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## Governor-Elect Carla's Message



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Governor AC Paxton update: AC is so grateful for all of the cards, prayers, emails and calls. He's been working hard at physical therapy, and the results show. AC is much stronger, plans to attend the February Board Meeting and hopes to have Doctor approval to resume duties as our Governor in March! Please continue the support for him.

As MO-ARK begins to turn the corner on our Covid 19 existence with the administration of vaccines, meetings are beginning to resume in person, many have learned new skills with online meetings, and we've had the opportunity to learn new ways to support our communities. Our clubs have resources to help rebuild and resume, be certain to take advantage of them.

Mid Year Education Days, on March 13th, will be accessible to everyone with a phone, tablet or computer. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to refine your club skills.

MO-ARK Membership Contest thru 3/31/21: Get more hands for service in your club, and take this opportunity to earn \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 to perform service in your community. As of 1/1/21 new member fee is \$70, no dues until 10/1/21.

Be proud of our accomplishments! The MO-ARK Ilyana Project collected \$6900 with which we were able to provide most lodging fees, transportation in St Louis, special shoes for Ilyana, groceries, and the rehabilitation equipment delivered in France. Way to go, clubs and individuals who participated!

Remember: "Each One, Reach One" and "We Are Family" - it's all about positivity and growth to be able to help our community kids!

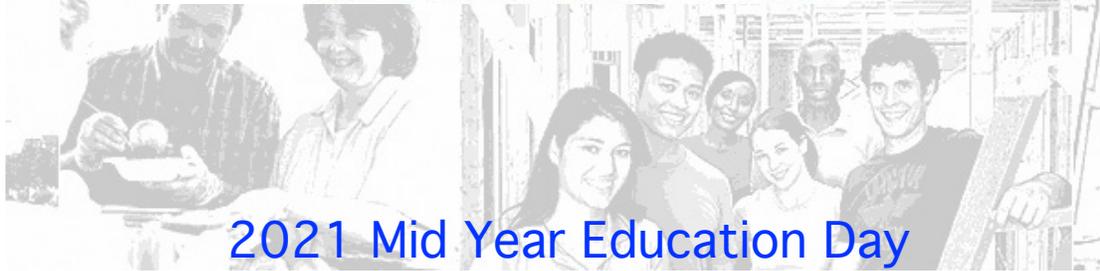
Acting Governor, Carla OBrien

On the cover: Members of Kiwanis Club of Gravios.



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## 2021 Mid Year Education Day “Zoom into 2021”

When: Saturday, March 13, 2021

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM CST

Where: This is an online event

Thank you for all your service and support during this unprecedented time! We are all missing the opportunity to meet and see each other face to face. In light of the continued pandemic and risks of in-person gatherings, your Mo-Ark Board of Trustees has agreed to offer our MID-YEAR EDUCATION DAY virtually over Zoom AND at no cost to you or your clubs. The best news is that space will not be limited, however, we are asking you to register to attend by March 8 so we can send you the Zoom link. We are also privileged to have the latest information on these very timely topics presented by Kiwanis International subject experts.

Email invitations have been sent to all members, if you did not receive it, please check your spam folder. Contact District Secretary, Mary Vaughn if you didn't receive it.

To see the schedule of events and register follow this link: [MoArkEducationDay](#)



## Kiwaniis Amplify



The Kiwanis Amplify leadership program is now open for all members as of February 15, 2021. As discussed before, the Kiwanis International Board authorized a US\$200 rebate to be paid to Kiwanis districts when six members from that district register for Kiwanis Amplify. Another rebate will be issued every time a multiple of six members is registered. So feel free to continue to advocate for members to register! After registration closes on April 1, 2021, all rebates will be calculated and sent to the district office. Any club or division that registers six or more participants itself will need to coordinate the distribution of the rebate with you.

If you are having trouble registering contact District Secretary, Mary Vaughn.

Past Governor Ron Hill is heading up the program for the MO-ARK District.

If you have any questions contact him at: [ron.hill@conwaycorp.net](mailto:ron.hill@conwaycorp.net)

To enroll, learn more or recommend someone for the program, visit [kiwanis.org/amplify](http://kiwanis.org/amplify).



