

Kiwanis

Lee's Summit Kiwanis Club

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

NEWSLETTER

July 2009
(June Activities)

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Kiwanian Cheryl Anderson for her leadership as the 2010 Regional Trustee!

Our hearts and prayers go out to Karen Van Jones for the loss of her husband Ray.

CLUB CALENDAR

July

- 04 Legacy Blast Fireworks Extravaganza
- 17 Jamaican Jam, Live Reggae Music
- 21 Division 4 Council Meeting

August

- Jul 31-Aug 2 MO-ARK District Convention
- 07 Blues & Jazz Fest, Live Blues & Jazz

COMMITTEE REPORT

The treasurer's report as of July 1, 2009 shows our funds at \$15,157.81. Allocation includes \$1,466.21 in the administrative account and \$13,691.60 in the service account.

BIRTHDAYS

July

- 01 Theresa Overby
- 12 Bill Moehle

August

- 15 Dick Daily
- 31 Dave Skitek

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Jul 07	Business Meeting	Aug 04	Business Meeting
Jul 14	Vernon Kirby	Aug 11	Wilma Brown
Jul 21	Cheryl Anderson	Aug 18	John Horner
Jul 28	Roger Shipley	Aug 25	Don Casey

CLUB UPDATE

Music in the Park (City Hall Plaza)

The City of Lee's Summit hosted their annual Free Friday Night Concert series from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. The Bayou Bash, live Zydeco music, was the first of three events that we participated in and raised \$155.14. The concert series launch our annual fundraising activities for scholarships, reading programs, etc.

Next events

- Jul 17: Jamaican Jam
- Aug 7: Blues and Jazz Fest



Missouri Scholars Academy

Honorary Kiwanian Theresa Overby was pleased to learn that her son, Jordan, was one of 330 students who was honored as one of Missouri's gifted youth and was provided special opportunities to learn and develop at the Missouri Scholars Academy. The Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week academic program for Missouri's gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year in high school. The academy is a residential program held on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

R-7 high school sophomores selected to attend

Missouri Scholars Academy



Eight Lee's Summit R-7 School district sophomores were recently selected to attend the Missouri Scholars Academy, a three-week academic program for approximately 335 of Missouri's gifted students.

Students selected to attend this academy are Sarah Bussen, Jordan Davis, Sasha Petrenko, all Lee's Summit High School; Fiona Morris, Melanie Weilert and Elizabeth Wheelock, all Lee's Summit North High School; and Elizabeth Kouba and Charlie Chen, both

Lee's Summit West High School.

Close to 335 sophomores statewide are selected from among approximately 65,000 students. The Scholars Academy is held annually on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia during the summer. The academy is free for participating students, and funds to support the program are appropriated by the Missouri General Assembly following State Board of Education recommendations.

INTERCLUBS

Cheryl Anderson held an interclub at Kiwanis International Convention on June 25-28.

KEY MEETING DECISIONS

Motion approved for us to...

- Participate in Lee's Summit Christmas in the Park in December.
- Participate in Lee's Summit Chamber annual golf classic by providing 150 items to golfers' bags and/or providing 80 items to the new teacher breakfast.

PROGRAM REVIEW

June 9 - Kevin Dowlatshahi, Spencer Wroughton Scholarship Recipient

Kevin Dowlatshahi and his family joined us for dinner and provided the program. Kevin plans to attend the University of Missouri – Kansas City this fall to enter their six year medical program, just like his brother, a Spencer Wroughton scholarship winner three years ago.

Kevin is already a community outreach leader as he has volunteered over 150 hours of community service, focusing on three areas: service (tutoring), creativity (online web service), and action (academic clubs such as math, Science Olympiad, Science Knowledge Bowl). While in medical school, Kevin plans to volunteer at other less fortunate countries and give medical aid. Upon graduation, he plans to devote one day a week as an indigent care provider.

Kevin is the perfect example of Kiwanis' mission to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.



June 23 – Richard and Peggy Veasman, Eastern Europe

Richard and Peggy started their trip in Bucharest, Romania - known for its wide, tree-lined boulevards, glorious Belle Époque buildings and a reputation for the high life.



Romanian legend has it that the city of Bucharest was founded on the banks of the Dambovita River by a shepherd named Bucur, whose name literarily means "joy." His flute playing reportedly dazzled the people and his hearty wine from nearby

vineyards endeared him to the local traders, who gave his name to the place.

Bucharest is laden with historical charm - from the streets of the Old City Centre, which are slowly being restored, to the grand architecture of the Royal Palace and the lush green of Cismigiu Park. The city also claims a large number of museums, art galleries, exquisite Orthodox churches and unique architectural sites.

Then they traveled by riverboat on the Danube River to Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia and Hungary. A **Danube River cruise** is the best way to experience the storied landscapes, cultural heritage and centuries-old architecture of the Old World. They discovered Europe's vineyard-lined valleys and beautifully preserved medieval towns in countries such as Germany, Austria, Hungary, Serbia and Romania.

