

# Kiwanigram

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**Fayetteville K-Kids  
Support The Eliminate Project**

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## **The Partnership Coordinator**

A new position has been created in MoArk to help clubs throughout the district access the benefits that come with being a part of the Kiwanis International family. Frank Washburn, of Monett, has been appointed by the district leadership to serve a three-year term as Partnership Coordinator—a newly created position that will work closely with Kiwanis International staff and partners. Benefits available to Kiwanis Clubs include free materials, discounted supplies for service projects, and direct access to outside organizations. Kiwanis International works to identify organizations and companies that can help the Kiwanis family maximize its service in communities around the globe, as well as provide opportunities to enhance the member experience through member benefits. The Partnership Coordinator will work to make sure all clubs are receiving important information about those relationships. Frank can be reached at [moarkkiwanispartners@gmail.com](mailto:moarkkiwanispartners@gmail.com) or 417-235-8437

# Governor's Message

Dear Kiwanis Friends,

Here we are in November and with gratitude we begin to see the fruit of our servant leadership. Have you seen Dan Yates' great report: 118 new members in MO-ARK in October! Way To Go!!!! Our goal is 850 for the year and I believe we can reach 1000. Reaching that goal alone would be a successful year

But we do have additional and important goals. We need to start some new clubs. Do you have friends or family in a "Kiwanisless" community who would like to help start a club or a satellite? Let your Lt. Gov. and Dan Yates know.

We need to work on our planning and signature projects using the tools from the I-Plan and the Formula. They work best when we use them.

All but eleven of our clubs have now registered their officers with Kiwanis International. Dan Yates has done exceptional work in getting that done. Are your club officers registered? Next months I might name names.

Regional trustees are beginning to set the dates for the Governor's visit. I want to see YOU there.

All of us were saddened by Jan Sinclair's sudden death. ( I wish you could all have been to the service celebrating her life, it was an inspiring time.) She was a wonder to behold as the Key Club Administrator and educator. The good news is that Jim Zuroweste has come out of retirement to resume his former position and the rest of the adult staff and youth council will carry on with increasing commitment.

This is good time to make our annual gifts to the Outreach Fund, Earl Collins, and the Kiwanis Children's Fund and to continue to support Eliminate and the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Camp. You are generous Kiwanians and you prove that year after year after year.

Our Motto is "Serving the children of the World". Let's keep doing it and get better at it this year. Kids need Kiwanis and we are here to meet those needs.

Have a great day and a wonderful season of giving Thanks.

It is an honor to serve as your governor.



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

Roger Jespersen  
MoArk Kiwanis Governor

## Kiwanis Honors

We're proud of ...

The Kiwanis Club of Union (Mo.) was recognized by the Union Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Community Partner of the Year for their service to children, schools, families, and the community. They were also presented the Outstanding Community Project award for their work, along with Project United, in raising over \$150,000 to build a new playground at the Veterans Memorial Park in Union.



Pictured front row from left: Union Kiwanis members Eileen Wade, President Katie Sandoval, Rich Sandoval, a representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

Back row from left: Division 10 Lt. Governor Dave Sutton, Earlaine Sandoval.



The Midtown Kansas City Kiwanis club celebrated fulfilling their commitment to The Eliminate Project. On hand for the celebration were club members George Davis, Forestal Lawton, and Raymond Handy (center, holding signs), along with Division 4 Lt. Governor Don Coffman, MoArk Governor Roger Jespersen, and District Advocate Susan Duff Jespersen. Thank you to all the members of the Kiwanis Club of Mid-town Kansas City for saving and protecting more than 3600 women and their future babies from MNT.



Kellye Smith of the Springdale (AR) Kiwanis Club received the Eliminate Founders Circle Award; presented by Jerry Martin, also a member of the club.

Congratulations to the Prescott (MO) Kiwanis Club, who recently celebrated their 70th Anniversary.

