

# Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Missouri



# Newsletter

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## Happy 100<sup>th</sup>, Harold



Family, friends and Kiwanians turned out at Lenoir-Woods on Sunday, March 2, to help Harold Duncan celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday a few days early. Harold was born March 6, 1908, and still enjoys good health and telling stories. In the picture above, Harold looks at the Proclamation from Mayor Hindman creating Harold C. Duncan Day. Happy birthday, Harold.

## Pancake Day Set For March 22



It's About The Kids  
Sell Your Tickets &  
Sign Up To Work



April 5, 2008



## MARCH PROGRAMS

(Clyde Bentley, Program Chair)

**Mar. 4** - The New Media Network. Robin Williams and Holly Hobbs will introduce us to a program that teaches communications skills to First Ward children by allowing them to compose hip-hop music on computer, illustrate it with their own photos and publish the result on the Web.

**Mar. 11** - Be prepared for the future of Kiwanis when the University of Missouri Circle K Club takes over our meeting.

**Mar. 18** - 100 years of journalism - and more to come. Esther Thorson, acting dean of the Missouri School of Journalism, will update you on the world's oldest journalism school, which celebrates it's 100th year in 2008. But it is the next 100 years that excite Thorson and others at the university.

**Mar. 25** - Columbia Public Schools bond issue: Representatives of the Columbia Public Schools will explain the upcoming vote why the district needs the funds.



## Jim's Thoughts

Greetings fellow Kiwanians. I bring a brief report on the Missouri-Arkansas convention which I attended recently.

Boy did I hear a ton about how others are helping children. I'll start with some ways that our International Foundation gives funds to worthwhile projects.

This foundation, to remind you, is not one that we regularly ask members to contribute to out of your own pocket—our club usually gives \$5.00 for each of our members.

Jane Erickson, who heads up the International Foundation, reported some of the critical children's needs they have helped with during the past year. Some 600 at-risk children near Des Plaines, Illinois, were given boots and shoes at the beginning of winter. The local Kiwanis Club there had started this ministry but it soon grew so large that demand far exceeded what the local Club could supply. Inner-city children in Omaha, Nebraska, were provided with one hot meal per week, and, while these were not homeless children, many of them found this to be the best meal of their week. A group of 25 children, that were literally homeless "street children" in Haiti, were given a place to come daily, for two decent meals, and real school. Wow, how much we often take for granted. Needless to say, I am now a huge believer in continuing our Club's tradition of contributing to this fund!

I attended a report on the recently "overhauled" *Kiwanigram*, the Mo-Ark newsletter that comes to all members five times per year. I think this type of change is outstanding. There is now far less emphasis on us Kiwanians and significantly more stories and pictures of the real children we are serving. I'll be asking some of our hard-working and very capable photographers, (is there anyone in the club that takes more photos, works harder, than "ye old newsletter editor"?) to see if we can submit some excellent photos of the children we serve to the Mo-Ark editor. Wouldn't it be great if we get to see a child from the Columbia area on the front cover of this high-quality publication, along with a story about how much fun it is to serve kids in Columbia?

As a side-note, we got to witness our own Governor, who hails from Fayetteville, Arkansas, put on a tiger tail, a tiger head, a black MU tiger shirt, and then have to lead the M-I-Z-Z-O-U chant, because his razorbacks were "creamed" in the Cotton bowl this past New Year's day. That was fun! And, it was great to fellowship with many friends I have made in Kiwanis.

Turning to things of a more local nature. Buy your \$80 of pancake tickets, if you have not already done so. Is

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## Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting February 19, 2008

Treasurer Metcalf reported that club accounts are on or under budget for this point in time. He reported the Foundation net worth was \$162,101.46. Memorial Trust Fund assets stand at \$156,826.18, down slightly from the previous period due to market down turn. The money market account has \$11,622.66 of which \$2,500 will be transferred to the Nora Stewart account and \$5,000 will be transferred to a financial instrument. We had one \$2,000 GE bond called that will be transferred to the Money market account. Total donations to the MTF in honor of Thursty Thurston and Hirst Mendenhall now exceed \$5,000.

Our club Directors and Officers Liability policy was ordered January 25, 2008. Liquor Liability issue with respect to sponsorship of city golf tournament still pending.

Bob Parks has submitted his resignation from the board for health issues and requested a leave of absence status. His request was approved.

A request from the MU Museum of Art and Archaeology to support an Alzheimer's project was reviewed. The board elected to pass on support since it does not fit our mission. Secretary Lee will write a letter of explanation.

