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**Welcome,
Kiwanis Club of
Gladstone, Missouri**

Serving the Children of the World tm

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Governor's Message

Here we are at the end of the Kiwanis year. How fast time flies when one is both busy and having fun!!!

I want to thank all of you who read this message for your service to children in your community, our district and the world. You have provided excellent opportunities for children to fulfill dreams and be happy, healthy, safe, and loved.

Congratulations and THANK YOU.

Special thanks to our Committee Chairs, Lt. Govs., and Board of Trustees for faithful, dynamic, passionate leadership. Your service is appreciated.

Your gifts to the Earl Collins Foundation, The Outreach Fund, the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp, The Kiwanis Children's Fund, and Eliminate have reached hundreds of children around the globe.

Your support of SLP's has increased our impact in our communities.

You have responded to the challenge to grow your membership by 2 (10% for larger clubs) and have gotten us to a 198 member increase on this date, Sept. 12. We are in position where we could be positive for the year. Thank you for inspiring our current members and recruiting new ones because "Kids Need Kiwanis".

I urge you to step into the new year with joy and persistence so that it will end with even more children being served and more joy in your life. Volunteering gives life to us as we give our time and lives to children. So Keep It Up: Love it, Share it, Live it.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your MO-ARK governor. It has been an unforgettable experience, one I will remember and treasure because I have met so many of you faithful Kiwanis members. I now turn the work over to Governor Cheryl Anderson with my wishes for an excellent year in 2017-2018.

God bless you all.

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

The Kiwanis Club of Macon (MO) celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 26th, 2017. The event was attended by the Governor of the Missouri-Arkansas District, Roger Jespersen, his wife Susan Duff Jespersen, District Secretary Jeff Hartman, District Public Relations Coordinator Racheal Kisse, and newly-appointed District Formula Chair Ashley Young. Following remarks by Club President Dave Leslie and Governor Jespersen, the two remaining charter members of the Club, Jack Davison and Ernie Esry, were recognized with awards for their fifty years of service to the children of the world.

Kiwanis Honors We're Proud of ...



On Sept. 7, 2017 a Charter Presentation Banquet was held for the newest member of the MoArk family, the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone, Missouri. MoArk Governor Roger Jespersen presented the club charter, Division 3 Lt. Governor Bill Dooley and incoming Lt. Governor Ron Schuler installed the club officers, and Region I Trustee Jim Gibson inducted the charter members of the club.



Left: MoArk Gov. Roger Jespersen presents the club charter.

Right: Club President Allison Durington offers her remarks.

Below: The Charter Members of the Kiwanis Club of Gladstone.





In September the Kiwanis Club of Republic (MO) sponsored their 58th annual Kiwanis Fall Festival. Highlights included nightly bingo, vendors, live entertainment, and the Kiwanis Fall Festival Queen contest.

Pictured L-R: Kiwanis Fall Festival Queen Jaidyn Vaughn with escort Garrett Silvey, Maggie Moncado with escort Michael Forester, Emily White with escort Jacob Koday, and Kayla Donjuan with escort Pedro Evaro

Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs

Sixteen-year-old Meghan Beckmann recently returned from a trip of a lifetime. In June, she spent two weeks in Japan thanks to a scholarship from Kiwanis International. Beckmann is a junior and member of the Parkway West High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley, in St. Louis. During her first week Beckmann stayed with a host family in Kyoto, experiencing everyday life. Then, she traveled to Tokyo, spending her second week sightseeing and doing volunteer work. Pictured from left: Mo-Ark Division 9 Lieutenant Governor Carla O'Brien; Judy Gustafson, president of The Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community; Meghan Beckmann, member of Key Club, Parkway West High School, and Mo-Ark Division 9 Lieutenant Governor-Elect Rich Kircher.



In August, the Kiwanis Club of North Kansas City and the NKC Library co-sponsored the 13 annual Northland Children's Drawing Contest. Entries in four age categories were judged by the Northland Art League and the winners awarded a blue ribbon and \$25 gift card, courtesy of Country Club Bank. The theme this year was "My Favorite Place I'd Like to Visit Someday."

Winners L-R: Alaina Mink, Siena Goitom, Andrea Pham, Andrew Pham

Kiwanis in Action

News from the Clubs



Ten Union (MO) Kiwanis members worked together to clean a stretch of the Bourbeuse River as part of Operation Clean Stream. Members of the club have been helping with this project for nearly 30 years. Three generations of Kiwanians participated this year.



