

# Kiwanis Club of Columbia, Missouri



## Newsletter

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### MEET LARA LAWRENCE

I was born and raised in St. Louis Missouri and came to Columbia to attend school, where not only did I earn my Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/Accounting, but I also found my husband Jeffery. We have been married for 15 years and have three children. Jessica is 11 and going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She plays softball, basketball and piano. She is also very active in the church youth group and wants to be a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher when she grows up. Cameron is 5 and going into kindergarten. He is very analytical and serious. He likes to draw, put together puzzles and lego models and riding his scooter. Bryce is 4 and has a sweet disposition. He is always thanking and complimenting people. He plays with gusto and counts every scab, scrap and bruise; displaying them proudly.

We have two dogs Jasmine (Black Lab) & Shelby (Black Lab Mix) who are very much a big part of our family. We live in Moberly, where we own a construction company doing residential and commercial buildings and subdivisions.

Jeff and I are foster parents and actively involved in Moberly Public Schools. Jeff is on the Moberly



School Board. We are both Partners in Education with North Park Elementary School. I serve on the Positive Behavior Supports committee. We attend Timber Lake Christian

Church where I am active in Women's Ministry and the visitors welcome among other things. Jeff enjoys working with the preschool classes. I enjoy traveling, roller coasters and scrap booking (although I never seem to have time for this).

I am a Certified Public Account and work for Moeller-Williams-Edington, PC here in Columbia. I have been doing taxes and accounting for about 17 years. I especially enjoy working with ministers, investments, small business issues, tax planning and QuickBooks.

I am excited to be a part of this Kiwanis Club and look forward to serving with you in the future.

*Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Lara, and let her know a little bit about you, now that you know her – ye Editor.*

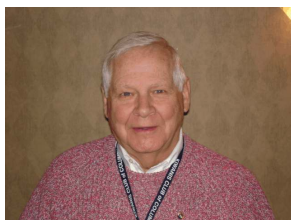
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### **AUGUST PROGRAMS**

(George Burgin, Program Chair)

- August 4 – Bill Clark, “Ole Clark”, Journalist
  - August 11 – Jim Day, Primaris
  - August 18 – Jean Leonatti, Central Missouri Commission on Aging
  - August 25 – Sarah Hill, KOMU 8 TV, “Sarah’s Stories”
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## DISTRICT CONVENTION IN JOPLIN



### President John's Thoughts

Ah, the dog days of summer. It's that time of the year when everything just seems to slow down and we take a deep breath. Vacations are in full swing and the start of school is just around the corner. How long can this last, especially for our Kiwanis Club, you ask? I say, "not very long". Even though there are only two months remaining in the current Kiwanis year, we still have an adventure ahead, challenges to meet, and goals to accomplish.

First off, I have scheduled two new member orientation roundtables at our home early this month. Hopefully all of our new members and many of those inducted last year will be able to choose one of the dates which fit into their busy schedule. Through this informal and casual approach, I hope to bring the group up to speed on their understanding of the Club's operations, including officers, directors, committee assignments, administration and finances. My goal is to provide them with the information and understanding needed to ensure full club participation and immediate involvement.

Also during this month, we will all be working toward contacting those members who have not been faithful with their meeting attendance this year, for whatever reason. On September 1, I plan to celebrate a special Kiwanis Homecoming meeting for the entire club. Hopefully the vast majority of our members will be able to join the group that day. With your help in picking up those members who are unable to drive or by extending a special invitation and reminder for the others, we should renew old or lost contacts and, at the same time, set a new record for attendance that day.

One last thought, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of prospective new member guests at our meetings recently. Let's not become complacent with membership recruitment, simply because the current year is quickly drawing to a close. The fun and excitement of being a Columbia Kiwanian never stops, but continues year round. Let's make certain we continue to extend the invitation of membership to all we can. It's been a good year so far, but the train is still going full-steam ahead and our final destination is not yet in sight. There's still time for much to be accomplished, so remember – GO KIWANIS !

– President John



President John, Charlie Lee, Lt. Governor Leigh and Dale Metcalf appear to be participating in a *very* important meeting while attending the MO-ARK District Convention in Joplin this past weekend. As happy as they look, it makes you wonder if this was the only meal they were provided all weekend! Thank you Dale for submitting the photograph.



