

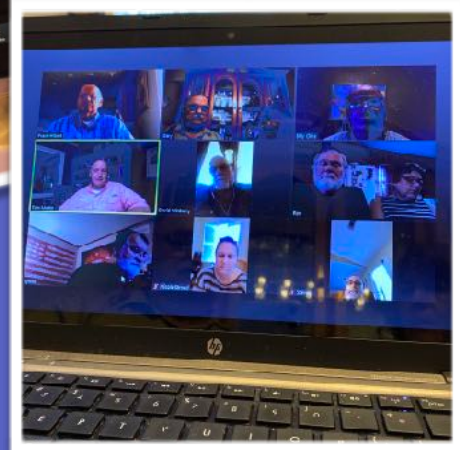


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Governor Ron's Message:



Hope all are well.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Board decided at a special meeting on June 1, 2020 to cancel their 2020 annual convention.

The decision to cancel was extremely difficult. However, the survey results were unmistakably slanted in the direction of cancellation. With 82% of the 238 respondents stating that they would not attend the convention as scheduled and 75% stated they would not attend if postponed to sometime in September. So, the board had no choice but to cancel. Of course, the health, safety, and well-being of Kiwanis club members and their family, friends, and communities is the paramount factor in determining to cancel. Kiwanis International also made a recommendation to keep the health and safety of our members in consideration when deciding to cancel this event.

KI further recommended that if the district cancels its 2020 annual convention, the district is directed to follow the provisions of the Standard Form for District Bylaws as much as possible regarding convention cancellation and alternate methods of conducting business.

The board is in the process of determining what format they will take to conduct the official business of the district. KI has made recommendations and the board is weighing the options.

More information will be forthcoming regarding the rules and regulations of the voting procedures of the House of Delegates. Please understand that these are precarious times and the procedures may be different than we are familiar with.

For more information regarding this information, please feel free to contact Mary Vaughan, District Secretary at 314-581-0497 or kiwanismoark@outlook.com.

Yours in Service,

Ron Hill

Missouri Arkansas District Governor



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Kiwanis in Action



Kiwanis International President-Elect Guest Speaker of Conway Club



Art Riley, Kiwanis International President-Elect



Arthur N. “Art” Riley, was the guest speaker at the May 20, 2020 Conway Kiwanis Club Meeting. The meeting was held by zoom and allowed Art to join the club from his home in Westminster, Maryland.

Amanda Horton, President of the Conway Kiwanis Club, presided over the meeting and welcomed the many guests to the meeting including Sam Sekhon, Tony Gunn, Don Lepold, Brad Boyd, AC Paxton, Barbara Thompson, and Gary Baker. Gene Bartley, former MO-ARK Governor and member of the Conway Kiwanis Club offered the invocation. Ron Hill, current Mo-Ark District Governor and member of the Conway Kiwanis Club introduced Art to the club.

Art spoke on many topics during his speech including how to continue to develop our club during this global pandemic, exploring traditional vs. zoom format meetings, and how to promote the Kiwanis image. He expressed the urgency for Kiwanis members to commit to our purpose of caring for children on a global basis, and urged our club to assess our own communities and respond through relevant service projects. Finally, he informed the club about the planning process for the upcoming Kiwanis International Convention that will be a virtual event. He ended the meeting with a Q & A session and well wishes to the club.





Kiwanis in Action



Pictured L to R; Jerry Martin, from the Springdale Kiwanis Club presenting a \$3,000 check from their club to Joe Pearson, president of BJKYK Board, Dolores Stamps, Secretary BJKYK Board, and Teresa Frihart, BJKYK Board Member.

SO MUCH RAIN, So many planned camp visits are delayed by the Coronavirus!

To keep you up-dated on YOUR MO-ARK KAMP I thought I should just write a newsy article. Thank you first for the continued support from your club and from your heart. We could never have come this far without Kiwanis support.

Our Mission is to fulfill the needs for our kids, your kids, to connect with nature! We do that by planning nature-based activities for youth groups of 10 to 15 and having ready to use materials in a plastic bin with instructions, worksheets materials, pencils and ideas. The teacher, leader, facilitator or Kiwanian can reach in, pull out an activity bag and start a project as soon as they unload the bus! We are asking for YOUR club to sponsor one activity kit. You could expect to spend \$30.00 to make materials ready to use for a youth group. The leader could then send the new campers into the woods to bring back bark, bugs, butterflies, rocks, mosses, feathers, etcetera to complete a take home project. If you are interested in sponsoring a NATURE PROJECT, we have 12 ideas started for Summer 2020 or when camp has the next group visit. If interested send a check for [BJKYK Project Fund, P O Box 1998, Russellville, AR 72811-1998](#).

