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Normandy Kiwanis Club Fishing Derby for Kids

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

It has been my great privilege and pleasure to serve as your Governor for the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International. It has been an experience that I will never forget. I was very fortunate to have a tremendous "TEAM MO-ARK 2015-2016" to work with. We have a team of district leaders who are dedicated and committed to work hard to make MO-ARK great. I have made many close friendships that I will hold dear for the rest of my life.

As the theme for my year as Governor I selected "Share Your Life." As you know the objective of Kiwanis is service. Our time and energy are most fulfilling and best spent when we share our lives to serve others, especially our children. Practicing this theme will make us better Kiwanians. It will bring attention to what Kiwanis stands for, and our communities and our lives will be better because of this.

This year we adopted Kamp Kiwanis as our district signature project. I thank everyone for supporting this project with your very generous donations to the camp during my Governor visits.

I also thank all the Trustees and Lieuten-



ant Governors who worked so hard to arrange and make my Governor visits to the Regions possible.



It was a real joy to have the MO-ARK Circle K join us at our Mid-Winter Conference. I hope they will continue

to join us in the future.

As we build on our Kiwanis legacy of the past and launch into the future, we must continue to focus on:

- Completing the Kiwanis International commitment to eliminate MNT.
- Increasing membership so that we can do more service.
- Serving our communities and our children.
- Promoting the Kiwanis SLP programs -- the best youth programs in the world.
- AND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER.

We have achieved many wonderful accomplishments this year, but there is still work ahead. We must look ahead and determine how Kiwanis is going to continue to “SERVE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.” The needs of children in our communities are growing. If Kiwanians really mean to fulfill the pledge we have made, there is a lot of work ahead. Each of us, as an advocate for Kiwanis, must recognize the priorities that are needed to serve the children in our communities.

CAN YOU increase your Kiwanis service to benefit the children?
WILL YOU pledge now to “SHARE YOUR LIFE” to be an advocate for the future of Kiwanis -- a future where children grow, thrive and become leaders because of Kiwanis?

Remember this – KIDS NEED KIWANIS.

Governor Don

District Convention Highlights

Aug. 11-14, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Thurs.
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On Thursday night early arrivers were treated to a tour of **Camp Pfeifer**. This camp, just outside of Little Rock, is sponsored by the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Little Rock. Camp Pfeifer provides a summer camp program as well as an Alternative Classroom Experience (ACE). The ACE is a co-operative venture with the Little Rock and Pulaski County school districts for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders who are not doing as well in school or at home as they should be.

Camp Pfeifer is the signature service project for the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Little Rock, Arkansas.



Sanford Tollette has served as the Camp Director for 40 years.



After the tour, Kiwanians were treated to a barbeque dinner in the camp's dining hall.



Sanford explains the Alternative Classroom Experience to the visiting Kiwanians.

Fri.
Aug.
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On Friday evening Kiwanians gathered for a fundraising walk to support the [Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Camp](#), currently being developed in northwest Arkansas. After posing for a group picture the hikers enjoyed a leisurly walk and some good fellowship along the beautiful river-front in North Little Rock. Over the course of the entire weekend, over \$7000.00 was raised to support Camp Kiwanis.



Some hikers were a bit more prepared than others.



Kiwanians enjoyed beautiful scenery and good company while hiking to support the development of our new district camp.



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Left: Ranger Don was our host for the evening.

After the hike, Kiwanians gathered for an indoor campfire show written and directed by Nancy Willimon. The show featured great music and plenty of laughs, all to benefit Camp Kiwanis.



Above: Nancy Willimon welcomes Kiwanians to the indoor campfire.



Left: Sheriff Melva Deane levied plenty of "fines" (to support the camp, of course).



The evening included songs by Camper John Goss and a special appearance by Dr. Dan Yates.



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Friday was also devoted to sightseeing. The morning included tours of Heifer International and the McArthur Museum of Military History. In the afternoon it was off to the Clinton Presidential Center and Library.



Above & Left: Kiwanians view exhibits at Heifer International.



The K Family Lunch featured reports from the Camp Kiwanis project, Aktion Club, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, and CKI, as well as retirement of the 2015-16 Lt. Governors and Trustees.

Sat.
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Key Club District Governor Doc Kassner (above left) and CKI District Governor Autumn Guill (below left) spoke to the attendees, and 2015-16 officers were retired (below).



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At the Governor's Banquet on Saturday night the keynote speaker was Kiwanis International Trustee Daniel Vigneron from the Belgium-Luxembourg District (right). Incoming First Lady Susan Jesperson provided a tribute to late Past Governor Tom Sullivan (below). Mr. Vigneron then retired outgoing Governor Don Leupold and installed incoming Governor Roger Jesperson (below right).



Daniel Vigneron learns to Call the Hogs like they do in Arkansas.

Sun.
Aug.
14



The convention closed on Sunday with a devotional service lead by Thom South and a memorial service for Kiwanians who passed away in the last year.



Kiwanis Honors

We're proud of ...

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Columbia-Boonslick (MO), who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 22. Pictured from L are Matt Pigg (Past President), Sherry Wyatt (President), DeMarko Coleman (Youth Services Committee chair), John Shikles, Wayne Behymer (Past President) and Rebekah Robertson (Service Leadership chair).



Best wishes to the Kiwanis Club of Cabool (MO). They will celebrate their 75th Anniversary on September 24.



