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**Kiwanis Roll Call:** As of September 10, 2015, the number of Kiwanis Clubs in the Missouri-Arkansas District - 177; number of members - 5,283.



Dan Yates

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE that my year as your governor is now finished!! We need each member of the Mo-Ark District to take seriously the need for their club to continually grow; and growth is just not in number of members, which is a given, but by the club having service projects that the club members and community support. And letting the community know what the club is accomplishing is always a good thing.

The District Team, in particular the trustees and lieutenant governors, have with enthusiasm and commitment reached out to all clubs about the need for growth and many other goals set by the team. Through their efforts we have made a difference this year and set the stage for future years of growth in the Mo-Ark District. My thanks to them for making this year a successful start to change.

Don and Lori will be an awesome team for the District. Don will be a competent leader and will give it his all during his year as governor. Let's help him by working on constant growth in district clubs.

Remember the Formula - *LOVE IT, SHARE IT, LIVE IT*. Be proud of your club for all it does for the children in your community and the world *AND LET OTHERS KNOW*.

Thanks for allowing me the privilege of being your governor.

Dan

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Don Schaefer, editor



Gov. Don Leupold

## "SHARE YOUR LIFE"

First of all, I want to thank everyone for giving me the honor and privilege to serve as your governor for the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year. I will do everything in my power to live up to your vote of confidence.

Team Mo-Ark 2015-2016 will work hard to maintain the progress that Governor Dan Yates and his leadership team set last year. We must continue to increase membership in the District both by building new clubs and strengthening existing clubs.

I must give a big "thank you" to Les Mace and his team for organizing a fun, exciting and educational convention. My biggest lesson learned was that Lori can throw a mean softball.

By this time all clubs have completed their election of officers for next year, and club officer training (CLE) should be completed so that we are all ready for a great 2015-2016 Kiwanis year.

As Governor my theme is "SHARE YOUR LIFE." You must already believe in this or you would not be a Kiwanian. Practicing this theme will make us better Kiwanians; it will bring attention to what Kiwanis stands for and our communities and our own lives will be better because of this.

I look forward to seeing all y'all as I travel around the District this next year. Kiwanis is a wonderful organization. Let's LOVE IT, SHARE IT, LIVE IT every day.

Don A. Leupold  
Governor for 2015-2016



Kiwanis International President John Button and his wife Debbie led The Eliminate Walk Saturday morning which raised \$10,231.81, the most ever from a Mo-Ark walk.



Two new Zeller Awards were presented at the convention to Lyle Downs of Bridgeton and Pack Willimon of West St. Louis County. They are flanked by KI President Button and Jerry Martin, Mo-Ark Eliminate chairman.

## Another Great Convention in Springfield



The Ramada Plaza Inn and Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, Mo., was once again the site of the Mo-Ark District Convention, its 65th convention in the 100th year of Kiwanis. There were 274 Kiwanians and friends attending to fellowship, learn, conduct business, and install our new officers for the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year.

Featured speakers this year were Kiwanis International President John Button and Past International President Paul Palazzolo. New this year was an indoor picnic on Friday night complete with several games including a dunk tank. Those getting dunked included KI President Button and our governor and governor elect. The dunk tank raised \$600. The Silent Auction raised \$1,837.

The Delegate Session was held Saturday afternoon where Don Leupold was elected governor and Roger Jespersion was elected governor elect.



Dr. John Button, Kiwanis International president (above) and Past President Paul Palazzolo were featured speakers who both gave very inspirational talks.





## Earl Collins Foundation Scholarships

**New, Improved Deadlines!**

Below is the time line the Scholarship Committee has set so the applications from the 26 divisions will be selected by the time we meet in Jefferson City, Missouri, for the Mid-Winter Conference in February, 2016. *Club presidents, please distribute copies of the application and application instructions that are in the packet you receive from your Earl Collins trustee.* These applications and instructions may also be obtained from the Mo-Ark District web site: <<http://www.moarkkiwanis.org>>.

### TIME LINE FOR 2015-2016

#### EARL COLLINS TRUSTEES

August/September 2015 - Contact each club president in your division ensuring that they have the scholarship packet and understand the scholarship application process.

February 15, 2016 - Complete Division Grading Form for all scholarship applications from clubs in your division. Forward the Division Grading Form and applications for top three applicants, including applications and supporting documentation, to the Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship chair by this date.

#### CLUB PRESIDENTS - See also specific instructions on next page

September 2015 - Fill out the bottom portion of the first page of the application ("Deliver to Sponsoring Kiwanis Club...") in its entirety. (If you do not fill this out, applicants do not know where to return the application.) Make 10-12 copies of the Application and Application Instructions and deliver to appropriate high school counselors for distribution. You may distribute to more than one high school in your community and applicants need not be members of Key Club to apply. Strongly communicate the application deadline of January 15, 2016.

January 31, 2016 - Complete the Club Grading Form in its entirety and submit it along with the *top three applications and supporting documentation to your Division trustee* by this date. Do not send these to anyone else. The name and address of your trustee should be found at the bottom of your instruction sheet on page 6. Be sure the club president has signed the applications.

