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**Union Kiwanis Partners With
Kids Cooking Activities**

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Kiwanis Roll Call: As of March 9, 2015 the number of Kiwanis Clubs in the Missouri-Arkansas District - 184; number of members: 5,224. (Two of the three new clubs, Jennings and Greenville, are included, Bryant is not.)

Roger Jespersen Announces For Governor Elect for '15-'16

ROGER JESPERSEN has announced for governor elect for 2015-16 for the Missouri-Arkansas



Roger Jespersen

District. Roger is a member of the Jackson (Mo.) Kiwanis Club. He and his wife Susan have three sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

Roger is a semi-retired United Methodist pastor who has served churches in South and North Dakota, Maryland and Missouri, and served as a campus minister in Kirksville and St. Louis, Mo.

Roger's Kiwanis Activities

As a college student I was a member of Circle K at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D.

In 2003 I joined the Kiwanis Club of Charleston, Mo. During my stay there I served as club president elect, president, and immediate past president in the years from October 2005-June 2008. I transferred to the Jackson Kiwanis Club in July of 2008 where my membership continues. I am currently in my second year as president of the club.

I served as lieutenant governor of Division 14 from Feb. 2009-October 2010 and as Region V trustee from October 2011-October 2014.

I am currently in my third year of service as the District Chair for the Kiwanis International Foundation. I am an avid supporter of the Eliminate Project and Susan and I are blessed to be leadership givers. I am a club counselor in the Formula project.

I have enjoyed being able to serve on the governance side of Kiwanis but my real passion and pleasure is serving the children of our community and the world. My Kiwanis mission is to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

The deadline for the June issue is May 25.



Governor Dan Yates

My Year is Half Over

What a SUPER MID WINTER CONFERENCE!!!! Even with crummy weather. It was exciting, informative, and innovative.

If you missed it, put it on your calendar now for next year. Thanks to the forward thinking Jeff Hartman there were booths with knowledgeable Kiwanis members for just about every Kiwanis subject one would want to know more about. In five minutes you would have your answers instead of sitting through a long breakout session. Please let Jeff Hartman, Don Leupold, or me know of other areas for booths for next year. We will use this year as a model to improve on for next year.

My year as governor is basically half over. I ask that each of you show your pride and passion for Kiwanis by wearing clothing with Kiwanis logo, pins, and informing members of your community about your club service projects.

I ask that every club, if it does not already have one, elect a membership chair who has the dedication and skills to get new members. I ask each club to grow by one member from the membership count of March 1 until our year end. This is not difficult and in fact rather easy. If you do not believe this, **please let me know via e-mail as to why not - moarkgovernor2014@gmail.com.** Let's at least have a discussion. You will find that I will listen but you will also find that I am passionate about Kiwanis as a global organization, about the Mo-Ark District, about what each club does in its own community and about having more clubs in the District. We make a difference in the world and in every community that has a Kiwanis club. We have a duty to preserve our clubs and build more. After all we have the benefit of what prior Kiwanis members built for us. We cannot let their passion for Kiwanis die—we have an obligation to those who paved the way for us. And besides it is fun and exciting to let prospective members know what our club does and what Kiwanis does world wide.

Governor Dan



Here are some of the military veterans recognized on Friday night of Mid-Winter. Each veteran was given a token and a “thank you for your service” handshake.

Mid-Winter Conference Was a Snow Job



Above: Margot Cameron and Cris Thomson of the Pulaski Heights club were “street musicians” at Mid-Winter, raising money for Eliminate. At right: the bucket for the donations.



We had rain, sleet, and lots of snow to make things exciting but that could not keep 82 of your 184 clubs from attending. Total registrations were 248 Kiwanians, guests, and SLP members. There were representatives from all 25 divisions in attendance. An Eliminate Basket Raffle and an “Adopt a Bear” project held during the conference raised \$2,118. Three new Walter Zeller Fellows were recognized, raising the total number of Mo-Ark Zeller Fellowships to 258. Big Clayton (right) was Friday night’s entertainment. Saturday night’s entertainment was canceled due to the weather. Art Riley of the Capital District was our KI trustee in attendance.





Teresa Frihart (right), president of the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp, received \$500 from the Kiwanis International Foundation from Mo-Ark Foundation chair Roger Jespersen.





The North Little Rock Kiwanis Club had a Christmas party for the Silver City Head Start Center December 18 and presented a gift to each child. This is the seventh year of this project.

The Joplin (Mo.) Kiwanis Club had a Christmas Party for 700 elementary students and each student got to interact with Santa Claus.



At the Helen Davis State School the Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph, Mo., Santa (Kiwaniian Al Boyer) received a hug from this student during the club's annual Christmas Party.

