



Striving for the Extra Degree of Service To Children

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Membership Growth Contest

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A Plan to Expand:

Governor's Message:

Let's have some fun! How about a MO-ARK District membership contest! From January 1, 2010 to February 6, 2010 I am asking every club to have a new membership contest. Keep it simple, make it fun, but promote it. By promote I mean make it a really big club event. Send letters, cards, emails, phone calls, make signs, posters and do everything you can to bring in new members to start the year for your club. More hands to help more children. Divide

up your club into teams with the losing teams providing the winning teams with something special (i.e. steak dinner, wash the winners cars, etc).

A special Governor's Award will be given to the following at a special award ceremony at Mid Winter Conference:

Club with the most new members from January 1, 2010 to February 6, 2010.

Club with the highest percentage of growth from January 1, 2010 to February 6, 2010

Kiwanian who sponsors the most new members from January 1, 2010 to February 6, 2010

Club with the most creative attendance contest. Please describe your attendance contest in 300 words or less.

EVERY club that has positive growth January 1, 2010 to February 6, 2010 will be awarded a special Governor's certificate of recognition at the Mid-Winter Conference.

ALL information and new member growth must be emailed by February 8, 2010 to Governor Mike Grimes at gghf@sbcglobal.net.

Special points of interest:

- Membership Growth
- Mid-Winter Conference
- Club Reports
- Kiwanis One Day

Plans For Mid-Winter Conference:

Our Mid-Winter Conference February 19-21, 2010 at Branson is going to be huge! Really great forums, our very own Talent Show on Saturday night, activities all day long Saturday Feb. 20 for children. Here is a quick schedule:

Friday night at 6:30 pm a dinner and a show by The American Kids.

Saturday morning: Kiwanians: educational forums, Kids & partners: making items for needy children and gathering donations for them.

Saturday afternoon: Adults: educational forums. Kids: Fun Science Projects.

Then late Saturday afternoon a TREASURE HUNT for Kids and Adults directed by Gina Tullos.

Saturday Night: Talent Show for everyone. We want individuals, families, clubs to all participate.

Bring your talent and have a blast!

IT'S AS EASY AS

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YOU

Hold the Key!

Blue Valley Kiwanis

Highlights for Dec 2009 for our **Blue Valley Club:**

1. Held our annual Chili Day fundraiser on Nov 17th. We had a huge turnout and served the world's best chili.
 2. Had a table of 4 at the Rainbow Center's annual Wits & Wreaths Trivia fundraiser on Nov 21st. We didn't win, but we had a good time and supported this worthwhile organization.
 3. Held our annual Christmas Party for about 100 3rd graders from McCoy & James Schools on Dec 3rd. We fed them a light lunch/dessert and then had the Salvation Army Band play holiday music. Each child received a gift bag when they left.
 4. We had 12 volunteers ringing bells and collecting money for the Salvation Army at the UMB Bank on Independence Ave on Dec 4th. The kettles were literally overflowing with donations by the end of the day.
 5. We will have about 10 volunteers at the Jackson County/Longview Farms Christmas in the Park donation booth on Dec 17th.
 6. We had about 8 members at the Whatsoever Community Center's annual charity event on Dec 4th.
 7. We will not have a meeting on Dec 24th because the Salvation Army will be using the gym for other purposes. We will meet on Dec 31st as usual.
 8. We only plan to attend one Inter-Club this month because of the holidays.
- Hope you have a Merry Christmas!

K.C. Downtown Club:

The following is the Nov./Dec. report for the downtown K.C., Mo. Club. We have/are :

1. Ringing bells for the Salvation Army.
2. Hosting the annual Holiday Party for the youth in the Kiwanis Student Assistance Program.
3. Planning to recognize those who have earned a Legion of Honor.
4. Deciding what to do with the corporation that has been disbursing K.S.A.P. funds.
5. Preliminary planning for our annual Pancake Day.
6. Discussing our next Membership Development drive.

Downtown Club



Warrensburg Kiwanis

Warrensburg:

The only things for December that we have planned are bell ringing for the Salvation Army on 12/12 and 12/19 and then we are having our Christmas Program on 12/22. The children from Show Me Christian

Youth Home are coming to do a Christmas program for us.



Raytown Three Trails

Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis Club

November 2009 happening:

1. Had four (4) attendees at the Region 1 Conference
2. Dave Skitek made a presentation on the Kiwanis Terrific Kids Program
3. Had an excellent speaker program titled "Pearl Harbor's Child", authored by Dorinda (Dee) Nicholson and witnessed the events of Pearl Harbor. She does lots of programs and lives in Raytown. 356-6375.
4. Established re-chartering of the Builder's Club at Raytown South Middle School.
5. Raked leaves for those unable in Raytown area for the Shepherd's Center of Raytown.
6. Attended four (4) Key Club meetings at Raytown High School
7. Attended a Key Club meeting at Lee's Summit West High School.
8. After months of planning, a core group of nine (9) tutors [five (5) Kiwanians] launched the Raytown Three Trails SI Tutoring Program working with students at Laurel Hills Elementary in Reading Fluency. More tutors are being recruited to expand this project.
9. Had Terrific Kids assemblies at three elementary schools . . . a total of eight (8) 5th grade classes. There was no club meeting on November 26th – Thanksgiving.

