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Governor A.C.'s Message

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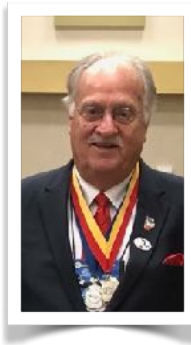
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Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

As our Kiwanis New Year and the World navigate through the Covid pandemic, one thing for sure, 2020 and 2021 will be a very challenging time in Kiwanis and in American history.

Membership growth will always be our top priority each year. We will be encouraging everyone to work hard in the "Each One Reach One" campaign. Barb Thompson will be leading us in our club openings, and Roy Ockert will be leading our membership contest (more about this later). We will be conducting a Zoom meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 pm, with all Lt. Governors, and the 4th Tuesday, 6:00 pm, with committee chairs, Regional Trustees, and all district board members. All members are welcome to join the Tuesday Zoom meetings. Call Mary Vaughan at 314-581-0497 for sign in information. If the pandemic wants to be part of our team, it will have to bring something positive to the table, as no negatives will be allowed!

We are going to work hard, play hard, and have the best year ever!

Thank you for electing me as your team leader. Let's get to work!

"There are no limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder."-Ronald





Kiwanis in Action

Passing The Gavel



Fellow Kiwanians,

Gary Warner called me a year ago and said it will go fast. I never thought it would be that fast. Your hard work may actually turn this into a good year. New ways to meet should bring back members we lost. My biggest pleasure this year was working with you and getting to know you better.

The very best to you and stay safe,
Ron Hill
Immediate Past Governor



Key Leader Update

As many of you are aware, the two Kiwanis Key Leader Camps scheduled for this Fall have been postponed until (at least) this Spring. These camps (Camp Mihaska in Bourbon, MO, scheduled for October 9-11 and Camp Tanako in Hot Springs, AR, scheduled for November 6-8) were not possible due to the continuing pandemic. The district leadership decided it was not prudent to have these events in the midst of the COVID outbreak. We will give ample advanced notice when these events will be rescheduled.

On a positive note, Kiwanis is offering a Virtual Key Leader class for FREE! Simply send students to kiwanis.org/virtualkeyleader and they can complete the class at their leisure. Over 400 students have completed the course since it went online in mid-August 2020. While it does not take the place of the live Key Leader events, it is a way for Key Club members and other high school leaders to get a taste of the Key Leader curriculum.

Please be patient (as we all have these past seven months!) as we get the Key Leader events scheduled and filled up again.



Yours in Kiwanis,



John Goss, District Chair
Missouri-Arkansas Key Leader Camps





District Membership Contest

To encourage recruitment of new members, the Missouri-Arkansas District Board of Directors has approved a club membership competition to start Nov. 1.

All clubs in the district are eligible to compete in one of two divisions, depending on their official membership total on Nov. 1. Division A will be for clubs with 30 or more members; Division B will be for clubs with fewer than 30. The district board, meeting Oct. 24 at Springfield, Mo., approved the use of \$22,000 in reserve funds to be distributed as grants to clubs that have the largest percentage of membership increase between Nov. 1 and next March 31.

Grants would be awarded as follows to Division A winners: first place, \$4,000; second, \$3,000; third, \$2,000; and fourth, \$1,000. The Division B winning grants would be as follows: first place, \$4,000; second, \$3,000; third, \$2,000; and fourth, \$1,000 (three awards).

As of Oct. 10, the district had 56 clubs with 30 or more members, about 120 with fewer than 30, which is why more grants will be awarded in Division B. Grant winners would be determined as those clubs with the greatest percentage increase in membership, according to the official KI Membership Report as of April 1, 2021. In case of ties the money for a certain place will be split evenly. These grants could be used only for service projects, community improvement projects and new educational scholarships, not for general and administrative purposes. An accounting would be required in writing within 60 days of receipt of a grant.

