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Member Profile: Chuck Smith Recognized at April 4th Meeting



GreaterYears/Spiritual Aims Committee member Ed McDaniel (right) celebrates Chuck Smith's service to Kiwanis.



Chuck Smith (left) whistles while he works at the chipping of the green in January 2007.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport since 1963, Chuck Smith has served the Kingsport community faithfully through his involvement with Kiwanis and many other community projects.

Chuck's love for building things goes all the way back to Kiwanis Kapers when he was a member of the stage crew. Kiwanis Kapers was the club's major fundraiser until the 1970's. Chuck continues his love for building things and helping others through Holston Habitat for Humanity. He is a member of the Kingsport Regulars which is a work team that builds many local Habitat houses. He has worked on Habitat houses sponsored by his church as well as Kiwanis.

Chuck has served on the Kiwanis Towers Board of Directors for many years. He makes sure the Towers bus that takes residents grocery shopping once a week is in good working condition. He arranged for a shelter to be constructed for the bus and coordinates an annual Kiwanis spruce up day at the Towers.

After graduating from Kansas State with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1951, Chuck went to work for Eastman Chemical Company, where he worked in a number of manufacturing areas. He was serving as Superintendent of the Tenite Plastics Division when he retired in 1993.

On a more personal note, Chuck served his country in the US Army for two years beginning in 1952. Chuck and his wife Mary Ann have three children and six grandchildren. Their son Parker is also a member of Kiwanis Club of Kingsport. Chuck has been an active adult leader for Explorer Scouts for many years.

Ed McDaniels concluded the presentation by thanking Chuck for all he has done to make Kiwanis a leading service club in the Kingsport community.

Darrell's Dream Calls to Kiwanians



Jim and Lee Cornell's grandson Paul (age 2) tries out the slide at the Boundless Playground



Twins James and Paul decide to take the roller slide together.



Not to be outdone by his brother James tries out the big red slide all by himself.

The Boundless Playground is already attracting large crowds of children from across the region and a group of dedicated volunteers want to make sure it is ready for the summer season.

Even though it has been almost a year since the dedication of Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground, many groups of volunteers are still working to keep it safe and attractive. Kiwanis Club of Kingsport is planning a workday on Friday, April 11, 2008 and Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Friday workday will start at 8:30 a.m. Jim Cornell, who is organizing the workday, said "we need 10 – 15 volunteers and the more volunteers we have, the sooner we can complete the work."

Projects that need completion are repair of the fabric ground cloth, addition of rubber mulch, removal of mud from the Braille Trail, and general cleanup of the playground. Cornell needs volunteers to bring the tools they will be using. Tools that will come in handy for the projects are pointed shovels to cut through dirt, bucket shovels to load rubber mulch, wheel barrows, leaf rakes (yard broom), garden rakes, mattocks, rubber mallets or hammers, leaf blowers, street brooms and carpenter knives. Jim also recommends that volunteers bring protective head gear and gloves.

Jim Cornell asks that anyone who is interested in helping to contact him and let him know what tools they can bring. Volunteers can contact him at 230-0530 or jimleecornell@chartertn.net. Volunteers from other groups may be joining the Kiwanis Club on the workday. In case of rain, the workday will be postponed to Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Friends of the playground are also seeking a \$15,000 grant from Hamburger Helper to complete the Braille Trail. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport increase the chances of receiving the grant by posting statements of support on My Hometown Helper.com. Comments should include the impact that the Braille Trail will have on the sight impaired children of the region.

Darrell's Dream is located in Warrior's Path State Park and is named in honor of former Kiwanian Darrell Rice. The playground was designed for all children but especially so that developmentally challenged children will also have a place where they can go to have fun. Thanks to Jim Cornell for submitting the information, an article will appear in the next issue of Kiwanis International magazine.

Kingsport Kiwanians Enjoy Maundy Thursday Program



Reverend Clark Jenkins speaks to more than fifty Kiwanians on Maundy Thursday.



Billows of Smoke, a men's choir from First Broad Street United Methodist, provided music for the event.

The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport has a tradition of holding a special program on Maundy Thursday instead of meeting on Good Friday. This year the luncheon was held in the Food City banquet room. The Reverend Clark Jenkins from First Broad Street United Methodist Church spoke and Billows of Smoke, a men's choir also from First Broad Street, provided the music. The group was led by Milton Nelson. The event was organized by Spiritual Aims /Greater Years and House committees.

What's Happening in Kiwanis

Upcoming Programs

April 11, 2008 – Clinch Mountain Music Fest – SW VA Community Foundation – Jay Dixon

April 18, 2008 – ETSU School of Pharmacy – Larry Calhoun, Dean

April 25, 2008 – Digital Transition – Jack Dempsey, President/GM – WJHL TV

May 2, 2008 – Biofuels – Dr. Kelly Tiller, UT Knoxville

April programs arranged by Bill Dudney.

Committee Updates

Each month a Kiwanis Committee will present an update on the activities of their committee during the regular Friday program:

April 18, 2008 – Key Club – David Atkinson

May 16, 2008 – Civic Affairs – Willis Vicars

Save the Date

April 19, 2008 – Kiwanis Towers Cleanup

August 8 – 10, 2008 – K-T District Convention – Meadowview Conference Resort & Convention

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

Kiwanis Thank You

To everyone who served as a reading volunteer at Roosevelt or Kennedy Elementary schools this year.

Kiwanis Congratulations

To Mr. and Mrs. David Oaks (Sallie Demuth) on their recent marriage.

Announcements

Booth rentals available for the **KY-TN District Convention** for **\$100** each.
See John Crawford for a contract.

Door prizes are **needed** for the **KY-TN District Convention**.
See John Crawford if your business can donate an item.

Volunteers are still **needed** for the **KY-TN District Convention**. See Lynne Doane or John Crawford.

Program Committee is still seeking **ideas** for **programs**. Forms available at the secretary's table.

Be sure to **record** your **service hours** on the **sign-in sheet** on the table at the **Friday meetings**.

Visit other clubs when you are **out of town** for a **make-up** and **new ideas**.

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.

Catch someone in the act of hospitality during **National Tourism Week** –
May 10th through **May 18th** and **Kingsport Convention and Visitors Bureau**
will recognize them. See Sissy Smith for details.

Enjoy the **Kiwanis Reading Program**? Readers are needed at the **Boys and Girls Club** on **Tuesdays**
and **Thursdays** from **4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Contact Brenda Whitt at 230-4160.

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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