

# Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Missouri



# Newsletter

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## Kiwanis One Day In Service For Kids

*by Leigh Britt*

Sixty-one Columbia Kiwanis Family members converged on the Boys & Girls Club on Saturday, April 5, as part of Kiwanis One Day, an international day of service. Members cleaned and painted three rooms, organized hundreds of books and many boxes, replaced 160' of fence and repaired another and nearly completed painting the entire exterior.

The work that we did was very important to the Boys & Girls Club as those who were there could clearly see. Their director and board have expressed great appreciation for the work done.

Members of the Columbia club provided nearly 50 hours of service. Participants included Jane Ellen Ashley, Clyde Bentley, Jim Bowman, Bruce & Leigh Britt, Susan Jane Decker & Aiden, Laura Deneke, John Haralson, Ernie Lee, David Melegrito, David Sapp, Jason Simmons & Patricia Kramer, Jim Smith, Pat Stidham, and Carolyn Young.

Boonslick is making the Boys & Girls Club their project for this year and will be returning to do additional work and finish up a few things.

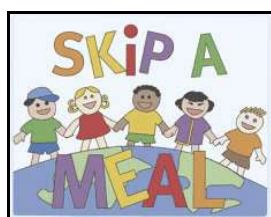
Thanks to all our members who supported this project through their time or contributions. Any funds not used to purchase materials for Saturday will be given to the Boys & Girls Club.

Kiwanis One Day will also yield positive recognition for Kiwanis! It will be featured on Widbin's Way on KMIZ news on April 21 and also in MyMissourian this week.

Mark your calendar – Kiwanis One Day 2009 will be held April 4. Ideas on a project are welcome!



*Kiwanis One Day, a great way to join together and share in service for our children.*



## Can You Skip A Meal For Our Children?

Kiwanians are asked to skip at least one meal during the final week of April. Our club will collect the cost equivalent and send on to the Kiwanis International Foundation to help fund grants through the Children's Fund.

## APRIL PROGRAMS

*(George Burgin, Program Chair)*

**Apr. 1** – Club members take the podium

**Apr. 8** – Dr. Marianne Inman, President of Central Methodist University

**Apr. 15** – Dr. Charles Campbell, Professor Emeritus University of Missouri, "Living Life in Africa"

**Apr. 22** – Speaker TBA, Columbia's new "Youzeum"

**Apr. 29**, Cleo Kottwitz, Heifer International



## Jim's Thoughts

As I write this I'm excited about a first for our club—Kiwanis One Day. This will be a really cool time of "hands-on" service. The day will involve work/help/repairs/improvements/cleaning/painting at Columbia's Boys & Girls Club on Fay Street. Besides the neat opportunity of getting to do some physical work for a great organization, it will be AWESOME to do this with folks from all 5 Kiwanis Clubs, and Circle K, Key Club and Aktion Club. I know that is the part I will enjoy most, simply being together with such a diverse group, all with the same goal of making a meeting place better for some of Columbia's boys and girls. [See the front page for an idea of how rewarding it was! – Ye Editor.]

I want to say congrats to Mike Pitts, who tops the list of members having invited potential new members to visit our club this past month. Mike wouldn't be a Kiwanian if Jason Simmons hadn't invited him to check us out several months ago. Way to go Jason! Remember, our goal is to have 100 members by October 1, 2008. We're currently at 82. Keep inviting people. We've got a lot of great opportunities for members to share their time, talent and/or treasure, to help children!

David Melegrito, Clyde Bentley and I had the distinct privilege of attending the Circle K new officer induction ceremony recently on the MU campus. These young men and women are impressive! I heard these kids saying "We will be spending time at the kids at Boys and Girls Club next week", and, "We can work a fund-raiser at the Black & Gold game later this month", and "Making the meal at Ronald McDonald House was a blast" among other really cool stuff they are giving their time to.

While on the subject of Circle K, anyone in our club can order one of those awesome shirts, with the large bright K on the front, and the phrase "HUNGRY FOR SERVICE" on the back, for only \$10 per shirt. Let me know by this Friday, April 11, how many, and what size, and I will get our shirt order turned in to the talented designers at MU Circle K. Finally, I must report that we still have not been successful at getting back the two gavels which Circle K is holding "hostage." We will need to schedule yet another inter-club to their first meeting with the new officers at 7:00PM on Wednesday, April 16, on campus at the Memorial Union. More on this at our next two meetings!

It was GREAT to see Bob Parks back following his open-heart surgery! Currently, members that we know of who are unable to attend meetings due to recent health events include Ray McClure, C K Odor, Arvarh Strickland, and Jo Crumpacker. I'm sure these folks would appreciate an occasional call, to be reminded that we miss them.

Jim B.



## Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting March 18, 2008

Treasurer Metcalf reported on the period ending 2-29-2008. All line items are within budget or less than budget. Club net worth was \$5,085.39.

The Foundation total net worth as of 2-29 was \$167,898.20. Expect this fund to fluctuate due to the current market volatility. Budget expectations from concession are on pace and doing well year-to-date. Memorial Trust Fund assets at the end of the period were \$160,319.31, up slightly from the previous period. The money market account has \$11,622.66 of which \$2,500 was transferred to the Nora Stewart account and \$5,000 was transferred to the American Capital World Bond Class A Fund.

Secretary Lee reported that the Directors and Officers Liability policy was ordered January 25, 2008, but has not yet been received. Secretary Lee will track this until the policy is received. The Liquor Liability issue with respect to sponsorship of city golf tournament I still pending.

We will send our budgeted amount of \$50.00 to the District for the expenses allotted for the visit of Governor Martin on Saturday, May 17, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City. Divisions 5 & 11 will jointly host the event.