## Kiwanis in Action

### News from the Clubs



The Kiwanis Club of Boonville (MO), in cooperation with other community groups, churches, and businesses, organized a very successful Back to School Bash for Kindergarten through 5th grade students in their community. They started with a “Pack the Bus” event at a local Walmart store at which they, literally, filled a school bus with donated school supplies and accepted cash donations. Next, the supplies were organized and compiled into individual packages for students. The

final phase was distribution at a community event which also included free food. Thanks to the efforts of the Kiwanis club, 365 students in the Boonville area received the school supplies they needed to start the year right.



Kiwanis club members organize school supplies (above) and prepare to distribute the packages (left) to help Kindergarten through 5th grade students in the Boonville area.



George Dallmeyer, a long time member of the St. Charles Missouri Kiwanis Club and avid wood worker, handmade 180 cars and 24 helicopters for the children at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Several other club members helped with the sanding, painting and assembly.

Below: Kiwanians Bill White, George Dallmeyer, Ron Williams and Club President Rocky Sheneman from the St. Charles club delivered the handmade cars to the St. Louis Children's Hospital.





The Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community donated \$100 to Caroline Zupan, of St. Joseph's Academy, for her personal service project to fund books featuring African-American characters or by African-American authors for the Ferguson Public Library. Pictured are (front) Kathy Josephsohn, Caroline Zupan, Charlotte Lehmann, and (back) Judy Gustafson, Glenn Koenen, and Paul Eckler.



Members of the O'Fallon (MO) Kiwanis Club recently lent a helping hand to a Kiwanis family from Southern Australia. Rebecca Matinson was traveling to Missouri to bring her son for therapy at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Seven year old Thomas has Cerebral Palsy and after a previous surgery in St. Louis, he was back for therapy to help him walk. A call went out for any Kiwanis Clubs in the area that could help donate to this family who had come so far. O'Fallon Kiwanis Club President Martha Radginski, Secretary Tom Shea and his wife Jan, plus club member Ed Radginski met the family in the lobby of the Chase Park Plaza Hotel to make a \$600 donation to pay for a new walker. The Genelg Kiwanis Club from the city of Adelaide in Southern Australia had raised \$9,000 for Thomas to make this trip and Rebecca talked about holding many bake sales and a fashion show on her own in order to raise enough money prior to their trip. The next part of their journey will be to spend two weeks at the Walk this Way USA – Specialist Therapy Centre for Cerebral Palsy in Houston for walking therapy.

## Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently recognized four students from Bierbaum Elementary School as Terrific Kids for October. The students are selected by their teachers for having shown great improvement in grades, attendance, behavior or some other area at school during the preceding months.



**Above:** Union High School Key Club president Josie Arens decorates a puzzle.

**Right:** Members of the Union Kiwanis club at their annual puzzle decorating party.

Each year the Kiwanis club of Union (MO), along with their sponsored K-Kids clubs at Clark-Vitt and Beaufort Elementary Schools and Key Club at Union High School, design, cut, and decorate wooden puzzles to be included in stockings for pre-school children at the Early Childhood Center and Head Start in Union. This year the club made a record 105 puzzles.



## Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs



The Siloam Springs (AR) Kiwanis club participated in a community health fair in October to raise awareness of maternal neo-natal tetanus. Pictured are club members Karl Mounger & Mike Velo.

For over 80 years, the Canton (MO) Kiwanis Club has held a Halloween Costume Contest and Parade for community children so that they can show off their creativity in a safe environment.



For the last 4 years, Kiwanis has added a Trunk or Treat option in the school parking lot, in cooperation with the school and the local volunteer fire company. Canton Key Club helps register the parade contestants, who ranged in age from pre-school through 6th grade, and also lead the parade of each age group as they circle for the judges.

# Kiwanis in Action

## News from the Clubs



The St. Charles (MO) Kiwanis Club held a Cycling for Kids Event in which riders collected and donated funds to the Kiwanis Eliminate Project Fund.