Future of BJKYK: Camp Headquarters Cabin is on the drawing board. This will be an enclosed and insulated safe place for campers caught in a hard rain or wind storm. The cabin is not intended for overnights, but an emergency first aid station for a camper who gets too hot or has a minor injury. A well-stocked first aid cabinet is planned for the cabin.

I urge you to visit the Kamp, you will have a new appreciation for the work going on continuously at your Kamp.

D Stamps, Secretary





Kiwanis in Action

Siloam Springs Club Helps Organizations During Pandemic



Siloam Springs Club president Mike Velo, left, presenting check to Tim Rogers, Director of Genesis House.

Even though the Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs has not been able to continue to meet in person, the club is still caring for our community and families during this time of need. Club President Mike Velo had the great pleasure of presenting a check to Tim Rogers, Director of Genesis House, to help the organization with their financial needs during these desperate times. The club also has sent out checks to the Manna Center and to the Community Clinic to help them get through this pandemic.



Builder's Club Thanks Grocer's Employees

Kiwanis club of Columbia-Boonslick is proud to sponsor the Gentry Middle School Builders Club. They came together virtually and created a way to show essential employees at our local grocery store that they are appreciated. They had a virtual club meeting and invited others to join them in writing letters to thank the workers at our neighborhood Rockbridge HyVee Supermarket for their service to the community. They know dealing with frantic, stressed shoppers cannot be easy. Club sponsor Molly Froidl gathered letters and Camryn Coleman, Builder's Club president, delivered the letters along with small bags of GoPro-The Gourmet Popcorn Bar popcorn. Looking for a pandemic-friendly service project? Ask the kids in your SLPS!



Here is a picture posted on Facebook by Builders Club president, Camron Coleman's mom. Proud mom Adonica is a supporter but not a member of Kiwanis. Camron's dad, DeMarko Coleman, however, is an active and integral member of our Boonslick Kiwanis Club.



Kiwanis in Action

O'Fallon Kiwanis Club Busy With Many Projects

Progress South Elementary School - The O'Fallon Kiwanis donated \$500 in books (from Scholastic) to this school. These are some of the children who receive backpacks from the school. They will also receive books in their backpacks during the year from this selection of books from Kiwanis. Members are posing to the back of the children along with the principal.



Adopt a Street - The O'Fallon Kiwanis pick up trash on a street they've adopted. Pictured (in back) are Greg Cartee, Katie Page, Martha Radginski with John Chambless (front)



Wright City Kiwanis Club Opens A Sports Closet

The Wright City Kiwanis Club has opened a Sports Closet. Youth who want to play sports but don't have the equipment can come to the sports closet to pick up those needed items. Kiwanis members are filling up the space with equipment and even have a box out front where donations can be put when the Sports Closet isn't open. Members pictured are Tom Laffety, Rich Lagemann, Michelle Smith, Sue Wright, Martha Radginski





Key Club Scholars



Gladstone Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships



Winnetonka presentation; Top Row: Winnetonka Key Club Advisor Carrie Marcantonio, Gladstone Kiwanis Scholarship Chairman Dick Hinderliter
Bottom Row: Allison Schoonbeck



Oak Park presentation; Top Row: Oak Park Key Club Advisor Dr. Lori Dameron, Dick Hinderliter, Kiwanis Scholarship Committeeman Jim Major
Bottom Row: Isabella Cangelosi, Laurena Cangelosi

Each year the Gladstone Kiwanis Club selects a top scholar in the graduating class of each high school where it sponsors a community service oriented Key Club. Unfortunately, the Class of 2020 is missing out on such treasured memories as the Senior Prom, Yearbook signing, and more because of the pandemic, but the Kiwanians wanted to make sure that their scholars were not forgotten. Lacking an awards assembly to announce the winners, they were notified via a virtual meeting involving their Key Club Advisor and the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee.

The Winnetonka High School Kiwanis Scholar is Allison Schoonbeck, of Kansas City North. She is graduating in the top 2.5% of her class and a team captain of the school soccer team. A four year member of the Key Club, Allison heads up the club's Green Initiative, studying ways that her school could become more environmentally friendly and proposing programs that would improve the results. She will be heading to Missouri State University in the fall, planning to major in Communication Studies with a minor in Ethics and Social Policy.