December 2009

1. Performed street clean up of our street for the Raytown Chamber of Commerce Adopt-a-Street Program – eight (8) Kiwanians participated.
2. Completed the refurbishing of the Raytown Chamber of Commerce "service club" sign on Blue Ridge Blvd.
3. Attend two (2) Key Club meetings at Raytown High School.
4. Had Terrific Kids assemblies at three elementary schools.
5. Attended the Kiwanis Student Assistance Program Holiday Party – Dave Skitek represented the club with a \$250 check.
6. No club meetings on the 24th or 31st due to Christmas and New Year's observances.
7. Working on our 1st quarter fundraiser – Sale of Gates BBQ Packs – call us (816-353-8491) if you want to

MidTown Kiwanis Club (con't page 4)

Events for November 2009:

- A. Annual Pancake Breakfast held at Allens Temple AME church on Nov. 7, 2009. Profit from this event was \$1,200.00.
- B. Terrific Kids program held at Carver elementary school Martin Luther King elementary school. Sixty-four Kids participated in this program.
- C. Lincoln Prep Key club participated in "Adopt-a-Highway" program cleanup. Thirty students participated in this project. Lincoln Prep Key club also par-

ticipated in planting "Tulips on Troost" program.

D. Midtown Kiwanians had an interclub with Blue Valley Kiwanis club on November 19, 2009 during their "Chili Day" celebration.

E. On November 14, 2009 Midtown Kiwanis had 8 representatives present for the Region 1 Governor's visit in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Events for December 2009:

- A. Terrific Kids program held at Carver and Martin Luther King; Fifty-eight Kids participated .
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(MidTown Con't) B. We participated in the "Student Assistance Program" and donated \$290.00 to the students of this program.

C. Midtown Kiwanis began the Salvation Army Bell Ringing program at Crown Center plaza.

D. First Midtown Kiwanis "Satellite club" meeting was held at SE Community center. There are currently 6 members of the club. Next meeting will be held on January 14th.

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KIWANIS ONE DAY

One more helping hand. One more life touched.

One day each year, Kiwanians around the world join together for one day of global community service. There are no boundaries. And there's no limit to what you and your club can do for children, for your community, for the world.

In 2010, Kiwanis One Day is **April 10**. What will your club do?

The Harrisonville Kiwanis Club.

- 1). We participated in the Dictionary Project of KC and delivered over 90 dictionaries to 3rd grade classes in our area.
- 2). We have continued our Kindergarten reading program reaching over 60 children each week.
- 3). We participated in the Harrisonville High School Transition Fair for mentally or developmentally challenged students. We handed out info on Key Club, Aktion Club and Kiwanis.
- 4). We were present at the Mo-Ark Governor's visit.
- 5). We teamed with the Parks and Rec. Dept. and adopted a shelter house to decorate for Christmas.
The club is taking part in a program called "Food for Thought Backpack Program. This program sends a backpack of healthy, child friendly foods home with a child on the weekend, when they would otherwise have little or nothing to eat. It is run so there is no stigma for the child.
- 6). We have given 20 hours to Salvation Army Bell Ringing in our community.
- 7). We did our Santa Calling program and spoke to over 220 children over 3 nights. Our Santa Clauses have been very busy, talking and holding over 325 excited youngsters.
- 8). We have adopted a family for Christmas and are busily preparing. We will again be delivering meals on Christmas Day to those less fortunate.

Kiwanis Club of Independence

4 New Members:

Tom Noftzger, Nick Burke, Laura Van Fleet Burke, Sara Jones to be inducted with Marian Hope on Jan. 5, 2010 .

Salvation Army Bell-Ringing 12/5 & 12/12, Kiwanis Truck in the 61st annual Halloween Parade. Truman Key Clubbers participated as well.

Kiwanian's fellowship by attending, as a group of 23 people, the 1st Maverick's

game on Nov. 13th. Participation at Nov. 14, Div. IV Regional Meeting in St. Joe by 8 members/spouses. President Tawna Noftzger held a short training session on Facebook. Participation in the Nov. 19th Mayor's Breakfast by 14 Kiwanian's and their spouses. Blue Valley Chili Day Nov. 19th Kiwanis Student Assistance Program Christmas Party Dec.

10th, Downtown Kansas City Kiwanis Club, 4 members attended. Gov. Grimes Award to Duane Lewis – Outstanding Treasurer Governor's Certificate of Excellence – For Outstanding New Member Recruitment of an Attorney . Banner patch for contribution of \$215 for the annual campaign of the Kiwanis Foundation.