

*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*  
**February 18, 2008**

**Lt. Governors Promote District Convention**



*Jim Stevens, District 7 Chairman, with President Lynn Doane.*

*Lt. Governor Tony Smith*

Past Lt. Governor Jim Stevens and current Lt. Governor Tony Smith spoke at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to encourage Kingsport Kiwanis members to make the 2008 Kentucky-Tennessee District Conference the best one yet. The conference will be held at Meadowview Conference Resort and Convention Center August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Kiwanis Club member Sissy Smith, who is also with the Kingsport Convention and Visitors Bureau, reported at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting on some of the plans for the convention. The local group called a Bag of Cats will provide entertainment. Sissy and John Crawford are taking advantage of opportunities to promote the convention. John Crawford also has vendor contracts available to anyone who might be interested. An organization can set up a booth for \$100 as long as they are not in direct competition with the Kiwanis Foundation.

**House Committee Assesses Meeting Locations**



*Bob Clear, Chair of House Committee*

As the contract at the Quality Inn came up for renewal, members of the House Committee spent a good deal of time looking into other alternatives. At the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Chairman Bob Clear reported on the committee's evaluation of meeting locations and presented their recommendation to stay at Quality Inn. The membership approved the recommendation, which had been approved by the Board of Directors at an earlier meeting. The new contract includes meeting in the current back room with improved sound system and a private buffet line. The cost of the meal increased by \$1 to \$10.70 per week, including gratuity and tax. According to Secretary Lee Cornell, Kingsport Kiwanians can expect to see the increase in their April invoice with a retroactive date of February 8, 2008. Food City was one of the meeting places under consideration. The Club met there in 2007 for a special Christmas program and will meet there again for a special Maundy Thursday program.

## Family Resource Center Helps Children in Kingsport

Last week's speaker Anissa Lyttle has more than one connection to the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport. She is the niece of Sissy Smith, and she also has a connection with a couple of the Kiwanis initiatives. Anissa, director of the Family Resource Center in the Kingsport City Schools, told the group that Roosevelt, one of the schools in the Kiwanis Reading program, is the most needy school in the system. Of the 900 children and their families receiving services through the program, 140 of them are enrolled at Roosevelt. In Anissa's spare time, she works with a non-profit she started called New Clothes for Kids. Dennis Davis, past Chair and member of the Boys and Girls Committee, said the Kingsport Kiwanis Coat and Shoes program had a problem with duplicating services until the club partnered with New Clothes for Kids to coordinate the distribution of coats and shoes. Family Resource Center also partners with First Book to distribute books to children. Several Kiwanians volunteer for First Book.



Anissa Lyttle

## Communications Committee Develops New Website

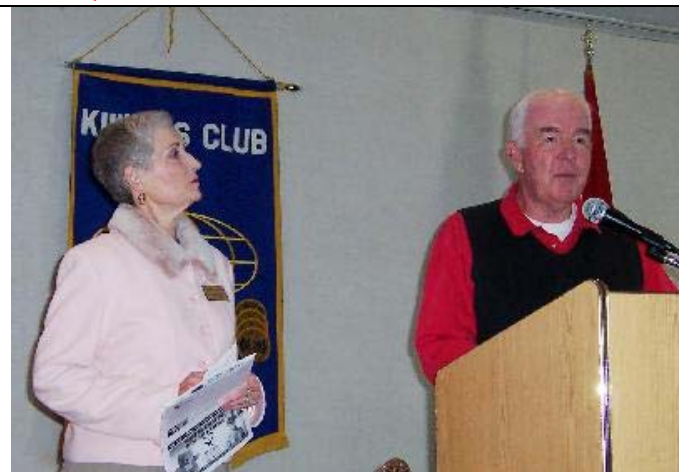


*Communications and Promotions Committee Members (left to right): John Hale – Chair, Dave Stevens, Roger Mowen, Jim Cornell, Louis Moore, Ann Rhem, and Frank Brogden.*

Thanks to the hard work of Dave Stevens, Jim Cornell, Barry Bailey and Louis Moore, Kingsport Kiwanis will have a newly designed website in the not too distant future. The new website will be more user friendly. Committee Chair John Hale told the Board of Directors at a recent presentation that he hopes committees will be excited about the new format. He hopes that members will become more active with the website and take ownership in keeping committee information up to date. Although it is still under construction, the new web-site will go live in the next few days. Members are encouraged to check it out at [www.kingsportkiwanis.org](http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org) before the committee presents a program at one of the weekly meetings. In other activity, Jim Cornell spearheaded the publication and distribution of the new Membership Directory, and Frank Brogden and Roger Mowen are working on a project to create more awareness in the community about Kingsport Kiwanis.