From the clubs

NEWS BRIEFS

The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield (Mo.) recently partnered with Harmony House, a safe and secure emergency housing to women and children escaping domestic violence. Members will be working throughout the year to provide daily living necessities, books, toys, holiday parties, and other items to help ease their current situations.

Hot Springs Village (Ark.) Kiwanis member Bob Grinnell reached a milestone—he has been a Kiwanis member for 50 years! Bob came to Hot Springs Village from his native Wisconsin where he served as a Kiwanis officer in his club and district up to the office of district governor.

In December the Kiwanis Club of Pulaski Heights (LR) honored nine students from area congregations for being outstanding examples of “giving primacy to the human and spiritual



The Beaufort Elementary K-Kids sang Christmas carols at an assisted living center and were led by Dave Sutton of the sponsoring Union (Mo.) Kiwanis Club.

values of life” as set forth by the objects of Kiwanis International.

The Buffalo Area (Mo.) Kiwanis was able to hand out almost 450 books to kids from grades kindergarten to second grade. The kids were all so excited to get such a nice book to take home that the club received pictures and letters from the

kids showing their appreciation.

The Gravois (Mo.) Kiwanis Club had a Christmas party at Rogers Middle School complete with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and a fire truck. Their Afton High School Key Club served donuts, milk, juice, coffee, and tea. The club raised \$4,882 ringing bells
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The Kirksville Kiwanis Club donated many coats, hats, and mittens raised as part of their annual Christmas Parade, and members rang Salvation Army bells.





For the last quarter of 2014, the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis Club worked with Love INC to sponsor six local children representing two families. Kiwanis members bought gifts for them and also provided a Country Mart gift card for each family.

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for the Salvation Army at the Afton Schnucks Store the two Fridays before Christmas.

Bill Burgen, a member of the **North Little Rock Kiwanis Club** (and a past Mo-Ark governor), was recently presented a Compass Award at a meeting of the North Little Rock Mayor's Youth

Council. Bill has spent most of his years in Kiwanis working with the Key Club. The North Little Rock club was also presented a Bronze Level Membership award by Kiwanis International for having a net increase in membership during 2013-14.

The South County St. Louis

Photos below, left to right, first five photos from 2015 Mid-Winter: Donna Dixon received a Zeller Award presented to her by the Eliminate region coordinators for her work in preventing MNT. Next two: Ron Paulson of the Pulaski Heights (LR) club and Harry Kuhnert of the Gravois (Mo.) club each received a Zeller award. Next, Greg Wilson of the O'Fallon (Mo.)





Canton (Mo.) Kiwanians bagged groceries at a local market, collecting tips to provide vouchers to needy families.



These Oakville High School Key Clubbers recently were at South County Kiwanis to explain about a Blood Drive.

Kiwanis Club cleared approximately \$6,000 on its Trivia Night held in January. In December the club gathered a large quantity of baby items that they donated to Nurses for Newborns.

The Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Kiwanis Club once again helped sponsor the Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge and their Kiwanis Kookers were there

with warm food.

The K-Kids, sponsored by the Huntsville (Ark.) Kiwanis Club, had a very nice float in the annual Huntsville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

The Carrollton (Mo.) Kiwanis Club has distributed dictionaries to
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club is purchasing a KI Centennial award. Next, Earl Collins President Troy Massey presents Jerry McCarter an Earl Collins Zimmerman Award, an honor made possible by Jerry's son Mark. Next, Michael Webb of the St. Charles club was honored with a Hixson Award. Last photo, Candy Erbe of the Fayetteville Sequoyah club is presented with a Presidential Zeller.





On December 2 the Siloam Springs Kiwanis Club held its Kiwanis Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction. And on December 5 the club finished its Annual Poinsettia Sale.



Ava (Mo.) Kiwanis Vice President Rick Baker is pictured here with the principal and Terrific Kids from Skyline School in January.

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third grade students in Hale, Tina-Avalon, and Norborne elementary schools. Back in December the club honored 16 Terrific Kids in grades K-4 in two elementary schools.

The Springdale (Ark.) Kiwanis Club recently presented 125 teddy bears to the Springdale Police Department to give to children in crisis. The teddy bears were the result of

Rich Sandoval of the Union (Mo.) Kiwanis Club is working on a recent cooking project with Union Middle School students as a "Partner Activities with Kids" project. (See also the cover picture.)



a fundraiser by the club to support the Eliminate program. Club members and others donated \$10 for each bear, resulting in \$1,250 for the program.

The Builders Club of the Kiwanis Club of Columbia-Boonslick recently prepared a meal (tacos) at the Ronald McDonald House for families of children staying at the hospital. Volunteers from Boonslick participated in the Salvation Army annual bell ringing fundraiser.

