bob Grinnell for 53 years of Kiwanis service. Bob (pictured with his wife, Barb) joined the Kiwanis Club of Mineral Point, Wisconsin in 1964. During his time in Kiwanis he has served six years on the MoArk District Foundation board of directors and as Kiwanis International chairman of education for the Eastern Canada-Caribbean District.



Above: Kathy Bohnenkamper (l) and Mike Powers (r) from the Kiwanis Club of Springfield-South.

Below: Greg Davidson and Sam Gandhi of the Oakville HS Key Club and Louann Elledge of the South County Kiwanis club.



## Kiwanis in Action

### News from the Clubs

Kiwanians & Key Clubbers from all around the MoArk District supported the Salvation Army during the holiday season by ringing bells at the famous red kettles.

Above Right: Springdale High School Key Club president Michael Justis and Lauren Lumpkin ringing the Salvation Army bell.

Below Right: Union Kiwanis members Gordon Upchurch and Christina Hickman.





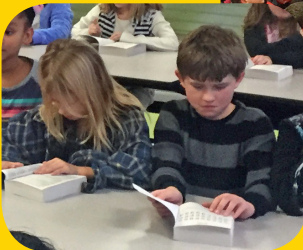
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Kiwanians Dick Hindliter (l) and Melva Deane Lipsey visit with Northland third graders.

The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone, along with members of their two sponsored Key Clubs, distributed over 400 student dictionaries to third graders in six area schools.



The Kiwanis Club of Jonesboro (AR) held a clean-up event at their local Family Crisis Center. Pictured are Kiwanians Shirley Park and Billy Woodruff raking leaves.



The Hannibal Evening Kiwanis club (MO) presented a check for \$500 to Major Andrew Miller with the Salvation Army. The club also rang bells for the Salvation Army on Nov. 11.

Pictured is Citizenship Service Committee chair Paul Buckner presenting the check.



Members of the Kiwanis clubs of Springfield Downtown, Springfield North, Springfield South, and Ozark Empire, along with Key Club members from Kickapoo High School and Central High School, walked in the annual Springfield Christmas parade to promote goodwill and raise awareness of Kiwanis in their community.



The Gladstone Kiwanis Club joined with churches and other service organizations in the north Kansas City area to sponsor the Christmas store. Over 1000 needy families were provided with food and toys for the Christmas season. 200 shut-in seniors also received deliveries of food and gifts courtesy of the Oak Park High School Key club, which is sponsored by the Gladstone Kiwanis club.



## Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs

Above left: Bryan Hall, Stephanie Kleyh, Gary Goebel, Jill Hays, Bill Draper, Jeremy Hart, and Larry West helped with set-up of the Christmas Store.  
Above right: Oak Park Key Club members delivering boxes of food and gifts to shut-in seniors.



In 2017, the Springfield Downtown Kiwanis club held a Baseball Celebration Fundraiser to provide a free summer baseball camp for kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs. The remaining funds, \$6,799, were presented to the Boys and Girls Clubs to purchase a PA system for their sports complexes, sports software, baseball gear, and awards and medals.

The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently recognized Indranil Kar of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic School and Anna Kuschel of Green Park Lutheran School as it's Outstanding Students for January 2018.



Indranil and Anna are pictured with their parents Arindam and Shanna L. Monnig Kar, and Stacey and David Kuschel.



The Kiwanis Club of Springfield South held a Christmas party for 22 needy children from the Boys and Girls Club. The children were selected by the unit directors based on family need and behaviour and were allowed to create their own Christmas wish list, which the Kiwanians then tried to fill. The kids were treated to dinner and games courtesy of the Incredible Pizza Company and then had a joyous time opening their Christmas presents.



Above: Chris Gray (l) and John Hiles of the Springfield South Kiwanis club wrap Christmas gifts in preparation for the annual Boys and Girls Club Christmas party.



## Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs

Kiwanians Todd Chambers (above left) and Ralph Baldi (above right) visit with some special guests at the Boys and Girls Club Christmas party.

Below left: Kiwanians (from left) Stan Arnoldy, Todd Chambers, John O'Donnell, Les Mace, and Ryan Aubuchon prepare to play Santa Claus and deliver presents.



Kids in the early childhood education program of the Union School District were happy to receive Christmas Stockings from Union Kiwanis members. The felt stockings were made by Kiwanis members, and decorated by Union High School and Middle School students - including Key Club and Builders Club members. The stockings were filled with a book, crayons, a hat and gloves and toys - including a wooden puzzle designed and decorated by Kiwanis members with the help of Key Club members and K-Kids.



Students from Union High School and Union Middle School busy decorating Christmas stockings.

## Kiwanis in Action

### News from the Clubs



Above: Union High School Key Club members (left to right) Grace Coppinger; Treasurer Paige Schoonover; and Sophomore Director Emma Schoonover decorate stockings.



Above: Union Kiwanis member Bruce Templer with Early Childhood Education students and their Christmas stockings.

Kiwanis members pictured below are: Bruce Templer (kneeling, blue shirt), Dee Hauck (gray jacket and red shirt), Pat Forget (red Union Kiwanis shirt) and John Phillip (Santa hat). Meg Vogel (standing on left in back row) is Early Childhood Coordinator. Several additional staff members of the Union School District Early Childhood Center are pictured.





## Kiwanis in Action

### News from the Clubs

The Springdale (AR) Kiwanis Club and their two sponsored ERC Aktion Clubs presented a check for over \$60,000 to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The money was raised by clubs in Divisions 19 and 24 through their annual "Walk For Kids" fundraiser. The Aktion clubs raised \$862 for the walk.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored Officer Eric Middendorf of the Affton Southwest Precinct of the St. Louis County Police Department as its "Officer of the Quarter." South County Kiwanis President Pauline Roth presented Officer Middendorf with a Certificate of Recognition and a gift card to a local restaurant. SGT Ray Absolon was also present.