Pictured L-R: Earline Sandoval, Diane Ebker, Mike Gluba, Gary Butterfield, Linda Schneider, Dee Hauck, K-Kid member Vincent Butterfield, Paul Hauck, Jack Schneider, Karen Butterfield

District Convention

August 3 - 6

The annual Missouri-Arkansas District Convention was held August 3-6 at the Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, Missouri.



The convention was kicked off with the Friday evening Welcome Dinner, hosted by Governor Roger Jaspersen (left). The festivities started with the Presentation of the Colors by the Air Force JROTC Unit from Republic (MO) High Schools (center). After dinner, Kiwanians were welcomed by Springfield Mayor Ken McClure (right).

Dolores Stamps gave a report on Aktion Clubs. We have 9 clubs in MoArk with 211 members. Kathy McFetridge was pleased to report there are now 53 K-Kids clubs in the district with the addition of a new club in Fayetteville (AR). Teresa Frihart provided an update on development of the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Camp. Ongoing improvements at the camp include the addition of lantern posts, fire rings and benches in the camping area pods, signage and a bulletin board for the nature trails and pavillion, construction of a meditation area with benches, and running water run to the pavillion. Future plans include running electricity to the pavillion, building a dual vault restroom, and constructing a headquarters cabin. The total cost for these future improvements is estimated to be \$110,000.

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The evening's entertainment was a friendly(?) game of Kiwanis Family Feud, pitting the Missouri team against the Arkansas team.

The competition was heated with the lead changing frequently. But in the final round the Arkansas team was able to pull off a come-from-behind victory.

The silent auction for the Earl Collins Foundation and Kiwanis Information Booths were open throughout the convention.



The 1st General Session was held on Saturday morning. The featured speakers were Kiwanis International Trustee Lance Incittie (left)

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and Kiwanis International Chief Programs Officer John Shertzer (right). Mr. Incittie spoke about the importance of membership growth and congratulated the MoArk District for having positive growth this year. Mr. Shertzer told Kiwanians about the benefits of Service Leadership clubs, not only to those involved in the SLP but also to the sponsoring Kiwanis Club. He said SLP clubs help members discover the heart to serve, answer the call to lead, and find the courage to engage.



At the Kiwanis Family Lunch, Key Club District Governor Morgan Wade (left) and Circle K District Governor Boo Koss (right) offered remarks on the state of their organizations. Gary Baker reported that 2 new Builders Clubs have been chartered this year making a total of 56 clubs in the district, and John Goss gave an update on Key Leader.



Governor Jespersen retired the 2016-17 class of Lt. Governors (left) and thanked them for their good work.

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Governor Roger Jespersen (right) and Governor Elect Cheryl Anderson (left) offered their remarks on the year past and the year to come at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday night.



Kiwanis International Trustee Lance Incitti installed the new district officers, including the 2017-18 class of Lt. Governors (right)



The convention closed on Sunday morning with the memorial service for Kiwanians who passed away in the previous year (above right) and the traditional exchange of banners for district officers.



Left: Exchange of the Governor's Banner.

Right: Governor Roger Jespersen closes the 2017 Missouri-Arkansas District Convention.



Kiwanis Calendar

Oct. 13-15 2017	Key Leader Weekend Camp Mihaska Bourbon, Missouri
Oct. 28 2017	Kiwanis One Day
Nov. 3-5 2017	Key Leader Weekend Camp Tanako Hot Springs, Arkansas
Feb. 21-25 2018	Mid-Winter Conference Holiday Inn Exec. Ctr. Columbia, Missouri
June 28-July 1 2018	Kiwanis International Conv. Las Vegas, Nevada
Aug. 2-5 2018	MoArk 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 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

F. G. Weary
Richmond

Division 7

Carl Voglrer
Bridgeton

Division 9

Don Johnson
Maplewood

Division 12

Ben Johnson
Carthage

Stephen McDaniel
Carthage

Division 14

Van Arden
Cape Girardeau
63 Year Member

Steven Strong
Cape Girardeau

Division 15

Jerry Hancock
Hot Springs Village

Robert Megahan
Hot Springs Village

Division 17

James Crouch
Batesville
49 Year Member

Division 20

Otis Hibbard
Russellville

Division 25

James Phillips
North Little Rock

Division 26

Glennon Long
Lebanon