### CLUB PRESIDENTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADING 2014-2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

YOU and your club will determine whether seniors from high schools in your area have the opportunity to apply for an Earl Collins Foundation \$1,000 Scholarship. You can help to improve our program and ensure this opportunity for the students if you do the following:

- 1) Upon receiving the Earl Collins application packet, complete the bottom portion of the first page of the application with your name and address and other information requested. If you do not complete this section, then applicants do not know where to send completed applications. Make at least 12 copies of the application and student instructions.
- 2) At this point the club's ad hoc ECF committee, OR the club president should take the applications to the appropriate person at the high schools in your area. You may leave as many applications as you like.
- 3) Ensure that the counselor or individual assisting students with scholarship applications understands our program and the deadline for submitting the application [at some time you might check on the progress]. Please ask that applications be widely distributed to all qualified students.
- 4) Ensure that your club understands the Foundation Program. Detailed information about the Foundation and a form to submit contributions is found in the packet. For your club to receive a banner patch this year the contribution must be at least \$5 per member. If there are any questions, the Earl Collins Foundation trustee for your Division will assist you.
- 5) Do not consider applications from candidates who do not meet the "College Academic Readiness" qualification (ACT/SAT score) and/or the grade-point average qualification in the absence of the ACT/SAT scores set forth on the first page of the application packet. List the candidate on the grading form along with ACT score but do not judge these applications. Applications must be complete.
- 6) When tallying points please *do not include the ACT score* in the total score. Use the Achievement Worksheet form to tally each application.
- 7) Use the Club Grading/Rating form as found in the packet.
- 8) Complete your screening/rating process by JANUARY 31, 2016.
- 9) Forward your rating sheet(s) listing all applicants to your division's Earl Collins Foundation trustee NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2016. Clearly identify your number 1, 2, and 3 applicants. Include the application and supporting data for your number 1, 2, and 3 applicants.
- 10) Complete and sign the Club Grading Form, showing applicants, finalists, and scholarship application information.



Hannibal (Mo.) Aktion Club made tie-dyed t-shirts, helped by Evening Kiwanis.

## From the clubs **NEWS BRIEFS**

Sophie Cunningham, McDonald's All-American from Rock Bridge High School and her coach, Jill Nagel, were recipients of the Don Faurot Sportsperson of the Year Award presented this year by the Columbia (Mo.) Kiwanis Club.



The Noon Kiwanis Club of Fort Smith (Ark.) presented scholarships to Weston Bull and Carly Mann of the Mountainburg High School Key Club. Each scholarship was for \$2,000.

The members of the Aktion Club of Cape Girardeau County approved a pledge of \$10,000 to The Eliminate Project. Over the past two years, the club has already given more than

Fayetteville (Ark.) Metro Kiwanis erected a "Little Free Library" at the Fayetteville Boys and Girls Club September 3.



Rodeo queens and contestants were guests of Huntsville (Ark.) Kiwanis in July.

\$4,000. The club commits 10% of every fundraiser to the project and implemented an "annual" fundraiser in 2014 specifically to benefit the project (a trivia night which generates about \$2,000 in income.) To meet the total pledge of \$10,000 they are committed to hosting a trivia night for the next three years and continuing to designate 10% of all other fundraising

to The Eliminate Project. They are sponsored by the Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Kiwanis Club.

The Springdale (Ark.) Kiwanis Club decided last November to build a "Centennial Playground" on the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International. The club agreed to pay up to \$100,000 of the cost and the city of Springdale  
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The Springdale (Ark.) Kiwanis Club decided last November to build a "Centennial Playground" on the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International. \$100,000 was raised and the playground was dedicated on September 10. (See cover photo.)





The Kiwanis Club of Jonesboro (Ark.) celebrated its 80th anniversary on August 19. They also celebrated the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International. Cutting the cake was the most senior member, James McKinney, who was born the same year the Jonesboro Kiwanis club was chartered.

The Mountainburg High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Fort Smith (Ark.), has adopted a portion of U.S. Highway 71 in Mountainburg.



Patti Cline, Tammy Long, Linda Wiles, and Tom Wiles represented the Huntsville (Ark.) Kiwanis Club at the International Convention in Indianapolis.

*(continued from page nine)* would match that, with the playground at Luther George Grove Street Park costing about \$250,000. The modern plastic playground replaces one with older metal equipment. This playground is located in an area of low income families mostly living in apartments. The new playground was dedicated September 10 with both city and Kiwanis members cutting the ribbon.

The North Little Rock (Ark.) Kiwanis Club is pleased with the help of Chick-Fil-A in assisting its Terrific Kids program in two North Little Rock elementary schools.

The Carrollton (Mo.) Kiwanis Club continues the service of placing U. S. flags in front of businesses during each appropriate holiday.

The Smithville (Mo.) Kiwanis Club celebrated its 75th year on July 24.

The Columbia (Mo.) Boonslick Kiwanis Club delivered dictionaries to the third graders at Hallsville Elementary School. The club had a successful 'meal prep' at Ronald



Columbia Boonslick Kiwanis sponsored the Jeff Shikles Race/Walk this year for the 17th time and this year the beneficiary was Camp Kesem, which supports children who have parents with cancer.

