

# Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Missouri



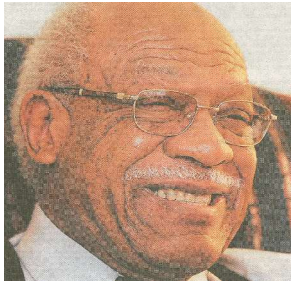
# Newsletter

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

## Strickland Hall Has A Nice Ring To It



Though not our decision to make, this club would give a resounding Yes to the idea being considered by the University's Board of Curators to name the General Classroom Building after our own Dr. Arvarh Strickland.

Arvarh's smiling face graced a recent issue of the Columbia Daily Tribune when the naming possibility became known.

Strickland came to the Columbia campus in 1969 and learned that he was the first black full-tenure professor at the state's flagship university. He already enjoys the honor of having an endowed chair in black history and a room in Memorial Union named for him. Ye Editor often attends meetings in that room and is proud to know the trailblazer and fellow Kiwanian after whom it is named.

Congratulations, Arvarh, and Good Luck as this proposal goes forward. We're confident we'll soon be attending the dedication ceremony for Strickland Hall.



*Curtis Bohl helps recognize Stacey Peters and Lora Lee Hensel of Midway Heights Elementary School at our January 9 meeting.*

## January Inductees



Kathie Jackson and George Burgin were welcomed into the club in January. Kathie and George are both clergy. They are already active and we warmly welcome them to Columbia's premier service organization.

## Mark Your Calendars

**March 24** – Pancake Day

**April 3** – Celebration of Club's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

*(Arvarh Strickland, Program Chair)*

**Feb. 6** – Dr. Carol Anderson, Associate Professor of History, University of Missouri-Columbia: "Desegregation of the Armed Forces"

**Feb. 13** – Lt. Col. A. Mark Jordan, Professor of Military Science, Lincoln University: "African Americans in the Military"

**Feb. 20** – Dr. Robert E. Weems, Jr., Professor of History, University of Missouri-Columbia: "More Than Just 'Steppin': The Service Tradition Of Black Greek-Letter Organizations"

**Feb. 27** – Mr. Steve Calloway, Member Columbia Board of Education: "The Achievement Gap In Columbia Schools"



## Jason's Thoughts

Here we are, one-third of the way through the Kiwanis year! I'll take a very brief moment to bring you up-to-date on Club administrative matters. Overall, I think our budget has been on track, and fundraising is getting ready to really ramp up with Pancake

Day tickets to be delivered this week. We have just about seven weeks to get the tickets out, and I hope that everyone one of you will be active in making this a banner year. Remember, we make the vast majority of our money on advanced ticket sales.

Basketball concessions have been and continue to be in full swing. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and efforts with that...I know that it has been very cold lately, and your dedication is appreciated. The wrestling tournament is coming up this month and will provide even more opportunities to engage in fun and fellowship with Kiwanians from not just our Club, but some of the other Clubs too. And don't forget Circle K...they work alongside us at these events, too. John Maynard and his Fundraising Committee are putting together other ideas for some smaller fundraisers, and it looks like we will be diversifying our operations. If you can, give John and his Committee your support.

The Memorial Trust Fund Committee and the YCPO Committee have been working hard, too. Sally has made contact with the Executive Director of the Nora Stewart Nursery and they have put together a list of things that the Nursery needs. I have a strong feeling that within the next month or two we will be providing not only funds but hands-on assistance through this project.

Membership growth has been slower than what I would have liked and we have lost a few members. But we have gained new members this year, and they all have been active in our meetings and other Club functions. I have also been very happy with the number and quality of visitors that we have had throughout the year. Remember, if each of us brings a guest and invites them to join our Club, we will reach our goals.

Until next month, *Jason*



## The Memorial Trust Fund *by Sally Robinson*

After many years of limited activity the Memorial Trust Fund has made tremendous growth thanks to you the membership of the Columbia Kiwanis Club. During his year as president Jim Tapp challenged us to contribute \$100 a person. Leigh Nutter continued that challenge the next year. In 2004-2005 a club member gave us a challenge of raising \$20,000 and he would give us \$10,000. We met the challenge and raised over \$30,000. Last year again we were challenged to raise \$25,000 with a challenge grant of \$5,000. Again we met that challenge and raised over \$25,000 plus the \$5,000.

Along the way we have honored some of our long-time members with the Ray McClure-Ray Lansford We Build Fund that now stands over \$10,000. We now have the Bill Crawford We Build Fund and added to the William H. and Myrtle Taft We Build Fund. And Bill informed us he plans to build the Taft fund to \$10,000. We thank Bill for setting an example for the membership to give to a lasting fund to help the children of Columbia. We have eight other members who are working on We Build Funds within the MTF. These funds not only build the MTF they also leave a lasting memorial to those members whose names are on the We Build Fund. In the future the MTF committee will remind family members and friends of these individuals and their We Build funds to honor their loved one by contributing and helping the children of Columbia along the way.

In just a few short years the MTF has grown from around \$45,000 to over \$131,000. Congratulations to each of you who have donated through birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions in your life. The stock market was very kind to us last year helping the MTF to grow. Our mutual funds grew from a low of \$11.19% to a high of 33.60%. Our stocks and bonds did very well also. If you want a full report contact Sally Robinson.

At the January board meeting, a goal of \$25,000 was set for us in the Kiwanis year 2006-2007. I hope you will continue to give generously to the MTF. This fund will be here long after we are gone to help the children of Columbia. \$4,000 has been set aside this year from the MTF to go to our special project at Nora Stewart Nursery School. Thank you for your support of this important fund.

