

Kiwanis

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Serving the Children of the World™

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More Details About the District Convention

The 60th annual Mo-Ark District Convention will be held Thursday, August 5 through Sunday, August 8 in Jefferson City, Mo., a landing stopover campsite of the Lewis and Clark Expedition as they journeyed up the Missouri River seeking a new passage to the northwest. Recognizing the similarity between that discovery expedition and the focus and mission of Kiwanis, we decided it is a natural for the theme of this convention to be "THE KIWANIS EXPEDITION.....SERVING CHILDREN."

The speakers, forums, and activities of the convention are built around journeying into uncharted waters, seeking new passages, discovering new areas (territories) exploring new ideas, building camp sites where we can establish new possibilities and opportunities to serve children more effectively and in larger numbers.

So, whether you think of yourself as Meriwether Lewis mapping the course, or William Clark....., or York the faithful guide and hunter, come prepared to explore, discover and be challenged by the

possibilities that lie ahead for Kiwanians to expand our commitment to children.

We are planning to capture your attention and allure your heart and mind into the realization that I AM THE ONE who can make a difference through the following forums and activities.



Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Monument

REGISTRATION

You can get a registration form from the District web site or from your club secretary. Be mindful of the *date of July 16*. Those registering

after July 16 will pay more for each meal! There will be no refunds after July 23.

Correspond directly with the Capitol Plaza Hotel for your room reservations. Name, address and phone number are on the registration form. *Rooms must be reserved by July 5 to guarantee a room at the rate listed.*

SPEAKERS

On Friday August 6 at noon FIRST LADY GORGANNE NIXON, wife of the Governor of the state of Missouri Jay Nixon, will be our featured speaker. Mrs. Nixon has been a teacher (loves children), an attorney, and as a vice president at a trust and investment

company. She has two sons and knows well the problems and needs of children. Mrs. Nixon is a dynamic speaker that you do not want to miss!

On Saturday morning, REBECCA GORDON, Development Director for "Kids First" which is an outstanding program dedicated to ending child abuse, will be speaking. Rebecca is best described as a dynamite and exciting speaker and young lady. She is passionate about children and will be bringing a message that will ring within your heart about loving and helping children.

The speaker for Saturday noon luncheon will be PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ALEX "BO" SHAFER. Bo has entertained us in the past with his down home humor that gets the Kiwanis objectives across plainly. Don't miss this!

FORUMS

The Nuts and Bolts of Building a New Kiwanis Club. Learn the basics of identifying viable places to open new clubs with a site survey and how to organize and train an effective growth team

The Seven Habits of Successful Kiwanis Clubs. Learn the Seven essential habits clubs should adopt that will help them grow in membership and service.

The Kiwanis Thrillers: "Kids" and "Bugs." Don't be bugged by not knowing how to be a terrific kid. Come and learn how to develop BUGS and Terrific Kids Programs in your local schools.

Aktion Club 101. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Aktion Club as directors share successful strategies and challenges to build clubs for adults with disabili-

ties. And, there are three other forums on the Aktion Club: **Aktion Club Spotlights, A Call to Aktion,** and **Aktion Club Creations.**

If You Ask, They Will Join, and You

Will Grow! Unless your club is in the right condition, growth won't occur. It's a little like gardening combined with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, a little Pig Farming and High-Stakes Poker tossed in to boot.

Key Leader for Adults. Want to have some fun? Attend this forum and get the feel for the Key Leader experience while you learn strategies for recruiting students to attend Key

Leader weekend.

Shoeman Water Project. Don't throw away those old shoes! Bring them to convention and learn how the Shoeman turns them into clean drinking water for people in third world countries.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). Want to be a volunteer for a much needed cause? Come and learn "the start from scratch" steps to organizing this volunteer program that does "leg work" research for children in court proceedings.

Servant Leadership--The Kiwanis of Tomorrow. Good leaders must first become good servants. Learn the 10 Paradoxical Commandments and the reasons why servant leadership is imperative to the future of Kiwanis..

Kiwanis Expedition: Blast Off with the Satellites, The Wave of a New Generation. It's a new day, a new way! Kiwanis must be more flexible in structure, meeting schedules and membership development. Learn how to beam up and support a satellite club



The Mo-Ark Convention will be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Jefferson City.

from those who have made the trip.

WOW! Can you believe All the great opportunities that are going to be available at our District Convention....and that's just the learning side of it. But Kiwanians want to have FUN too. So, let us tell you about the Fun we are planning for you.

SIGHTSEEING FUN

Historic sites: Tour of the Missouri State Capitol and museum, Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Monument, a tour of the old Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson Landing, Rozier Art Gallery, Central Dairy Ice Cream Parlor, etc.