# District Membership Contest Standings

The Missouri-Arkansas District Board of Directors approved a club membership competition that started November 1, 2020 and will end March 31, 2021.

Below are the scores as of February 1, 2021:

Group A (30 or more members as of Nov. 1)

	Club	Division	Nov. 1	Jan. 31	Change	Percentage
1	Crestwood-Sunset Hills	9	34	38	4	11.76%
2	Wright City	6	37	40	3	8.11%
3	Saint Charles	6	54	58	4	7.41%
4	Union	10	73	78	5	6.85%
5	Golden K. Benton	15	32	34	2	6.25%
6	Huntsville	24	52	55	3	5.77%
7	Cape Girardeau	14	37	39	2	5.41%
8	Springdale	24	89	93	4	4.49%
9	Springfield (Downtown)	13	45	47	2	4.44%
10	Batesville	17	46	48	2	4.35%

Group B (fewer than 30 members as of Nov. 1)

	Club	Division	Nov. 1	Jan. 31	Change	Percentage
1	Liberty	3	13	20	7	53.85%
2	Rogers	19	17	25	8	47.06%
3	Ritenour St. Louis County	7	5	7	2	40.00%
4	Cottleville Weldon Spring	6	10	13	3	30.00%
5	Trenton	2	11	14	3	27.27%
6	Rolla Breakfast Club	10	8	10	2	25.00%
7	Creve Coer	7	17	21	4	23.53%
8	Arnold	8	13	16	3	23.08%
9	Lee's Summit	4	14	17	3	21.43%
10	Malvern Area	15	14	17	3	21.43%

All clubs in the district can compete in one of two divisions based on membership as of November 1, 2020.

Grants will be awarded for percentage membership increase from November 1 to March 31 as follows: first place, \$4,000; second, \$3,000; third, \$2,000; and fourth, \$1,000. Division B prizes will be the same but to account for the larger number of clubs, three \$1,000 prizes will be given. In case of ties, awards will be split evenly. [The judges will rely on numbers from KI's April 1 Membership Report](#). The grants will be funded from MO-ARKs reserve funds.

The awards may be used for service projects, community improvement projects or new educational scholarships, not for general or administrative expenses. An accounting is required in writing within 60 days of receipt of a grant.

For questions, contact District Secretary Mary Vaughan at [kiwanismoark@outlook.com](mailto:kiwanismoark@outlook.com) or 314-581-0497.

## GAME ON!!



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The ECF Board approved extending the deadline for schools to submit scholarship applications to their local Kiwanis Clubs from Jan. 15, 2021 to [March 15, 2021](#). The deadline for clubs to submit their grading forms to Division ECF Trustees is now [April 15](#).

Download the application forms here: [ECF Applications](#)  
(Scroll down to the bottom of the page)



# Kiwanis in Action

## Kiwanis Club of Gravios brings sunshine to Gateway 180



While they were unable to interact in person because of Covid, Gravios Kiwanis members brought warmth and sunshine into Gateway 180 - Homelessness Reversed. They delivered homemade cupcakes with sprinkles and a Valentines Kiss for all of the residents. All of the kids got goodie bags with cookies, candies, stickers and a personal Valentine Card. A wonderful project on a cold winters day!

Cupcake Crew L-R was Jean Eckrich and Carla OBrien

Goodie Bag assembly crew: L front - back: Paul Eckrich, Jean Eckrich, Karl Grattendick, R front - back: Jim Crooks, Brandon Balk, Ginger Crooks, Don Leupold



## Kiwanis Club of Maplewood, MO recognize teachers and staff



On January 29, the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District teachers and staff finished their first week of in-school classes. To celebrate this day, the club purchased individually wrapped muffins from Krumb Bakery, a Maplewood small business. We wanted to recognize and thank the teachers and staff for their hard work during this pandemic and hoped the gesture would raise their spirits. This school year has been very challenging— uncertainty and virtual learning. We also thank Krumb Bakery for helping us make this possible. (The District required that the muffins be individually wrapped for safety concerns.) Thanks to Ed Rich for coordinating this project and for taking the pictures!

