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JULY 22, 1937

DIRECTORS

B BALK	2023
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R RICHIE	2024

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Member Birthdays for May

5/18 Marisa McCluer

5/21 Carol Cuddy

5/31 Ken Bennett

Member Anniversaries for May

5/04 Ken and Barb Dressel

5/04 Paula and Sylvester Grissom

BUSY KIWANIANs SERVING AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY

**4/11/23 Our Flying Squadron to the St Louis City Kiwanis Club, formerly known as
Hampton-Midtown**



L-R Member Roger Richie, STL City President Chris Saracino, Member Carla OBrien, Member Lorin Dressel, Member Karl Grattendick, Member Jim Crooks



**4/12/23 Our Speaker from Ameren- UE, Jim Huss with a detailed
And informative presentation
Karl Grattendick presents him with the "Looking for Good" Book**



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4/15/23 – Annual Service Project, Garden planting at Gateway 180. We filled 5 large beds with vegetable plants, 6 containers with herbs, cleaned up the garden with trimming and put out mulch. Our small but mighty crew this year was: Mandy Horner, Robert Hosner, Paul Eckrich, Ellen Sandweiss and Carla OBrien



On 4/19/23, we hosted the speaker, Steve McClean, from Sleep in Heavenly Peace. He has bed building projects with which we may be able to help in an upcoming service project.



Jean Eckrich looks on as Jim Crooks presents the “Look for Good” book as a thank you gift.



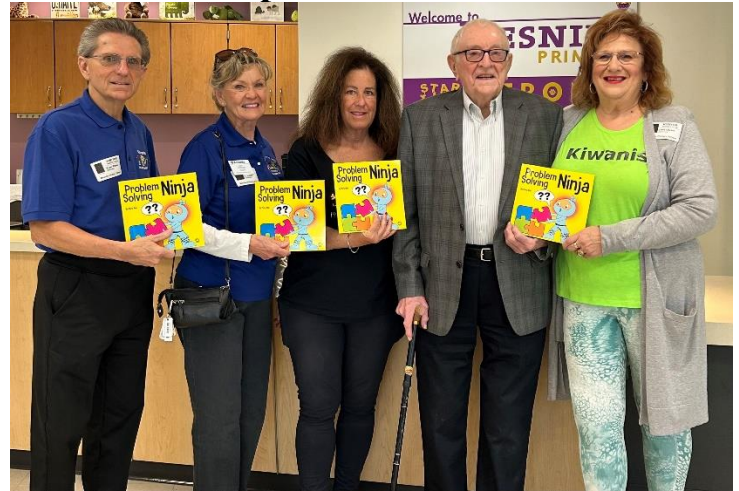
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4/20/23 The final reading program for the year at Mesnier Primary School, and a big thank you to our readers this year: Ken Bennett, Ginger Crooks, Paula Eckrich, Lori Leupold, Carla OBrien, Roger Richie, and Ellen Sandweiss. Our book selections followed the school traits being taught each quarter, and we left the kids with color sheets, pencils and smiles. We had 5 AM and 5 PM class readings.

The PM Group



The AM Group



April 21 and 22 We had a Flying Squadron to the Key Club Board meeting in Springfield, MO. What an invested group of student leaders we have this year. Participating club members were: Don Leupold, Carla OBrien, Lori Leupold and District Administrator Jim Fritz



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April 26th meeting was our Scholarship Luncheon celebrating our 4 -\$1,000 scholarship winners. What amazing young ladies our recipients are: Lutheran High School South: Karen Trong with Carla OBrien



**Hancock High School – Ashley Matamoros-Sierra
With Jim Fritz**

**and Anna Tisdale
With Roger Richie**



Affton High School – Katelyn Busse with Lorin Dressel



**Many thanks to our Scholarship Committee
Ginger Crooks
Lorin Dressel
Jim Fritz
Don Leupold
Carla OBrien
Roger Richie
And special thanks to Mike Haller as our
fantastic photographer for the day!**



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And lastly, but not least important: The results of our Steak Raffle on 5/03/23!

Paul Eckrich and Allan Cordes, chairs of our Fundraiser

Thanks to all members who supported this fundraiser, and marketed tickets to friends and relatives!

Congratulations to:

Kevin Wagoner – 25 Steaks

Mary Schaefer – 15 Steaks

Mike Wheeler – 10 Steaks

Bill Haack – 5 Steaks

Judy Winker – 5 Steaks

Greg Mueller – 5 Steaks

Roofers Mart – 5 Steaks

Chuck Seevers – 5 Steaks

Charlene Robinson – 5 Steaks

Tiffany Ermeling – 5 Steaks

Ralph Truemper – 5 Steaks

Kiwanis Club of Gravois - St. Louis County Board Meeting May 3, 2023

President – Jean Eckrich

President-elect – Karl Grattendick

Treasurer – Carla O'Brien

Co-Secretary – Carla O'Brien/Marisa McCluer

Immediate Past Pres: Jim Crooks

Board of Directors: Brandon Balk, Ken Bennett, Lorin Dressel, Paul Eckrich, Ann Fritsch, Don Leopold, Roger Richie

Also present were: Allan Cordes and Mary Schaefer

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Secretary's Report (Carla O'Brien) – Motion to accept the March minutes as presented in the Newsletter by: Paul Eckrich, seconded by Karl Grattendick. All in favor, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report (Carla O'Brien) –

Charitable account is at \$ 16,954.53 and Administrative account is at \$817.17, totaling \$17,771.70.

