Missouri Arkansas District News

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District News

Very Important Information



Membership Contest Results

Wright City, Rogers take top prizes in MO-ARK Membership Contest

Wright City (Mo.) and Rogers (Ark.) are the winners of the first Kiwanis Missouri-Arkansas Membership Contest. The competition, intended to encourage member recruiting, started Nov. 1 and ended March 31.

Competition was in two groups of clubs: Group A, for clubs with 30 or more members, according to the official Kiwanis International Membership Report as of Nov. 1, 2020; and Group B, for clubs with fewer than 30 members, according to the official KI Membership Report as of the same date.

The winners of \$22,000 in community service grants were be determined by the greatest percentage of membership increase during the contest period.

Wright City, a Division 6 club, led the 46 clubs in Group A, with an increase of 18.92%, based on adding seven new members, four of them in the last month of the contest. That will earn Wright City a first-place grant of \$4,000.

The other Group A winners and their percentages of increase, along with the grants they won, are: 2nd place, Springfield Downtown (Division 13), 17.78%, \$3,000; 3rd place, Crestwood-Sunset Hills (Division 9), 14.71%, \$2,000; and 4th place, Florissant Valley (Division 7), 12.77%, \$1,000.

All four winners in Group A are Missouri clubs. The top-ranking Arkansas club was Springdale, which had a gain of six members, or 6.74%, good for seventh

place.

However, **Rogers**, **an Arkansas Division 19**, club swept Group B by more than doubling its membership in the contest period. Its winning percentage of 129.41 reflected 22 new members from its Nov. 1 count of 17. Thirteen of the new members were signed up in March.

That performance passed a previous leader, **Liberty (Mo.)**, a Division 3 club, which finished second at 69.23%.

Thus, the Rogers Kiwanians take the top Group B prize, a \$4,000 community service grant, and Liberty earns the second-place grant of \$3,000.

Sedalia (Mo.), a Division 11 club, wound up third with a 60% gain after signing up six new members, all in the last month. That will earn a \$2,000 grant.

Three fourth-place grants, each for \$1,000, will go to Ritenour-St. Lous County, Trenton (Mo.) and Bentonville (Ark.). Each had a membership increase of more than 30%.

Group B included 134 clubs.

The 180 clubs in the MO-ARK district had a net gain of 44 members overall during the contest period, closing March with 4,348 members.

Barbara Thompson of Florissant, Mo., membership coordinator for the district, noted that the 20 clubs showing an increase in Group A accounted for 70 net new members during the time span. The Group B clubs that had increases did even better, accounting for 108 net new members.

"Though a few of those 178 members may have come from clubs that have closed," she said, "I don't think that we would have had that many without this membership contest."

A.C. Paxton of Benton, Mo-Ark governor, congratulated the members of the clubs winning grants and pointed out that the district board established the contest, using reserve funds, as a means of encouraging clubs to get back to recruiting new members after a year of dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.

"'Each One Reach One' is our theme for this year," he said, "and there has never been a more important time for individual club members to help revitalize their clubs."

We've seen some excellent efforts in this competition, but the end of the contest should certainly not slow those efforts," he said. "We can all do more to spread the good name of Kiwanis in our communities."

Membership Contest grants may be used only for service projects, community improvement projects and new educational scholarships, not for general and administrative purposes. An accounting will be required in writing within 60 days of receipt of a grant.

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

	Club	Division	Nov. 1	March 31	Change	Percentage
1	Wright City	6	37	44	7	18.92%
2	Springfield (Downtown)	13	45	53	8	17.78%
3	Crestwood-Sunset Hills	9	34	39	5	14.71%
4	Florissant Valley	7	47	53	6	12.77%
5	Saint Charles	6	54	59	5	9.26%
6	Union	10	73	79	6	8.22%
7	Springdale	24	89	95	6	6.74%
8	Springfield South	13	30	32	2	6.67%
9	Fulton	5	46	49	3	6.52%
10	Golden K. Benton	15	32	34	2	6.25%
11	Hannibal Early Birds	1	33	35	2	6.06%
12	Huntsville	24	52	55	3	5.77%
13	Cape Girardeau	14	37	39	2	5.41%
14	Harrison	18	56	59	3	5.36%
15	Columbia-Boonslick	5	41	43	2	4.88%
16	Boonville	5	42	44	2	4.7696
17	Palmyra	1	43	45	2	4.65%
18	Batesville	17	46	48	2	4.35%
19	Jonesboro	16	39	40	1	2.56%
20	Hannibal	1	52	53	1	1.92%