Mo-Ark Governor A.C. Paxton of Benton pointed out that clubs will have an additional tool for recruiting new members because Kiwanis International is extending its waiver of new member fees through Dec. 31. The Mo-Ark board followed suit by waiving the district new member fee, also through the same date. "That's a savings of \$70 for each new member so clubs can get a head start on winning grants in our district competition," Governor A.C. said. "They would not have to pay anything but local dues and fees until next Oct. 1.

"You can tell prospective members, 'Try it before you buy it,'" he added. "We know they'll find membership in Kiwanis a great experience worth keeping."

For questions, contact District Secretary Mary Vaughan at kiwanismoark@outlook.com or 314-581-0497.



GAME ON !!!



EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION
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2020-2021 Earl Collins Scholarship Applications

The 2020-2021 Earl Collins scholarship applications are now available on the MO-ARK District website at this link: [Earl Collins Scholarship Application](#) Scroll down to the bottom of the page.



MO-ARK Kiwanis 2020-2021 Contributions Foundations and District Youth Funds

Club Budget - \$20.00 Per Member Total

The money for the contributions can be taken from either your service fund or administrative fund. Some clubs ask members to each give an extra \$20.00 each in their dues. The MO-ARK District requests that you make all these donations in October, November, or December. By doing this during the first quarter of the Kiwanis year, you get it done and are less likely to forget it. Also, it makes the funds available early so the Foundations and Service Leadership organizations can plan wise use of the funds.

Send contributions to:

EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION, \$5.00 per Member

Gene Bartley, Secretary, 894 Heather Circle, Conway, AR 72034

Each club that contributes \$5.00 per member per year receives an Honor Club banner patch and each club that contributes \$10.00 or more per member, per year receives a Distinguished Club Certificate. The contributions must be within the same Earl Collins Foundation fiscal year. The fiscal year for the Earl Collins Foundation begins on August 1 and ends on July 31 of the following year. Each club or individual that contributes \$1,000 over a four-year period will be recognized as a Fellow Member or Zimmerman Society Member as per their request. Scholarships are given in each Division to worthy seniors for their college tuition. Consult you Division ECF Trustee for complete information. Find trustee information at moarkkiwanis.net (Foundations)

MO-ARK DISTRICT OUTREACH FUND, \$5.00 per Member

Mary Vaughan P.O. Box 115 Saint Charles, MO 63302

Your club won't receive a patch or points but every penny goes to help Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, Key Leader, or Kamp Kiwanis in Missouri and Arkansas. However, clubs may designate their contribution for other Service Leadership Programs in the District, such as Builders Club or K-Kids, if desired. These are our youth and worthy of our help.

KIWANIS CHILDRENS FUND, \$10.00 per Member

P.O. Box 6457 – Dept. 286, Indianapolis, IN 46206

With gifts to the Kiwanis International Foundation's Children's Fund, donors make an impact on the lives of children near and far. Gifts support grants to Kiwanis clubs, districts and district foundations—allowing them to serve children and communities through projects and initiatives that are close to Kiwanians' hearts. Gifts also fund Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs like Key Leader, Key Club and Circle K.

Today Club honors a club that reaches various per-capita giving average per person. The Kiwanis Loyalty Society honors years of consecutive giving from individuals, clubs and other entities. And the Kiwanis International Foundation President's Challenge offers recognition opportunities to governors, foundation district chairs and lieutenant governors for helping their districts meet overall giving benchmarks. And 15% of gifts to the Children's Fund goes back to support the district in the form of a grant. For more information about the Kiwanis International Foundation go online to www.kiwanis.org/childrens_fund



If you want a wonderful "back to nature" experience, then the MO-ARK BJKYK destination is for you. The Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp (BJKYK) is 160 acres of healthy mixed hardwood and pine forest which was donated by Beatrice Johnson in 2009 for specific use as a Kiwanis YOUTH camp. It is truly a "back to nature" experience; the camp is being maintained in its natural state, and now boasts a fully covered pavilion which can seat approximately 40 comfortably, and has sufficient room even for COVID distancing. The camp is equipped with electricity, water, the pavilion, & NEW restrooms in a very natural setting. It is perfect for a naturalist to give programs to any age group. Kathleen Kinney shared, "Even as an adult, as I sat there at our last meeting, I was wishing that a naturalist was giving the presentation - Mother Nature is truly prevailing."

