

# 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.

## Club Welcomes Stan Gerling



*Stan Gerling was inducted into membership at the November 6 meeting. Mary Moeller sponsored Stan. Stan grew up in Boonville, got a degree from the University of Central Missouri at Warrensburg and then worked for the Federal Reserve in Kansas City for about ten years before returning to Columbia in 1998. He is now a Vice President of Commercial Lending at Boone County National Bank. When not trying to keep up with a 10 year-old and a 13-year-old, he enjoys getting in a little hunting and fishing. We are glad to have Stan join our Kiwanis team.*

## Bell Ringing Tradition Continues



Holiday shoppers at J.C. Penney's got Christmas carols from Pat Hickam and Jim Smith in addition to the traditional bell ringing. It must have been effective because the kettle was nearly full early in the afternoon. This year the club staffed the Penney's station on Friday, November 30, and Saturday, December 1, continuing a long Christmas tradition for the Columbia Kiwanis club.



## DECEMBER PROGRAMS

*(John Haralson, Program Chair)*

- Dec. 4** – Donna Atkinson, Co-Owner of The Candy Factory, "The Candy Factory Story"
- Dec. 11** – Jim Powell, Carolyn Young and Leigh Nutter, "Our Favorite Christmas Memories"
- Dec. 18** – Charlie Lee, Betsy Happel, Elliott Bentley, "More Favorite Christmas Memories"
- Dec. 25** - No meeting. Merry Christmas



## Jim's Thoughts

Greetings, Kiwanians. Isn't it great to belong to a group of people that are all about helping children!

There are a lot of really good causes we can give our time to. I continue to feel that our club is really blessed.

We have service projects that many clubs would love to have—supporting Nora Stewart Nursery, Circle K, Key Club, honoring two teachers every month—and on and on...

I'd like to thank Jason Simmons for his challenge last week for each of us to invite just one person that we know to a club meeting— someone from church, from work, from your neighborhood—so they have the opportunity to participate in our AWESOME efforts.

I really believe we will reach 100 members by October 1, 2008, simply because of the great diversity of active members we already have. We really have the opportunity to reach into a lot of different parts of our community to help children and to invite others who enjoy this to join us.

It is true, though, that we "just need to ask" someone to come for a free lunch, and see the types of things we support in our community.

As always, I consider it a HUGE privilege to join with each and every one of you in this club as we reach out and help children in our community and the world.

Wow! If you didn't attend our December 4 meeting, you missed hearing David Melegrito beautifully singing "Oh Holy Night." David—Thank you a TON!

One last note. I'm assembling an ad hoc committee to do a thorough review of our meeting place and of others as well. We will probably have their recommendations by the first meeting in early January. If you have any strong feelings about where we meet, our food choices, facility, etc., and you haven't already told me you'd like to serve on this committee, let me know.

We're ALL about serving Children, Jim B.



## Speaking of Serving The Children

Our club has a long-standing tradition of recognizing outstanding local teachers. We have said "Thank You" to six teachers in the past three months. These folks spend huge amounts of time with our present youth, our future leaders, and it is with pride that we honor them here.



*October honorees Carri Colvin and Kristin Floyd were from Shepard Elementary School.*



*Curtis Bohl lets November honorees Judy Arnett and Marge Gladden of Field Elementary school tell a little about their kids.*



*December honorees from Mill Creek Elementary school were Rebecca Bentley, Elliott's wife, and Kim Harl.*

Two stockbrokers went out to lunch together. One said to the other, "Let's relax while we eat and talk about something other than the market for a change."

"Good idea. Let's talk about women."

"Okay... Common or preferred?"



## Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting November 20, 2007

Treasurer Metcalf presented the financial reports and they were accepted after discussion.

Sally Robinson reported that CD's that are coming due soon in the amount of roughly \$25,000. Jo Crumpacker agreed to get rates on several investment options. The board agreed to wait until December 11 to make an informed decision.

The board approved leaves of absence requests from Mel Wilson from November 19, 2007 to January 1, 2008 (for medical purposes) and from Bob Piest from November 13, 2007 to March 18, 2008 (for travel).

The board briefly revisited insurance items but decided to defer these items because current information was not immediately available to the present board members.

John Haralson reminded the board that Committee chairs need to report to Ernie Lee about events held, numbers of Kiwanians involved, number of hours, number of kids helped and dollars spent.