McDonald House recently, providing for 35 residents. There was a good day at the Columbia Food Bank in August. Over 1,400 Buddy Packs were assembled before running out of material.

Kids Night at the Rodeo was again a big success for the Huntsville (Ark.) Kiwanis Club July 23. Huntsville Kiwanis agreed to sponsor two bowling lanes at \$200 for the Farmington

At the Mo-Ark Convention, Jerry Martin received about a half a dozen awards (two from governors) for his leadership with the Eliminate Program.



The North Little Rock High School Key Club won the poster contest at the District Convention and it is admired by Kiwanis members.

Kiwanis Club Bowling Tournament.

The Palmyra (Mo.) Kiwanis Club made about \$7,000 at its county fair hamburger stand in August.

The Kiwanis Club of Hot Springs Village (Ark.) had its 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament September 2 at the Magellan Golf Course.

The Columbia (Mo.) Kiwanis Club *(continued on next page)*

In June Lt. Governor Bill Dooley presented Carrollton (Mo.) Kiwanis President Norm Bliss a Zeller Award.





These members of the O'Fallon (Mo.) Kiwanis Club decorated a truck and walked with it through the town's annual parade on July the 4th.



Gordon Garlington of the North Little Rock Kiwanis Club was very proud of his report on their "Terrific Kids."



These are the winners in four age groups of the Children's Drawing Contest jointly sponsored by the North Kansas City Kiwanis Club and the NKC Children's Library. Each winner also received a \$25 gift card courtesy of the Country Club Bank.

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has just reached its goal of \$57,000 for the Eliminate Project that it committed to in 2012. For the 15th year the club has worked this summer to have "Lunch in the Park," serving a free lunch in Douglass Park to needy children. For the fourth year the Columbia Kiwanis Club has held a Harry Potter Trivia Night as a successful fundraiser

The Fayetteville (Ark.) Sequoyah Kiwanis Club picked up garbage during the Annual Bikes, Blues, and BBQ September 23-26. This is the club's major fundraiser each year.

At the end of last school year the North Kansas City Kiwanis Club awarded scholarships to a member of the graduating class in each of the four high schools in the North Kansas City School District. Each scholarship was

worth \$2,000.

The Aktion Club at the ARC of the Ozarks (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Springfield South) has been collecting empty plastic containers, such as Crystal Light, to turn into pencil boxes for needy school children in the Ozarks.

In August there was an inaugural "3-on-3 Basketball Tournament" sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club in

Cape Girardeau, Mo. There were 70 teams competing. The Cape Girardeau Kiwanis Club was there with its "Kiwanis Kookers" to give their support with dogs and burgers.

The Benton (Ark.) Golden K Kiwanis Club presented Second Chance Ranch with a check for \$500. Second Chance Ranch exists to provide abused, neglected, and at risk youth a caring home environment.

A total of \$12,000 in scholarships was presented to these thirtenn Stuttgart High School seniors in May. These scholarships were presented by the Stuttgart (Ark.) Kiwanis Club.



Sommer Yount was the recipient of a new \$1,000 scholarship from the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Kiwanis Club.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored Officer Michael Petty of the Affton-Southwest Precinct as its "Officer of the Quarter."





## NKC Library Picnic

For the thirteenth consecutive year, the North Kansas City Kiwanis Club has provided the picnic for the North Kansas City Children's Library celebration of the end of their Summer Reading Program. This year over 180 children successfully completed the program and over 200 readers and family members were served by the club. Ten Kiwanians, family and friends cooked hot dogs or staffed the tables. Theme this year was "Superheros."



## FUTURE KIWANIS EVENTS

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| October 16-18      | Key Leader Camp, Camp Mishaska, Bourbon. Mo.                           |
| November 6-8       | Key Leader Camp, Camp Tanako, Hot Springs, Ark.                        |
| Feb. 26-28         | Mid-Winter Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel. Jefferson City, Missouri   |
| April 2            | Kiwanis One Day  |
| June 25-28         | Kiwanis International Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada             |
| August 5-7         | Mo-Ark District Convention, Wyndham Hotel, North Little Rock, Arkansas |
| July 13-16, 2017   | Kiwanis International Convention, Paris, France                        |
| Jun 28-Jul 1, 2018 | Kiwanis International Conv., Las Vegas, Nevada                         |



### This is "Swan Song" for A Printed *Kiwanigram* And the Editor

I published my first *Kiwanigram* for the Mo-Ark District in October of 2005. I feel like now it's time for another editor to take over and the District Board wants to follow other districts soon with an electronic district bulletin. I am thankful to David Green, district secretary, and Jerry Martin, district governor, for backing my proposal for a full-color bulletin in 2007. This is the 34th and last of the full-color, printed, *Kiwanigrams*.

A new editor has not yet been named.

Don Schaefer, editor

## IN MEMORIAM

### Division 2

John Cook  
Chillicothe

### Division 3

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Marshall

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Columbia

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Bridgeton

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