

The Misprint

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield South

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June 5, 2018

Meetings every Thursday at
noon at Jimmy's Egg,
3738 S. Campbell

Care To Learn

Our guest speaker at the May 31 club meeting was Linda Ramey-Greife, Executive Director of Care To Learn. The mission of Care to Learn is to provide immediate funding for emergent needs in the areas of health, hunger, and hygiene for students in Missouri so they are ready to learn and can stay in school. This year the organization is celebrating it's 10th anniversary.

Ms. Ramey-Greife told us that, of the 25,000 students enrolled in Springfield public schools, 1700 are considered homeless. When these students are hungry, have unmet health issues, or lack basic necessities for personal hygiene they may have difficulty concentrating in school or may even drop out. Care To Learn works with teachers, administrators, and school nurses to try to identify these needs and quickly respond, usually within 24 hours. By focusing on preserving the students' dignity and self-esteem they hope to reduce the number of students who drop out.

Care To Learn provides backpacks with food for weekend meals to approximately 10,000 students in southwest Missouri each week. They have set up food pantries in every middle school and high school and clothes closets in the 15 highest need schools in Springfield, and are working to expand these services to schools in outlying communities. They can also provide vouchers to local stores so students can pick out their own clothes, helping them feel less self-conscious. Care To Learn provides funding to help pay for doctor visits and prescriptions, dental work, and eyeglasses, as well as providing transportation for all of these visits.

Care To Learn operates on the model of a 3-way partnership between themselves, the communities they serve, and the schools in those communities. Community members provide funding in the form of monetary donations, community businesses provide goods and services, and other non-profit organizations within the community provide other necessary services. The schools provide liasons to identify the needs of individual students. Care To Learn coordinates these resources and distributes funds to meet the emergent needs of students so they can be ready to learn. Funding for Care To Learn comes in approximately equal parts from individual donations, grants, and special fundraising events. They do not receive any governmental aid and all funds raised by a particular chapter stay within that community.

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Club Business

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For more information about Kiwanis and it's mission visit the Kiwanis International website at www.kiwanis.org

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

June 14 Flag Day

Thursday, June 14 is Flag Day and our club will mark the event by putting up and taking down flags at the three shopping centers we serve. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting, or you can contact Todd Chambers if you'd like to help.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Monday, June 11 - Kiwanis Cup Mini Golf Tournament: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Getaway Golf, 3833 E. Sunshine

Thursday, June 28 - Day of Caring: Our club will be participating in the annual United Way Day of Caring. We'll be helping with a food drive to benefit Ozarks Food Harvest at the WalMart on S. Campbell from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 - Ozark Empire Fair: We'll be taking tickets at the Ozark Empire Fair. This is a fundraiser for the club and also a great way to get some good exposure for Kiwanis. We'll need 3 volunteers for the day shift and 6 for the evening shift.

Meeting Programs

June 7 - Eric Claussen, City of Springfield Traffic Engineer

June 14 - Brian Weiler, Director of Aviation, Springfield Branson Nat'l Airport

June 21 - John Sellars, History Museum on the Square

June 28 - Shane Schoeller, Greene County Clerk

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June Birthdays:

Be sure to wish the following club members a Happy Birthday this month:

June 6- Todd Chambers June 8 - Paul Sherman June 28 - Steve Hamm

If we missed your birthday this month, please let the editor know.

Kiwanis Corner

Aktion Club

George D. "Jake" Swartout, 1988-1989 Governor of Kiwanis International's Florida District, organized the first Aktion Club for adults who live with a disability in Putnam County, Florida, in 1987. With the assistance of fellow Kiwanians Ed Brooks and Dick Wittner, the Aktion Club concept spread throughout the Florida District and, by word-of-mouth, throughout the Kiwanis world. Aktion Club became an official Service Leadership Program of Kiwanis International on October 1, 2000.

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