



Kiwaniis News

February, 2010

A monthly newsletter for the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis

Birthdays

Shirley Powell Feb. 1
Kristie Williams Feb. 19

Club Anniversaries

Shirley Powell Feb. '07

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 2 • 1 p.m.
Following Regular Meeting

Club Officers

Kari Walden President
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James Little President-Elect
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Pam Druffel Treasurer
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Board Members

Lynne Campbell ('10)
Danny Fullington ('10)
Jeff Gerken ('10)
Rob Dixon ('11)
Doug Lay ('11)
Jennifer York ('11)

What are you willing to do?

Once, someone saw a need in our community and decided a Kiwanis club could best fill that need. Today, many children are still waiting for the kind of help Kiwanis members like you provide. The most effective way to reach those in need is to ensure your club stays strong, grows larger, and steps up when needed. It takes a lot of work to make a difference.

Strong Kiwanis clubs with many involved, dedicated members mean more children in your community, your state, your country, and the world can benefit. Just as importantly, larger clubs have the opportunity to inspire more neighbors, friends, and strangers who see Kiwanians selflessly working to make a difference. Here are some tips from Kiwanis International for keeping our club healthy and growing.

- Stay and serve. Always have a group of members at every club service project or event from beginning to end. That way, the club always has a presence and someone who can “talk up” Kiwanis.
- Throw a party. Send out personal invitations for a Special Guest Day, then follow up with phone calls and e-mails. Why not invite special guests to your club several times each year?
- Be flexible. Consider changing your meeting times and frequency. Some clubs meet only every other week. Some meet online.
- Reach out. Participate in every community activity and event you can. It's great publicity. Learn more about how public relations can help you grow.
- Learn from the best. Visit other clubs to get ideas. Get involved at the division, district, and international levels. Find a club now.
- Connect online. Learn more from other Kiwanis members on Kiwanis blogs.
- Read your magazine. Read your magazine. KIWANIS magazine regularly features articles on growth. Check it out!

Honesty

being truthful in
what you say and do





We will once again be at the Radisson in Branson February 19-21.

It's **BRANSON** for Mid-Winter

Our Mid-Winter Conference February 19-21 at Branson is going to be huge! Really great forums, our very own Talent Show on Sat. night, activities all day long Saturday Feb. 20 for children. Here is a quick schedule: Friday night at 6:30 p.m. 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!

Remember if you register for the conference by January 21 you will be entered win two FREE hotel nights at

the Mid Winter Conference. Don't delay . . . register today and that way you won't forget!

There is not a registration form included in this *Kiwanigram*. You can get one on line at the Mo-Ark District web site, <www.moarkkiwanis.org>, or from your club secretary.

Here are five good reasons to attend the Mid-Winter Conference:

1. Meet new friends and reconnect with old ones.

Build lasting friendships with people who share your mission to help children around the world.

2. Sharpen your leadership skills.

As a Kiwanian, you're already a leader. Hone your skills at forums and sharing with other Kiwanians from around Mo-Ark District.

3. Spend quality time with your children or grandchildren. Mid-Winter Conference this next year is designed for all ages. Planned are spe-

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

February 19-21, 2010
"Kids Are Our Treasure"

Friday, February 19

12:00-1:30 p.m.	Past Governors Luncheon/Council Meeting
1:00-9:00 p.m.	Registration
1:45-2:45 p.m.	District Council Meeting (Lt. Governors/Trustees)
3:00-4:00 p.m.	T.A.G. Team Meeting
4:15-5:30 p.m.	District Board Meeting (Trustees)
6:30-8:30 p.m.	Dinner/Show (The American Kids)

Saturday, February 20

7:00-3:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30-9:00 a.m.	Past Lt. Governors Breakfast
9:00-10:30 a.m.	General Session
9:15-11:30 a.m.	Partners Meeting (Joint Service Proj. with Circle K)
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions (3)
12:00-1:45 p.m.	Kiwanis Family Luncheon for All
2:00 p.m.	Key Club Students to do Fun Science Experiments with Kids
2:00-2:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions (3)
3:00-3:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Earl Collins Foundation Board Meeting
4:00-5:00 p.m.	"Treasure Hunt" (Adults and Kids - all ages)
6:30 p.m.	Governor's Dinner for All - Kiwanis Talent Show

Sunday, February 21

8:30-9:15 a.m.	Devotional Service
9:30-11:00 a.m.	All Conference Brunch "Kids Are Our Treasure"

cial events for children to adults. Watch the sparkle in your child's eyes and hear their excitement when they tell all about their activities.

4. Learn new service project and fund raising ideas.

Strengthen and infuse new enthusiasm into your club with the great ideas you will learn.

5. Have a blast! Be amazed at the talent we have in Mo-Ark and laugh at the tomfoolery during our FIRST ever "Kiwanis You Have Talent Show" on Saturday Evening. Individuals, fami-

lies, groups from clubs, children, teens, adults, singing, playing instruments . . . all just a plain old good time.

But, that's not all . . .

A woman's Crisis Center in Branson is our service project for Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday. The Crisis Center typically houses 35-50 children ranging in ages from birth to 17 years old. If you do not already have the information, a *Networker* will be sent out listing items you can bring to Branson to help.

Our club is the host for Mid-Winter therefore there are several volunteer opportunities. Also, there will be some breakout sessions and meetings that you can attend.

If you are interested in either one, please let Pam or Kari know.