The selection of an Oak Park High School Kiwanis Scholar was uniquely complicated by the submission of two essentially identical winning applications. Both were in the top 2.5% of their class and played volleyball. Both were four year members of the Key Club, with both serving as co-presidents during their senior year. Both were Student Council Representatives and Class Officers. Both plan to study architecture in college, starting with a two-year program at UMKC and then finishing with three more years at K-State. Rather than flipping a coin to select the winner, the Kiwanis Club elected to split the scholarship between twin sisters, Laurena and Isabella Cangelosi, of Gladstone.

If possible, the scholars, their parents, and the Key Club Advisors will be invited to a future Gladstone Kiwanis meeting for the presentation of a certificate and a \$1,500 scholarship. If not, a masked Kiwanian will socially distance deliver the checks. One way or another, the Gladstone Kiwanis Club 2020 Scholars will be honored.





Kiwanis Scholarships



Smithville Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships

Congratulations to seniors Rylee Ambroson and Skylar Brooks for being the recipients of the \$1000 Smithville Kiwanis Scholarship. Also, congratulations go out to Cassie Sherwood for receiving the \$1000 Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship awarded by the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International. Rylee plans to attend the University of Arkansas to major in Business. Skylar plans to attend Pittsburg State University to major in Nursing. Cassie plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University to major in Marine Biology and Wildlife Conservation.



L to R; Rylee Ambroson, Skylar Brooks and Cassie Sherwood.

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Clark County Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships



Leslie Jimenez



Ashley Olivas

The Kiwanis Club of Clark County awarded \$250 scholarships to seniors Leslie Jimenez and Ashley Olivas. Congratulations and Best Wishes to these students!





Scholarships



Batesville Kiwanis Club Awards Scholarships



Kim Ho, Batesville High School



Abigail Millikin, Southside Charter High School



Hayden Wood, Midland High School

Batesville Kiwanis Club recently awarded \$1000 scholarships to 3 area Key Club Seniors. These scholarships are awarded to a graduating Key Club member of our sponsored Key Clubs from Batesville, Southside, and Midland High Schools who displays outstanding leadership, citizenship, scholastic achievement and cooperation within the community. Kim Ho, of Batesville High School, was awarded the C. Keller Crosby Scholarship and was also awarded the Earl Collins Scholarship for Division 17. Abigail Millikin, of Southside Charter High School, was awarded the Kimberly Moore Memorial Key Club Scholarship. Hayden Wood, of Midland High School, was awarded the Midland Key Club Scholarship.

Kiwanis Club of Maplewood Awards Scholarships



Lillian Conger



Edyth Seymour



Jade Tanner

A hearty congratulations to Maplewood Richmond Heights School District seniors Lillian Conger, Edyth Seymour and Jude Tanner. Each was the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Maplewood. We salute these members of the Class of 2020 for their accomplishments and wish them the very best down the road.



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2019-2020 Earl Collins Scholarship Recipients

CONWAY, AR – Gene Bartley, Secretary of the Kiwanis Earl Collins Foundation, is pleased to announce winners of this year's \$1000 scholarships. The scholarships result from the fundraising efforts of Kiwanis clubs throughout the Missouri-Arkansas District. One scholarship is awarded for each of the 26 MO-ARK Divisions.

Graduating seniors apply for the scholarships through their local Kiwanis club. Finalists are referred to the Kiwanis Division for a decision by the judges. Recipients are honor students who have participated in community service activities and meet financial need criteria. Bonus points are awarded to members of Kiwanis Key Clubs.