These will be "at your convenience" tours all within walking distance of the hotel.

AND FUN FOR THE KIDS

Friday morning: Make your own hat! Be creative and wear it all week-end and take it home! And, then: Cheerleading! Learn how to do cheers, jumps, etc from a professional cheerleader coach!

Friday afternoon: WOW...Runge Nature Center Tour. Come eye to eye with Missouri's wild critters. They are alive and waiting for you! Encounter nature's wonders through hands-on exhibits, an indoor wildlife viewing area. Watch a nature movie. They encourage children to touch, look, feel, and learn! Bring money for souvenirs. Free transportation. On the way back the kids will be stopping at the world famous Central Dairy for ice-cream! They will need approximately \$3.00 - 5.00 for ice-cream.

Saturday morning: Karate for Kids. A black belt professional Karate instructor will be giving you lessons on self protection skills! And, also: Tour of the Missouri Capitol and the Lewis & Clark Monument. A professional tour guide will take you through and you will see things and learn things you never knew! Climb on the Lewis and Clark Monument and imagine

what it was like to travel with them in the wild west exploration!

Saturday afternoon: Craft time ... make a gift and take it personally to a nursing home and give it to one of the residents! A great time and a great way to share your life with others. Transportation will be provided.

FRIDAY BBQ AND ENTERTAINMENT

We've reserved an air-conditioned pavilion in a Jefferson City park for a BBQ with entertainment involving several Kiwanians from the Mo-Ark District. Transportation will be provided.

SATURDAY GOVERNOR'S DINNER

The premier event of the Convention... the Governor's Banquet. First we start with a reception for all in the Atrium. Then we will have a fabulous dinner. After dinner Governor Mike Grimes will be speaking for about 10 minutes followed by Dan Sturdevant singing "I'm Proud to be Kiwanian." Then the "Boogie, Woogie Babes," a fantastic group of ladies singing and dancing, will entertain us. Following their show they will meet and sign autographs! The evening will close with a reception in the Atrium with the governor, governor designate, and governor elect.

CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT

Oh what a worthy project we have for the August Convention for children and their mothers that are victims of physical and sexual violence. They may have no home, no job, and sometimes no hope. But Kiwanians can give them hope and help. We will be collecting donations of the following items to be shared with two shelters that provide for children and their mothers. "The Shelter" in Columbia and "The Rape and Abuse Center" in Jefferson City.

Remember these children often flee the middle of the night and leave everything behind and have nothing. Since school will

be starting shortly after Convention these are all supplies that will be well used. Please be generous. Bring your donations into the main atrium of the hotel and a spot will be designated for them.

- o Backpacks - all sizes & colors
- o Crayola crayons
- o Big pink erasers
- o Fine pt. Expo dry erase markers
- o Pocket folders
- o School box
- o Kleenex
- o Jumbo glue sticks
- o Scotch tape
- o Fiskar scissors- pointed & blunt end
- o #2 pencils
- o Washable markers
- o Pencil sharpener
- o Highlighters
- o Loose-leaf lined notebook paper
- o Colored pencils
- o Spiral notebooks
- o Red & black ink pens
- o Post it notes
- o Pencil pouch
- o Ruler
- o 3-ring binder
- o Hand sanitizer
- o Gallon & sandwich Ziploc bags
- o Baby wipes
- o Diapers size 3-6
- o Toothpaste
- o Deodorant
- o Hand dish soap
- o Bathroom and kitchen cleaners
- o Floor cleaners
- o Toilet bowl cleaners
- o Laundry detergent
- o Cooking oil
- o Coffee
- o Creamer
- o Ramen noodles
- o Oatmeal, individual packets
- o Trash bags (7-10 gallon or 33 gallon)
- o Inflatable mattresses (with pumps)

SILENT AUCTION

As usual, we will have a Silent Auction at the convention that benefits the Earl Collins Foundation. Bring some good items, and come prepared to bid on others.

You can download a Silent Auction form on the district web site that will let you fill out a form for your Silent Auction item and save time for the people working in that room.

YOU NEED TO BE THERE

It's going to be a great convention with something for everyone, so mark your calendar and plan to join us on the "THE KIWANIS EXPEDITION...SERVING CHILDREN. Division 11 Club members will be here to welcome you and get you started on your journey to new adventures for serving children.

See the June *Kiwanigram* for a tentative convention program that gives times for each portion of the convention activities.

And get a convention registration form at <<http://www.moarkkiwanis.org>>, the Mo-Ark District official web site.

Jim Lipsey, convention chairman