Bulgaria is a picturesque small country that has existed for more than 13 centuries in Europe, linking East and West. Bulgaria remembers ancient civilisations and great people that wrote its turbulent history. Situated in Southeastern Europe, Bulgaria occupies the northeastern part of the Balkan Peninsula.



Serbia is a country that was a founder and one of six republics forming the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. It is surrounded by Montenegro Albania to the south, Bosnia and Herzegovina to the west, Bulgaria to the southeast, Croatia to the northwest, Hungary to the north, Macedonia to the south, and Romania to the northeast. It controls one of the major land routes from Central Europe to Turkey

and further on to the Near East.

Despite the hype, **Croatia's** pleasures are more timeless than trendy. Along its coastline, a glistening sea winds around rocky coves, lapping at pine-fringed beaches.



Hungary is a country in Central Europe. The country offers many diverse destinations: relatively low mountains in the north-west, the Great Plain in the east, lakes and rivers of all sorts (including Balaton - the largest lake in Central Europe), and many beautiful small villages and hidden gems of cities.

Budapest is the capital city of Hungary. With green filled parks full of charming pleasures, museums that will inspire, and a pulsating nightlife that is on par to its European counterparts, Budapest is one of Europe's most delightful and enjoyable cities.



The **collapse of Communism**: A stunning series of events between 1989 and 1991 that led to the fall of communist regimes in eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Faced with massive popular opposition and the unwillingness of President Mikhail Gorbachev to send Soviet troops to their rescue, communist governments lost power, first in Poland, where the communists agreed to free elections that swept into power candidates endorsed by Solidarity in June 1989. Demands for reform spread across East

Germany in the fall of 1989 and led to the end of the Berlin Wall and the unification of East and West Germany. In November 1989 the communist government of Czechoslovakia resigned, and in December a violent revolution led to the overthrow and execution of Romania's communist boss, Nicolae Ceausescu. The Bulgarian parliament revoked the Communist party's monopoly on power in 1990, and in 1991 popular opposition forced the resignation of the communist cabinet in Albania. The failure of a communist-led coup d'état against Mikhail Gorbachev in the Soviet Union in August 1991 ended the party's control of the military and government.

For more information, please visit <http://www.answers.com/topic/collapse-of-communism>.

METRO-AREA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Are you fan enough to go Over the Edge for SOMO?

On **Friday, August 28**, Special Olympics Missouri and [The Clubhouse on Baltimore](#) will host Kansas City's newest and most extreme fundraiser – Over the Edge! At this event, 100 SOMO fans will fundraise for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rappel from the 15th floor balcony of The Clubhouse on Baltimore to the street below.

TO SIGN UP: The easiest way to sign up is to visit www.somo.org/fan and register online. You may also select which date(s) you can volunteer from the list below, and contact the KC Metro office to sign up (ballinger@somo.org; 913.789.0332). As always, all volunteer slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. You may also request a particular job. We make every effort to accommodate requests, but can not guarantee a position. We look forward to working with you – thank you for being a fan!

KC METRO GOLF TOURNAMENT: MONDAY, JULY 6

Hosted by Adams Pointe Golf Club in Blue Springs, MO

Shifts Available: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jobs: Course Marshal, Individual Skills, Awards

KC METRO GOLF TOURNAMENT: TUESDAY, JULY 7

Hosted by Hodge Park Golf Course in Kansas City, MO

Shifts Available: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jobs: Course Marshal, Individual Skills, Awards

KC METRO TENNIS TOURNAMENT: THURSDAY, JULY 16

Hosted by Lee's Summit High School in Lee's Summit, MO

Shifts Available: 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Jobs: Court Assistant, Scorekeeper, Awards, Loud Crowd

DISTRICT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, JULY 17

Hosted by Tiffany Hills Park in Kansas City, MO (North)

Shifts Available: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Jobs: Scorekeeper/Scoreboard, Team Host, Loud Crowd, Field Umpire

DISTRICT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, JULY 18
Hosted by Tiffany Hills Park in Kansas City, MO(North)
Shifts Available: 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

- KC Metro Soccer – September
- KC Metro Bowling – October 10-11
- KC Metro Flag Football – October 17
- KC Metro Volleyball – October 18
- KC Metro Basketball – January 9
- POLAR BEAR PLUNGE - January 29 -30

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Kiwanis International Convention

Las Vegas, NV

June 24-27, 2009

MO-ARK DISTRICT

59th Annual Mo-Ark District Convention

Joplin, MO

Jul 31-Aug 1-2, 2009

LEE'S SUMMIT KIWANIS CLUB OFFICERS

Karen Van Jones, President

Sharon Robinson, Secretary

Claire Jones, Vice President

Richard Veasman, Treasurer



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