Chris Sharp, Access Arts



Barbara Walker, Fun City



Ernest Hildebrand (left), Kay Thompson (center), St. Lukes Aftercare Program, & Pam Ingram (right), Granny's House



**Summary of Minutes  
of Board Meeting  
July 21, 2009**

Discussion was held concerning the master calendar for the next Kiwanis year. President Haralson proposed we move the date of the annual picnic to the second Tuesday in June (avoid weather issues) and the Don Faurot Sports award program to the last Tuesday in May. After discussion, Charlie Lee made the motion to adopt the recommendation, which was seconded by Dale Metcalf. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dale Metcalf

Also a discussion was held concerning the need to recruit new potential board members for James Powell (one year term) and for George Burgin (two year term) since both will fill officer positions beginning with the 2009-2010 year.

Club Finances: The financial reports for the period October 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (nine months of the Kiwanis year) were presented for review. For the Club report, most line item budget accounts are within budget, but meals for guests and speakers are over budget \$284.00. Club supplies are slightly over budget, but we have supplies on hand for next year and this will balance out. We have a balance of \$3,180.39 as Club net worth. The money bucket is still strong.

Meeting adjourned at 1: 30 PM. Future board meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month following our regular Club meeting 1:10 PM, Jack's Gourmet Restaurant.

Club Foundation Finances: The total net worth of the Club Foundation ended the period with assets of \$162,664.23, which is down from the previous month. Concession income year to date was \$9,603.03. Our concessions budget was \$9,000.00, so the Club will exceed our budget estimates for the year...great! The Club is in the process of making our annual donations to various youth oriented groups through the Youth Services Committee.

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

Memorial Trust Fund Report: Assets for the period stands at \$147,984.27, a slight increase from the previous period. Donations for the year to date stands at \$8,941.00 so the Club is averaging approximately \$900.00 a month in donations.



Motion Jim Bowman, second Ernie Lee that we approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

We were happy to welcome another new member, Dr. Mindy Ewert, into club membership July 14<sup>th</sup>. Mendy started her Kiwanis involvement as a member of Circle K, while a student at Pittsburg State. She has only been in Columbia for two months and has a Chiropractic business near the Hy-Vee on West Broadway. We welcome Mendy into our club and know she will be an active participant immediately.

Administrative Matters: Secretary Ernie Lee

Reminder to the Board of the MO-ARK District Convention is to be held in Joplin from July 30th to August 2nd. Our delegates will be John Haralson, Charlie Lee and Dale Metcalf.

President's report:

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### **The Monthly Report Card: SPECIAL YOUTH SERVICES REPORT**

In July, the Columbia Kiwanis Club, through the Youth Services Committee, made donations to the following seven local organizations, totaling \$2,800.00: Granny's House; St. Lukes After School Program; Access Arts; Fun City; Mid-Missouri High Steppers; Boy Scouts of America – Great Rivers Council; and First Chance for Children. Each worthy and deserving organization gave a brief overview of their organization and how they utilize the funds to benefit children. Photo's of some appear on page 2.

### **Celebrations of Life & Love:**

#### **----- Birthdays:**

8<sup>th</sup> – James Powell  
9<sup>th</sup> – John Yonker  
10<sup>th</sup> – James Rich  
11<sup>th</sup> – Bill Reilly  
16<sup>th</sup> – Bob Parks  
16<sup>th</sup> – Bob Smith  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Gary Smith  
26<sup>th</sup> – Otto Steinhaus  
30<sup>th</sup> – Bill Crawford

#### **----- Anniversaries:**

4<sup>th</sup> – Eric & Allyson Cunningham  
8<sup>th</sup> – Ed & Kakie Love Maynard  
18<sup>th</sup> – Francis & Clara Pike  
18<sup>th</sup> – Gary & Carol Smith

### **Columbia Kiwanis Club**

**John Haralson, President**  
**(573) 443-8995**

**Jim Bowman, Immediate Past-President**

**James "Ernie" Lee, Secretary**  
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**Meets Tuesdays at noon**  
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**1903 Bus. Loop 70 E..**

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