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The Simple Secret to Club Growth

Who introduced you to Kiwanis and invited you to your first Kiwanis meeting? Was it a friend? A family member? A co-worker? It might even have been a stranger making cold calls or someone with whom you were doing business. I remember being invited and saying “no,” and I had lots of reasons; not enough time, meetings at inconvenient times, not enough money, needed to spend more time at church or with family. I have not only heard them all but I have spoken them to a Kiwanian.

I also remember when I said “yes.” I was about to move to Charleston, MO, so I went to the furniture store in town to see if they had what I needed. They had a king sized bed which we still use and while we were there Mike Grimes offered us something we also needed, an invitation to join the Kiwanis club, and he would be my sponsor. I suppose Mike has invited some people who have said “no” but he has also invited lots of people who have said “yes” because he told us, and them, how the Kiwanians of the world were serving the children of their community and the world.

The Kennett Club added six members in the last few weeks which, for them, is unbelievable growth. Dan Yates sent a congratulatory letter to Matt Allen, the club president, and asked for the secret. His response is as follows: “I wish I could take credit for the new members, however I had little to do with it. The members of my club are just great, they know that we are making a difference in our community by the projects we do and the organizations that we donate to (Local Boy Scout troop, Local Special Olympics team, Boys’ State, Girls’ State, Scholarship program, and others). They also love sharing with others the love for our community and getting them interested in how we help the community. In doing so they attract new members that are anxious to get in and help make our community a better place, and to help the children in our community to grow. I wish that I could give each club a map or a template to follow to make a big growth in membership, the only thing I can say is believe what we do is making a difference and share it with others. I hope this helps other clubs to grow as we have.”

We have about 4 months left in this Kiwanis year. I invite you to do these four things before Oct. 1.

1. If some persons have lost interest in your club, go and talk to them and encourage them to come back and be active.
2. Invite 2 persons to be new members of your club.(family, friend, co-worker, business acquaintance). Make sure you end the year with more members than you had on Oct.1, 2016.
3. Be involved in a hands-on service project with children.
4. Help your club plan for your future. The I-Plan is a great tool to use for your club.

FINISH STRONG!!! You will be glad you did.

Have a growing Summer.

Roger N. Jespersen

Governor's Message

April 26, 2017

Dear Missouri and Arkansas Kiwanians,

I want to thank and commend those clubs who have already gained 6 or more members this year. They are: Lebanon and Union (9); Malvern Area and Pine Bluff (7); Booneville, Conway, Gravois (South St. Louis CO), Jennings, Kennett, Mid-Town Kansas City, Newport. (6). Great Work!!!

As you can see they are from large cities and country towns, large clubs and small clubs; they have made plans to grow and are succeeding.

I would like each of our clubs (I would command it if I could) to hold a membership drive in May or early June so we can serve more children in our communities and the world. If your club has ever wanted to do something and said "We just don't have enough hands", new members help! So Share your club's good projects by telling others and GROW!!!

In the question time at a recent regional meeting an older member said, "I sure do miss reading those little booklets we used to receive." If you have those in your club who don't have computer access skills I beg you to have someone assigned to copy the on line Kiwanigram and give copies to them. Our members want and need to know what is happening.

Kiwanians, we are in the last half of our year. Let's keep going and FINISH STRONG!!!

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"Energize The Dream...
that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved."

Roger Jespersen
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Kiwanis in Action

News from the Clubs

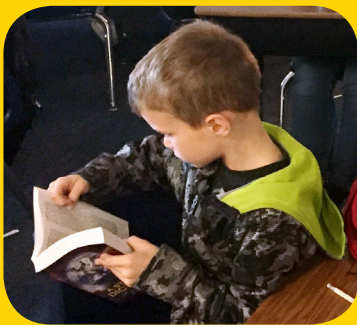


For the eighth consecutive year the Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City distributed dictionaries to third graders in Northland Elementary schools. Members of the Oak Park and Winnetonka Key Clubs helped distribute 400 dictionaries at seven schools.

Above: Dick Hinderliter of the Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City and members of the Key Club distribute dictionaries.



Above: A Key Clubber hands out dictionaries to third graders in the Kansas City area public schools.



The Kiwanis Club of Springdale (AR) built this George the Giant Little Free Library for George Elementary School. Materials were donated by Kiwanian Jason Lind.

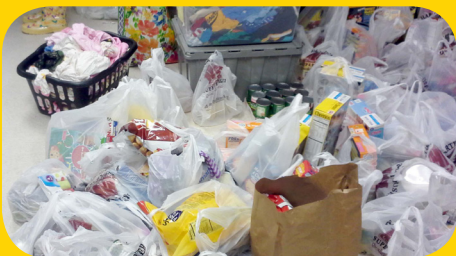


The Kiwanis Club of Gravois (MO) planted 5 vegetable garden beds with 136 plants at Gateway 180, a 24 hour emergency housing center that helps families dealing with homelessness in the St. Louis area. Pictured is Kiwanian Donald Sabbert helping one of the residents water the newly planted gardens.



On April 29 the Kiwanis Club of Springfield-South (MO) held it's annual Cans for Kids food drive to benefit Isabel's House Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks. They collected 5-1/2 shopping carts full of non-perishible items and over \$200 in cash donations to feed needy kids in the Ozarks.

Left: Kiwanians Larry Summers (above) and Mark Frazier from the Springfield-South Kiwanis Club helped with the Cans for Kids food drive.



South County Kiwanis President Steve Dodson (left) presents Dr. Cangas with a check to support Helmets First.

Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs

The Kiwanis Club of South County-St. Louis supported local pediatrician Dr. Joe Cangas' Helmets First program. This program provides bicycle helmets to youngsters free of charge and properly fits them to each child after giving them a brief presentation about bicycle safety and traffic rules.

At their annual golf tournament the Kiwanis Club of Camden surprised a local child by having her wish come true. The Kiwanis Club of Camden teamed up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and enabled a local child the opportunity to go to Disney World in May.





The Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis Club (MO) donated \$2500 for new playground equipment at the Applesseed Christian Academy in Hollister, Mo. They raised the funds through their annual Pancakes with the Easter Bunny Fundraiser.

Pictured (l-r): Mindy Honey, Melissa Ford, James Little, Pam Druffel, Tammy Panter, Steve Smith, Julie Lindstrom, Danny Fullington, Rob-in McGinnis (Applesseed Director), Adrienne Smith, Shane Walton and Lynne Campbell.

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The Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City held a Mothers Day Baby Shower to collect diapers and other necessities for needy mothers and mothers to be. Donations were presented to Operation Breakthrough and The Salvation Army.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored Ben Horn of Bernard Middle School (above left) and Adam Burton of Washington Middle School and Nichole Prodes of Margaret Buerkle Middle school (below left) as "Outstanding Students." All were honored for their outstanding academic performance, as well as their involvement in school and community activities, and the service they render to their school and the community. Pictured with Ben are his father Todd Horn, his Assistant Principal Lauren Cumming and his mother Lori Horn. Pictured with Adam are his Assistant Principal Andrew Kuhnert, and his mother Kim Burton. Pictured with Nichole are her mother Christine Schilling and her Principal Jim Kern.



Service Leadership Leaders of Tomorrow



Kiwanian Jerry Martin helping make bird houses at Springdale Kiwanis Aktion club

The E.R.C. Aktion Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Springdale (AR), built birdhouses then glued and painted them with acrylic paints, to be hung in a tree in the flower garden near the entrance of the sheltered workshop. Skills practiced were patience in assembly, dexterity in the gluing process, and detail work in the painting and threading a waxed cord through predrilled hanger holes. 41 members painted birdhouses, about half remain in the tree and some went home for Mother's Day gifts and graduation prizes!

Right: Kiwanian Kathy Bohnenkamper serves ice cream at the B.U.G. end of year party.

Below: Springfield-South club member Ralph Baldi chats with some of the kids at the B.U.G. party.



The Kiwanis Club of Springfield-South (MO) hosted an end of year ice cream party for the B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) club at the Musgrave unit of the Boys and Girls club to celebrate the academic achievements of these great kids. The kids got to make their own sundaes with three flavors of ice cream and a variety of toppings.



The Union (MO) Middle School Builders Club, sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club, recently bought, decorated and distributed recycling bins that are large and easy to spot to every classroom in the school. Students, teachers and staff are asked to pitch in paper, plastic and glass throughout the year.

Pictured from left are: Hailey Beakzyk, Amber Kossmann, Keona Horton and Terri Becker, Builders Club Sponsor and Union Middle School Counselor.

Service Leadership Leaders of Tomorrow



Nineteen students became charter members of the Key Club of Sacred Heart School, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sedalia (MO), at a ceremony held at the school commons. Officers are Abby Smeltzer - President, Sadie Rollings - Vice President, Riley Michaud - Secretary, Nolan Walker - Treasurer, Morgan McKeon - Bulletin Editor, Faculty sponsor - Mrs. Sherry Buckley. The club hit the ground running with their first service project; a book drive for the kindergarten and preschool classes at Sacred Heart.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored students from Point Elementary School for showing great improvement in attendance, grades, academics, behavior, or some other area as determined by their teachers.



Gravois Kiwanis Club (MO) is proud to sponsor the Terrific Kids program at Mesnier Elementary School. Every month one student from each first grade class is recognized by their teacher as a "Terrific Kid". Students receive a personalized certificate and other gifts.



Union High School Key Club members are finishing the edges of a fleece blanket that will be donated to a local homeless shelter.

Union High School students, 19 Union Kiwanis Club members, Union High School faculty and other community volunteers spent a recent Friday evening participating in The Road Home, a homeless simulation event organized by Union High School Key Club President Josie Arens. The simulation included a mock soup kitchen, keynote speakers, charity booths and service projects. 15,000 dry ingredient packaged meals and more than 50 fleece blankets were made to donate to a local homeless shelter; 100 tomato and green pepper plants were planted for a local food pantry, and dozens of boxes of donated food and personal care items were given to area charities.

Kiwanis Calendar

July 13-16 2017	Kiwanis International Convention Paris, France
August 3-6 2017	Mo-Ark District Convention Ramada Oasis Conv. Ctr. Springfield, Missouri
Oct. 13-14 2017	Key Leader Weekend Camp Mihaska Bourbon, Missouri
Nov. 3-5 2017	Key Leader Weekend Camp Tanako Hot Springs, Arkansas

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Division 1

Lavon Mathews
Hannibal

Division 3

Irvin Long
Liberty

Division 5

Penelope Braun
Columbia Golden K

Division 6

Charles "Pheeze" Kemper
District Governor (1978-1979)
District Secretary (1983-2004)
Troy

Division 7

Ivan Sanders
Ferguson

Division 10

Oran Pringle
Rolla

Division 13

Milton Chamberlin
Springfield (Downtown)

Division 20

James Bentley
Russellville