This year's winners are–

Division 1 Gillian Hark; Hannibal, MO
Division 2 Emma Bernskoetter; Chillicothe, MO
Division 3 Cassie Sherwood; Smithville, MO
Division 4 No Application
Division 5 Marissa Kraus; Columbia, MO
Division 5 Katelyn Kruse; Moberly, MO
Division 6 Samuel Clodfelter; St. Charles, MO
Division 7 Jazmin Gates; St. Louis, MO*
Division 8 Sylvia Douglas; Festus, MO
Division 9 Demi Elrod; St. Louis, MO**
Division 10 Miranda Blankenship; Beaufort, MO
Division 11 Kamryn Twehus; Jefferson City, MO
Division 12 Nian Wheeler; Joplin, MO
Division 13 Hannah Bottarel; Springfield, MO

Division 14 Nicole Hart; Charleston, MO
Division 15 Luis Perez; Hot Springs, AR
Division 16 No Application
Division 17 Thien-Kim Ho; Sulphur Rock, AR
Division 18 Kourtney Alverson; Harrison, AR
Division 19 Tiffany Wheeler; Gravette, AR
Division 20 Logan Seifery; Conway, AR
Division 21 Giovana Stanford; Cabot AR
Division 22 Yuliana Hernandez; Stuttgart, AR
Division 23 Daisy Aguilar; Hope, AR
Division 24 Aracely Najera-Hernandez; Summers, AR
Division 25 Carlos Tidwell Jr.; Little Rock, AR
Division 26 No Application

Division 5 was awarded an extra scholarship for highest contributions to Earl Collins Foundation in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

*Trinity Catholic High School.
Florissant Valley Kiwanis

**Oakville High School
South County Kiwanis

**Class of
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Kiwanis in Action

Gravois Kiwanis Club Makes Book Buddy Bags

Book Buddies Bags that Gravois Kiwanis prepared for 60 of the students at Mesnier K-2 Elementary. They consisted of a book, a matching stuffed animal, a Terrific Kids pencil, and a reminder note for the kids to be TERRIFIC (thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, inclusive, friendly, inquisitive, and capable) for their parents all Summer long. We were SAFE doing the project with masks and 5' spacing. The Book Buddies were delivered to the Principal, Tina Been; and they were distributed with the backpack meals for the kids. Kiwanians participating were (L) Paul Eckrich, (R) Jim Crook and Ginger Crooks, (R) Kiwanis spouse, Paula Eckrich, and Kiwanian Carla O'Brien, not pictured.



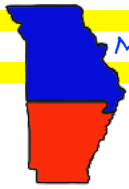
Hixon Award For Mary Hartman

Nancy Willimon arranged to have a social distance luncheon with Mary and Jeff Hartman and then surprised Mary with presenting her with a George F. Hixon Award. Mary is a kind and giving person, always lending a helping hand to her Kiwanis Club, but many may not know Mary also volunteers many hours helping the children in her Cub Scout group. Additionally, she devotes hundreds of hours each year to help maintain Mt. Olive Method Church in Robertsville, MO., so that they can continue to provide a Head Start Program for the underprivileged children in the area.

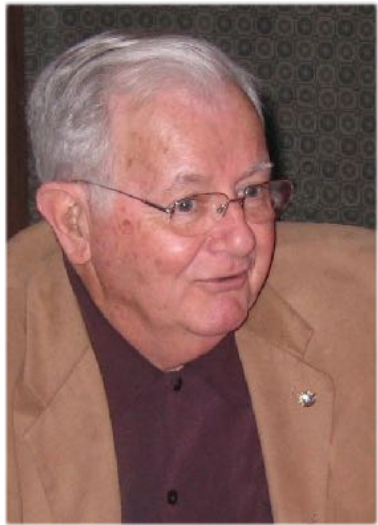
Nancy wanted to present this award in May, at the one year anniversary of her husband's passing. "Mary was there for me during this trying time and over several weeks she helped me closing my husband's law firm. I could not have done that monumental task without Mary. It is my sincere privilege to be able to present this George F. Hixon Fellowship Award to a kind and giving friend with a True Kiwanis Heart." Nancy Willimon Region IV Trustee of Mo-Ark District and former convention chair.



Mary Hartman receiving at the George F. Hixon Award from Nancy Willimon



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 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.*



President's Projects

Share Good Health with Children

Kiwanis clubs throughout the world are extending their traditional concern with the problems and potentials of youth to include assistance in health care to young people both at home and overseas and active participation in "Special Olympics" programs for mentally retarded. The new twin objective program will bear the single title, "The President's Projects for 1982-83." Under this "umbrella" will be "Share Good Health with Children," which will extend health care facilities as appropriate, and "Special Olympics."

