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Come Back to Kiwanis!!  
It's Time!



71st Annual District Convention  
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August 6 & 7, 2021

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## Message from Governor AC Paxton



Hello Kiwanians!

First of all, I am happy to report my recovery is right on schedule and I am looking forward to a great International Convention in Utah, June 23 - 27. Past Missouri-Arkansas District Governor, Barb Thompson, is a candidate for Kiwanis International Vice President. Please consider donating from your club to her campaign, it will be greatly appreciated. Please send your contribution to the M&A account % Mary Vaughan, Secretary MO-ARK District, PO Box 115, St. Charles, MO 63304. If you have a friend that will be a voting Delegate in SLC, encourage them to vote for Barb.

Remember, August 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> will be our annual District Convention in Jonesboro, AR. We need all clubs to be represented by their Elected Officers. Come prepared to learn, reconnect with old friends, and make new friends for life. All Trustees and Lt. Governors are encouraged to attend along with current Board & Committee Chairs. Let's make this the best convention ever!

Time is slipping away. Have you Reached your One? We still have time. Remember you will receive my Governor pin if you bring in 1 new member. " Each One Reach One!!!"

See you in Jonesboro !!

Yours in Service,

A.C.





## 2021 Missouri-Arkansas Kiwanis District Convention

### Come Back to Kiwanis 71<sup>st</sup> Annual District Convention

We are so excited to welcome Kiwanians from Arkansas and Missouri to our August 6 & 7 “Live and In Person” Missouri-Arkansas District Convention being held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at the Jonesboro Red Wolf Convention Center located at 223 Red Wolf Blvd, Jonesboro, AR 72405. The Embassy Suites and Convention Center is adjacent to downtown Jonesboro on the Arkansas State Campus. Jonesboro is the fastest growing city in the Delta and the 5th largest city in Arkansas. Jonesboro, one of the state's most progressive cities, was established in 1859 among the rolling hills of Crowley's Ridge in northeast Arkansas. Downtown is filled with gift shops, restaurants, art galleries, a day spa and an active civic center called the Forum. Arkansas State University offers a museum, a fine arts center and an indoor sports/entertainment complex. The Forrest L. Wood Crowley's Ridge Nature Center provides an interesting tour of the natural wonders of the region. So much to see and do in this beautiful part of Arkansas!

We are looking forward to coming back together to engage in fellowship, educational opportunities and attend to the business of our district. The convention officially meets on August 6 & 7, however, if you come down on Thursday, August 5, Robin Kuykendall, entertainment chair is offering a wonderful carpooling afternoon trip to historic Wilson, Arkansas. You can learn more about Wilson here: <https://wilsonarkansas.com>. Friday begins early with breakfast included with your hotel reservation, registration and educational sessions kicking off two days of reunions with old friends and colleagues, meeting new Kiwanians, engaging in learning opportunities and most important: fellowship and fun. As a special treat for those who might not need to attend the delegate session, Robin has planned even more fun in the form of a trip next door to the campus of Arkansas State University Art Museums and other nearby attractions. We will have the Earl Collins Foundation Silent Auction, a service project on-site to benefit a non-profit in the area, display tables, a hospitality room and so much more! [You will find the full convention agenda on the following page.](#)

We are inviting you to join us for this wonderful event. Please take a moment to register, you can do this by following this link: [Register](#)

You can book your hotel room at this link: [Hotel](#)

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Katie Rennard, Convention Chair

Robin Asher, Teresa Frihart, Robin Kuykendall, Roy Ochert and Jennifer York

Convention Committee





## AGENDA MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION 2021

### Thursday – Aug 5:

7:30 pm – 8:30pm

Meet the Candidates Reception

### Friday – Aug 6:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Registration & Delegate Registration

Earl Collins Foundation Board Meeting

Hospitality Room

Silent Auction to benefit Earl Collins Foundation

Make Up Certified Leadership Education Training

Presenters Paul Eckler and Mary Saale

Presidents 9:30-10:45; Secretaries 11:00-11:45; Treasurers 11:45-12:00

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch on Your Own

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Past Governors Lunch/ Past Governors Partners Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Information Booths/Display Tables

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Educational Forums

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

Building Blocks for Club Success: A Show-and-Share Session - Emily Sharp,  
Kiwanis International Area Director