Let's keep building for the future of our children!  
*The Memorial Trust Fund Committee.*



## Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting January 10, 2007

Treasurer Metcalf reviewed financial reports for the period, from 10-1-2006 to 12-31-2006. With three months of the year elapsed

there are no known problems at this time in the Club budget. In the Foundation budget, we agreed to amend the line item Young Children Priority One (YCPO) to note this item includes our budget for the Nora Stewart project. Incomes from concession year-to-date represent 32% of budgeted amount, which is good with 25% of our Kiwanis year elapsed.

The total net worth of the Memorial Trust Fund, including cash, now stands at \$131,225.76. Investments amount to \$123,453.09 with cash assets at \$7,772.67. These numbers reflect nice growth in the MTF over the past year.

**Administrative Matters:** A new member application was presented and approved for George Burgin. Leaves of absence were approved for Bob Piest from Thanksgiving to March 7 and Ed Maynard from December 1 to May 1, 2007.

The House and Banquet Committee will arrange for Kiwanis Park to host our annual picnic on May 22, 2007.

Jason Simmons and Jim Bowman were approved to be our primary delegates, and John Maynard to be an alternate, to attend the MO-ARK district convention to be held in Branson, February 16-18, 2007.

At our February board meeting we will elect our delegates to the Kiwanis International convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas July 2-7, 2007.

### **Committee Reports and Other items:**

Curtis Bohl, reported that our new website is now ready for review. He welcomes inputs from board members and can conclude this project soon if we get him any suggestions quickly. The web site is at <http://columbia.kiwanis.missouri.org/newsite/>. He also reported that Teacher Recognition in April will be moved to the April 10 because of our anniversary meeting on the April 3.

Jim Bowman led a discussion on increasing the price of pancake tickets. The Presidents' Council was not in favor of an increase. The board decided not to support an increase in the price.

Sally Robinson reported plans are underway for our club's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It will be held

April 3, 2007, at the Lenoir facilities, with the MO-ARK district governor in attendance. There will be a 5:30 p.m. Governors' Council meeting with a social period to follow at 6:00 p.m. There are no monies budgeted for this event so we will recoup costs through ticket prices, to be determined.

Sally Robinson passed out a spread sheet listing the investments for the Memorial Trust Fund.

David Sapp has asked if our club has a Conflict of Interest policy in our By-Laws – the answer is that we do not currently. This item was referred to the Memorial Trust fund Committee, chaired by Sally Robinson. Sally's committee is working on a policies and procedures project and it was recommended this item be incorporated in their document.

Member Ernest Hilderbrand presented two recommendations to the board regarding handling of MTF investment decisions. Board members received copies of the two recommendations. The items were referred to the Memorial Trust Fund committee for their actions as appropriate by the March board meeting.

*Summarized by Ye Editor from the official minutes submitted by Secretary Ernie Lee.*



## **Vanuatu**

Ray Lansford's recent reminiscences about Vanuatu probably caught all of us wondering where the heck is Vanuatu. Turns out it is a Melanesian island nation located in the South Pacific Ocean some 1090 miles east of Australia.

First inhabited by Melanesian people, Europeans began to settle in the area in the late 18th century. In 1906 Britain and France officially claimed the country, jointly managing it through the British-French Condominium. An independence movement was established in the 1970s, and the Republic of Vanuatu was created in 1980.

And Raymond and Buena Lansford went there as part of Ray's hard work as KI's President. The work is tough but someone has to do it.

## **Would A Lawyer Really Do This, Jason?**

A Charlotte, NC, lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed claim against the insurance

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### February Birthdays:

**Feb. 2** – Richard Edgar  
**Feb. 7** – Charlie Lee  
**Feb. 15** – Sally Robinson  
**Feb. 17** – Gene Gerke  
**Feb. 20** – Susan Decker  
**Feb. 23** – Jim Rhodes  
**Feb. 28** – Harold Johnson  
**Feb. 28** – Ed Maynard



### February Anniversaries:

**Feb. 1** – Ron & Christine Lemonds  
**Feb. 2** – Richard & Janie Hazell  
**Feb. 8** – Mel & Alice Wilson  
**Feb. 18** – Jo & Don Crumpacker  
**Feb. 20** – George & Carolyn Burgin

company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: That the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued...and won! In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable fire, and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires."

#### NOW FOR THE BEST PART...

After the lawyer cashed the check, the Insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

### Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Columbia's Interfaith Council has announced the Lenten Breakfast Schedule for this year. Churches share hosting the breakfasts, which begin at 7:00 a.m. and last one hour. A donation of \$1.00 is expected from attendees to offset the cost of the light breakfast. Any surplus is donated to the Food Bank.

This year's schedule is:

February 21	First Baptist Church <i>1112 E Broadway</i>
February 28	Columbia United Church of Christ <i>3201 I-70 Drive N.W.</i>
March 7	First Presbyterian Church <i>16 Hitt Street</i>
March 14	Sacred Heart Catholic Church <i>1115 Locust Street</i>
March 21	Calvary Episcopal Church <i>123 S Ninth Street</i>
March 28	Missouri United Methodist Church <i>209 S. Ninth Street</i>
April 4	First Christian Church <i>101 N Tenth Street</i>
April 6	Trinity Presbyterian Church Good Friday Service, 12:00 Noon <i>1600 W Rollins Road</i>

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