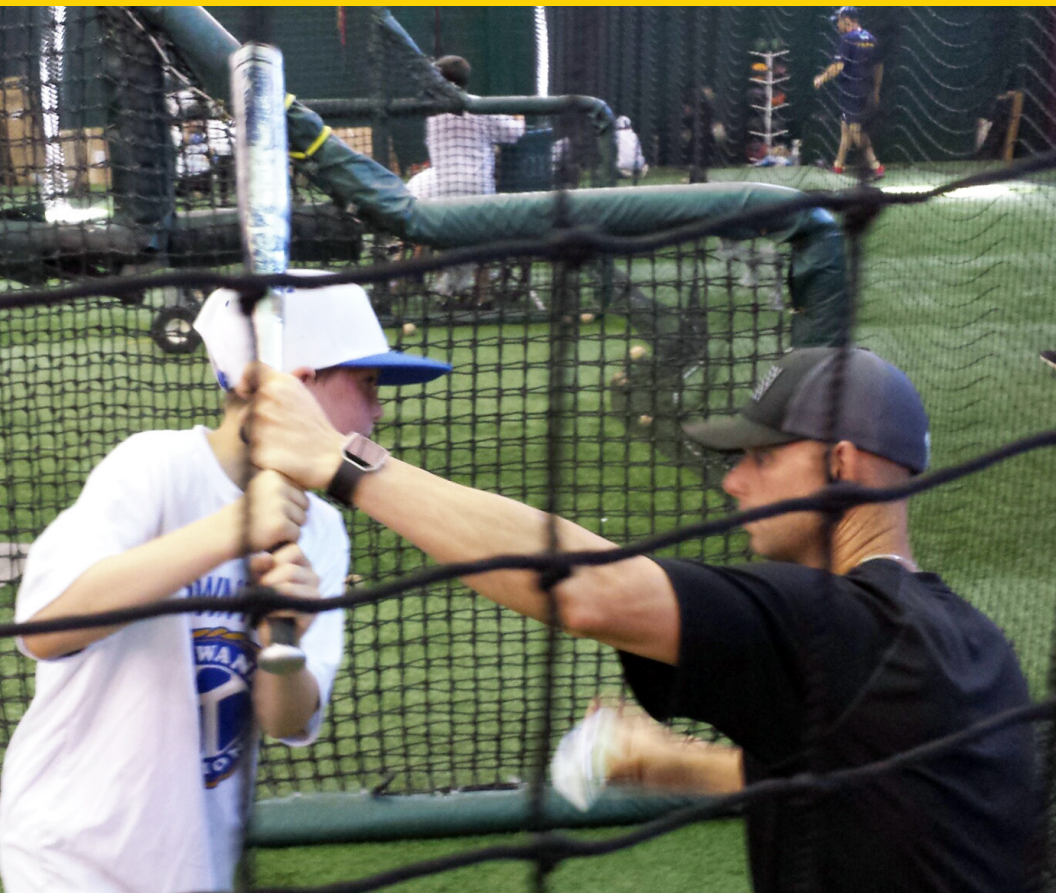


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**Kiwanis Club of  
Downtown Springfield  
Sponsors Baseball Camp**

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## Kiwanis Members and Friends in MO-ARK

Susan and I have just returned from the Kiwanis International Convention. We learned a lot about how valuable the work of members who volunteer all around the world is for the CHILDREN of the world. Another country, Ethiopia, is certified to have conquered Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus with our help. Only 17 countries left to go. We saw the winning Signature Project videos which will inspire clubs to look at new ways that we can improve the world one child and one community at a time. We talked with leaders from around the world about membership growth, branding, investment of time and talent and impact.

We also elected officers for Kiwanis. We worked hard to elect Barb Thompson as the vice president but the voters failed to elect her. But Daniel Vigneron from Belgium-Luxemborg, our international counselor from last year, was elected. He will be as good as we who support him are. Our President for 2017-2018 will be James Rochford from Peoria, IL. His focus will be membership, so let's grow.

Only two months left of this administrative year. Let's FINISH STRONG!!!! Secretaries, please register your officers with Kiwanis International. Clubs, continue to recruit new members and plan for growth next year, continue to serve children, continue your fundraisers. Have you seen the Governor's Eliminate Challenge Award? MoArk clubs are active clubs making an impact all around the world. Keep up the good work and plan to do even more.

The District Convention is approaching rapidly. Have you registered? It is August 4-6 in Springfield, MO. See you there.

Thank you for all you are doing for the children of your community and the world.



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

Roger Jespersen  
MoArk Kiwanis Governor

## Kiwanis in Action

### News from the Clubs

On June 20, the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield eagerly awaited the arrival of 80 kids from the Boys and Girls Clubs to the 2nd Annual Kiwanis Baseball Camp at the Springfield Cardinals' Hammons Field. The kids started the day with breakfast, then divided into groups to start the camp. Coaches from Drury and Evangel Universities and the semi-pro collegiate baseball team, the Ozarks Generals, were on hand to teach basic baseball skills. The day ended with lunch and lots of smiling faces.







2017 Union (MO) Kiwanis scholarship recipients. From left are Ken Rohrbach, Union Kiwanis scholarship committee chair; Union High School graduates Josie Arens (Key Club member & club President), Kori Fiedler, Autumn Garlock (Key Club member), and Elizabeth Feth.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored Officer Brandon O'Brien of the County Police Department's K-9 Unit, as its "Officer of the Quarter." He was honored for his untiring dedication and service to the south county community.

