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**St. James Kiwanis Club
Celebrates National
Reading Day**

Serving the Children of the World tm

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Don Schaefer Remembered

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing on February 15 of Don Schaefer, my predecessor as editor of the Kiwanigram. Don was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville-Sequoyah, served as Lt. Governor for Division 19, and was editor of the Kiwanigram for 10 years. Thanks for your many years of service, Don, to Kiwanis, your community, and the children of the world. You will be missed.

Kiwanis Anniversaries

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield-North, Missouri celebrated their 40th anniversary on March 28.

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Pine Bluff, Arkansas! On April 17 they will celebrate 90 years of service.

2016-17 Distinguished Clubs

The following Kiwanis Clubs have been recognized with Distinguished Club status for 2016-17:

Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton, MO

Kiwanis Club of Columbia-Boonslick, MO

Kiwanis Club of Farmington, MO

Kiwanis Club of Fulton, MO

Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, AR

Kiwanis Club of Kirksville, MO

Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley, MO

Kiwanis Club of O'Fallon, MO

Kiwanis Club of Pine Bluff, AR

Kiwanis Club of Raytown Three Trails, MO

Kiwanis Club of Rogers, AR

Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs, AR

Governor's Message

Wow, what an exciting time to be a Kiwanian in MO-ARK. We just completed our Mid-Winter convention in Columbia and learned about our Kiwanis Super Powers! Do you know your super powers? Plan on attending the District Convention in August to explore them in more detail.

I was honored to attend the Charter Evening for the new University City Club. The enthusiasm and energy in that room was amazing. I look for them to be a distinguished club every year because they are already amazing with their planning and goal setting. Two folks joined the club during the Charter Night festivities, what a blessing.

I was also honored to attend the Key Club District Leadership Convention, where I retired my officers and Gary Baker installed his for next year. 430 servant leaders attended many breakout sessions, participated in a service project for Project Linus, and danced the night away. Thank you Mr. Z. and crew for an awesome convention.

We have two brand new clubs being announced this month, Cameron Crossroads and Washington, both in Missouri. Please join me in welcoming both clubs to our family. I am looking forward to attending both of their charter nights soon.

I have upcoming Governor visits to Regions 1, 2, 4, and 8. I am looking forward to each and meeting the folks that don't get to conferences or conventions. The other Regions will be scheduled soon.

We are planning a club blitz in NW Arkansas for April 23-25th to open three new clubs. If you are available to help we would welcome all Kiwanians to join with us as we recruit new members for the new clubs as well as the existing clubs in the areas. Contact me if you would like to help and I will gladly put you on my list. We have a 4th site picked out if we have enough helpers. We need more hands for more service as we know that with recent events of shootings, teen suicides, and the opioid crisis we are needed now more than ever before. Each child has the right to be happy, healthy, safe, and loved, and we can make an impact in our own communities to ensure that happens.

#kidsneedkiwanis

Cordially,

Cheryl

The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood received several honors at the Governor's Banquet during the Mid-Winter Conference. The club was recognized for fulfilling their Model Club pledge for the Eliminate Project. Club President Jeff Johnson received two awards from Kiwanis International; the Gift to Kiwanis - Silver Level award for new member recruitment, and the Legacy Circle - Bronze Level award for opening new clubs. MoArk Governor Cheryl Anderson also presented Jeff with her Governor's Award in recognition of his service to Kiwanis and the Missouri Arkansas District.



Missouri Arkansas District Governor Cheryl Anderson presented Jeff Johnson, President of the Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, with the Governor's Award.

Kiwanis Honors We're proud of ...



Melva Deane Lipsey from the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone received the Hixson Award at the Mid-Winter Conference in recognition of her role in founding and advising the club.

Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs



Every month the Kiwanis Club of Gravois recognizes one student from each first grade class at Mesnier Elementary School as a "Terrific Kid" of the month. The Terrific Kids for February are shown at left.

Pictured left to right: Front row – Alex Rizvanovic, Lee Eyre, Charlie Adams. Back row – Christina Been-Principal, Anna Flowers, Sophia Danner, Lili Valente, Ayanna Williams, Bella Cazares, Dominic Pezzani, Lilly Lokeomanivong, Ellen Sandweiss-Kiwanian.



The Kiwanis Club of St. James celebrated National Reading Day with children at the St. James Head Start. Kiwanian Caryl Mussig read “Bugs, Bugs, Bugs” for story time, and each child received a copy of the book purchased with funds from the Harold Wright Memorial Fund in memory of Harold Wright, former member of the St. James Kiwanis Club.. The children

made their own caterpillars out of egg cartons with the help of Kiwanians Caryl Mussig, Maretta Diestelkamp, Denny White, Lynda Rueff, Joann Kimerle, Richard Kimerle and Paul Rueff, played bug themed games, and had a snack of edible “ant hills”.