## Jerry Johnson Presents \$500 to CASA

Boys and Girls Committee member Jerry Johnson presented a \$500 check to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) at last Friday's meeting. Executive Director Connie Steere expressed her appreciation for the gift. She said the gift almost covers the entire cost of advocacy for one child - \$523. Connie also thanked Jerry Johnson for his work as a volunteer with the organization. Connie said that volunteers play such a vital role in making a difference in the lives of so many children in the Kingsport area. "We could not do what we do without the support of folks just like you who give so generously of their time and money."



*Jerry Johnson presents \$500 check to Connie Steere.*

## Kiwanis Calendar

### Upcoming Programs

**February 15, 2008 – Kingsport Parks and Recreation – Kitty Frazier**

**February 22, 2008 – KCVB and Sports Marketing – Frank Lett**

**February 29, 2008 – Kingsport Times News – Diana Meredith**

**March 7, 2008 – Bristol International Speedway – Kevin Triplet**

**March 14, 2008 – Blue Highway and Bluegrass History Book – Tim Stafford**

### Committee Updates

**February 15, 2008 – Finance Committee**

**March 28, 2008 – Spiritual Aims**

**Golf Club Committee sets goal of \$20,000.**

**Key Club Committee will present a charter to a new Builders Club at a future meeting.**

**Advisor to new club to be inducted at same meeting!**

### Save the Date

**March 11, 2008 – Kiwanis Club of Kingsport Board of Directors Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Room 114 – Eastman Employee Center.**

**March 21, 2008 – Roundtable – Quality Inn.**

**September 25, 2008 – Kiwanis Night – Ridgefields Country Club. Entertainment: Scat Springs.**

## Announcements

Don't forget! Our weekly meeting has been moved to the **Congressional Room** on the **east side** with our own **separate buffet line**.

**Program Committee** is still seeking **ideas** for programs. **Contact Gary Whittington** if you have a suggestion for **May**.

The **Kentucky – Tennessee District Key Leader Event** will be held **March 28 – 30, 2008** at **Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend, Tennessee** (near Gatlinburg). For more information on this premier service leadership program for high school students, visit [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org).  
Registration deadline: **March 21, 2008**. \$25 late fee after **March 13, 2008**

Please help to **make our guests feel welcome** at our meetings and respond with **“Hi”** and the **person's first name as each person is introduced**.

**What would you do if your committee had more money to spend?** The **Board of Directors** is **seeking** your committee's **input** to determine if **additional fundraising** is needed.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Don't miss the Special Maundy Thursday Program on March 20, 2008 at noon in the Food City Banquet Room.** Each year the Kingsport Kiwanis Club holds a special Maundy Thursday program sponsored by the Greater Years and Spiritual Aims Committee. This year, Program Chair Dan Jordan has arranged for Reverend Clark Jenkins, Senior Minister at First Broad Street United Methodist, to speak and music to be provided by Billows of Smoke, a men's choir from First Broad Street led by Milton Nelson. Members are encouraged to bring a guest to enjoy the program. Sign up sheets will be on the tables at the meeting on Friday.

**Spring Cleaning planned for Darrell's Dream.** Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the Kiwanis workday at the Boundless Playground on Saturday, April 12, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The ground cloth under the rubber mulch needs to be repaired and more mulch spread to prepare the playground increased activity as the weather becomes more conducive to outdoor play. More details will be forthcoming from Jim Cornell as the date gets closer.

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org> (New and improved - coming soon!)

**Meetings: Friday Noon at Quality Inn (formerly Americourt Hotel), Kingsport**

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