



# Kiwaniis News

October, November, December 2011

A quarterly newsletter for the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis

## Birthdays

Bill Mecke..... November 3  
 Julie Lindstrom... November 7  
 Cory Ross ..... December 8  
 Amy Rosier ..... December 27  
 Doug Lay..... December 31

## Club Anniversaries

Cory Ross ..... Oct. '05

## Dates to Remember

Board Meeting  
 1st Tuesday of Each Month  
 Following Regular Meeting

## Club Officers

Jennifer York ..... President  
 (417) 336-5900  
 Charlie Cone ....President-Elect  
 (417) 337-5077  
 Pam Druffel ..... Treasurer  
 (417) 334-4355, ext. 4112  
 Cory Ross .....Secretary  
 (417) 334-4355, ext. 4183  
 James Little ..... Past-President  
 (417) 334-4084

## Board Members

Lynne Campbell.....('12)  
 Jeff Gerken.....('12)  
 Julie Lindstrom.....('12)  
 Meghan Connell .....('13)  
 Sarah Hammons .....('13)  
 Doug Lay.....('13)

# Congratulations to the new officers and directors

At the club election on Tuesday, April 26th, the following officers were elected. They will took office on October 1st.

## Officers

President ..... Jennifer York  
 President-Elect ..... Charlie Cone  
 Secretary ..... Cory Ross  
 Treasurer ..... Pam Druffel  
 Past President .....James Little

## Board Members (Year Term Expires)

Lynne Campbell.....('12)  
 Jeff Gerken .....('12)  
 Julie Lindstrom.....('12)  
 Meghan Connell .....('13)  
 Sarah Hammons .....('13)  
 Doug Lay.....('13)

# 2011-12 Officers



# Donation to help children

\$1,500 given to Jacob's House at Thunder Ranch



Children do not have a choice with the family they are born into but sometimes through no fault of their own, they face many challenges. Jacob's House at Thunder Ranch steps in to help some of these children by raising them in a safe, loving environment.

In order to help Jacob's House, the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis raised \$1,500 to assist them with some of their expenses. Through donations and the proceeds from the spring pancake breakfast, the Kiwanis club raised \$1,500 for the project.

"Jacob's House at Thunder Ranch is a faith-based children's home and many of our youngsters are placed in our care because their parents can't sustain a safe environment," said Penny Robichaux-Koontz, Executive Director at Jacob's House. "Without the support we have received from the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis club since the very beginning until today, we could not continue to say 'yes' to the children in desperate need and to their parents who have run out of resources and hope."

"We are pleased to be able to support Jacob's House at Thunder Ranch with this donation," said James Little, president of the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis. "As Kiwanis members, our goal is to make a difference in the life of a child and we know that Jacob's House does just that."

## ***Thank you from Jacob's House***

I didn't want you guys to think this wasn't a big deal to me, it was huge and we appreciate all the effort and fun you brought to the event and the support that helps us continue our services to the children at Jacob's House.

I took a quote from the newspaper article for our website home page. Thanks so much and please tell everyone that was involved that we won't forget you and we continue to pray for all your businesses and future projects.

Sincerely,

**Penny Robichaux-Koontz**

**P.S. The children sent a big THANK YOU too!**

# Gift of Hope donation



Our club donated \$1,225 to Gift of Hope to help with their backpack program. Pictured left to right: Pam Druffel, Cory Ross, Shane Walton, Meghan Connell, Jeff Gerken, Jennifer York, Sarah Hammons and Charlie Cone.



## Pancakes with Santa

### Saturday, December 3

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
at  
Applebee's

## Meet our president - Jennifer York

Jennifer has been a member of Kiwanis since 2008, but also has many years of service for children through PTA and church organizations. She firmly believes the Garrison Keillor quote "Nothing you do for children is ever wasted," and is excited about the opportunities for our Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis club to keep growing and making its mark in the lives of children in our community, our region and the world.

Jennifer is a native Missourian, but is relatively new to the Ozarks. Her hometown of Breckenridge, MO (population 450-ish), is in Northwest Missouri. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Accounting. She started her accounting career in Kansas City and then transferred to St. Louis when she got engaged to her husband, Tim.

Jennifer is a CPA with over 16 years of experience in public and private accounting, and is currently an auditor with the CPA firm of BKD LLP in its Springfield MO office. She and her husband have lived in Ozark for the past eight years, following 10 years as a stay-at-home mom and volunteer in Dothan, AL.

The Yorks have three children: Elizabeth (20), Andrew (17) and Matthew (14). Jennifer is a member of Campbell United Methodist Church in Springfield, MO, and is active in the church's choir, handbells and orchestra. She is also an active member and treasurer for the Ozark High School Band Boosters club.

Please let Jennifer know if you have suggestions for programs for our weekly club meetings or service projects to engage our club in the community. She is counting on lots of support from her fellow club members during the coming year.

# Community Caring Day



Community Caring Day was postponed until October 6th but that didn't stop the giving spirit of Sarah Hammons, Pam Druffel, Charlie Cone and Shane Walton. They spent the day painting and staining the daycare for Church Army which is located on T Highway in Branson.

## Project Homeless Connect



Our club purchased \$250 worth of socks to hand out at the Project Homeless Connect and White River Electric donated another \$125 in socks. Above is Pam Druffel and Lynne Campbell at the event. Thanks to everyone who supported the project.

Dear Kiwanis,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation to our annual Back to School fair. Your commitment to us over the years is greatly appreciated. With this money, we will be able to ensure many kids the opportunity to return to school prepared to learn. Thank you again. Sincerely,  
Peggy Golden + OACAC staff