Kiwanis in Action

News from the Clubs



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored CPT Chris Francis of the Mehlville Fire Protection District as its “Officer of the Quarter.” CPT Francis was honored for his untiring dedication and service to the Mehlville Fire Protection District and the south county community. Club President Pauline Roth presented CPT Francis with a Certificate of Recognition and a gift card to a local restaurant. CPT Francis is pictured with Mehlville firefighters John Thorp, Holly Knox, Deputy Chief Tim Dempsey and Assistant Chief Dan LaFata.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently recognized Sophia Glover of Bernard Middle School (left) and Molly Schindler of St. Mark Catholic School and Emily Hufker of St. Francis of Assissi Catholic School (below) as its “Outstanding Students” of the month.

These young people were honored for their outstanding academic performance, community activities, and the service and leadership they perform at their respective schools and in the community.



In February, the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone served hot chocolate to participants in the community “Skate With a Cop” event.



Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs



The Kiwanis Club of Cottleville Weldon Spring raised awareness for Kiwanis in their community by participating in the Cottleville St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17th.

The Boonslick Kiwanis club presented scholarships to Practical Nursing Students finishing their degree at the Columbia Area Career Center. To qualify, students are single parents and fill out a needs based application. President Angela Pigg presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$500 check. To date, the “Boonslick Kiwanis, Wayne Behymer Scholarship” program has donated \$11,050 to single parent students.



Pictured from L: Julie Kiefer (Coordinator), Wayne Behymer (club member and scholarship initiator), Kaylyn Bopp (student recipient), Sharell Stewart (student recipient), Heather Alexitch (student recipient), Nan Erickson (Honorary club member and annual scholarship donor) and Jo Behymer (club member, wife to Wayne and annual scholarship donor).



off was held on January 10, with Missouri Western State University Head Men's Basketball Coach Brett Weiberg discussing the importance of attendance while student athletes, cheerleaders and the University mascot mingled with 5th graders. Missouri Western also donated free basketball tickets for the students, their parents/guardians, teachers and principal. Aramark Food Services provided food at the game, and Kiwanis members attended the game and provided school bus transportation. The St. Joseph Kiwanis Club will serve in the classroom at least two hours a month and present certificates to students meeting or exceeding their attendance goals.



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The Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph launched a program for 5th grade classes at Lindbergh Elementary School. KATCH (Kiwanis Attendance Challenge) is a mentoring program encouraging students to meet the school district attendance goals. A pizza party/kick-

Kiwanis in Action

News from the Clubs



Above: Forder Elementary Terrific Kids. From left: Maryam Sabah, Luan Pham, Evy Arnold and Darow Altalabany. Also pictured are Forder principal Dr. Whitney Maus, and Kiwanis members Roy Wunsch, Pauline Roth, Linda Bowen and Ron Rammaha.

Right: Hagemann Elementary Terrific Kids. From left: Dante Fogelbach, Nora Reid, Ava Day and Cameron Sturm. In the back row are Kiwanians Linda Bowen, Roy Wunsch, Pauline Roth, and Hagemann Principal Dr. Scott Andrews.



Left: Oakville Elementary Terrific Kids. From left: Aaron Tucker (3rd grade), Andres Lopez (5th grade), Nathan Sawyer (5th grade), Savannah Niedbalski (5th grade), and Una Hajric (3rd grade). Also pictured are Kiwanis members Roy Wunsch, Pauline Roth, Linda Bowen, Ron Rammaha and Principal Chad Dickemker.

Right: Rogers Elementary Terrific Kids. From left: Kerim Hasanovic (2nd grade), Brenna Kolaski (3rd grade), Elvira Halilovic (4th grade), and Mia Indelicato (5th grade). Behind the students are Kiwanians Roy Wunsch, Pauline Roth, Rogers Principal Dr. Patrick Keenoy, and Kiwanian Ron Rammaha.



Service Leadership

Leaders of Tomorrow



In March, the Oak Park High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone, held a school wide canned food drive to benefit a local food pantry. The senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman classes competed for who could donate the most food. The project lasted a week and the winning class was treated to ice cream.



Pictured above are CJ Sullivan (left) and April Miller sorting donated books.

The Union (MO) Clark-Vitt Elementary K-Kids, sponsored by Union Kiwanis, hosted a book exchange for students and their families in February. Visitors could bring up to 10 books to swap for new titles. Leftover books were donated to the Union Food Pantry to be distributed free of charge.



The Winnetonka High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone, recently received a Youth Opportunities Fund grant, which they plan to use to build and stock bookcases for each of the six elementary schools that feed into the high school to provide summer access to books. Bilingual books will be included for students for whom English is a second language.



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Missouri Arkansas Circle K held their annual convention in conjunction with the Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference. CKI Governor Boo Koss' designated service project was assembling hygiene kits for women's shelters. With the support of MoArk Kiwanis Clubs they were able to assemble over 150 kits, which were distributed to women's shelters throughout the District, with enough items for 150 more (they ran out of bags).



Top Right: CKI Trustee Linda Stevens helps assemble hygiene kits.