Canton (MO) Key Club members decorated the town Christmas tree in Central Park in preparation for the upcoming MainStreet Christmas week of festivities.

## Service Leadership

### Leaders of Tomorrow



Terrific Kids for January, 2018 were (left to right): Front row – Joelle Serra, Madison Terry, Liam Akers, Sammy Njuaguna, Ruby Kuhlman, Clair Ruhl. Back row – Max Rezniecek-Holmes, Agnes DeWille, Eli Weiler, members of Gravois Club. Absent not pictured – Cardin Le.

Every month the Kiwanis Club of Gravois (MO) recognizes one student from each first grade class at Mesnier Elementary School as a "Terrific Kid" of the month. Students designated as Terrific Kids receive a personalized certificate of achievement, and other gifts to celebrate their accomplishment.



Above: The Springdale (AR) Key Club presented a new T.V. to the ERC Aktion club. The T.V. will be used to show exercise videos and Powerpoint presentations to the Aktion club.



Above: Past Governor Jerry Martin from the Springdale Kiwanis Club helps make bird houses with ERC Aktion club President Mark Phillips.

## Service Leadership Leaders of Tomorrow



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently recognized several students from the MOSAIC (Mehlville Oakville Students Achieve, Inspire, Create) Elementary School in the Mehlville School District as Terrific Kids. The students are selected by their teachers as having shown terrific improvement in academic performance, attendance, behavior, or some other aspect of their school experiences. Pictured are (left-right) Kennedi Boyer (2nd grade), Libby Bommarito (3rd grade), and Kaden Wright (4th grade) along with their Principal Dr. Scott Clark and Kiwanis members Pauline Roth and Gerry Abeln.

## **The following letter came to me from the Eliminate branch of the Kiwanis Children's Fund.**

Dear MO-Ark Leaders,

We've recently closed the books for the 2016-17 Kiwanis year and are pleased to share some updates with you regarding The Eliminate Project as we move one year closer to eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus - a deadly, preventable disease that still claims the lives of 34,000 newborns each year.

- We're winning the fight! The Philippines has recently been validated for MNT elimination, making it the third country to eliminate MNT in 2017, following Ethiopia and Haiti, and the 24th country to achieve elimination since Kiwanis International began The Eliminate Project in partnership with UNICEF. Because of your steadfast support, the entire Western Hemisphere is now MNT-free. Only 15 countries remain at-risk. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to save the lives of mothers and babies worldwide.
- Monthly reports - You may have noticed that you did not receive your monthly report as scheduled in November. We apologize for the delay but are glad to announce that monthly reports are now online and can be accessed at [www.theeliminateproject.org/district-reports](http://www.theeliminateproject.org/district-reports). We hope this will be a good tool for you, your volunteers, and your district leaders. The reports will be available on or around the 15th of each month.
- The Eliminate Project website - We've received a number of questions recently regarding The Eliminate Project website. As you may know, at the conclusion of the active fundraising phase of The Eliminate Project in December 2015, updated information pertaining to The Eliminate Project shifted to the Kiwanis Children's Fund site. We are planning a redesign of both sites in 2018 and will gradually begin using The Eliminate Project site again very soon. We'll keep you informed as we make changes.
- Urgent funding need (Guinea) - Guinea faces several major challenges to achieve MNT elimination. The routine immunization rate for pregnant women is only 60%, the country has low rates of skilled deliveries and has high rates of high-risk traditional practices that cause MNT transmission - such as the use of soiled objects or substances on newborn umbilical cord sections. To combat this, Guinea plans to conduct the first round of tetanus immunizations in all 38 high-risk health districts, reaching more than 3 million women. Funds needed immediately: US\$1.5 million.
- Urgent funding need (Nigeria) - Nigeria has been making steady progress in the fight against MNT. The South-East Zone was validated in October 2017; the South-West Zone is conducting corrective activities following a pre-validation assessment in May 2017; and now the country is focusing its efforts on the South-South Zone. The country plans to reach more than 5 million women in the first quarter of 2018. Funds needed immediately: US\$4.7 million.
- Pledge payments - Please continue to encourage clubs to send in remaining pledge payments and additional gifts as soon as funds are available so that we can honor our commitment to help meet the urgent funding needs outlined above. The support of Kiwanis International helps ensure that vaccination campaigns in the field stay on track. To date, we've received \$77,122,799 in cash toward our goal of US\$110 million.

Roger N. Jespersen  
MO-ARK District Advocate for Eliminate



## Kiwanis Calendar

Feb. 23-25 2018	<b>Mid-Winter Conference</b> Holiday Inn Exec. Ctr. Columbia, Missouri
June 28-July 1 2018	<b>Kiwanis International Conv.</b> Las Vegas, Nevada
Aug. 2-5 2018	<b>MoArk District Convention</b> Ramada Oasis Conv. Ctr. Springfield, Missouri

## Kiwanigram Submissions

Information to be included in the Kiwanigram may be submitted by mail to 1022 E. Greenwood St., Springfield, MO 65807, or by e-mail to [Kiwanigram@gmail.com](mailto:Kiwanigram@gmail.com). Please include the name and location of your club. Information about Service Leadership clubs and events may also be submitted. Photos from club service projects are always welcome. Preference will be given to photos of Kiwanians participating in and interacting with children at service projects. Please include a brief description of the project and the names of the Kiwanians featured in the photo if possible. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month in which the issue will appear.

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