Governor Don Leupold received the Arkansas Traveller Award from past Governor Gene Bartley at a recent visit to the Springdale Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Normandy (MO) and the City of Berkeley co-sponsored their third annual free Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 11. A total 101 children ages 15 and under participated, many fishing for the very first time. Prizes were awarded for the first fish caught, smallest fish caught, largest fish caught, and largest fish stringer. Lunch was provided and each child got free books to take home for summer reading.



John Ditto from the Kiwanis Club of Normandy (MO) helps bait hooks at the annual Kids Fishing Derby.

Kiwanis in Action

News from the Clubs



The Springdale (AR) Kiwanis club helped the ERC AKTION club build and install a little free library at the ERC production facility. Books were donated to fill the library by Kiwanis members

The O'Fallon Kiwanis Club offered scholarships to help needy kids attend the city's Safety Town program that introduces safety awareness and preventive procedures to children, ages 4 1/2 through 6 1/2. The club also donated money to the



O'Fallon Safety Town so they could buy a tent in the shape of the Police Station. Pictured in front of the donated Police tent are the children enrolled in Safety Town, O'Fallon Police Officers and Kiwanis members: John Chambliss, Tom Shea, Greg Wilson, Martha & Ed Radginski.



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The Springdale (AR) Kiwanis club recently provided hot dogs and Springdale police department cooked for the AKTION Club and members of the staff at the Elizabeth Richardson center in Springdale. Kiwanis members in background are Jason Lind, President, and Alice Walker, President Elect.



The Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City sponsored it's 12th annual Northland Children's Drawing Contest. Entries were judged in 4 age groups by members of the Northland Art League. Winners received a \$25 gift card courtesy of the Country Club Bank.

The Kiwanis Club of Lee's Summit (MO) manned a SAG stop for the Annual Tour de Lakes bike ride sponsored by the Lee's Summit Parks department. The bikers appreciated a little nourishment after biking over 50 miles before they reach this stop.



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Hoping to promote literacy in young children, the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield (MO) donated hundreds of books to the local Boys & Girls Clubs. Each child was allowed to browse the books and choose one for their own.



The O'Fallon (MO) Kiwanis Club awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to area high school students. Winning applicants were selected for their academic achievement, community service, leadership abilities and financial need. Pictured is Ms. Nicole Marie Entzeroth from St. Dominic High School receiving her scholarship from Kiwanis

The Huntsville (AR) Kiwanis club has received a \$2500 Wal-Mart grant for their Christmas Shopping project. For the past 20 years the club has taken 200-250 deserving school age children on a Christmas shopping spree to purchase much needed clothing plus a Christmas treat.



First Lady Lori Leupold read to a group of 80 first grade students in Lincoln, Arkansas on a recent visit. The books about Skippy John Jones are a favorite with all first graders and First Lady Lori.



The Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City assisted their local public library in a celebration of their summer reading program. The club provided a picnic for the event, serving hot dog lunches to over 215 happy readers and their families.

Dear Kiwanis Friends,

Here we are approaching October and ready to begin a new Kiwanis year. I want to thank Gov. Don and the Dream Team for an exciting year with many opportunities to learn and grow. THANK YOU, GOV. DON.

As we begin the year I want you to know some of the goals we have set for the year for our clubs. Of course these are minimum goals, we can do more. As a club you can check off those that you have completed.

Goals for 2016-2017

1. All clubs with a membership of less than 15 will have a membership of 15 members or more at the end of this Kiwanis year.

Observation – this has been the minimum level for clubs for two years and it is time for clubs to get to this minimum level. Clubs of less than 15 very quickly become social clubs versus service clubs.

2. All clubs with less than 20 members will have a plan for having membership at a level of 25 or more at the end of the year for 2018-19.

Observation – it is difficult to have effective club meetings with good programs for clubs with less than 25 in membership.

3. All clubs with a membership between 20 and 25 will have an effective plan to be 25 or more members at the end of the year 2017-18.

4. All clubs with more than 25 members will grow by at least a net of 2 members at the end of this Kiwanis year.

5. All clubs will have at least a net increase of 2 members at the end of this Kiwanis year.

6. All clubs will have an effective Membership Chair working to increase membership.

Observation – there seems to be a perception that a person under 70 does not want to join a service organization. This is just not true. The above goals are easily accomplished if we just talk about all that Kiwanis does on a world basis and what the local club does for the community and its children.

7. All clubs will have the President and President Elect attend the MO-ARK District Convention plus encourage other members to attend.

8. All clubs will contribute \$6 per member to the Kiwanis International Foundation, \$5 per member to Earl Collins Foundation and \$1 to Outreach. Members is the number on October 1, 2016 – this is the number your club will be billed for dues by Kiwanis International.

9. All incoming officers will attend Officer Training.

Also, remember the Formula “Love it, Share it, Live it”. We will build new clubs and if your club needs help to reach these goals, I hope you will ask for a coach. The I-Plan club planning form is a valuable tool for your club’s use. Remember that “even if you are on the right road, if you are standing still, you will get run over.”

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 year.



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

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Kiwanis Calendar

Oct.	22 2016	Kiwanis One Day
Feb.	23-25 2017	Midwinter Conference Holiday Inn Executive Center Columbia, Missouri
August	3-6 2017	Mo-Ark District Convention 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. 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.

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