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm

New Member Orientation Made Easy – Mary Saale and Teri Jacob

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Fundraising Ideas that Work – Mary Vaughan and Katie Rennard

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

District Council Meeting for Presidents & Lt. Governors

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcome Back to Kiwanis Dinner

6 pm to 8:00 pm

Jazz Extraordinaire

### Saturday – August 7:

8:00 am – 12:15 pm

Registration & Delegate Registration

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Silent Action & Information Booths/Display Tables

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Hospitality Room Open

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Past Lt. Governors Meeting

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Membership Winners - Expert Panel Discussion

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Roundtables:

- Club Officer Tips & Tricks
- Service Projects
- Engaging and Inspiring Members
- Youth Protection

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm

Kiwanis - We Are Family Lunch

2:15 pm – 5:00 pm

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Governor's Banquet





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MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Missouri-Arkansas District Earl Collins Foundation is to secure funds through donations, bequests, or other suitable means and invest these funds, the income from which will be used in supporting objects that cannot feasibly be funded by an individual club. These objects include Kiwanis-sponsored youth organizations and other youth services. The Foundation helps support CKI, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs. Earl Collins is the charity arm of the Missouri Arkansas District. We also help support Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp in Little Rock, Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp in Johnson County (AR) and the Key Leader, TERRIFIC KIDS and BUG programs. In 2020, the Earl Collins Foundation added a Grant Program for Service Leadership Programs. (This means our youth clubs have a source of funds for help with their projects too.) Finally, each year Earl Collins Foundation offers a \$1,000 scholarship for high school seniors that clubs in each Division can make available to their schools.

There are two ways to support the Foundation:

- This year instead of the Baseball Raffle, we are holding an Online Raffle. Buy your tickets online. You have a chance to win \$700 or \$200 or \$100. The flyer at right explains how to purchase tickets.
- Give to Earl Collins through the giving guidelines of \$5.00 per member. Mail to Gene Bartley, Secretary, 894 Heather Circle, Conway, AR 72034.

## Don't forget your Annual Outreach Fund Donations

Now that you are all back together don't forget to support your sponsored youth programs by giving to the Missouri Arkansas Outreach Fund with \$5.00 per member.

Your support 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.

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

**Kiwanis**  
MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT  
EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION

**RAFFLE DRAWING**

To Benefit Youth in Missouri and Arkansas

**Prizes**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b> | \$700 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b> | \$200 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize</b> | \$100 |

**Tickets**  
\$20 Each  
3 For \$50

Drawing to be held at MO-ARK  
District Convention Sat., Aug. 7th  
If not present, winner will be notified by phone or email

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<https://earlcollinsfoundation.eventgroovefundraising.com/raffle>

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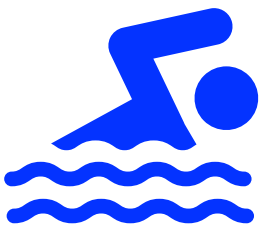
## Kiwanis in Action

### Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp

Things are picking up at the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp. We've had several groups return for overnight camps this year, and most recently had a new group of Girl Scouts exploring the trails. A group of about 10 girls, ranging in age from elementary to junior high school, came out for an overnight campout. They were so excited to be out interacting with nature. The adults kept them engaged with crafts at the pavilion, hiking the trails, and a couple were working on requirements to for scout badges. After a long day of activities and exercise the girls were tuckered out. The girls enjoyed an evening meal cooked over an open fire, then afterwards sat around the campfire telling stories and reminisced about the day. It was evident that social bonds among them had been strengthened by this experience. As they were leaving, one of the little ones was asking when do they get to come back. That was music to our ears, and we look forward to hearing from them again.



### Batesville Kiwanis Club's Every Child a Swimmer



The Kiwanis Club of Batesville completed another successful year of our "Every Child a Swimmer" program. We have been running these lessons for thirty-three years and have provided free swimming lessons for thousands of kids. The program has grown over the years, from teaching 25 kids per year to several hundred kids each year. Our program has evolved with the cooperation of local city officials. The city now provides the pool, instructors, and they arrange with the county school districts to bus all third grade classes to and from the pool location. The program is called Batesville Kiwanis Club Every Child a Swimmer program and the club provides funding for paying the instructors. During Governor Ron's year the district adopted this program as their district project with plans to carry it on. Covid put a halt to the program last year, but we are encouraging clubs to consider the program. This program teaches young children how to be safe around water and saves lives! For information on the program, you can visit the web site at <http://everychildaswimmer.org/pdf.shtml>, or contact Gary Baker at 501-412-2489.