If you have a group looking for something to do that would be entertaining, interesting and informative, regardless of the age group, arrange for a visit to BJKYK - it is well worth your time and energy. In this way, by booking a visit, you will also be supporting a most worthy cause as we grow. www.Kampkiwanismoar.org or Kiwanis.kamp@gmail for open dates. You will be so pleased!



New restrooms!





New Member Incentive Program a HUGE Success

Thanks to the districts generous gift and our clubs diligent work, 187 new members were added to our membership. Congratulations for showing us all that increasing membership can be done!!

If your club participated in the New Member Incentive Program, then the reimbursement checks would have been emailed to the Club Treasurers by the end of September. If you think you should have received a check but did not, Club Treasurers should check their email inbox for an email from the MO-ARK District and Deluxe Checks. You only need to login as a guest, no account is necessary. Also check your junk/spam emails as well. Many times, emails from the district tend to end up there.

If you did not receive an email, please contact District Secretary, Mary Vaughan as soon as possible. We did have some new members that did not qualify for reimbursements due to timing.



2019-2020 Distinguished Club Nominations

Nominations are open for the Distinguished Club awards. [Please download the form here.](#)

The District board voted this past weekend to disregard the item requiring attendance at a conference or convention due to the pandemic. Awards will be given to those meeting five of the six remaining items.

Nomination forms are due by November 30, 2020 for consideration of the award. Awards will be given during the Mid-Year Education Days in 2021. Location and days will be announced in the next issue of the Kiwanigram.





Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph Turns 100 With Ground Breaking Ceremony

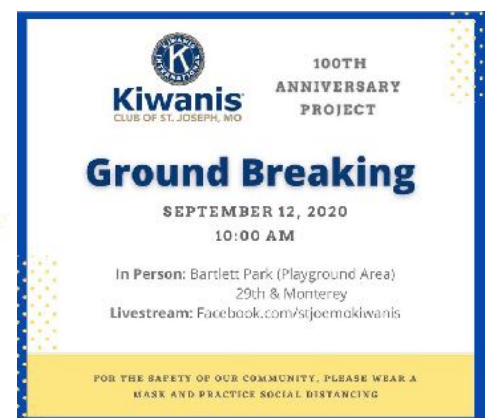
Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph, Missouri is celebrating 100 years of serving the community by breaking ground on a new shelter to be built at Bartlett Park. The shelter will include accessible picnic tables, a water fountain with bottle fill feature, and a grill.

The shelter and its amenities is a gift from the club to the community in honor of the club's 100 year anniversary. "Our club wanted to celebrate our 100 year milestone by making a meaningful contribution to the lives of children in our community," states Meaghan Simpson, St. Joseph Club president. "It is our hope that many families will enjoy coming together under this shelter and it will add to the positive experiences at one of our community's outstanding parks," says Bobbie Cronk, St. Joseph Club immediate past president. The Club is partnering with St. Joseph Parks and Recreation Department, who will provide all the installation work.

The Kiwanis Club of St. Joseph, MO is dedicated to philanthropy and community improvement through various service projects, including Kiwanis Coats for Kids, Helen Davis School Partnership, and KATCH at Hyde Elementary. The Club has been established in St. Joseph since September 11, 1920. The Club meets every Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum, located at 2818 Frederick Avenue in St. Joseph, MO. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, go to <https://www.stjoemokiwani.org/help>.



Left to Right Chuck Kempf, City of St. Joseph Director of Parks and Recreation, Kiwanians; Sean Deweese, Patsey McGuire, Janet Pullen, Bobbie Cronk, and Bill McMurray, Mayor of City of St. Joseph





Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community celebrates 20th Anniversary

Pictured at right are the newly installed officers and special guests who attended the 20th Anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of the Meramec Valley Community. From left are; Back row: Paul Eckler, club secretary; middle row: Mary Vaughan, secretary, Kiwanis MO-ARK District; Dave Green, club president; Kathy Josephsohn, club treasurer; Angie Oshia, club president-elect and Lt. Governor Kiwanis Division 9, Jim Fritz; front row: Martha Radginski, trustee Kiwanis Region IV and Gov.-Elect, Kiwanis MO-ARK District Carla O'Brien.