Motion was made to accept the financial report by Roger Richie seconded by Ken Bennett. All in favor, none opposed.

Committee Reports - Administrative:

Audit (Don Sabbert & Ann Fritsch) – **Audit completed** by Ann Fritsch 10/07/22. All in order

Budget (Carla O'Brien) – **Held 9/08/22**

Education (Jim Crooks) – Weekly questions continue.

Flying Squadron (Jim Crooks) – 5/04/23 Bridgeton Prayer Breakfast, we'll have 7 attendees

House Comm. (Karl Grattendick) – no report

Program (Jean Eckrich) – Go over all programs as scheduled for May, and place at end of newsletter

Membership Development (Jim Crooks) **no report**

Nominating (Jean Eckrich & last 4 pres.) -. Must have new officers for 2023-24 in place before 5/31/23.. Do we have any volunteers for President-Elect? Karl Grattendick will become President on 10/1/23

President's Party (Karl Grattendick) – **Complete**, held 9/25/22.

Publicity (Brandon Balk and Loren Dressel) Loren continues to update the website with scholarship photos



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Sick/telephone (Don Sabbert) No report

Committee Reports - Community Service

Camp (Paul Eckrich) – When the Burn Camp speaks in May, their donation check will be issued. We need to schedule Camp Rhythm to speak and receive their donation

Community Service / Welfare (Paul Eckrich) – Just completed the Gateway180 Garden Planting

Fund Raising (Allan C, Ken B, Ginger C, Jim C, Mike H, Robert H, Roger R):.Need to begin to implement new plans?

Old Newsboys (Paul & Allan) –**Completed** 11/17/22

Presidents Project (Jean Eckrich) **HSMO**, Thanks for 8 bags of blankets, towels, and other soft goods this month

Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Jim Crooks) – **Done for 2022-23**

Scholarship (Carla Obrien & Jim Fritz) –LHSS, Hancock, and Affton students received scholarships at the 4/26/23 Scholarship Luncheon. We will attend awards programs at Affton and Hancock High Schools

Sewing Machine Project: (Lorin Dressel) Please mention to friends and relatives that we are collecting ALL TYPES of sewing machines in working on non-working order. They are then refurbished and disbursed worldwide where the need is most urgent. Call Lorin at 314-546-3080 for pick up or with any questions

SLP – High Schools (Jim Crooks) –

Hancock: (Nicole Herman)-.

Affton: – (Jason Buck)

Lutheran South: (Debbie Davis & Laura Maschhoff) Last meeting being held 5/11/23

Bayless High School – Principal has been fired, need to make new connection

Grade Schools (Carla Obrien)

Mesnier – Readings complete for this school year. Will attempt to move to monthly next school year

Gotsch – The new principal is interested in Reading – Terrific Kids. Ongoing discussions about starting the Program as soon as possible

MO-ARK Key Club (Jim Fritz) – no report

Tilles Lights (Karl Grattendick / Carla OBrien) – Not held 2022, application for 2023 sent in.

Young Children Priority 1 (Don Leupold & Ann Fritsch) – Consider using the \$250-\$500 in discretionary funds as necessary when we have speakers to which this would apply.

Youth Services (Ken Haller) – No report

Committee Reports - Fund Raising

Steak Raffle (Paul Eckrich) – Drawing 5/3/23, yeah!

Trivia (Carla & Jean) – Booked the *Crestwood Community Center for March 23, 2024. Save the date. Many thanks to all of our great members who contributed to our \$10,057.45 total!*

Poinsettias: (Carla OBrien & Paul Eckrich) – **Done until Nov 2023**

Books: Looking for Good: (Roger Richie) sales continue

OLD BUSINESS



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Look at surveys and evaluate how to improve the Club. Review the information received. We want to solicit information from ALL CLUB MEMBERS on how to improve our club. Discussion was entertained about changing to a monthly or bi-monthly meeting rather than weekly. Does Wednesday at Noon still work for most? Would first and third or second and fourth weeks work best in the two meeting format? Would another day or time be better? Consider having the monthly Board Meeting in the evening at a home or at the library, no food, just a solid hour to determine the best way forward for the club business. Plan a service project MONTHLY? More service – less meeting? Please respond with your suggestions to improve our club and make it more accessible and meaningful to you. Send responses to Jean Eckrich at jeanpa4u@hotmail.com We are planning to take action at the next Board Meeting on 6/07/23.

NEW BUSINESS

IMPORTANT DATES UPCOMING

May 10 Speaker – Lori Bochert from St Louis County Library – Grants Trail Branch

May 17 Speaker – Tim Griffin, Mayor of Kirkwood MO

May 24 Speaker – Madelyn Carson from Midwest Burn Camp

May 31 Speaker – Pastor Mike Roth of St Pauls UCC on Backpacking

Meeting place

The next Board Meeting for is June 7 @ Bartolinos South

Adjournment – at 1:15pm



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