Springfield South (Mo.) Kiwanians hosted 15 boys and girls from the Musgrave Unit for the club's annual Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party. They were treated to lunch, enjoyed visiting and singing Christmas songs with the Kiwanians, and received a big bag full of gifts from the club. In November the B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) program at the Boys and Girls Club celebrated the



Nine North Kansas City Kiwanians took turns ringing Salvation Army bells outside Chappell's Restaurant and Sports Museum, a popular Kansas City eatery.

academic accomplishments of 25-30 students. These kids were treated to pizza and games, and recognized for their good work.

The Ozark Empire (Mo.) Kiwanis Club had its annual apple sale to support their major project, the Kiwanis Shoe Bank. The Shoe Bank has been providing shoes for needy children for over 60 years, and typically serves
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North Kansas City Kiwanis continues to distribute free dictionaries to 3rd graders. One boy wrote this thank you note, "I gave my book a name, Larry. I use Larry so often I might call him Often Used Larry!!! I thank you SOOOO much."

These are the proud members of one of the new Key Clubs in Mo-Ark. The Gravois Kiwanis Club of St. Louis County is the sponsor of a this group, the Key Club of Lutheran High School South.





These B.U.G. students were treated with pizza by Springfield South Kiwanis



The Kiwanis Club of Springfield South had a Christmas party at the Boys and Girls Club.

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about 1,100 kids each year.

At a recent meeting of the **Columbia (Mo.) Kiwanis Club**, a club member, Bill Crawford, came forward with a “happy dollar,” a check for \$1,000 in memory of Rex Dillow, a club member who recently died. Bill said to give the gift to Eliminate. The **Columbia** club, together with the **Boonslick Kiwanis Club** sponsor a

very active Aktion Club.

The **Fayetteville (Ark.) Sequoyah Kiwanis Club**, again this year, gave baskets of fruit to residents of the Fayetteville Highrise Apartments just before Christmas.

The **Parkview Elementary K-Kids**, sponsored by the **Van Buren (Ark.) Kiwanis Club**, decided for their first project this year to donate money to James Wood, who was running the St.

The **Kiwanis Club of Ozark Empire (Mo.)** recently made a donation of time and materials for an indoor playground for LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home. The room was completely repainted and re-decorated and furnished with new equipment. **Ozark Empire Kiwanis** spent approximately \$3,000 on the improvements.





Union High School Key Club members pack the boxes for the “Supplis for Soldoers” campaign. The Key Club is sponsored by the Union (Mo.) Kiwanis Club.

Jude’s Half Marathon in honor of Timothy Moore, a first grade student at Parkview with leukemia. The K-Kids raised \$340. James raised over \$900 for St. Jude’s Research Hospital.

The Ava (Mo.) Kiwanis Club has the Terrific Kids Program at four area elementary schools.

The Kirksville (Mo.) Kiwanis Club held their third annual Kirksville Christmas Parade December 6.

K-Kids member James Wood raised over \$900 for a sick child in a Half Marathon fund raiser.



Brent Wilson, president of the Carrollton High School Key Club, persented a “key” to the Carrollton Kiwanis Club at the celebration of the club’s 60th anniversary. Second from right is Emily Yates, the Mo-Ark Key Club president.



One Way • One Day • One K

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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.



St. Louis, Mo., April 9-12

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.

Now put another date on your calendar. We have the honor of our International President visiting the Mo-Ark District. Dr. Button is coming to the St. Louis area in April for a Centennial Playground Equipment dedication. A big thanks to the Troy Kiwanis Club for having the drive and commitment to already have the funds and installation of the playground equipment. Thus we are not going to be building during President Button's visit but rather enjoying the dedication, having a free lunch at the park and a great dinner with wonderful entertainment on Saturday evening. Dr. Button wants to meet you and talk to you.

We need you at this event. This is a time for the District to shine and for you to talk to the Kiwanis International President—plus have a fun and exiting time.

The dates are April 9th to the 12th. The big day is Saturday April 11th with the dedication of the playground equipment at Troy and dinner with entertainment that evening in St. Charles. Register today. Don Leupold, as chair, has sent out information to every club and there is information on our district web page. If you have not received the information, let Jeff, Don, or I know and we will get it to you. *Let's make our District proud with a HUGE attendance of members and guests.*

Governor Dan

FUTURE KIWANIS EVENTS

April 9-12	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
August 5-7, 2016	Mo-Ark District Convention, Wyndham Hotel, North Little Rock, Arkansas

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The Springdale (Ark.) Kiwanis Club had a Valentine's Day auction and raised \$2,600 for Eliminate. The prize was a candlelight dinner for eight at Dr. Kellye Smith's (second from left) home. Winners were Kathy McFetridge and Jerry Martin (on right). Auctioneer, left, was Sach Oliver.



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Your donation of \$1250 for a Zeller Fellowship will ensure 690 women and their children will be free of tetanus.



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