John Haralson reported on discussions he has had with Stephens staff about our club meetings. John said that the people he talked to believed that there was a misunderstanding with some of the staff and that they would be glad to have us stay at Stephen's College for meetings. They mentioned that they could not guarantee that every meeting would be in Windsor Lounge, but it would be a rare occasion that the meeting would have to be moved, and they would get us a couple of weeks notice. Ray Lansford commented that we had to take into consideration that Stephen's College isn't making money off of our group. Sally Robinson commented that Jack's is too small for our group. Ernest Hilderbrand commented that he isn't pleased with the food since the group moved up to Windsor Lounge, and he made a suggestion that we ask Stephen's College if some of our members could use the food line downstairs if they had concerns about special diets. John Haralson ended the discussion regarding the meeting space by commenting that he was pleased with the meeting he had with Stephen's College, he also commented that he had noticed some improvement in the food.

The question was raised about how much money was raised for the family of Bud Linn. Dale Metcalf noted that he didn't have the exact numbers with him, but that it surpassed the \$500 mark.

The issue of David Stine leaving the Columbia area was raised and the board suggested that Ernie Lee be notified so he could contact Kiwanis International.

*Summarized by Ye Editor from the Official Minutes  
Submitted by Assistant Secretary Elliott Bentley*

## Longing For An Old-Time Christmas?

Do you long for a simpler Christmas? Be careful what you wish for. A diary written by a Baptist preacher traveling through what would later become Boone County on Christmas Day, 1818, shows that even a religious man made no record that day to indicate that either he or the early settlers in the Boonslick region of Missouri observed Christmas. Here is the firsthand account of Rev. J.M. Peck:

*Dec. 25, 1818. To-day my route was first across the Two-Mile Prairie. . . . Cruising this prairie in a horse train and after riding several miles through timber and brushwood, I came to a Mr. H\_\_\_\_\_ 's, where report said breakfast could be obtained, and which offered quite a contrast with the family of last night. The cabin was a single room of most primitive fashion, spice bush tea was a substitute for coffee, and the flesh of hog, bear, deer, and elk, was plenty of which the landlord showed me enough to supply a regiment. The corn-dodgers were cold and quite unpalatable; for the good woman had never learned the art of cleanliness and cookery. The man was a successful hunter, but probably understood very little of agriculture. I paid fifty cents for these accommodations--for my horse was lame and refused to eat.*

This account from the [Columbia] *Missouri Statesman* of 3 April 1857 is from Rev. Peck's 1818 diary entry as he traveled the Boone's Lick road. The man mentioned was Robert Hinkson and the "good woman" was his wife, Polly. Their primitive cabin was at the intersection of the Boone's Lick road and Hinkson Creek, at what is now O'Rear Road and Hinkson Creek.

If we look beyond one man's diary entry, we may also glean information about Christmas observance in these early years in Boone County by reading the newspapers. For example, the [Franklin] *Missouri Intelligencer* covered Howard and Boone counties and in all the issues during the month of December in 1819, 1820, and 1821 not one mention was made of Christmas, not even a sale ad!

So, when you long for the "old time Christmas" celebrations, don't go back too far in time or you may miss them.

Regardless, in the "new" tradition, Merry Christmas to all.

– Ye Editor

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## Celebrations of Love & Life

### December Birthdays:

Dec. 2 – David Sapp  
Dec. 3 – Ray McClure  
Dec. 5 – Leroy Sharp, Jr.  
Dec. 11 – Darrell Courtney  
Dec. 19 – Mel Wilson  
Dec. 26 – Ed Curtis  
Dec. 30 – John Haralson  
Dec. 31 – Ella Vallar



### December Anniversaries:

Dec. 21 – Ernest & Pat Hilderbrand  
Dec. 28 – Otto & Carolyn Steinhaus

### Interclub Update

Scribe Leroy Sharp reported that we had a large contingent at an interclub meeting with the Boonslick club on November 14. Leroy was impressed with how energized this club is. Attending were Ray Lansford, Bill Spicer, Sally Robinson, Valerie Shaw, Carolyn Young, Ray McClure and Leroy Sharp. Their speaker, Dr. Jack Jensen, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education in the Columbia Public School system, updated the group on the challenges brought by rapid growth of the school system.



Donna Atkinson, speaker at our December 4 meeting, told the story of the trials and tribulations of taking over the Candy Factory in downtown Columbia. She and her husband, Sam, decided to buy the business from Georgia Lundgren 21 years ago. What a leap that was as the Atkinsons had no experience in the candy business! Lots of hard work and creativity has resulted in a Columbia landmark, a real old-fashioned candy factory and store. She even brought along samples of their chocolates—a fine way to start getting in the Christmas spirit.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

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