

Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Missouri



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Hit a 'HOME RUN' for KIWANIS!!!

Today we kick off the second inning of our 2009—2010 Membership Growth Contest. Given that the baseball season officially opens this week, the theme for this contest is “Hit a ‘Home Run’ for Kiwanis”. The contest will run from April 7th to May 26th, with treats and other prizes to be awarded each week, prepared (or obtained) by members of the Membership Growth Committee. Of course, there will be a grand Grand Prize at the end.

Like baseball games, the team with the most points (er, runs) wins the contest. Players (er, Club Members) get points as follows:

- ◆ 1 point for each prospective member they invite each week (3 points max per week and you will have to list your invitees)
- ◆ 3 points for each invitee who attends 1 meeting
- ◆ 2 points for each invitee who attends a 2nd meeting

APRIL PROGRAMS

(Paul Miller, Program Chair)

- April 7: Dr. Jim Scott, Director, MU International Center
- April 14: Dr. Barton Wechsler, Director, MU Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs
- April 21: Dr. Bill Wickersham, Chair, MU Nuclear Disarmament Education Team
- April 28: Dr. Debra Mason, Director, MU Center for Religion, the Professions and the Public

- ◆ 10 points for each invitee who joins the Club during the contest period
- ◆ GRAND SLAM! 28 POINTS for each invitee who submits an application for membership at their 1st meeting (this is double the points you would get for inviting, having them attend and joining the Club)

At the conclusion of our first membership growth contest, Otto Steinhaus and Ray McClure have proven that they are in “A League of their Own”, and as such, the two of them will be on one team. Other teams will be placed together based upon where you are sitting today. In case you need some pointers, ye editor obtained the following “coaches advice” from Ray McClure:

I joined Kiwanis to become involved in a Community of Fellowship and Service. I enjoy Kiwanis and like to Share My K with others. Since membership in Kiwanis is by invitation, the "membership door" isn't opened until a sincere heartfelt invitation is extended. My invitation includes information about our Kiwanis programs, procedures, and a folder of current information that I have put together.

After May 26th, the Club will be in the “home stretch” of our administrative year, which ends with September. The contest will continue through then, so keep up the good work inviting prospective members. Remember, our goal is to reach 89 members...and we are well on our way there. Right now, we total 86 members, but we CAN'T STOP NOW! If we put our minds to it, and keep working for the children, we can knock that number totally out of the park!



President John's Thoughts

I can hardly believe it, but our Kiwanis adventure this year has reached its half-way point. Each action packed month has slipped by so quickly, I sometimes wonder just who is driving this train. Regardless of who may be behind the wheel, we're well on our way. So far, the curves and hills have been fun, but there are still challenges ahead.

Now that our concessions obligations at the University have stopped momentarily and Pancake Day is history, it's a good time to catch our breath and regroup. Many of our goals for the year have or are being accomplished. However, we can't get too comfortable. There are still six action packed and fun filled months ahead of us. For example, at the time this is written, we are ready to participate in the city-wide Kiwanis One Day project at Lee School and plans are well underway for our traditional special events in May.

Thanks to the planning and actions of our powerful Membership Recruitment Committee, we have just completed the first of two challenging membership drives. In the next couple of weeks, a second campaign will be launched with an opening pitch. They also promise to give a new definition to "reaching 1st, 2nd, or 3rd bases" and you will not believe the "grand slam" reward! Stay tuned, it will be fun!

I cannot close without mentioning our five new members so far this year. In December, we welcomed Bill Stewart and Kevin Shelton into the club. Shortly after in January, Coach Rick McGuire joined our ranks as a true team player. We skipped on to March and inducted Jim Brown and Jayson Meyer into our membership. What a wonderful addition to the already rich and intriguing blend of folks we call Columbia Kiwanians. I simply cannot wait to meet the next group of new members.

It's an exciting time to be a member and to share the love of our club with a friend. Let's not stop extending our open hospitality. We're so close to setting a new record for the year. We can and will do it. Go Kiwanis!
— President John



Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting March 17, 2009

Treasurer's Report: Dale Metcalf

The financial reports for the period 10-01-2008 to February 28, 2009 were presented for review. For the club report, line item budget accounts are within budget. We have a balance of \$3,156.42 as a club net worth, we have paid our dues to Kiwanis International. Meals costs are a little over budget but that is good, we will be o.k. in the end. The money bucket is strong. For overall operations, we are about \$1,700 ahead of budget, a good thing! Thank you, Club!

