



Kiwanis Club of Independence Newsletter Judy Luffman-editor

Dates to Remember

- October 8, Board of Directors Meeting, noon, Graceland University, 1401 West Truman Road
- October 10, CAPA-sponsored fund raiser: Rockin at the Ranch

Coming Soon

* **Mark your calendars. Need some "truck sitters" for Kiwanis float for the 60th Annual Chamber Halloween Parade on Oct. 25. Time: About 1:30 to 4:30. OK to bring your kids or grandchildren. Dress up in costume. Our theme: "We've been trucking since 1929." Sign up at Tuesday's meeting.**



Birthday

None

Anniversary

6, Scott and Carol Roberson

News about the Next Meeting

Gretchen Hicks from Hope House will be the featured guest speaker at the meeting on October 7.

Brag Bag

- **Don Montgomery;** Dan commented that the twins both earned recognition recently: one for band and one for cross country.
- **Robert Heacock;** Robert was pleased that his children at Truman were enjoying cross country and cheer leading, although his cheerleader daughter was concerned that none of the teams she cheered for won!

October 7 Assignments

Pledge Leader **Fred Larsen**
 Song Leader **Scott Roberson**
 Opening Prayer **Max Ridings**

Marbles, Miniatures and Marvelous Toys

Laura Taylor seems to have entirely too much fun to call what she does 'work.' She was bursting with enthusiasm as she talked to the club about the Toy and Miniature Museum located a little south of the Nelson Atkins Museum in Kansas City.



Ms. Taylor told a little about how the museum began with doll houses and miniatures of two friends whose personal collections had outgrown their homes. The museum is currently housed in the Tureman Mansion which after two building expansions is now 33,000 square feet.



The collection showcases antique toys including over 100 doll houses, miniatures (tools, musical instruments, furniture, glassware and more), and marbles.



A special addition to the building was created when Cathy and Larry Svacina donated their enormous marble collection. A marble shoot-out was planned recently which landed the event in the Guinness Book of World Records for numbers of simultaneous marble players.



Temporary exhibits are staged throughout the year to appeal to children and adults alike. Tours are reasonably priced at \$6 for adults/\$5 seniors and students, and \$4 children 5-12. Children under 5 are free.

For more information check out the website at <http://www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org/>.

Michael Hahn challenged each Kiwanian to invite at least five people to a meeting. Who do you plan to invite?

2008-09 Officers

President - Michael Hahn
President-Elect - Brian Yarbrough
Vice President - Tawna Noftzger
Secretary - Dan Jeffers
Treasurer - Duane Lewis

Board of Directors

Ron Byers
John Freytag
Robert Haas
Barbara Langley
Judy Luffman
Diane Montgomery
Ann Winston

Heritage Festival Recap
by Barbara Langley

Independence Kiwanis Club helped celebrate diversity at the fourth annual Independence Heritage Festival held at McCoy Park on Sept. 27.

Kiwanis was one of the 30 plus organizations represented.

Club members disseminated

Kiwanis information and played a ring toss game for kids and those young at heart. Candy went to the winners and participants.



The festival is sponsored by LINC, the Independence School District, the city of Independence, the Ministerial Alliance and many educational institutions. It started as a way for the Independence community to celebrate its diversity and heritage.

“Among the thousand people who attended, there were two that I was surprised to see,” said Barbara Langley. “They were former Kiwanians, Jon Donald and Dorace Wilson.”

Jon Donald, Music/Arts Institute, and his students in the Ethnic Drum Ensemble performed with drums and shakers.

The drums are djembes, skin covered drums of varying sizes shaped like a giant goblet and played with bare hands. The djembe originated in West Africa and is an integral part of the region's musical tradition and culture. Some of the smaller djembes were purchased with money from our club and are used with this ensemble and for the elementary school ethnic drum program.



Thanks to club and family members for participating: Michael Hahn, Barbara Langley, Jim Schultz, John Freytag, Tawna Noftzger and her mom, Bob and Joy Haas, and Sandy Naylor.

Puppy Run Project Update

Chris Pack, Eagle Scout candidate, and his mother, Cari (Troop 692 committee woman) will present the program at our Kiwanis meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28. They will share a power point presentation of the puppy run project at the Independence Animal Shelter, from start to finish, for which the club contributed \$300. The concrete was laid on Saturday, Sept. 20 – the fencing was installed the following Saturday, Sept. 27, completing the project.



Scouts from Troop 692 and adult volunteers help spread concrete for the puppy run.

Are you registered to vote?

In Missouri, you must be registered to vote no later than October 8 in order to vote in November. Think you're registered? Check here to make sure you are registered at the right address (<https://mcvr.mo.gov/voterlookup/>).

Or, get registered at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/register2vote/>.

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