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JULY 22, 1937

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Member Birthdays for April

4/15 Ed Golterman
4/18 Paul Eckrich
4/26 Paula Grissom
4/27 Lorin Dressel
4/29 Ginger Crooks

Member Anniversaries for April

4/2 Jim & Kristin Forgash
4/24 Robert & Mandy Hosner

March 10 and 11 – Members attended the MO-ARK Education Leadership Conference in Springfield, MO



L-R Dave O'Brien, Carla O'Brien, Jim Crooks, Jim Fritz, Ginger Crooks
Great panel discussions and round tables

3/15 was a presentation by Megan Crane of Forest Park Forever



Jean Eckrich and Ed Golterman in his finest St Patrick's gear present a "Looking for Good" book



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March 17th & 18th – Key Club Convention in Springfield, MO, many Gravois Kiwanis members are a part of the adult staff Lori Leupold, Jim Fritz, Carla O'Brien, (Dave O'Brien), Don Leupold



March 22 – Rev. Mike Roth gave us an entertaining and spiritual look at raising chickens in St Louis County



March 29 – Lori Becker with Starkloff Industries gave us insight into overcoming difficulties when you have disabilities. (Lorin Dressel, Jean Eckrich, Karl Grattendick presents to Lori



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April 6th – In Partnership with St Peters Episcopal Church (Jane Gilbert & Jaleah Scott) our member, Ellen Sandweiss, presented 50 Easter Baskets to the children at Gateway180



Jaleah, Jane, Kathy Conners of Gateway180, Ellen



3/25/23 Gravois Kiwanis Trivia Night at Crestwood Community Center. Serious thanks to all who made this a successful event, earning us over \$10,000 to support our local youth. We had 26 tables up from 17 last year, a beautiful Silent Auction, Lottery Baskets, two deck of cards raffles, and a 50/50.



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Kiwanis Club of Gravois - St. Louis County Board Meeting April 5, 2023

President – Jean Eekrich

President-elect – Karl Grattendick



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Treasurer – Carla Obrien **Co-Secretary** – Carla OBrien/Marisa McCluer **immed Past Pres:** Jim Crooks
Board of Directors: Brandon Balk, Ken Bennett, Lorin Dressel, Paul Eckrich, Ann Fritsch, Don Leupold, Roger Richie
Also present were: Ginger Crooks

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

Treasurer's Report (Carla O'Brien) –

Charitable account is at \$ 21,088.24 and Administrative account is at \$917.17, totaling \$22,005.41.

Motion was made to accept the financial report as ammended by Lorin Dressel 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 Obrien) – **Held 9/08/22** Carla to email budget copy to Board member Lorin Dressel

Education (Jim Crooks) – Weekly questions continue.

Flying Squadron (Jim Crooks) – TU 4/11/23 to Kiwanis of STL City (former Hampton Midtown), Noon at Chris Pancake House

House Comm. (Karl Grattendick) – no complaints or issues

Program (Jean Eckrich) – All programs as scheduled for April are placed at end of newsletter

Membership Development (Jim Crooks) Jim shared business cards and KI handouts to share with folks on a daily basis. Carla shared the Club brochure which will be updated and reprinted.

Nominating (Jean Eckrich & last 4 pres.) -. Must have new officers for 2023-24 in place by end of April.

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

Publicity (Brandan Balk and Loren Dressel) ***Lorin will add the “Sewing Machine Project partnership to our website. We need to find folks with any type of sewing machine, with or without cabinet, working or not. We will get it picked up. Our partner, Sewing Machine Project in Columbia will refurbish and ship to needy folks worldwide – ending poverty stitch by stitch!***

Sick/telephone (Don Sabbert)

Committee Reports - Community Service

Camp (Paul Eckrich) – Paul will check on who has sessions this year, and release donations.

Community Service / Welfare (Paul Eckrich) – April 15th at Gateway180 we will do outdoor clean up, and plant the vegetable garden – Please call Pul and volunteer to help at 314-481-1991

Fund Raising (Allan C, Ken B, Ginger C, Jim C, Mike H, Robert H, Roger R):..no new plans

Old Newsboys (Paul & Allan) – **Completed** 11/17/22 If there is not more members to help, we may need to cancel for 2023

Presidents Project (Jean Eckrich) **HSMO**, please donate blankets, animal toys, cages, beds

Salvation Army Bell Ringing (Jim Crooks) – **Will do December 15 and 23 in 2023**

Scholarship (Carla Obrien & Jim Fritz) – Applications received from **LHSS, Hancock, and Affton. 4/26/23 will be**



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Scholarship Luncheon

SLP – High Schools (Jim Crooks) –

Hancock: (Nicole Herman)-.

Afton: – (Jason Buck)

Lutheran South: (Debbie Davis & Laura Maschhoff)

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

Grade Schools (Carla Obrien)

Mesnier – **Next reading will be held April 20**

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) –

Tilles Lights (Karl Grattendick / Carla OBrien) – Not held 2022, will file the application for 2023

Young Children Priority 1 (Don Leupold & Ann Fritsch) –

Youth Services (Ken Haller) – NR

Committee Reports - Fund Raising

Run (Ellen) – NR

Steak Raffle (Paul Eckrich) – Proceeding, please sell tickets for the May 3rd drawing

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**

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

OLD BUSINESS

Look at surveys and evaluate how to improve the Club. How many surveys were received, and what can we do to improve everyone's experience.

NEW BUSINESS

IMPORTANT DATES UPCOMING

April 7 – Kiwanis International Day of Giving

April 12 Speaker – Jim Huss of Ameren-UE gives us an update on new methods of production. He will answer questions about the power grid.

April 19 Speaker – Steve McClean from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, providing beds for needy children and families.

April 26 – Scholarship Luncheon, meet and celebrate our 4 winners!

May 3 – Steak Raffle drawing

March 23, 2024 Trivia night at Crestwood Community Center

Meeting place



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The next Board Meeting for is May 3 @ Bartolinos South

Adjournment – at 1:30pm



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