2020-21 Members of the Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community; from left, back row: Paul Eckler; Dave Green; Angie Oshia; Glenn Koenen & Bob Gustafson; front row: Nancy Willimon; Peggy Koenen; Kathy Josephsohn; Judy Gustafson and Diana Gordon. (Not pictured: Jaime Gast; Regal Green; Ted Green; Carl Hasselbring; Mary Henricks; Gwen Jones; Steve Josephsohn; Charlotte Lehmann and Jennifer Wallace.)

20th
Anniversary



2020-21 Board of Directors, Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community; from left, are Peggy & Glenn Koenen; Bob & Judy Gustafson and Nancy Willimon. (Not pictured: Regal Green).



Kathy Josephsohn honored

Pictured at right, Dave Green, president of The Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community presents the Kiwanis Presidential Walter Zeller Fellowship Award to Kathy Josephsohn, club treasurer. The club honored Josephsohn's many years of commitment to Kiwanis by contributing to the Kiwanis/Unicef ELIMINATE Project to rid the world of maternal and neonatal tetanus. Distinguished honorees receive a medal with a ribbon, a pin and an engraved certificate of appreciation.





Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club of Batesville recognition and installation

The Batesville Kiwanis Club held its officer installation and recognition at their regular meeting, Friday, October 2. President Frank Hilbert presented a Presidential Zellar to Robin Covington in honor of her husband our club president Charles who passed away this March. Charles Covington was a member of the Batesville Kiwanis Club for over 40 years and was the club president. Charles loved his Kiwanis family. He first joined the White River Kiwanis Club in 1980, which served the Southside area of Batesville and was their charter president. Later, after

the club disbanded, he joined the Batesville Kiwanis club in 1994 and was president from 2002-2003 and again in 2019-2020. During that time, the club celebrated its 75th year, with Charles directing many activities telling our community about Kiwanis. Charles began each meeting with a joke and led us in song. He was serving as our current president (2019-2020). He was awarded a Kiwanis International George F. Hixson Fellow and had 22 years of perfect attendance. He is greatly missed.



Citizen of Year Senator James Sturch and Pres-Elect, Tom Martin

Batesville Kiwanis Citizen of the Year was presented to the honorable Senator James Sturch. The Citizen of the Year has been awarded by the Kiwanis Club of Batesville, since 1952, to recognize individuals that have

made significant contributions to the community. Senator Sturch has served his community as a lay leader in his church, civic volunteer, educator and public servant from an early age to present. Growing up in Southside he had found a love of history, choir and volunteerism. He graduated from Southside High School, received his undergraduate degree in Social Studies and Masters of Public Service from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. When elected to the Arkansas House of Representatives in 2014, Sturch became the youngest member of the 90th General Assembly at the age of 24. In 2018, Sturch was elected State Senator and currently serves on the Senate Education and Agriculture/Economic Development committees. He and Macy were married in 2018. He is also a proud member of the Batesville Kiwanis Club. Division 17 Lt. Governor Lyndal Waits installed the 2020-2021 club officers as follows; President, Frank Hilbert, President-Elect Tom Martin, 1st V.P. Bill Cline, 2nd V.P. Adam Curtwright and Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Lewallen. Board members installed are; Steven Lewis, Landon Reeves, Jack Sanders, Kandace Sherman, and Janie Starnes.

Fifteen members were awarded with perfect attendance, ranging from 1 year to 42 years, totaling 273 years.



Pres. Frank Hilbert, Robin Covington and son Brad.