In case you haven't already noticed, this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Missouri School of Journalism. Let's give a big Thanks to Dr. William H. Taft for his many contributions over the years and to Dr. Clyde Bentley for his current contributions to this fine school.

Leigh Britt requested that our club consider sponsoring a "Breakfast Station" at the trailhead on the "Bear Creek Trail" from 7-9 AM on Friday may 9, 2008. The estimated cost would be approximately \$50.00. The request was approved.

Laura Deneke requested that we pay for moving and tuning a piano that has been donated to the Nora Stewart Day Care center. We agreed to pay up to \$225.00 from the Nora Stewart budget for that purpose.

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Treasurer Metcalf reported the recommendations of the MTF committee for \$2,000 to be moved to this account from the GE bond that has been called. The committee recommends that we move \$5,000 to one of two funds, the Franklin Income or the American Capital World Bond fund. We approved the move of \$5,000 to the American Capital World Bond fund.

The MTF committee has set a goal for this year of \$20,000 in new funds.

David Melegrito, Chair of sponsored Youth, reported they are nominating the Missouri University Circle K Club for the City of Columbia's Hero Award.

President Jim reminded us that Kiwanis One Day is April 5, 2008! Leigh Britt is working on plans for this event. All five clubs will be involved along with all our sponsored organizations. The Boonslick club is taking the lead; the project will be helping the "Boys & Girls Club." The clubs are meeting this week to make final plans.

Laura Deneke reviewed a letter from the Salvation Army asking help with some upgrades/repairs to the Harbor House, a family support center. Laura has prepared a report with approximate cost estimates. After discussion, we agreed that President Jim would convene a joint meeting with the Community Services Committee, Youth Services and Young Children Priority One to look at the proposal and recommend future action, if any.

President Bowman will ask the PR committee to look at our Club Brochure for needed updates, project still pending

The Salvation Army bell ringers did a great job this year – our club brought in the third largest dollar donation amount for this season's event.

### Interclub News

An interclub was held with the Columbia Westside Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, February 12. Attending were: Mary Moeller, Leigh Britt, Leroy Sharp, John Haralson and Don Rowland

It was a very cold and slippery morning and only five Westsiders were there. In lieu of the scheduled program a discussion was held on Kiwanis One Day led by our own Leigh Britt who is not only in charge of the K family day in Columbia but also for the entire Missouri-Arkansas District.

*Don Rowland*

### Teachers Rock

Oh, that we could do more to recognize some of the many talented and dedicated teachers who make such a difference every day in the lives of our children. On February 5 we were privileged to have Maxine Nelson and Dr. Sally Hook as our guests.



*Dr. Sally Hook (left) and Maxine Nelson are two more fine examples of the caring teachers who invest so much energy into developing our youth. Dr. Hook is a vocal music teacher and Ms. Nelson is a special education teacher.*



*David Melegrito croons "Feelings" at the meeting before Valentine's day. After this, Ye Editor wasn't so sure that my electronic chip card was going to do the trick!*

## Celebrations of Love & Life

### March Birthdays:

- 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. 17 – Michael Pitts
- Mar. 22 – Paul Miller
- Mar. 23 – Eddie Edwards
- Mar. 28 – C.K. Odor
- Mar. 29 – Graham Jones
- Mar. 31 – Bob Melson



### March Anniversaries:

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

### Jim's Thoughts (Cont'd from page 2)

there anyone out there that can sell more tickets than the likes of Sally Robinson or Jo Crumpacker? In years past, I recall these women really setting the standard on pancake day ticket sales! If you have not already done so, get a worksheet signup slip from Tom Adams, and indicate when/what area you are able to work this year. See the front page of this newsletter for the time and place.

Next on your calendar should be April 5, which will be Kiwanis One Day, a chance to get together, with all of the Columbia Clubs, Circle K, Key Club, and Aktion Club, for a time of service, fun and perhaps a bit to eat as well. Notice I say a time, not a day. We want everyone to see if they can come to this event, organized by Leigh Britt, just for the opportunity to mingle with some of the younger folks from Circle K, Key Club, and those from other clubs.

As always, it's a huge privilege to get to serve along side you all. What a great group of folks that are "all about helping kids."

Take Care, *Jim B.*

### Stock Broker Sherlock Holmes

The stockbroker received a letter from the IRS announcing that he was being audited. He showed up at the appointed time and place with all his financial records, then sat for what seemed like hours as the accountant poured over them.

Finally the IRS agent looked up and commented, "You must have been a tremendous fan of Sherlock Holmes."

"Why on earth would you say that?" asked the broker.

"Because you've made more brilliant deductions on your last two returns than he made in his entire career."

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