

Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Missouri



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

Club Formally Supports Renaming MU Building After Arvarh Strickland

Our club has proudly sent a resolution to the University's Board of Curators in support of renaming the General Classroom Building after campus pioneer and community leader, Dr. Arvarh Strickland. President Jason Simmons presented the resolution to Arvarh at our February 27 meeting.



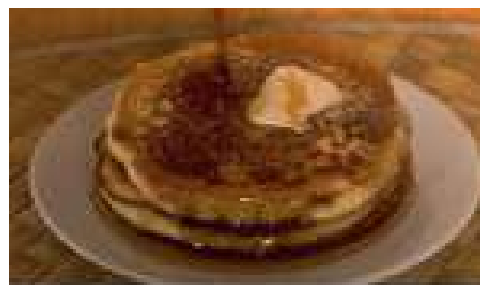
Check Out Updated Club Web Site

Curtis Bohl has completed an update of our club web site. Check it out at <http://columbia.kiwanis.missouri.org> and let Curtis know how much you appreciate his work.

Pancake Day Heads March Agenda

Each club member can do two things to make our 55th annual Pancake Day fund raiser a success—sell lots of tickets and schedule some time on Saturday, March 24, when you can work a few hours. Contact Jim Bowman, our PD leader, for tickets or schedule information.

And keep in mind that we are carrying on a tradition that began May 22, 1952, at Jack's Latch restaurant. The proceeds from Pancake Day are a major source of the money that we use to help improve the lives of the youth in our community. Fifty-five years and counting.



MARCH PROGRAMS

(Gene Gerke, Program Chair)

Mar. 6 – Carrie Gartner, Executive Director, Columbia Special Business District and Central Columbia Association

Mar. 13 – Mary Paulsell, Executive Director, University Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Mar. 20 – Cheryl Howard, Director, Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery School

Mar. 27 – Jake Halliday, CEO, Missouri Innovation Center



Jason's Thoughts

March is here, and I hope that it finds you all doing well and looking forward to getting outdoors, and possibly some spring cleaning. We know that spring is nearly here...with March Madness, the wrestling tournament, the high school basketball tournament, and of course, Kiwanis Pancake Day.

The concession events present a great opportunity to fill our coffers for the work that we do for the children of Columbia, and the world. Much of this is due to the fact that we have a captive audience, that is there most days, for several days. If you have the opportunity to work any of the events, please do so. Work more than one if you can...it only helps.

Which takes us to Pancake Day, and the work that we all do with this event. The longer I am in the Club and have an opportunity to visit with the membership, the more that I learn about this historic event. Bill Taft has been working on some articles for our 85th Anniversary, and it seems fitting that the first few focus on Pancake Day and its origins. Be on the lookout for his work...it will be appearing in the Digital Missourian, and will run for several weeks.

This will give us great publicity for Pancake Day, but I cannot imagine that it will be better than any word-of-mouth advertising that we should be getting from the membership. I know that you have heard it from me, and many others that have come before me, but we make the most of our money from advance ticket sales. Bill Taft recently recalled that one member of our Club sold 650 tickets for one year, by *himself*. Just think, if you only take your 20 tickets, and 31 other people do exactly the same, that past member still sold more tickets than 32 current members. While I thank you for all that you do, we simply must do a better job of contacting our friends, family and general members of the public to promote this event. It accounts for too much of our budget to act otherwise.

On the membership front, we welcomed back Tony Novacky this past month, and have had another membership application submitted by David Melegrito. I have also talked with a few other guests that we have had lately and think they will also be submitting membership applications. We do an excellent job of actually recruiting our guests, once we get them here. In fact, I would say that we successfully recruit over 80% of all of our guests. But, we need to keep bringing them to the Columbia Kiwanis Club, where it is *Exciting to be a Kiwanian!*



Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting February 14, 2007

Treasurer Metcalf submitted budget reports for the period ending 1-31-2007. Club budget appears on track so far. Money bucket donations have been good.

Costs of supplies are up but we have saved money on the publishing of our year book. We may have to revisit the amounts budgeted for our delegate expenses to the International Convention in July. Total assets of the club are \$6,094.34.

In the Foundation budget, it was recommended we amend the line item Young Children Priority One (YCPO) to note this item includes our budget for the Nora Stewart project. This change will be made next month.

The Memorial Trust Fund. Donations from October 1, 2006 to date total \$2,511. Total foundation net worth is \$133,906.00. Total cash available for investment is \$7,993.11. The board authorized the Memorial Trust Fund Committee to invest \$7,500 in an existing mutual fund account currently held by the MTF.

President Elect Bowman and Vice President Maynard were elected as delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention to be held in San Antonio, Texas, July 2-7, 2007.

We agreed to remit to Kiwanis International Foundation \$425.00 as a donation to the foundation. (85 members @ 5.00 per club member.)

Mary Moeller is processing the 990 report on behalf of the Kiwanis Foundation as required by current IRS code. For the tax year 2007 we will also need to file a form 990 for the club accounts as well as the IRS has revised the code.

Curtis Bohl reported that our revised website is now ready for use.

Sally Robinson reported the Nora Stewart Nursery now has a new executive director. The new director will present a program and vision to our club in a March meeting. We know the facility housing the nursery is in need of repairs both inside and out. For example, a new roof is needed at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

President Simmons presented an opportunity for our club to participate in a "Big Brothers and Sisters" bowling fund raising event. Our club will participate with the other Columbia Kiwanis clubs, cost to our club is \$50.00.

President Simmons proposed a resolution from our club in support of a plan by the University of Missouri to honor Dr. Arvarh Strickland by renaming the General Classroom Building. The proposed resolution was approved with minor amendments.

