



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## CLUB OF BATESVILLE

In our 91<sup>st</sup> year of service to the  
Batesville community.



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February 14, 2020

### Good Afternoon and Welcome to Kiwanis

#### Greers Ferry Lake Kiwanis Club Charter Night

Let's CARPOOL to Heber Springs!  
Get with Frank or Gary about when to  
meet up (50 minutes to Heber Springs)

#### MO-ARK Midyear Education Days

Instead of the Midwinter Conference, in the 2019-20 Kiwanis year MO-ARK is excited to offer regional Mid-Year Education Days. These one day conferences will give all Kiwanians the opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis with less travel. We hope to encourage attendance so more officers, board members, committee chairs and active members can become even more engaged and informed.

The education days will consist of sessions regarding Club Revitalization Plan, Engaging New Members, and round tables discussions about Youth Protection, Fundraising, Signature Projects, Generational Harmony and Building Young Professionals Club (and/or Club Satellite?).

The registration fee of \$30.00 will include lunch. The luncheon meeting will include Committee reports and awards. Go to:  
<https://moarkkiwanis.net/Page/47015>  
and click on the link to register.

#### February Program Chair

Adam Curtwright

**Feb 14** Kyle Christopher  
Tourism Director  
Batesville Area  
Chamber of Commerce

**Feb 21** Mandi Curtwright  
Executive Director  
Main Street Batesville

#### EDUCATION SPOT

English is the official language of Kiwanis International. However, key administrative and program literature is published in up to 13 additional languages, and simultaneous translation is provided at International conventions when required by a sufficient number of members.

A "service project" is defined by Kiwanis International as "an activity, consistent with the Objects, objectives, and policies of Kiwanis International, which is devised or planned by a Kiwanis club or a club committee and performed by members of the club for the benefit of others."



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#### Upcoming Activities

##### Interclubs

##### Service Leadership Clubs

##### Greers Ferry Lake Kiwanis Club

##### Charter Night

February 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
Mack's Fish House  
Heber Springs

##### Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm  
Tom Martin Ameriprise Office  
175 S 12<sup>th</sup> Street, corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & College  
Overflow parking in Centennial Bank  
parking lot next door.

##### 2019 Midyear Education Day

February 29, 2020  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Jonesboro, AR

The next Club Satellite meeting  
with CKI is Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>,  
5:00pm in room 242 of the MCB building  
at UACCB.



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## Officers

President	Charles Covington
President-Elect	Frank Hillbert
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Tom Martin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	
Sec./Treasurer	Ron Lewallen
Past-President	David Winberry

## Board of Directors

2018 - 2020	2019-2021
Diane Baker	Bill Cline
	Adam Curtwright
Amanda Roberts	Steven Lewis
James Sturch	Landon Reeves
Nicole Stroud - Club Satellite	

## TODAY'S SONG

### Let me call you "Sweetheart"

(I'm In Love With You)

Let me call you "Sweetheart,"

I'm in love with you.

Let me hear you whisper

that you love me too.

Keep the love-light glowing

in your eyes so true.

Let me call you "Sweetheart,"

I'm in love with you.



Feb 10 Stacy Reed

Feb 12 Jack Sanders

*If you see these Kiwanians, wish them  
a happy birthday."*

## Kiwanis Youth Football League in Batesville, Arkansas

*(article in February MO-ARK Kiwanigram)*

In 2003, the Batesville Pioneers won the state 4A Football Championship. Lyndal Waits, stadium announcer for the Pioneers since 1999, had a keen interest for football and the positive effects it had on the youth of Batesville and Independence County. Football had always been a strong program at Batesville and at the games, he heard of parents tired of taking their children to Cave City, a neighboring town to the north, for youth league football. Taking their player to practices during the week and games at Cave city and other cities used up quite a bit of time on Saturdays.

With the thought that Batesville, and the county, was a big enough area for a program, Lyndal started researching how to form a youth football league. While he announced football, he had never played football in high school. So, he enlisted the help of Dr. Greg Neaville, who had a son who would be in the fourth grade in the fall of 2004. After many hours of discussion and research, they decided on forming their own unique program not affiliated with a national program such as Pop Warner.

The goal of the program was to get players ready for 7<sup>th</sup> grade football by learning fundamentals. Coaches, officials, and scoreboard operator are volunteers, no one is paid. Rules have been adjusted to speed up play, but generally follow National High School rules. Player fees cover the cost of the program. Team sponsors cover the cost of the jerseys. One of our main features is that no child is turned away because of inability to play. We will cover the fee.

The player goal was to have 120 youth in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades with the aim to have 15 on a team, 8 teams total. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders formed 4 teams and played each other in the American Football Conference and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders formed 4 teams and played each other in the National Football Conference. The first season had 92 players. Southside School District wanted to be a part of the program and the next year the numbers grew to 196. Southside stayed with KYFL for six years and then formed their own school-based program. The numbers grew to 243 during that period.

KYFL has 2,504 players registered in 16 seasons. In 2013, cheerleading squads were added and 287 registered to date. For a few years, the Batesville Key Club sold concessions during game weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Over \$5,000.00 was raised and a Veteran's memorial with flag and pole was dedicated on November 11, 2016 at the first playoff game of the season.

Kiwanis is grateful for the support of the Batesville School District and especially AD and Head Coach Dave King. The district has also given Kiwanis a place to store helmets and pads and allowed the league to play on the artificial turf in Pioneer Stadium for the entirety of the program.

KYFL lives by this quote from John Madden, "The impact you have on the children is great and lasting, more than you'll ever know. You may never know, so make it positive."

### 2019 Membership Report 2020

**February 2**

began with 59

**New Members** 5

**Members Removed** 7

Currently at 57

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