The Kiwanis Club of Pulaski Heights (AR) recognized outstanding Pulaski County deputies. Shown here; Pulaski County sheriff Doc Holliday, a club member, presents an award for exemplary service to one of his deputies.

The Springdale (AR) Kiwanis club presented a check for \$2250 to the Lakeside Junior High School Choir to purchase choir robes. Pictured are (from left): club member Barb Foley, choir director Rachel Cornett, and Kiwanis club president Jason Lind.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently recognized Officer John Grass of the Mehlville Fire Protection District as its Firefighter/Paramedic of the Quarter. Officer Grass's accomplishments with the Mehlville Fire Department are too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say that Officer Grass was recognized for his untiring dedication and service to the south county community.

Judy Burnette presented Officer Grass with a Certificate of Recognition and a gift card to a local restaurant. Deputy Chief Dan Furrer accompanied him to the meeting.



The K-Kids club at the Fayetteville (AR) Boys and Girls Club, sponsored by the Fayetteville Metro Kiwanis club, recently presented the Kiwanis club with \$107 to go towards the Eliminate Project. The K-Kids raised the money through a bake sale at the club. The children baked goods at the club and solicited donations to go towards the sale. These are some great, service minded kids.

Pictured (l-r): Irene Garcia, Kaleb Williams, Ryan Durby, Austin McCoy, Dorian Bowers



At the football game the Key Club collected coats for needy children (above). The bins were filled to overflowing. Key Club President Emma Evens was named a Homecoming Princess.

## Service Leadership Leaders of Tomorrow

The Winnetonka High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City, took an active role in their school's homecoming events. Their homecoming float (below) was awarded a First Place Spirit Award.



## “KIDS NEED KIWANIS”

Hello to all the Kiwanigram readers. I would like to thank everyone that supported me as I am so humbled to now be the Governor Elect for the awesome MO-ARK District for 2016-2017. I will make every effort to fulfil the goals I shared at the District Convention and to support each club this year.



Many of you do not know me yet. I am a Kiwanian and Master Instructor for CLE. Most importantly I am a Wife, Mother, Grandma, and retired educator. I love to spend time with family, bake, read, and show my classic 1969 Cougar Eliminator in car shows. I enjoy doing community service as I was raised to give back to the community in every way possible.

I will support Governor Roger with his goals as we progress through this year. Yes, you guessed the number one goal. We MUST grow in membership numbers by building new clubs and strengthening existing clubs. The kiddos in our district need us, now more than ever.

I must remind clubs that here we are in early October, at the time of this writing, and we have many clubs that have not completed their election of officers for this year. Kiwanis International and the District can't contact clubs if we don't have good information regarding the officers. I am hopeful that all officers are now trained through the CLE officer training but I currently can't see the numbers since the officer reports aren't filed. Please help me by checking with your club secretary to verify that your club is in compliance. All clubs should have completed the Youth Protection training during September. If your club hasn't done this, please make every effort to complete this training soon. I hope every club has met the Governor's Challenge to register at least one camper for the Key Leader Camp. This will be the most worthwhile money your club spends, along with the other SLPs you support.

I will do some traveling throughout the district this year as I tag along with Roger. I look forward to meeting many Kiwanians and seeing the awesome signature projects of our clubs.

More hands equal more service and more members equal more fun and better program opportunities.

In the name of Kiwanis,

Cheryl Anderson  
Governor-Elect 2016-2017

## Kiwanis Calendar

<b>Feb.</b>	<b>23-25</b>	<b>Midwinter Conference</b>
	<b>2017</b>	Holiday Inn Executive Center Columbia, Missouri
<b>August</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>Mo-Ark District Convention</b>
	<b>2017</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 of events are always welcome. Preference will be given to photos of Kiwanians participating in service or fundraising activities and interacting with children at service projects. Please include a brief description of each photo 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

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Warrensburg

Daniel Uptegrove  
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