



# Kiwanis Club of Independence Newsletter Judy Luffman-editor

## Dates to Remember

- Mon., October 20, Division IV Meeting; 6:30 p. m., Independence Bass Pro Shop.
- Sat., October 26, Halloween Parade; meet at 1:30 p. m. at the parking lot used during SantaCaliGon; wear a costume.



## Coming Soon

- November 7, Mo-Ark Governor's visit to Harrisonville for 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Div. IV meeting at 6 p. m., dinner at 7:30 p. m.

## **Birthday**

October 19, Robert Haas  
October 21, Judy Luffman

## **Anniversary**

October 24, Barbara Langley & Marcelino Estebanell  
October 25, Brian & Starla Yarbrough

## Meeting Preview

Leslie Bitterman, from Bitterman Family Confections, will be the guest speaker on October 21. This family-owned business has been a fixture in K.C. for over 100 years.

## Brag Bag

**Robert Heacock:** He bragged about the upcoming grand opening of a city athletic complex on Salisbury Road, east of 291 on Sat., Oct. 18, 1 p. m.

**Dan Montgomery:** His daughter won a recent cross country meet.

**Diane Montgomery:** She announced Blue Ridge Bank & Trust's on-going 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Sue Ridings:** She was excited to have heard a reference today to her alma mater: Texas Tech.

**Jim Schultz:** He complimented city manager Robert Heacock on his ability to hire and retain top quality personnel.

### October 21 Assignments

Pledge Leader **Tawna Noftzger**  
Song Leader **TBA**  
Opening Prayer **Fred Larsen**

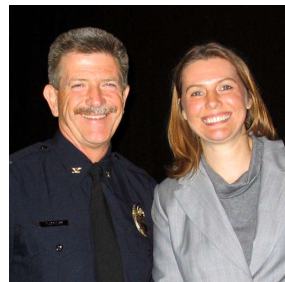
## Announcements

- Bring your donation of LOTS of wrapped candy to the next meeting to be given out at the Halloween parade this Saturday.
- Board of Directors Meeting Highlights:
  - Approved budget for 08-09
  - Recommended developing a yearly calendar
  - Reviewed goals for the program year
  - Reviewed need to expand membership
- Key Leader Training, October 24-26
- Mid-town Club Pancake Day, October 25
- Red Cross Flu Shot Clinic at Graceland University; Wed., October 29, 1-3 p. m.; \$25 or bring your Medicare or Coventry health card

## *Have you asked someone to visit Kiwanis?*

## New City Leaders Welcomed

Robert Heacock was pleased to introduce two



of the city's newest leaders: Police Chief Tom Dailey, and Community Development Director, Jennifer Clark.

Jennifer, a former Missouri resident, has returned to lead the Community Development office after sojourns in Texas and Georgia. During her collegiate years an internship in community re-development ignited a passion for community service.

She stated that her office has oversight of several city programs including building permits and inspections, neighborhood and housing programs, historic preservation, and planning and zoning. Her method of taking the pulse of the city is to sit down with neighborhood groups and listen as they tell her what they hope and dream for their area(s). She seeks to find out what the citizens want to have happen. Her philosophy of community development is that people make neighborhoods what they are;

government can and should lend assistance by being proactive.

Chief Dailey retired from the KCMO police department after a long career in law enforcement where his two master's degrees allowed him the flexibility to serve in many different capacities. When he considered what to do in the next phase of his life he discovered that Fred Mills was retiring and talked with him to find out what Independence was like. As he continued to investigate the city he stated that the thing that impressed him the most was how involved community members are and cited the impact that the Extreme School Makeover had on his decision to apply. Dailey hopes to build on the good foundation that Fred Mills laid during his tenure.

Daily stated that in his opinion, Independence is on the rise. Like Ms. Clark, Chief Dailey intends to take a proactive approach to his responsibilities. He is experienced at researching trends and putting that knowledge to good use. He is at work developing a special investigative unit as well as building systems within the department. His philosophy was simply stated: he intends to put criminals out of business or make them uncomfortable enough to move.

Independence citizens are fortunate to have two new highly qualified and visionary leaders as a part of the team.

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

## **November 4 Nearly Here**

Voters have been advised to become familiar with the election ballot prior to checking in at their polling place. An election judge stated that the ballot is lengthy and suggested that people plan ahead for the possibility of longer lines on Election Day. Preview specific Jackson County ballots at the following link.



<http://jceb.co.jackson.mo.us/electioninformation/sampleballots/sampleballot.aspx>

## **2007-08 Attendance Roll Call**

From the Outgoing Secretary, Joe Donald

The following members achieved perfect attendance in 2007-08 and are listed by their total cumulative years of perfect attendance.

1 year —Bob Haas, Michael Hahn, Fred Larsen, Tawna Noftzger, Scott Roberson

2 years —Judy Luffman, Max Ridings

3 years —Diane Montgomery

4 years —Dan Montgomery, Brian Yarbrough

7 years —Don Coffman, Barbara Langley, Sandy Naylor

8 years —John Freytag, Duane Lewis

14 years —Sue Ridings

15 years —Nina Anders

16 years —Joe Donald

17 years —Dan Jeffers, Wayne Shakespeare

19 years —Ron Byers

This past year we lost two of our long-standing members. Had they still been alive on Sept. 30 they would have attained:

36 years —Clay Snowden

51 years —Ken Taylor