- The Foundation: The total net worth of the foundation ended the period with assets of \$132,174.61 which again is a decrease from the previous period due to market down-turns. Concession income year to date was \$3,761.73 but we have not received a check in a while from the University. We expect good results here as sales at recent events have been strong. This account will be strong. Again great news! (Thanks to all those who labor at the various events to make it happen.)
- Memorial Trust Fund: Assets for the period stands at \$125,426.24, a \$6,000 down turn from the previous period, again due to market conditions. Donations for the year to date stands at \$6,371.00 which means we are averaging approximately \$1,200 a month.
- Motion Jim Bowman/second Charlie Lee, that we approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Administrative Matters: Secretary Ernie Lee

- New member applications: Two new member applications were presented for board review and action. The first was for Mr. Jayson Meyer, of the Mizzou Alumni Association, Director of Alumni Relations, sponsored by Ray McClure. The second application was for Mr. James Brown, retired from the education field, sponsored by Bill Reilly. Motion Ernie Lee/second Jim Bowman that we approve both for membership. Motion approved. Welcome Jayson and James as our newest members.
- Election of delegates to the International

convention in Nashville, TN was held. The board elected President John Haralson and President-elect Charlie Lee to be our official delegates. Reminder that any club member may attend the international convention.

- The board also elected delegates and alternates to represent our club at the MO-ARK, Region TWO, Annual Meeting to be held on May 9, 2009 in Moberly, Missouri. The purpose of the meeting other than training is to elect a Trustee for Region TWO in the new organizational structure for the MO-ARK District. Delegates elected were, John Haralson, Charlie Lee & James Powell. Alternate delegates elected were George Burgin and Ernie Lee. The meeting will gavel to order at 9:00 AM, at Nelly's Restaurant, 407 E. Urbandale, Moberly, Mo.

Committee Reports and Other items:

- Charlie Lee...Reported on the work of the Pancake Day committee. Plans have been finalized and ready to work. Setup will be at 3 PM Friday the 27th...help is always welcome.
- Jim Bowman...reported the nominations committee has all but one spot filled and will report to the board at the April meeting the list of nominees.

President John's report/topics:

Kiwanis One Day is April 4th. We will work a project at Lee Elementary School...David Sapp will chair this project for our club. The question arose, should our club offer funding if needed, after discussion a motion was made by James Powell/second Jim Bowman that we authorize up to \$1,000 for the project if needed, the funds will be taken From the Young Children Priority One (YCPO) line item in the budget. Motion approved.

- Various topics...The board approved the recommendation to move the meeting location for the Don Farout Sports Award meeting (May 19) to Columbia, College (extra space is needed for this meeting due to the number of guests invited.) Also, plans are being made for our annual year end banquet and are a work in progress. Lastly president Haralson is reviewing the candidates to serve as caterer for our annual picnic which is May 26 at Kiwanis Park.

Summarized & condensed by Ye Editor from Secretary Lee's Official Minutes.

WHY SHOULD I GO ON AN INTERCLUB?

Contributed by Don Rowland

The question of "Why should I go on an Interclub?" often comes up. Interclubs are a great way to meet other Kiwanians and also to see how their club conducts their meetings. They are enjoyable to go to, and from time to time, we learn of something we might want to have our Club consider or to get their speaker to speak to our Club. Attending an Interclub also gives you a make-up if you are striving for perfect attendance. Not all Kiwanis Clubs are the same and it is a great way to evaluate our Club against other clubs (and our Club comes out very well in this regard).

Kiwanis International suggests each club go on at least one Interclub each month and that each club visit every other club in its Division. Our Club traditionally meets that goal but the attendance at the Interclubs is not uniformly met by all our members. If you are able to go on an Interclub, please consider going on one. The next one, in April, will be to Centralia and Leroy Sharp will be the Coordinator. In May, we will be going to Mexico, and Ron Lemonds will be the coordinator. There must be at least four members of our Club to attain an Interclub but we try to plan on five going in case one can't make it at the last minute. An Interclub may be held with another Kiwanis Club, Circle K Club, Key Club, Aktion Club, or at the Kiwanis International or MO-ARK District Conventions, the Interfaith Lenten Breakfasts or at the funeral of a member of our Club.

Ye editor notes that Kiwanis One Day, pictured below, is but one GREAT example of a fun Interclub.



David, Gary, Elda and other Kiwanians getting to work at Lee Elementary School for KOD.

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Celebrations of Life & Love:

----- Birthdays:

14th – Tom Adams
19th – Jayson Meyer
21st – Betsy Happel
28th – Jason Simmons
30th – Darwin Hindman

----- Anniversaries:

1st – James & Kay Rich
8th – Ray & Jean McClure
14th – Bill & Zella Spicer
19th – Bob & MaryLu Parks
20th – Gene & Pat Gerke
30th – James & Maureen Brown

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