



Kiwanis Club of Independence Newsletter Judy Luffman-editor

Missouri Boys State Recap

Dates to Remember

- August 18, Board Meeting at G.U., noon
- August 22, Trivia Night at Gudgell Park Community of Christ; register beginning at 6:30 p.m.; the fun begins at 7 p.m.; invite your family & friends

Coming Soon

- August 29-September 1, SantaCaliGon; Volunteers are still needed for parking lot duty, an annual club fundraiser.
- September 23, New Officer Installation Dinner, Comfort Suites near I-70/Little Blue Parkway interchange

Birthday

August 18, Michael Hahn

Anniversary

August 18, Sue & Max Ridings

August 19, Donna Romanzi & Mike Anderson

August 22, Judy & Dale Luffman

August 23, Joe & Yvonne Donald;

Dan & Diane Montgomery

News about the Next Meeting

Cotton Sivils, director of the Eastern Jackson County Hillcrest Ministries affiliate, will be the speaker at the meeting on August 19.

Brag Bag

Joe Donald: Joe was pleased that his daughter-in-law was one of Justin's favorite H.S. teachers. Joe also mentioned that the Eagle Scout candidate dog-run project at the City's Animal Shelter is underway.

Michael Hahn: His daughter, a recent graduate of the Univ. of Central Missouri, has secured a job.

Fred Larsen: He enjoyed playing in a golf tournament with his three sons.

Dan Montgomery: He complimented Barbara Langley on her recent newspaper column in the *Examiner* about the city's water department.

Sue Ridings: She reported on her busy time entertaining out-of-town grandchildren.

Kay VanFleet: She was proud that her daughter, who lives in a different city, is considering joining Kiwanis, to continue the family Kiwanis tradition.

Justine Daugherty, who will be a senior at Wm. Chrisman H.S., attended the American Legion-sponsored Missouri Boys State (MBS) this summer in Warrensburg. The Kiwanis Club of Independence provided scholarship money to enable Justin to participate.

According to the MBS website, the best and the brightest male high school juniors each year are drawn together in an effort to help lead them down the path of individual success and leadership through doing, not just learning.

One idea is paramount above any other at MBS: that the individual is the one with the power to change the world. Using the democratic system as a basis, teens are equipped each year to construct their own state utilizing the core values that hold true in everyday lives. Each student is assigned to either the *Federalist* or *Nationalist* party. Mock cities are formed, leaders elected, laws constructed, and judicial processes enacted in an intense 8-day session.



Boys are taught the need for competition, the value of public

office, and the strength of the individual voice and vote through course work and hands-on activities. By reinforcing these basic American ideals, they learn that they can shape the future.

Justin reported that he focused his time on the 'media' school and was a contributor to the daily newspaper. The guest who he most enjoyed hearing was former Arkansas Governor and presidential hopeful, Mike Huckabee, who was the keynote speaker.

Justin expressed his appreciation for the club's sponsorship as did his parents who were at the club meeting with him.

This Week's Assignments

Song Tawna Noftzger
Pledge Tiffany Bumgardner
Opening Prayer Jeanetta Issa

Announcements

- Volunteers are still needed for staffing the parking lot during SantaCaliGon, which is just two weeks away. Refer to an earlier email message from president, Don Coffman, or grab the sign-up clipboard at Tuesday's meeting.
- The monthly Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, August 18, noon, at Graceland University. It will be held in classroom 217 on the second floor.

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Mo-Ark Convention Report

Don Coffman reported that the August Mo-Ark District convention was very worthwhile. Sessions at Kiwanis University were helpful and the speakers were inspiring. Clubs were encouraged to focus on positive thinking, find their vision, and generate new ideas. *Point to ponder: vultures look for death and feed off decaying things; hummingbirds look for life and feed off living things. Be a hummingbird!*

“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Last chance to Sign Up for Trivia Night

Planning for the club's second annual Trivia Night is well underway. Several members of neighboring Kiwanis Clubs have signed up and the challenge is to exceed their numbers with our own members' participation.

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at Gudgell Park Community of Christ church. The cost of the \$15 ticket also includes five tickets for the Special "K" Auction and a door prize ticket. Bring your own refreshments; sorry no alcoholic beverages allowed in the church. Coffee and Iced Tea provided. There will be lots of great door prizes and Special "K" items.

Be sure to sign up and bring your family and friends. The evening promises to be mentally challenging, sprinkled with laughter and groans, and fun for all.

Warm up your minds with the following sample questions: (Answers appear at the bottom.)

1. What club members attended the Mo-Ark Convention this summer?
2. When did Missouri begin issuing new license plates?
3. Who won the recent Missouri gubernatorial primary election?
4. What is the altitude of La Paz, Bolivia?
5. What recently happened to reduce the seating capacity at Kauffman Stadium?
6. Who was the most recent winner on *American Idol*?
7. What are the names of all of the states that border Missouri?
8. True or False: Lee's Summit has a higher altitude than Independence.
9. What is this summer's Olympics' theme?
10. Why was U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps unhappy during the final 200M butterfly race in Beijing?

1. Don Coffman; Michael Hahn
2. June 2008
3. Democrat: Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon
Republican: Kenny Hulshof
4. 3650 meters (11,975')
5. Seats were removed during renovation
6. David Cook (formerly from Blue Springs)
7. Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee
8. True: Lee's Summit 306 meters (1003'); Independence 279 meters (915')
9. One World, One Dream
10. His swim goggles filled with water