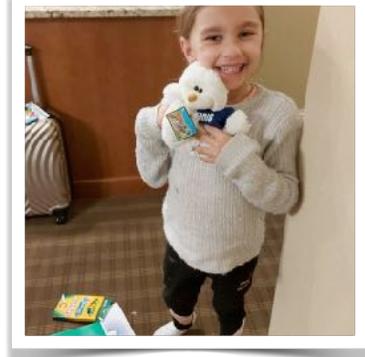




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## Dancer Dream For Ilyana: an update on fundraising efforts

CONGRATULATIONS to the fine folks in MO-ARK Kiwanis that participated in the Ilyana Project! In 6 weeks we were able to collect \$6,900 to help Ilyana and her family (from France) while she was in St. Louis for her surgeries at St. Louis Childrens and Mercy Hospitals. Ilyana and her parents arrived in St Louis on 12/30/20, and returned to France on 1/30/21. We were able to provide most of their lodging fees, St Louis transportation, two pair of special shoes for Ilyana, their groceries, and the \$2,600 Rehab Machine delivered in France! Thank you MO-ARK for helping this child lead a pain free life, walking and playing normally! [To see the TV news story follow this link: Ilyana Story](#)



## Boonslick Kiwanis Club delivers children's books

Boonslick Kiwanis received a kind donation of almost 300 copies of the children's book called, "Mommy, How Do You Know I'll Like CoMo?" about a young girl's experience when she moves to a new town. They delivered the books to 11 of the children's organizations the club supports and new club member, Allie Pigg and several of her friends delivered books to the Boonslick Kiwanis Little Lending Library and other local Little Lending Libraries.





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## Kiwanis Club of Columbia’s “If You Give a Child a Book”

“If You Give a Child a Book” project of the Columbia Kiwanis Club, partnering with Newsy, the Scripps Howard Foundation, and Scholastic Books, is putting books in the hands of children at Benton STEM Elementary in time for National Reading Day. Kiwanians donated time to stuff over 1,200 book bags. Each student receives 6 titles now and 6 additional titles in the spring to jump start their at-home libraries. Childhood literacy provides a lifelong impact on a child.

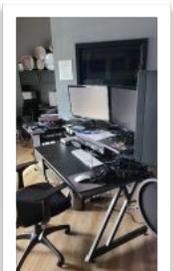


## Boonslick Kiwanis Club gives to Boy’s and Girls Club

After reading about how Boys and Girls Club was pivoting to fill the immediate need for learning pods for remote learning, we invited Executive Director, Valorie Livingston, to a weekly meeting to tell us more. She shared their need for funds to meet new regulatory requirements that came at the same time that their funding was cut. Our club was moved to donate \$600 to Boys and Girls Club from 2 committees. Club member Dave Mast shared at a club meeting that he received a check for \$1600 and was about to receive another check for \$600 from the government even though his income has not been affected by COVID. He said that he would like to donate some of those funds to Boys and Girls Club and invited the rest of the members to do the same. Club members donated a total \$1600. Boonslick Kiwanis members stopped by Boys and Girls Club for a tour and to drop off a check for \$1600. This is in addition to a \$600 check from Boonslick Kiwanis to Boys and Girls Club last month.



Pictured left to right: Amy and Valorie from Boys and Girls Club of Columbia, Rebekah Robertson, Barbara Wolf and David Mast of Boonslick Kiwanis Club.





# Kiwanis in Action

## MOARK eCentennial Club Provides Christmas Cheer

Past Governor John Hoffman has been entertaining the Missouri Arkansas District for years as the half of the Blues Brothers, as Elwood Blues. However, this past Christmas John took on a new role as Santa along with his wonderful wife, Club President Deb Hoffman as Mrs. Santa. They were able to provide some much-needed cheer at the Square in Harrisonville for the Mayor Christmas Tree. They talked to the crowd and

did social distanced Christmas lists with kids. They also made special calls on zoom to let them share their wishes. They also worked with the Harrison Police Department to shop with a cop to provide toys for children in need. They were a hit and plan to do this project every year. Thank You Santa and Mrs. Claus!!



## Conway Kiwanis Club provides food boxes to community

The Conway Kiwanis Club distributed 75 food boxes to local families in need in December.