President Simmons reported on Presidents' Council
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Club Celebrates 85 Years Of Service Next Month

In honor of our upcoming 85-year-birthday, Bill Taft has embarked on a series of articles recounting some of our club's history. These have started running in the Missouriian's online, citizen-journalist newspaper. Check it out at <http://mymissourian.com/>. Check them out and tell your friends about them, too.

Kiwanis Club of Columbia: 85 Years of Service

by William H. Taft

Eighty-five years ago a significant gathering occurred in Columbia when some fifty prominent citizens, from the business as well as the academic world, gathered at the Daniel Boone Tavern and accepted the charter for the new Kiwanis Club in this city. The charter was prepared in April and officially presented by Kiwanians from the St. Louis Downtown Club on May 16, 1922.

From the beginning this group has been recognized as a "Builder of Men." In more recent times women have become members and they, too, have joined in the building of a better city, especially through the assistance to needy children.

As a historical account declared after nearly two decades of operation, the early Kiwanians provided "a dynamic and marked influence on Columbia's community life." And club members ever since have promoted building of the community. One tactic used was putting all members to work on committees, providing each with specific objectives. This system has been in practice now for 85 years.

The *Columbia Missouriian* furnished its readers a detailed account of the charter banquet, presided over by the club's first president, Bernard C. Hunt. The evening included a six-course meal with musical entertainment provided by Stephens and Christian colleges vocalists. Club members also participated in the music, opening the program then, as they continue to do, with the singing of "America" followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

It was a fun evening but with a serious purpose. The *Missourian* writer noted "Favors of four-foot self-winding measuring tapes with the seal and emblem of Kiwanis stamped in blue on each side of the container were distributed to the visiting ladies. Carnival paper hats were placed at each table and worn during the evening. The table flowers were presented

to the women at the close of the program."

Among those wearing paper hats were civic leaders whose contributions to Columbia remain with the community today. There were businessmen, professors and deans, professional leaders, bankers and others. One of these men was M. F. Thurston, a banker. His son, M. F. Thurston, Jr., remains a club member today. The reporter failed to inform the reader how long the program lasted. With six courses of food, several musical selections, no doubt dozens of introductions, and highlights of the then-Kiwanis scene in America, it surely made for a complete evening.

Fifty years later, on April 18, 1972, the Golden Anniversary banquet was held at the Tiger Hotel ball room when Lou Glauser, Jr., was president. William Taft was the immediate past-president and George C. Brooks was president-elect. Initially the club had a policy of drawing its leadership one year from the business world and the next from the academic world. This policy, however, has been discontinued.

From its beginning the organization has continued year-in and year-out to apply Kiwanis principles to our community, especially through programs that benefit those in need. And more age groups were invited to get involved, too. For example, a Key Club was established at Hickman High School in 1949 and a Circle K club sponsored at the University in 1964. Both groups remain active today serving to benefit the youth in this community.

The first recognition program, established in 1926, was the Citizenship Award at Hickman High School. A list of the awardees reads like a Who's Who in Columbia's history.

Future accounts in this series will tell of the Pancake Days, the building of Kiwanis Park, planting of flowers and trees about the community, and the role of Kiwanis in Columbia's athletic scene and in recognizing our excellent public school teachers.

Be sure and plan to attend our 85th anniversary celebration Tuesday, April 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Lenoir Community Center building.

March Birthdays:

Mar. 2 – David Stine
Mar. 5 – Ron Lemonds
Mar. 6 – Harold Duncan
Mar. 9 – Clyde Bentley
Mar. 10 – Chad Caraker
Mar. 13 – Ivan Sander
Mar. 16 – Jim Bowman
Mar. 21 – Hirst Mendenhall
Mar. 22 – Paul Miller
Mar. 23 – Eddie Edwards
Mar. 23 – Bob Treese
Mar. 28 – C.K. Odor
Mar. 29 – Graham Jones
Mar. 31 – Bob Melson



Bentley To Advise Circle K

Clyde Bentley has stepped up to become our Faculty Advisor for the MU Circle K Club. Ray McClure reports that it has been about six years since we have had an advisor the club. Ray served in that role until his retirement and then Ted and Sara Green supported Circle K for many years and helped it thrive. In recent years we have not had that kind of support for the club. Bentley's involvement now with Circle K should give the currently healthy club an added boost. Thanks, Clyde, for lending your help to Circle K.

Concession Rate Beats Minimum Wage!

Concessions income is normally our largest, single income-producing activity. Yet some think the "hourly rate" we earn is too low to warrant their involvement. A recent report from Ivan Sander shows that our club made \$2,341.07 from working football concessions for 283.02 hours, for a "pay" rate of \$8.27 per hour. Basketball concessions have been earning less but overall that's not a bad way to earn money to help our youth.

March Anniversaries:

Mar. 19 – Thornton & Mickie Jenkins
Mar. 28 – Bob & Jean Piest

Board Minutes (cont'd from page 2)

topics. Some discussion is taking place about adding a sixth club in Columbia—an evening club to accommodate working persons perhaps with day care or other conflicts keeping them from day meetings. He also reported the process of awarding the Earl Collins scholarships will be reviewed for improvements at Mid-Winter conference. The President's Council is also looking for a list of potential governor candidates as well as communities for club expansion.

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

Educators Feted

Two Mile Prairie second grade teachers Linda Watson and Ellen Webber were our special guests at the February 6 club meeting. We used that occasion to continue the long-standing tradition of recognizing and thanking outstanding educators for their dedication to helping the children of our community.

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