Above Left & Right: CKI Governor Boo Koss directs CKI members in her service project.



CKI members along with District Governor Boo Koss (center) and MoArk District CKI Chair Ralph Baldi (back row) show off the hygiene kits they assembled for women's shelters throughout the District.

Mid-Winter Conference

February 23 - 25, 2018

The Mid-Winter Conference began with a first timer's meeting and educational sessions on Friday afternoon. Rachel Kisse, MoArk District Public Relations Coordinator, gave a presentation about Kiwanis Websites and our special guest Brian Tenclinger, Area Director Manager for Global Membership and Education at Kiwanis International, spoke about Re-discovering our Communities.



Rachel Kisse (above) and Brian Tenclinger (left) lead the Friday breakout sessions.

Friday, February 23



The official kick-off for the conference was the Welcome Dinner on Friday night. Kiwanians were welcomed by Columbia's Mayor Pro Tem Clyde Ruffin. After dinner MoArk Governor Cheryl Anderson offered her opening remarks and then Kiwanians danced the night away to the 70's music mix played by D.J. Will Cropper.



Top Left: The Hon. Clyde Ruffin, Mayor Pro Tem, welcomes Kiwanians to Columbia.
Above Left and Right: D.J. Will Cropper lays down the beat while Kiwanians Conga the night away.

Mid-Winter Conference

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**Saturday,
February 24**

Saturday began with the Past Lt. Governor's Breakfast, hosted by John Goss. During this session Past International Trustee Barb Thompson proposed the creation of a Past Lt. Governors Committee which would support membership growth and retention, provide education to clubs, assist in succession planning for district leadership, support the Earl Collins Foundation and district service leadership programs, and provide any other assistance requested by the Governor or District Board. The district invites comments and suggestions on this proposal and plans to vote on the issue at the Past Lt. Governors Breakfast at the District Convention in August. Comments can be sent to John Goss at JohnGinLR@aol.com.



Jerry Martin gave an update on the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp. Last summer a water line was run to the central camp pavilion and a camp bulletin board was erected. Future plans include running underground electric lines to the pavilion at a cost of \$15-20 thousand dollars, building camp restrooms at an estimated cost of \$30-40,000, and a small headquarters cabin which is expected to cost \$40-50,000.

Above: Breakout sessions on Kiwanis Branding (top) and Kamp Kiwanis (above right).

Right: Conference attendees check out the silent auction to support the Past Lt. Governors Council.

Saturday was also a day for Kiwanis Education, with breakout sessions on the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp, Using Kiwanis Brands and Social Media, Planning for the Future of Kiwanis, and Meaningful Service Projects.



**Saturday,
February 24**



The Keynote Speaker at the Kiwanis Family Lunch was Brian Tenclinger, Area Director Manager for Global Membership and Education at Kiwanis International. He spoke about the need for Kiwanis. Kids need Kiwanis, he said, to provide mentors to teach them ethics and life skills, while adults need Kiwanis for a sense of purpose and belonging.

Conference attendees also heard from

MoArk Circle K Governor Boo Koss, who was presiding over the CKI convention concurrent with the Mid-Winter Conference. Governor Koss said her love for service started with Key Club and thanked the Kiwanians present for supporting Service Leadership Programs. She encouraged Kiwanis clubs to reach out to their SLP youth and remind them they can make a difference in the world. District Eliminate Chair Roger Jespersen reported that MoArk Service Leadership clubs had given over \$130,000 to the Eliminate Project. Troy Massey reported the Earl Collins Foundation had awarded 25 scholarships last year, and presented a check for \$500 to support Aktion Clubs.



Mid-Winter Conference February 23 - 25, 2018



The highlight of Saturday was the Governor's Banquet. Governor Cheryl Anderson reported the MoArk District has 177 Kiwanis clubs, including 3 formed in the last year with a fourth in formation, and a net gain of 149 members. She also noted that this year is the Centennial Year for the Missouri Arkansas District, with the first Kiwanis club being formed in St. Louis in 1918. Governor Cheryl thanked the District Board of Directors, her committee chairs, the Lt. Governors, and

the Formula Team for a successful year thus far. Jeff Johnson, President of the Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, received special awards from Kiwanis International (see pg. 4 of this issue), and awards were presented for Distinguished Clubs and the 2016-17 Governors Challenge awards for the Eliminate Project and the Kiwanis Children's Fund President's Challenge.



Kiwanis Calendar

June 28-July 1 **Kiwanis International Conv.**
2018 Las Vegas, Nevada

Aug. 2-5 **MoArk District Convention**
2018 Ramada Oasis Conv. Ctr.
Springfield, Missouri

IN MEMORIAM

Division 5

Charles Alexander
Columbia Golden K

Milton Bailey
Columbia Golden K

Division 6

William Palmer
St. Charles

Division 19

Don Schaefer
Fayetteville-Sequoyah

Division 20

Larry Evans
Fort Smith-Commissary

Division 21

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Morrilton

Darrell Kilman
Conway

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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. 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.