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**Union Kiwanis Club,
Christmas Stockings for
Early Childhood Center**

Serving the Children of the World tm

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. It seems impossible, but



one quarter of our Kiwanis year is already gone. By now you should be well on your way to accomplishing your Kiwanis goals for the year.

I am happy to report that we have chartered a new Kiwanis Club in Arnold, MO, and a new K-Kids Club at Rockbridge Elementary School in Columbia, MO. So far this year Kiwanis membership in the MO-ARK District has grown by 101 members! Let's keep this growth trend going throughout the year.

During this first month of the calendar year, I encourage you to continue your impact on your community by living the first object of Kiwanis: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life. Remember this Kiwanis object as you "share your life" through Kiwanis.

Let's all make plans now to attend the MO-ARK District Mid-Winter Conference to be held February 26-28, 2016 in Jefferson City, MO. It will be a fun and informative conference with opportunities for lots of interaction with fellow Kiwanians. Check out the MO-ARK website www.moarkkiwanis.net for more information.

Lori and I are looking forward to visiting with you at the Mid-Winter Conference, and as we make our visits around the District.

Governor Don

Awards & Honors

Kiwanis is proud of...

Sid Banks of the Jonesboro (AR) Kiwanis Club receives a Kiwanis International Tablet of Honor from Susan Jespersen of Cape Girardeau, MO., representing the Missouri-Arkansas District. The award was given by the club in recognition of Sid's many years of service as chairman of their Scholarship Committee and for other community contributions.



At a special meeting on Nov. 17, 2015 the Kiwanis Club of Pulaski County (MO) presented club member Paul X. Hardman (left) with the George F. Hixson Fellowship award. Club President Tim Berrier presented the award. The club thanks Paul for his dedication and service to the children of their community.



The Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City presented Immediate Past President Anne Lopez with a George F. Hixson Fellowship award in recognition of her passionate work for the Eliminate project. Trustee Jim Gibson presented the award.



Seven new Kiwanians were inducted into the Union (MO) Kiwanis Club following a recent Membership and Growth Drive. New members in front row from left: Maureen Wheeler, Mary Hartman, Karen Butterfield (with son Vincent), Velma Wachter. Union Kiwanis President Mike Gluba is on the far right. New members in back row from left: Jeff Hartman, Dave Scheer, Gary Butterfield. Mo-Ark Governor Don Leupold is on the far right of the back row.

Kiwanis in Action

News from the clubs



Above: Union Kiwanis member Pat Forget decorates a stocking.

Above Left: Key Club and Union Middle School students with Kiwanian Julie Duvall (third from left), and the stockings they decorated.

Below Left: Children and teachers at the Union Early Childhood Center with Christmas Stockings from Union Kiwanis.

Below: Lucas Koch, Beaufort Elementary K-Kid, holding his brightly decorated cow puzzle.



Union (MO) Kiwanis Club members, Union High School Key Club and Union Middle School students decorated over 70 Christmas stockings that were made by Union Kiwanis members talented in sewing. Kiwanis Club members and spouses, with the assistance of Union High School Key Club members and Beaufort Elementary School K-Kids, also decorated wooden puzzles to go into the stockings. Each stocking was then stuffed with toys, crayons, a wooden puzzle, a book, a warm hat and other goodies for children in Union Head Start and the Union Early Childhood Center. This Kiwanis project celebrates twenty years of giving at Christmas time. It has touched the hearts and enriched the Christmas-es of many children over the years.



On November 12, 2015 members of the Fulton (MO) Kiwanis Club held a ribbon cutting for the new handicapped swings they installed at Veteran's Park.

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The Kiwanis Club of Columbia (MO) sponsored a Christmas party for children at the Nora Stewart Early Learning Center. The children received books and packages of warm & colorful mittens and caps. Hot pizza and cold drinks were also served to the hungry children. It was wonderful to see the excitement and joy on the children's faces.



Jennifer Robers (above left), James Chipman (left), and Rod Kelly (right) were among the Columbia Kiwanians who celebrated with the children at the Nora Stewart Early Learning Center.



The Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City, in partnership with their Key Clubs, provided new dictionaries in December to third graders at area elementary schools. The Key Clubbers also delivered holiday joy packages to needy families in Kansas City.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis helped the Nurses for Newborns program celebrate Christmas by donating items for newborns and their pre-school age siblings. The nurses then delivered these items on their regular visits to their clients.



The Gravois (MO) Kiwanis Club collected toys to contribute to the USMC Reserve-Toys for Tots Program. The program collects toys each year to distribute as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community.

Jim Fritz of the Gravois Kiwanis Club presents donated toys to PVT. Christopher (left) and SGT. Norman (right) of the U.S. Marine Corps for the Toys for Tots program.

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Kiwanian Bill Davidson (above) and a member of the Parkview Key Club (below) help the children from the Boys and Girls Club unwrap their gifts.



The Springfield (MO) South Kiwanis club, along with the Parkview H.S. Key Club, hosted 15 deserving youth from the Boys & Girls Club at their annual Christmas party. The kids were treated to dinner and arcade games at the Incredible Pizza Company and received Christmas gifts from their own personalized wish lists. This has become the most eagerly awaited event of the year for the Springfield-South club.

Members of the Union High School Key Club and Union (MO) Kiwanis Club packed 45 boxes of gifts for soldiers and 6 large coolers for military units stationed overseas. They received contributions from Union High School clubs and advisory groups, Union schools, and area businesses.



Steve Gassel (left) and Chris Gray from the Kiwanis Club of Springfield-South hand out Christmas gift bags for the children from the Boys and Girls Club

Kiwanis Calendar

Feb. 26-28 2016	Mid-Winter Conference Capitol Plaza Hotel Jefferson City, Missouri
March 10-12 2016	Key Club District Leadership Conference Springfield, Missouri
April 2, 2016	Kiwanis One Day
April 22-23 2016	District Board Meeting Greenstay Hotel & Suites Springfield, Missouri
April 23-24 2016	Lt. Governor Training Greenstay Hotel & Suites Springfield, Missouri
June 25-28 2016	Kiwanis International Convention Toronto Hilton Hotel Toronto, Ontario, Canada
August 11-13 2016	Mo-Ark District Convention Windham Riverfront Hotel North Little Rock, 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 email to Kiwanigram@gmail.com. Please include the name and location of your club and limit descriptions of events to no more than 100 words. 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 people 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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