## Kiwanis SLP's in Action

### Huntsville Builder's Club donates to Children's Hospital

The Huntsville Middle School Builder's Club recently presented \$2000 to Arkansas Children's Hospital NW, along with 28 quilts made by the sponsoring club Huntsville Kiwanis. The students sold raffle tickets for a summer fun basket with \$525 created from donations from local businesses and parents of club members. Lt. Governor Blake Robertson was in attendance. The club also received notice it is the only Mo-Ark Builders Club to receive Distinguished Club for the 20-21 year. Tamara Long serves as faculty advisor with Don Payne as Kiwanis advisor.



### Canton Key Club beautifies school campus



Due to a late spring snow, Canton Kiwanis Club and Canton R-5 Key Club celebrated their traditional One-Day beautification project on April 27<sup>th</sup>, a week later than the scheduled Earth Day. Each year, Kiwanians and Key Clubbers clear the school grounds, taking particular pride of ownership in the landscaping around the school's entry sign. They also checked nature areas and pocket gardens used by the school for education and by the community for recreation before sharing in a pizza party, provided by Canton Club.

### Union High Key Club make blankets for local Humane Society

The Union High School Key Club, sponsored by the Union Kiwanis Club, made 10 blankets for the Franklin County Humane Society located in Union. UHS Key Club members have been volunteering for the Humane Society since last year. This Key Club project was a part of the service activities for National Youth Service Day. The students made blankets from fleece, cutting the material along the outside edges and then tying the cut sections together.



Standing left to right, second from the left, are 2020-21 sponsors Nikki Griffin, Jackie Drury and Claire Smith. Alicia Schoonover on the far right will be a Key Club sponsor during the 2021-22 school year. Standing with the sponsors are members of the Key Club.





## Kiwanis In Action

### Union Key Clubbers build bird houses for service project

The Union High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Union, recently built bird houses, from kits, for Global Youth Service Day. Union Kiwanis member Bruce Templer assembled and donated the birdhouse kits which were made out of red cedar. The red cedar was donated by volunteer Ken LaBoube. Twenty-five completed birdhouses were given to school administrators, counselors, and also full time and long term substitute teachers on Staff Appreciation Day.



Kiwanis Club member Bruce Templer, second from left in back row poses with volunteers, UHS Key Club sponsors and UHS Key Club members. Standing on the far right is Gina Peters, Kiwanis Club advisor.



Kiwanis Club member Bruce Templer is demonstrating the steps to assemble bluebird houses.



Key Club member Kacey (on left) and Key Club President Amber.

### South County Kiwanians host their sponsored Key Clubs

The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis hosted some of the officers and faculty advisors of the Mehlville and Oakville High School Key Clubs at a recent club meeting. All had an opportunity to tell a little about what their clubs did this past school year and what they plan to do during the coming school year. Pictured are Ruth Hollander, Liah Kahn, Faculty Advisors Jennifer Sikich and Jim Kreyling of the Mehlville HS and Oakville HS Key Clubs, Nathan Waggoner, Brooke Weiss, Iris Mohesky, and Anna Brand. Faculty advisors Jennifer Sikich and Jim Kreyling were recognized for their years of service and dedication in working with the Key Club students at their respective schools. Jennifer Sikich has been the faculty advisor for three years and Jim Kreyling has been faculty advisor for eight years.







## Kiwanis in Action

### Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club participates in College Kick Off

This spring, members of the Crestwood-Sunset Hills Kiwanis Club participated in a College Kick Start program with the Lindbergh School District. The program involves the collection of supplies for students in need to be prepared to go away to college in the fall, everything from bedding, to school supplies, and personal toiletries. The club collected 47 items for the drive. Pictured is club President-Elect Teri Jacobs.



### South County-St. Louis Kiwanis Club donates books

The Kiwanis Club of South County recently donated "The Kiwanis Collection," a set of 13 social-emotional learning books to each of the 11 Mehlville elementary schools. Books were chosen to appeal to a wide variety of students, from Kindergarten through fifth grade. They address a wide range of topics, from building self-confidence, to learning self-control. The intent is to make this an ongoing project to grow the collection through the next several years. Pictured in the back row with several students at Trautwein Elementary School are Trautwein Librarian Rachel Schremp, Trautwein principal Shannon Henderson and Kiwanis member Mary Howard.