2020-2021 officers; Pres. Frank Hilbert, Pres.-Elect Tom Martin, 1st V.P. Bill Cline, 2nd V.P. Adam Curtwright, Sec./Treasurer Ron Lewallen and Kandace Sherman, Board Member



Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club of Union Installation Meeting

The Union Kiwanis Club held its installation meeting, October 7, 2020. Kiwanian Pat Forget, was honored with a George F Hixson Fellowship. She has served as club secretary for the past three years, and is continuing for the 2020-2021 year. She has chaired committees for both Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) and the Community Table.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund established the George F. Hixson Fellowship in 1983. Named for Kiwanis International's first president, the honor is a way of recognizing people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' history of generosity. A Kiwanis Club is allowed to present this award by contributing a \$1,000 donation to Kiwanis International.



In front, from left, are Co-presidents elect Debbie Puls and Gina Peters; Past co-president Karen Butterfield; and Secretary Pat Forget. In back, from left, are Co-presidents Lucy Scott and Lynne Elliott; and Past co-president Kathy Skrivan. Not pictured are Treasurer Jim Strubberg, Recording Secretary Ken Rohrbach and Assistant Secretary Linda Schneider.



L to R: Kathy Skrivan (2019 Club Co-President and 2017 Hixson Fellowship Recipient) and Pat Forget

Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village New Officers



Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village 2020/2021 officers
Past President- Gary Hoff, Current President- Leah Hunt,
Secretary- Gwen Bonds, Board Member- Shirley Wiggins,
Treasurer- Earl Stockdale, & Board Member- Jeanette Keim.





Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs Installation Luncheon

At the Kiwanis Club of Siloam Springs Installation Luncheon on Wednesday, September 16th, outgoing president Mike Velo presented the Ervin Taylor Outstanding Service Award posthumously to Danny Elrod. Accepting the award for Danny was family members Chris Elrod, son; Kappi Elrod, ex-wife; John Elrod, brother; and Adrienne Elrod, niece.

Danny was in Kiwanis for 37 years and was past president of the club. Danny's leadership, wisdom, service, and friendship has left a significant impression on our club and the community of Siloam Springs. He will be greatly missed.

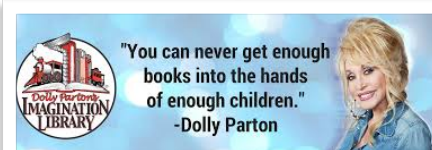


(Pictured, starting from the left, is Club Treasurer and longtime friend Craig Taylor, Outgoing President Mike Velo, Kappi Elrod, and Chris Elrod.)



Pictured, starting from the left, is Mary Nolan, Tim Davis, Kiwanis outgoing President Mike Velo, and Kiwanis Dolly Parton Imagination Library chairperson Katie Rennard.

Siloam Springs Rotary Club president, Tim Davis and member Mary Nolan presented the Siloam Springs Kiwanis Club with a check of \$1,200 to support the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for the Siloam Springs community. "We want to thank the Rotary Club for joining is in helping the children of Siloam Springs."



Downtown Springfield Kiwanis Club donates to playground



Downtown Springfield Kiwanis Club helped Mr. Nick's Playground become a place for children of all abilities to play! Ribbon cutting for the brand new inclusive #BeLikeNick Playground at McBride Elementary, Springfield, MO was held Oct. 7, 2020.

"I have come to realize that the work I do, regardless of how big or little the task might be, is making a difference in student's lives." - Nick Hostler.





Kiwanis Honors

Bridgeton Kiwanian celebrates 50 years in Kiwanis



Lyle Downs was born on June 28, 1937. He lived on Bridgeton over 80 years and graduated from Pattonville High School in 1955. He has been married to his wife Shirley for 62 years. They have one daughter, Brenda Grande with three grandchildren and four Great Grands. Lyle started working at Branneky Hardware when he was 12 and retired from as co-owner 43 years later. He then started his own business called Authorized Business Sales for 20 years.

Weldon Zoellner asked Lyle to join the Bridgeton Kiwanis Club and he did on March 26, 1970. He has proudly served in many capacities including two terms as President (1972-73 & 2013-15). Lyle has served tirelessly during his 50 years in the club. He has been an inspiration to many members of the club.