"More than ever, our community needs us. There are families in our community that do not have enough to eat and they are heading

into the Christmas season with perhaps more uncertainty in their lives. To that end, we are committed to our keep our food box program in place this year," Food Box Chair Jim Wiltgen said. "In past years, Kiwanis has funded our food box project with proceeds from Pancake Days and our club's annual auction. With the cancellation of both of these events, we asked club members to donate money



for this important program," Wiltgen added. Club members were able to fund 75 boxes. They gathered on Saturday, Dec. 19 to assemble boxes and get them distributed.





## Arnold Kiwanis and others donate van to House Springs family

A House Springs woman received the perfect Christmas present thanks to an Imperial couple, the Kiwanis Club of Arnold and others. Amanda Buehne was given a 2003 Honda Odyssey, plus gifts for her three children, herself, her sister and her sister's two children, on Christmas Eve. "We all worked on it as a group," said Carole Yount, a Kiwanis Club member who helped arrange the gift, along with club president Patti Bone.

Rodger and Renee Ernst, who live in Imperial and own Ernst Management Services, started the holiday endeavor after purchasing the van with the intent to donate it to someone who needed a vehicle. However, the couple didn't know how to find a person who needed the van.

That is where the Kiwanis Club came in. The Ernsts had work done to the van by Jess Yount, who is Carole Yount's son, and Jess connected his mother and the Kiwanis Club with the couple to find a recipient for the Honda. "We were excited to be included in this giveaway," Yount said. "This was something that we weren't expecting." Yount said the Kiwanis Club contacted Jaime Cavato, the director of federal programs at the Fox C-6 School District, for a couple of candidates in need of the van.

One of the names Cavato gave the group was Buehne, who has three children enrolled at a district school, Yount said. She said when Buehne listed items her family needed, she had written a car because hers had recently stopped working. "It wasn't a situation where (Buehne) applied for it," Yount said. "The information came from the federal programs director, and (Buehne) seemed like the most logical person to get this van."

The Kiwanis didn't stop at helping the Ernsts get the van to Buehne, whose sister and children recently moved in with her. Yount said the group collected donations, which included two new tires donated from Bennetts Tire and Auto in House Springs and detail work from CARSTAR Arnold, and others made monetary donations to help the family. The donation also included coats, shoes and toys for the five children living in the House Springs home, gifts for Buehne and her sister and at least three gift cards for gas. Yount said the coats and shoes came from the Kiwanis Club's annual collection for children, and the toys were from a drive St. Mark United Church of Christ in Arnold held.

"As a group, we decided we wanted to do something for the kids," Yount said. "Other people also brought in things for the mothers."

The Kiwanis Club also is collecting money to help cover the vehicle insurance cost for six months for Buehne. As of Jan. 4, the group had received \$400 in donations for the insurance cost and was waiting for a final cost from Buehne's insurance company to find out how much more might be needed to cover the cost. Yount said she does not know if the Ernsts will want to donate another vehicle next year, but if they do, she said the Kiwanis Club would be willing to help the couple find a recipient again.

"This was something we were asked to help with and jumped on board," Yount said. "If they decide to do it again, we hope they include us in their plan and will let us work with them again. How we choose that family, it will not be our decision it will be (the Ernsts') decision."

By Tony Krausz for The Leader



Amanda Buehne takes the wheel of her van. Rodger and Renee Ernst, who started a fundraising, are standing by.



## In Memoriam

### Division 1

Kent Troester  
Kirksville

### Division 15

Frank Rysan  
Hot Springs Village

### Division 6

Gerald Schoenherr  
O'Fallon

### Division 18

Richard Hart  
Harrison

### Division 9

Morris Grattendick  
Gravois, St. Louis Co.

### Division 24

Daniel Nichols  
Fayetteville-Sequoyah

### Kiwanigram Submissions

Help!!! Please share your projects with me. Many Kiwanians do not do FaceBook and don't get to see the wonderful work everyone is doing. Information to be considered for the Kiwanigram should be submitted by email to [moarkkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:moarkkiwanis@gmail.com) Please include the name and location of your club. The photos should be jpeg format. 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.

Diane Baker  
Kiwanigram Editor