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In June the Pine Bluff Kiwanis Club held its second annual Mother's Day Baby Shower to support Hope Women's Resource Center. Members of the Kiwanis club solicited donations of money and baby products outside three Super One Foods stores. The Kiwanis Club presented a check of \$873.92 and baby products worth over \$1,100 to the Hope Women's Resource Center.



Justin Hajiak, a Rockbridge HS senior, was presented with the George Parker Memorial \$1000 Scholarship by Boonslick Kiwanis club member John Conway at the Salute to Seniors event in May.

On June 8, club volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Columbia (MO) started their seventeenth year of assisting the Voluntary Action Center and Columbia/Boone County Department of Health and Human Services distribute free lunches to kids in the city's Douglass Park. All the nutritious meals are prepared and packaged by the Columbia Public Schools food services section.

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Above: Members of the Downtown Springfield Kiwanis Club with donations for the RSVP Reading Buddies program.

Kiwanians in Springfield (MO) showed their community spirit by helping with the 25th annual United Way Day of Caring, which provided service to non-profit organizations throughout the city. The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield collected note cards, hand sanitizer and dry erase boards for the RSVP Reading Buddies program as part of the Day of Caring. Members of the Ozark Empire club and Springfield-South clubs help improve the landscaping at a local Boys and Girls Club.



Kiwanians Kathy Bohnenkamper (Left) from the Springfield-South Club, and Jennifer York and David Hayley of the Ozark Empire Club (Right) weeded landscape beds. Springfield-South member Les Mace (Below Left) trimmed the bushes while fellow club members Steve Hamm and Larry Summers (Below Right) hauled mulch for the landscape beds.



Gravois Kiwanis Club of St. Louis presented scholarships, including the “Richard Proetz Memorial Scholarship”, to graduating High School Seniors. The Richard Proetz Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Richard Proetz, a Gravois Kiwanis Club member for over 60 years. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship award. Proetz scholarship recipient Fatma Bayati plans to attend the University of MO-Columbia to pursue a medical degree.



Richard Proetz Memorial Scholarship recipient Fatma Bayati (center) with Kiwanians Robert Praprotnik and Carla O'Brien.



Scholarship recipients (L-R) Kaylea Rezek from Lutheran High School South, Olivia Wirick from Affton High School, Grace Ederer from Affton High School.



The Kiwanis Club of Carrollton honored Payton Barry (right) as the 2017 Kiwanis Constitution Essay winner. Barry read his essay, “Article 5 and Its Importance” at a club meeting and was presented with a check for \$200.

## Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs

Boonslick Kiwanis club members helped with registration for the local Parents As Teachers association’s first Messy Night at their new facility. The Kiwanis club supports the Parents As Teachers organization by providing volunteers for events and funds to purchase age appropriate materials to share with families.



Pictured standing (left to right) are: Jim Hogan, Becky Douglas, Belinda Masters (PAT Coordinator), Rebekah Robertson, Ann McGinity; pictured seated are Nancy Burke, and David Cox



15 years of planning and imagining by the Kiwanis Club of Union (MO) culminated with construction of the Kiwanis Union Playground in the Union Veteran's Memorial Park.

Below: Union Kiwanians place a support pole for playground equipment. Kiwanis members (left to right): Rich Sandoval, Dave Scheer, Dave Sutton, Bruce Templer, Bill Whittaker.



Above: Kiwanis members pose before starting their work building a children's playground at the new Union Veterans Memorial Park.

Right: Union High School Key Club members and cheerleaders work with Kiwanian Rich Sandoval to install playground equipment.



Above: Kiwanis members and City of Union Park employees raising an arch for playground equipment at the Union Kiwanis Playground.

Right: Vincent Butterfield & Kai Peterson enjoy a climbing structure at the new Kiwanis playground.



**Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.**

## **Kiwanis in Action**

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Four members of The Aktion Club of Cape Girardeau County, joined by advisors, Susan Jespersen of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson Missouri and Christy Duvall of the Semo Alliance for Disability Independence, celebrated the achievement of the club's \$10,000 pledge to The Eliminate Project at their meeting on June 21, 2017.

The Holy Spirit K-Kids & Builders Club, sponsored by the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club, donated their club funds to the "Hands" Ministry of Holy Spirit Parish as part of their Service Project. HandS provides services to people in need of food, utility or financial assistance.

Pictured back row: Mr. Jim, Charlie Milligan (from HandS Ministry)  
 Middle Row: Mia Young, Caroline Walsh, Samantha Shine, Angeline Weber, Emily Sarmiento (Club Coordinator), Logan Bucheit, Clara Grothoff  
 Front Row: Rylee Green (Club Vice-President), Kendyl Poole (Club President), Katie Hill (Secretary) and Madi Hill.

## Service Leadership Leaders of Tomorrow



Nearly 100 students attended the organizational meeting of the Little Rock Parkview Magnet High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Pulaski Heights-Little Rock. Here, Antinet Mack (far left in photo) a member of the Mo-Ark Key Club Adult Staff and North Little Rock High Key Club Advisor addresses the group.



## Kiwanis Calendar

<b>August 3-6 2017</b>	<b>Mo-Ark District Convention</b> Ramada Oasis Conv. Ctr. Springfield, Missouri
<b>Oct. 13-14 2017</b>	<b>Key Leader Weekend</b> Camp Mihaska Bourbon, Missouri
<b>Nov. 3-5 2017</b>	<b>Key Leader Weekend</b> 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](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 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 3

Thurman Levan  
Richmond  
(71 Year Member)

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Past Governor 2005-2006  
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