### Union Kiwanis Club Hosts Annual Youth Photo Contest



Union High School Key Club member Kacey Feth won 1st place in the "Creative Category" for her photo "A Walk of Color."

The Union Kiwanis Club held its sixth annual youth photo contest. Despite the pandemic, the contest committee received more than 100 photos submitted from students who attend 12 area schools, including several homeschooled students. Students were recognized Monday, May 10, at the Union Fire Station Headquarters outdoor pavilion. Winners received a number of items, including a framed copy of their winning photo, a ribbon, postcards with the image of their photos, and gift cards to Taco Bell. (Gift cards were graciously donated by Taco Bell.) Pictured are 16 students with their Photo Contest winning entries (one student submitted two winning entries).



## Kiwanians Honor Students

### Gravois Kiwanis Club awards two scholarships

Gravois Kiwanis was pleased to have delivered two \$1,000 scholarships to two Affton High School students. Frances Miklovic (front right) a former Key Club officer, will enter Truman State U to study English education. Maureen Dolan (front left) a former Key Club president, will attend Missou for psychology and political science with plans for a law degree.



### South County-St. Louis Kiwanis Club awards scholarship



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Charlotte Norton of Oakville High School. Charlotte is the daughter of Derek and Johnna Norton. She will attend Southeast Missouri State University after graduating to pursue a degree in Communication Disorders. Pictured with Charlotte are Oakville High School Senior Principal Brian Brennan and Kiwanis member Chad Dickemper.

### Union High School Students Earn Union Kiwanis Scholarships

The 2021 Union Kiwanis scholarship recipients are pictured with Union Kiwanis Club Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Ken Rohrbach. Seated from left: Austin Redhage, service scholarship; Andrew Long and Adam Vancil, general scholarships and Carlee Bocklage, agricultural achievement scholarship.



### Forrest City (AR) Kiwanis Club awards scholarship



Kiwanis Club of Forrest City President, Anna Howton, announced the 2021 Top Ten Percent Scholarship recipient. This year's scholarship is awarded to Morgan House, a graduate of Forrest City High School. Morgan's post-secondary plans include attending Tuskegee University with plans to major in Animal and Veterinary Science.



## Kiwanis in Action

### Kiwanis Clubs combine efforts to help build home



Members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Columbia, Boonslick, Westside, and Golden K Kiwanis combined efforts with Habitat for Humanity in May to help build a home for an immigrant family. The Kiwanis One Day project was organized as a memorial to the late Elda Kuzejeski, an icon for Kiwanians in the Columbia area. Kuzejeski was a tireless Kiwanis leader, organized the Columbia Aktion Club and was instrumental in Habitat for Humanity. The project was organized by Boonslick's Ann McGinity.



### Smithville Kiwanians hold fishing derby



What a great day for a fishing derby! Weather and fish cooperated and the hot dogs were pretty good too! Thank you to all our sponsors who helped us put this event on! Many children came and had a blast fishing. The Smithville fire department had a fire truck on site all day and gave tours during the event. Congratulations to all our winners!



### Batesville Kiwanians give to Arkansas Children's Hospital

The Batesville Kiwanis Club gives annually to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The donations come from members and this year the club raised \$4,200. Megan Flores, Director of ACH Foundation presented a plaque to the club stating that our donation was the largest received from Kiwanis Clubs in the state.



Pictured are ACH fundraising chair, Terrel Tebbitts, and President Frank Hilbert.





## In Memoriam

### Division 1

Gary Broughton  
Hannibal

### Division 9

Jack Wichmann  
Hampton-Midtown, St. Louis

### Division 16

Dickie Kennermor  
Osceola

### Division 4

Rev. Raymond Handy  
Lawrence Tolliver  
Mid-Town, Kansas City

### Division 14

Laura Sherman  
Sikeston

### Division 24

Claude Wallace  
Lincoln

### Division 25

Charles Calkins Jr.  
Pulaski Heights, Little Rock

### 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 [moarkkiwanigram@gmail.com](mailto:moarkkiwanigram@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