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

	Club	Division	Nov. 1	March 1	Change	Percentage
1	Rogers	19	17	39	22	129.4196
2	Liberty	3	13	22	9	69.23%
3	Sedalia	11	10	16	6	60.00%
4	Ritenour St. Louis County	7	5	7	2	40.00%
5	Trenton	2	11	15	4	36.36%
6	Bentonville	19	16	21	5	31.25%
7	Cottieville Weldon Spring	6	10	13	3	30.00%
8	Ozark Empire, Springfield	13	15	19	4	26.67%
9	Rolla Breakfast Club	10	8	10	2	25.00%
10	Creve Coeur	7	17	21	4	23.53%
11	Arnold	8	13	16	3	23.08%
12	Lee's Summit	4	14	17	3	21.43%
12	Malvern Area	15	14	17	3	21.4396
14	Glendale-Kirkwood	9	11	13	2	18.18%
15	Smithville	3	28	33	5	17.86%
16	Greater Hot Springs	15	24	28	4	16.67%
17	North Little Rock	25	20	23	3	15.00%
18	Mo-Ark eCentennial	4	14	16	2	14.29%
19	Centtralia	5	25	28	3	12.00%
20	Meremac Valley Community	9	17	19	2	11.76%
20	Morrilton	21	17	19	2	11.76%
20	Hampton-Midtown, StL	9	17	19	2	11.76%

Lt. Governor Training

For all incoming and current Lt. Governors. Training this year will be held at the Camden Hotel and Convention Center in Branson, MO, on **May 15th**. The district will make your reservations for Friday and Saturday nights with all day training on Saturday. Mark your calendars now to attend. Strong Lt. Governors make a very strong division. Contact your current Lt. Governor is you are interested in serving or call the District Office at 314-581-0497.

Amplify Program is set to begin

Missouri-Arkansas District has registered 28 participants in the program. The program actually has 743 participants from around the world. This should be an exciting program for Kiwanis and Missouri Arkansas.

Here are your representatives:

Cheryl Anderson	Lee's Summit			
Greg Atkins	Smithville			
Emily Dexheimer	Hannibal, Early Birds			
Pat Edwards	Benton, Golden K			
Jessica Faulkner	Conway			
Jim Fritz	Gravios			
Karen Grant	Cottleville Weldon Spring			
Tammy Hempen	Cottleville Weldon Spring			
Ron Hill	Conway			
Amanda Horton	Conway			
Sharon Horwart	Springdale			
Nia Jeffrey	Florissant Valley			
Roger Jespersen	Meramec Valley			
Melvin Leib	Bridgeton			
Pat Marshall	Benton, Golden K			
Ann McGinity	Columbia-Boonslick			
Patsy McGuire	St. Joseph			
Phedra Nelson	Florissant Valley			
Carla O'Brien	Gravios			
Roy Ockert	Jonesboro			
Martha Radginski	O'Fallon			
Ed Radginski	O'Fallon			
Katie Rennard	Siloam Springs			
Mary Saale	Crestwood Sunset Hills			
Thom South	Conway			
Barbara Thompson	Florissant Valley			
Mary Vaughan	Bridgeton			
Victoria Young	Columbia County			

Look for more information on these topics as well as other great information coming from your district. Remember if you and your club

have photos of projects, send them to Diane Baker at moarkkiwanigram@gmail.com. The next issue will be out very soon.

Congrats to all our contest winners. I also hope you find this information important. Think membership!!!

Mary Vaughan, District Secretary

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