

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.

Strickland Hall Dedication

October 19 was a beautiful fall day, perfect for the dedication of the University of Missouri's Arvarh E. Strickland Hall, in honor of pioneer and club member Dr. Arvarh Strickland. As some of the speakers said, it was particularly fitting that the former General Classroom Building that sees thousands of students each day was renamed in Arvarh's honor. Arvarh did much more than accept an offer to become the first African American professor at the University of Missouri—he used that opening to recruit some of the best black scholars and students to come to the University and truly begin transforming it into the great state university that it is. Congratulations, Arvarh. Thank you for leading the way.



Ashley and Brumbach Join The Club

October 9, in historic Senior Hall on the Stephens College campus, saw the induction of Jane Ellen Ashley and Pat Brumbach into the club. Jane Ellen was introduced to the club while helping husband and former member, Howard. Her service was so great that she was recognized with honorary membership. But now Jane Ellen has joined the club as a full member, and fittingly at Stephens College, her former employer.

Pat Brumbach grew up in Pennsylvania, moved to Kansas City with husband, Mark, in 1965, and came on to Columbia in 2005. Pat loves to read and ride a tandem bicycle with Mark. She and Mark also ride trains every chance they get. We welcome Jane Ellen and Pat to Columbia's Premier Service Organization.



NOVEMBER PROGRAMS ON AGRICULTURE

(Ray McClure, Program Chair)

Nov. 6 – Dr. Patrick Westhoff, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), University of Missouri, "Objective analysis of Farm Markets and Policies"

Nov. 13 – Dr. William Wiebold, Unit Program Leader, MU Plant Science Extension, "Can Crops Feed and Fuel Us?"

Nov. 20 – Dr. Rodney Geisert, Director, Animal Science Unit, MU, "New Technology in Animal Production"

Nov. 27 – Dr. Michael Cook, Professor, Agricultural Economics, MU, "Strategic Overview of Agriculture Organization"



Jim's Thoughts

Greetings Columbia Kiwanians. I am reminded this past week of what a great group of people we have in the club. I continue to be impressed by how so many are doing so much, as we enjoy the privilege of helping children and youth of our community.

I'm going to tip my hat today, to the lovely, and (very) dedicated Carolyn Young. Carolyn has the Community Services Committee working effectively, continues to volunteer and participate in other activities, and she has brought three outstanding people into our club as new members—Kay Fair, Pat Brumbach and Mark Brumbach.

Like many of you, Carolyn would rather I not be congratulating here in such a "public" manner but I just can't hold back. Carolyn, you are one AWESOME Kiwanian!!! For some reason, the very popular Kiwanis International slogan comes to mind here: One can make a difference

Speaking of "Tip my hat," we will have an opportunity to "pass the hat" to help the daughter of our long-time Kiwanian member, the late Bud Linn. Ann Linn, Bud's widow, reported to us about a week ago, that her daughter's mobile home in Callaway county burned to the ground, destroying everything. The home was insured, but all contents were not. The daughter who lost her home is Mary Sessler, and her husband is Philip Sessler. If you would like to help them in their time of need, you may do so when we pass the hat at the club meeting on November 13. (We already have a "pass the hat" for a very worth-while cause set up for the November 6 meeting.)

I continue to consider myself soooo fortunate to be a part of this great Club!

Jim B.

With Appreciation To Ivan Sander



Immediate past-president Jason Simmons recognized former president Ivan Sander on October 9 with the Distinguished Club President Award. This is certainly fitting recognition as Ivan continues to lead in so many ways.



Jim Smith and Laura Deneke help make Halloween safe and fun for the kids (Photo by Leigh Nutter)

Our Community Services committee represented the club Halloween night at Tiger Night of Fun at the Hearnes Center Fieldhouse. Laura Deneke, Jim Smith and Leigh Nutter played Pumpkin Golf with dozens of children at the safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating. The Kiwanis family was well represented as two of our sponsored groups, Hickman Key Club and MU Circle K also led activities for local children. Laura, Jim & Leigh had a great time playing with the kids and getting a dose of pop culture by figuring out the costumes. This was a fun service opportunity and our club banner was hung for hundreds of kids and parents to see.

Memorial Trust Fund Surpasses Goal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Memorial Trust Fund this past Kiwanis year. You stepped up to the challenge in late August and raised \$5,000 so we received the \$5,000 challenge donation. At the time of this writing I do not have the final figures for the whole year. As of September 12 we had contributed \$17,540 to the MTF.

Thank you to all who helped to honor Eddie Edwards, C.K. Odor and Thursty Thurston by contributing in their names. We received over \$2500 and still counting. These long time Kiwanians have given of themselves over the years to helping the children of Columbia. They have worked many Pancake Days and concessions. We are glad they are still part of our Kiwanis Club and encourage us newer members to keep helping the children.

We look forward to another successful Kiwanis year in 2007 – 2008.

Sally Robinson, Chairperson MTF



Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting October 16, 2007

Treasurer Dale Metcalf reviewed the final financial reports for the 2006-07 year. The club ended the year with a net worth of \$3,818.81. The

Foundation accounts closed the year with concession income \$2,204.37 above budget. Total net worth of the foundation at the end of the year was \$159,910.74. Recent upward turns in the equities/bond markets have helped.