At Ray McClure's request, we approved a leave of absence for March & April, 2008, for health reasons.

Laura Deneke updated the board on the Salvation Army Harbor House, a possible project. Estimated cost is approximately \$1,500. The Young Children Priority One and Youth Services committees will meet with Laura and her committee to make a recommendation to the board about this project. No action taken.

Jason Simmons of the nomination committee nominated David Melegrito to fill the remaining term of the Bob Parks vacancy which expires September 30, 2008. Motion approved.

President Bowman reminded the board that Kiwanis One Day is April 5, 2008! Leigh Britt is working on plans. 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 Boy & Girls Club.

President Bowman discussed the sound system in our meeting room. He is exploring other systems and costs to find a remedy to the poor sound quality.

Sally Robinson is exploring making hats available for new members.

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

## Club's 56<sup>th</sup> Pancake Day March 22 A Big Hit



*The 8:00 a.m. rush. Tom Adams reported that we served 1,780 people this year.*



*Bob Piest at the griddle. Thanks to all who worked for the benefit of our children.*

### Circle K Update

Our sponsored Circle K Club at MU is going strong and getting better each year. The MU Circle K club was nurtured for many years by Ted and Sara Green and by Ray McClure. They built an outstanding club but it faltered in the early years of this century, nearly going defunct. Ray McClure and others worked with a few new service-oriented students to resuscitate the club. Clyde Bentley, our current faculty advisor, is being supported by president Jim Bowman and David Melegrito and the Circle K is now winning awards again.

Their March 19 meeting at Memorial Union, held during mid-terms week, was short but energetic. Service projects this year included Chores for Kiwanians (which brought in \$620 in donations), Food Bank service, assisting with the Special Olympics tournament, and partnering up with the Boys and Girls club. The Circle K'ers were a big help at Kiwanis One Day April 5.

Besides being energetic, these Circle K'ers are also sneaky! They still have our club gavel!



*The good news is that many Circle K'ers met at Memorial Union even during mid-term week. The bad news: they still have our gavel.*

### Mexico Interclub

Leroy Sharp reported on the interclub held with the Mexico club on March 11. Present from our club were Bill Spicer, Interclub Committee Chair, John Haralson, Bill Crawford and Leroy Sharp.

The speaker for the meeting was a representative of the City's Police Department speaking on one of their new programs to help fight crime in Mexico.

Members chatted before and after the meeting and caught up on news of our Division 5 golfing friends from Mexico. Some of the news was sad.

Division 5 Lt. Gov. Bryan Gruber sat at our table and the meeting was well conducted by Mexico's President Robert Cox. Our group had a great trip courtesy of Bill Spicer's careful driving, a good meal, good fellowship and a totally pleasant day.



### Pancake Days Past

Bill Crawford recently reminded us of about some of the early Pancake Days. We had a lot of the food donated, including Aunt Jemima's Pancake Mix. The mix came out of a plant at St. Joseph and they even offered Aunt Jemima herself to help promote the event, requiring, however, that she get transportation both ways. So young Crawford drove to St. Joseph early in the morning to bring her to our Pancake Day and then took her back home the next day. Now that's dedication! Thanks, Bill, for the history.

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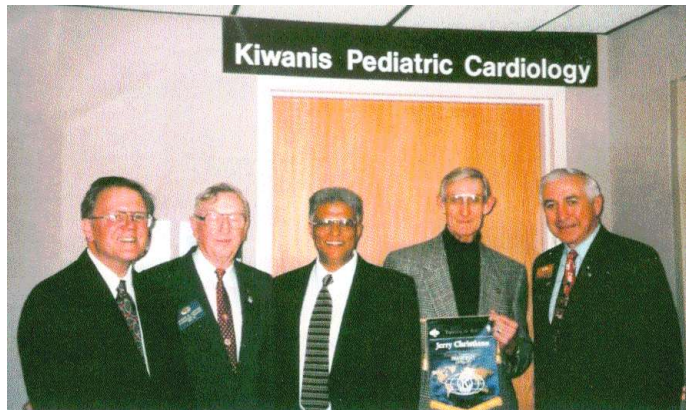
## Celebrations of Love & Life

### April Birthdays:

- Apr. 14 – Tom Adams
- Apr. 21 – Betsy Happel
- Apr. 28 – Jason Simmons
- Apr. 30 – Darwin Hindman

### April Anniversaries:

- Apr. 8 – Ray & Jean McClure
- Apr. 14 – Bill & Zella Spicer
- Apr. 19 – Bob & Mary Lu Parks
- Apr. 20 – Gene & Pat Gerke



The 1997 dedication of the Kiwanis Pediatric Cardiology unit at the University of Missouri Children's Hospital featured Prof. William Altemeier, M.D., Past Kiwanis International President Ray Lansford, Zhudi Lababidi, M.D., Dean of Medicine Lester Bryant, M.D., and KI President Jerry Christiano. [From the latest Mo-Ark District Kiwanigram.]

### A broker appears at the Pearly Gates

*And Saint Peter starts asking him all the usual questions required to get into heaven.*

*The broker, it seems, recommended penny stocks that became worthless and churned client accounts. Finally, in exasperation, Saint Peter asks, "Have you ever done anything good, anything totally unselfish and altruistic in your entire life?" "Well," says the broker, "Once I saw this pretty lady being beaten up and about to be raped by a bunch of bikers. So I yelled 'Hey jerks, why don't you pick on somebody your own size' and then I kicked all their hogs over, all six of 'em, and took off running. They forgot about her for a second and she managed to get away."*

*Saint Peter is puzzled. "I'm looking through the book of your life, and I don't see this incident recorded. When did it occur?"*

*The broker replies: "About five minutes ago."*

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