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2009 Mo-Ark District Convention Report

The 59th Annual Convention of the Mo-Ark Kiwanis District convened in Joplin, Missouri, at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center, July 30-August 2. The Joplin Kiwanis Club and other clubs in Division 12 served as hosts for the convention.

Convention Chair John Gollihugh did an outstanding job of coordinating and scheduling various events including the tours and bus transportation. Sharrock Dermott did a great job handling the registration. David and Karen Evans did a super job of providing for an outstanding hospitality experience throughout the convention.

Convention activities began the afternoon of July 30 with a Past Governors Luncheon and Council meeting at 12:00 p.m. Past Governor Roger Sherman, Chair presided over this meeting with 14 in atten-

dance. This was followed by a T.A.G. Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. Both these meetings had some good discussion concerning growth issues in the District and how these can best be addressed. This was followed by a meeting of the 2009-2010 Board. This was historic in that this was the first meeting of the Board consisting of Regional Trustees. All of the trustees and officers were in attendance for this meeting.

Friday's activities began with a Past Lt. Governors Breakfast/Council meeting. This was followed by the first General Session. New clubs organized during this Kiwanis year were recognized by Governor John Hoffman. Kiwanis International Trustee and District Counselor Bernie Knott gave a program outlining various new club initiatives that are being used in the Kiwanis organization. This was followed



by the Second General Session Fellowship Luncheon. Circle K Governor Sammie Gahr and Key Club Governor Patrick Ratliff brought us greetings from their organizations and shared with us the activities of their organizations and asked Kiwanis for support. Bernie Knott, Kiwanis International trustee, was the Keynote speaker. His topic was "It Only Takes One." This was followed by a series of educational forums that were very well planned and presented. The final Board meeting of the 2008-2009 Board convened in late afternoon. A barbeque social event was held at the Wildcat Glades and Audubon Center Friday evening followed by a reception at the hotel jointly by the two governor candidates Charles Mills and Barbara Thompson.

Saturday began with the YCPO Breakfast. Paula Baker, Director, Ozark Center for Autism, was the featured speaker. This was followed by a series of forums and the forums were followed by a luncheon honoring past governors of the District. A delegate session was held following the forums to elect District officers for the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year. Mike Grimes was unanimously elected governor and Barbara Thompson from the Florissant Valley Kiwanis club was elected governor-elect. There were no amendments to be considered during this session. Following the delegate session the Earl Collins Foundation Board met for their business session. Governor-elect Mike Grimes met with the 2009-2010 district chairs late in the afternoon. The day concluded with a Governor's Reception at 6:15 p.m. followed by the Governor's Dinner at 7:00 p.m. The program included promotion of the Mid-Winter Conference, International Convention in Las Vegas and next year's District convention in Jefferson City. This was followed with a recap of the year by Governor John Hoffman and entertainment by Rebecca Luebber and friends. The

evening ended with a drawing for the La-Z-Boy chair and auction of another chair that had been donated.

Sunday morning began with the Devotional and Memorial Service led by Wayne Bartruff, District Chair Human and Spiritual Aims, remembering those Kiwanians that have deceased in the past year. This was followed by a Brunch and Installation Ceremony. District officers, lieutenant governors and trustees for 2009-2010 were officially installed by Bernie Knott, Trustee and District Counselor. The traditional "Ceremony of the Roses" was done by Past Governor Marion DuBose. The convention concluded with a meeting of the 2009-2010 Board to ratify actions that were taken at the meeting on Thursday afternoon.

The Silent Auction that was held throughout the convention netted \$2,559 for the Earl Collins Foundation. In addition, the La-Z-Boy that was donated by the La-Z-Boy Corporation in Neosho netted \$964, the Niagara chair brought \$250 and cook books netted \$40 for a total of \$3,813 that was raised to support the Earl Collins Foundation. Thanks to all individuals and clubs who provided items for this auction and to all those who bid on items, bought cookbooks, or purchased raffle tickets.

There was a total of 106 clubs represented at the convention with 269 Kiwanians and 102 paid guests registered for a total of 371. At the delegate session Saturday afternoon there were 161 delegates, and 33 delegates at large for a total of 194 delegates as reported by the Credentials Committee.