Receipts from donations to the Memorial Trust Fund totaled \$18,380.00. Growth in investments for the month was \$10,490.36. The account has a \$10,983 CD that matures October 29. MTF assets stand at \$156,673.58.

Club and Foundation budgets for 2007-2008 were reviewed and agreed to after some changes. (Please see President Jim or Secretary Ernie for details.)

A new member application was presented by Mary Moeller for Stan J. Gerling. The application was approved.

Ernie Lee reviewed insurance program concerns again. The board will need to make decisions whether to purchase D&O Liability and Crime Insurance. We have no coverage for these exposures. We also have a Liquor Liability exposure connected with our sponsorship of the Columbia City golf tournament. The board will have to determine how to deal with the risk. Our liability policy does not cover this exposure. Jim Bowman asked Betsy Happel to get the golf committee involved to explore how we deal with this. This item will be on our agenda until resolved.

Sally Robinson, Chair of the YCPO committee, recommended that we make the Executive Director of the Nora Stewart Nursery an honorary member. Currently that person is Cheryl Washington Howard. Motion approved.

The board agreed to renew the honorary memberships of the following persons: Ralph Anderson (long time member), Buena A. Lansford (Spouse of Past International President Ray Lansford), Ann Linn (Spouse of deceased past President Bud Linn) and Andy Mc Carthy (Key Cub Advisor Hickman High School). All honorary memberships are subject to review and approval In October each year.

Sally Robinson, chair of the Memorial Trust Fund committee, reported they have a CD maturing October 29 and that the committee will make a recommendation as to how to invest at the next board meeting. It should stay in a fixed income instrument to retain balance in the portfolio. If nothing is done by the 29th, the CD will roll into a money market fund until reinvested. Sally also reported that due to increased income from the MTF investments the budget amount for Nora Stewart next year will go to \$6,000.

Summarized by Ye Editor from the Official Minutes submitted by Secretary Ernie Lee

Club Lauds Highsteppers

Rolando Berry works 24/7 for the young people of our community. So it was that on October 9 that we took a moment to applaud the work that he does with



the Mid-Missouri Highsteppers. Gary Smith, on behalf of the Youth Services Committee, presented Rolando with a check for \$400 as a way for our club to help support this wonderful work. And, if that wasn't enough, Rolando cited the Creed that every child who enters the program must memorize and commit to. It bears repeating:

The Highsteppers Creed

I am responsible for the decisions I make in this life. I am the one who determines who I am, what I do and what I will become. Compassion and hard work are my tenets. Gentleness and resoluteness my hallmark.

I will strive to maintain a POSITIVE ATTITUDE about life, to WORK HARD at every task I undertake, and to PERSEVERE in the face of life's difficulties.

I pledge to be a role model to others and to make empathy and kindness my personal guiding light.

*Suaviter in modo, Fortiter in re.
"Gentle in manner, resolute in deed."*

By the way, when was the last time that you heard of any of our young people learning even one Latin phrase?– *Ye editor.*

Celebrations of Love & Life

November Birthdays:

Nov. 1 – Ralph Anderson
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Nov. 12 – Stan Gerling
Nov. 15 – George Burgin
Nov. 18 – Hardeep Bhullar
Nov. 18 – Thornton Jenkins
Nov. 21 – Perry Parrigin



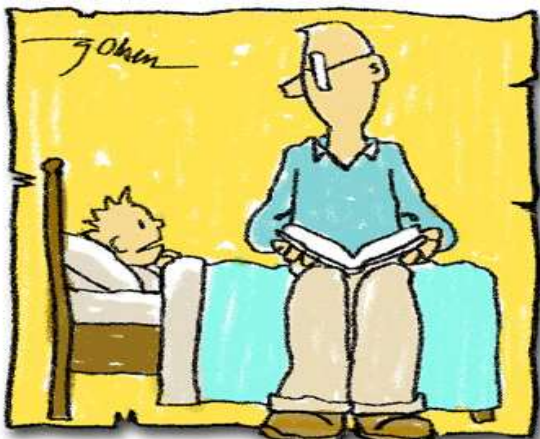
November Anniversaries:

None that we know of

Interclub News

Bill Spicer and the Interclub committee have one of the best records around for visiting other clubs. Their most recent junket was to the Boonville club on October 17. Attending the meeting in the gambling capital of mid-Missouri were Bill Crawford, John Haralson, Don Rowland, Leroy Sharp and Bill Spicer.

If you don't know by now, an interclub meeting is achieved when four or more club members attend a meeting of another club. They provide a great way to pass on our club traditions and to learn from other clubs.



"You know, Dad, you do a darn good job. You should let me record you sometime, and I'll podcast you on my website. Just a thought."

The Mathematician and Broker

A mathematician and an investment broker went to the races. The broker suggested betting \$10,000 on a horse. The mathematician was aghast, saying that he wanted first to understand the rules, to look at the horses, etc. The broker whispered that he knew a secret algorithm for the success, but he could not convince the mathematician. "You are too theoretical," the broker said and placed the bet. The horse came in first, paying \$42,000.

Triumphantly, the broker exclaimed, "I told you I knew the secret!"

"What is your secret?" the mathematician asked.

"It is rather easy. I have two kids, a three and a five year old. I sum up their ages and I bet on number nine."

"But, three and five is eight," the mathematician protested.

"I told you, you are too theoretical!" the broker replied.

Editorial Comment: It's much harder to find good broker jokes than good lawyer jokes.

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