In carrying out both these programs Kiwanis clubs will work with authorities in the field. They will make financial contributions to assist in providing primary health care services to children in third world countries, and they will furnish direct assistance to children in local communities who can benefit from health and health education activities which Kiwanis clubs can provide. Many Kiwanis clubs will work with year-round Special Olympics programs in their areas. Clubs will also be involved in contributions to the Quadrennial International



District Secretary Honored

Governor Lou Maro (left) presents Jim Sheets with a special plaque commemorating his service to the MoArk District as District Secretary for the past five years. Division 19 and the Siloam Springs Club recognized Jim and Martha (right) at a banquet honoring them August 28 in Siloam Springs. Jim has accepted a position with Kiwanis International as Director of Member Services. He has belonged to the Siloam Springs Club for almost 30 years, serving as District Governor in 1966 during the Golden Anniversary of Kiwanis.

Special Gown, held in 1988 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

In announcing the program, Kiwanis International President John T. Roberts, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, characterized it as the first to what is designed to be a new series of "President's Projects," annual emphases on various aspects of international service to boys and girls.

Specifically, he said that the "Share Good Health with Children" program is an outgrowth of a pro-

gram carried out by Kiwanis clubs successfully last year called "Share Good Health." The primary objective of "Share Good Health" was bringing basic health care to third world nations and people in depressed areas at home. This year clubs will emphasize such care for young people. The participation of Kiwanis clubs in Special Olympics programs, he said, would, in many cases, be a continuation of work which clubs were already carrying on.



E.M.T.D. Theme for Mid-Year

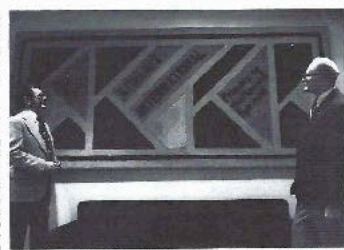
The Jonesboro Kiwanis Club is busy with preparations for the 1983 Mid-Year Conference, February 26-27. The club, which was chartered in 1955 and has a long record of civic accomplishments and youth programs, is proud to act as host for this conference.

Jonesboro is the educational, cultural, medical, and shopping center of northeast Arkansas. It is surrounded by a farming area with rice being the major crop. The largest rice mill in the world is located here. There are plenty of shops, theaters, and restaurants near the Holiday Inn, Indian Mall—with over 50 stores—K-Mart, Walmart, and Fred E. Guise are only a few blocks away. The Arkansas State University, located in Jonesboro, has a 468-acre campus with an enrollment of over 7,000.

Circle K Governor Carmo Greene and Key Club Governor Richard Twentieth will give reports during the opening session of the Mid-Year which begins at 12 noon on Saturday; our own Ray Lassford, International Treasurer, will be the keynote speaker.

Following the luncheon, there will be skill-shops beginning at 2:15 p.m. (see schedule on page 6). The All-Conference Dinner will be held on the campus of Arkansas State University at 7 p.m. Mrs. Trish Lamm, National Director of Project Concern, will be the featured speaker. She will discuss the impact Kiwanis is making in worldwide suffering with our "Share Good Health With Children" in the Third World

MO-ARK District Donates Tapestry



Jim Sheets (left), Director of Member Services for Kiwanis International and former Missouri-Arkansas District Governor and Secretary-Treasurer, and John McCreath, Director of Special Events for Kiwanis, admire the district's contribution to the new Kiwanis World Headquarters building in Indianapolis. The tapestry (which actually is a highly woven, highly detailed carpet fabric) is in burgundy, white, blue, and beige. It is located in the reception area of the new building, focal point for all who visit Kiwanis International. The district provided the majority of the funds for the tapestry, helped by the manufacturer himself. Jim, who has been a member of Kiwanis International staff since it moved from Chicago to Indianapolis last September 1, is a former resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. McCreath is from Joplin, Missouri. Both are avid supporters of the Missouri-Arkansas District and its work.

Nationwide

As a part of the Farewell Brunch on Sunday morning, Governor Lou Sheets will recognize the 1983-84 LL Governors and Committee Chairmen and present them with their certificates of office. The Mid-Year will be informative

and the participants should be inspired to new levels of enthusiasm during this year of the "Superstar." A registration form was printed in the December KIWANIGRAM. Your early registration will be appreciated by the conference committee.

*Editor's note: Due to the incorrect information regarding the children of Martha and James in the April issue (it was stated they were step children, they are their children) I am reprinting this article with the correction.



In Memoriam

Division 6

Orville "Ozzie" Joseph Maher
O'Fallon

Division 17

Don Gilchrist
Batesville

Division 19

Julia Landry
Rogers

Division 23

Mike Murphy
Hope

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