Kiwanis Club of Normandy/24:1 "prize patrol"

Congratulations to the fantastic Normandy High School KeyClub members! Members of the Kiwanis Club of Normandy/24:1 in Missouri did a 'prize patrol' to recognize these young people and award a \$500 scholarship to Normandy High School graduating senior Remy Johnson. Key Club member Rakaya Hillard was recognized for her work with the MHS Key Club. The Club also recognized Kiwanis member Dr. Charles Pearson on his recent retirement as Superintendent of Schools for Normandy Schools Collaborative! Dr. Pearson is closing out 30-plus years of service to children in the St. Louis community.



Scholarship recipient, Remy Johnson



Key Club member Rakaya Hillard (center)



Shown here (center) with Dr. Pearson is his wife, Betty, and (from left) Kiwanis members Monica Huddleston, secretary; Andrea Flynn, membership committee chair; and Karen Pierre, board member.



Kiwanis in Action

Kiwanis Club of Batesville, AR support local agencies



Stephanie Evans of Children's Advocacy Center receiving a check from President Frank Hilbert

The Batesville Kiwanis Club, long time supporters of the Alpha Center, Family Violence Prevention Center and Children's Advocacy Center, presented each agency with a check of \$1000, and heard updates about each program, at a weekly meeting recently. The Children's Advocacy Center serve child victims of abuse from Independence, Izard, Stone, Sharp, and Fulton counties after a report has been made to the Child Abuse Hotline or law enforcement. The goal of the CAC is to create a child friendly and family focused atmosphere for those experiencing abuse. Family Violence Prevention. Inc.(FVP) assists individuals and families experiencing domestic abuse and sexual assault to choose options and to control their own lives by providing crisis intervention and a full range of support services. FVP is located in Batesville, Arkansas and serves all victims of violence without prejudice. The Alpha Center is a free and confidential pregnancy center to empower individuals with the knowledge to make the best decision for themselves.



Lisa Rodriguez and Billie Grady of the FVP with President Hilbert



Danielle Adams of Alpha Center and President Hilbert

Kiwanis Club of Gravois - St Louis County Fill Backpacks



L to R; Ginger Crooks, Lori Leupold, Ed Golterman, Jean Eckrich, Paul Eckrich

Gravois Kiwanis Club's partner project at Heroes Care, Saturday, Sept. 12. The crew assembled backpacks with school supplies, at Heroes Care, to deliver to the Mesnier Elementary kids. They assembled 25 backpacks per grade level and included the gift of an age appropriate book in each backpack. The group got a facility tour and then volunteered an hour assisting with warehouse work at Heroes Care (Veterans Assistance organization). Thanks to our great workers! Carla O'Brien, not photographed.



L to R; Karl Grattendick, with special thanks to member spouses - Paula Eckrich and Pam Grattendick!





In Memoriam

Division 2

Mason McIntire
Mound City

Division 13

Hal Williams
Republic

Division 19

Charles Davis
Bentonville

Division 4

Gary Hanson
Raytown Three Trails

Division 14

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Gerald Penn
Charleston

Division 21

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Division 23

Frank Roth
Hope

Division 9

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Crestwood-Sunset Hills

Gary Goldman
Malvern Area

Division 24

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Gravois, St. Louis Co.

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C. Ball
North Little Rock



Kiwanigram Submissions

Information to be considered for the Kiwanigram should be submitted by email to moarkkiwanis@gmail.com NOTE THE CHANGE IN EMAIL ADDRESS! Please include the name and location of your club. Preference will be given to photos and/or articles of Kiwanians, or Service Leadership Programs interacting with children at a service project. Please include a brief description of the project along with the names of Kiwanians, or SLP members featured in the photos. Please do not send your entire club newsletter, submit individual articles and pictures ONLY to be considered for publication. The deadline for submissions is the 10th day of the month prior to publication.

Diane Baker
Kiwanigram Editor

