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Greater Years Committee Honors Ross Kingdon and Ed McDaniel



Ross Kingdon and his lovely wife Carolyn.



Paul Harper introduces Ed McDaniel

The Greater Years Committee recently introduced two more of Kingsport Kiwanis Club's more mature members who have a rich legacy of giving back to the community through their civic involvement, Ross Kingdon and Ed McDaniel.

Ross has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport for 43 years. His belief in Kiwanis is reflected in the fact that he has sponsored ten new members over the years. He has been recognized for his outstanding service in several ways, including the Legion of Honor for forty years of service, eleven years of perfect attendance, the Art Roper Award for Outstanding Community Service in 2005 and winner of the Stewart Crosley Outstanding Committee Chair Award twice.

Ross has worked extensively with the Business and Civic Affairs Committee. Among the accomplishments of this committee in recent years is the Candidate and Voter Education Forums aired by the City's Cable Channel 16. Ross and the committee also initiated benchmarking for Kingsport, Johnson City, and Bristol Metropolitan Statistical Areas against other metro areas that compete to attract jobs to the area. The benchmarking data was such an eye-opener to local community leaders that it served as a catalyst for the establishment of NETWORKS Partnership and Regional Alliance.

A graduate of the University of Toronto with a Bachelor's and a Master's in Chemistry, Ross worked for Eastman Chemical for 37 years in various departments such as Research, Product Management, and International Sales and Market Analysis. Carolyn and Ross have three children and five grandchildren. Ross' son-in-law Wayne Hoard is also a member of the club, thanks to Ross' invitation some years ago.

Joining Kiwanis in 1967, Ed McDaniel has been a member of the club for 41 years. He has served the club in many areas, including the Board of Directors and as Treasurer and Secretary. Ed is one of the few who have received the Ruby K Award for bringing in at least five new members.

Ed graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Doctorate in Chemistry. He joined Eastman Chemical and worked in various capacities until he retired in 1993 as Assistant Director of Research. In addition to his busy work schedule and Kiwanis, Ed found time to teach Sunday School. In fact, he taught for forty years. Ed and his wife Katherine started a young adult Sunday School class for singles. They had a positive impact on many lives; many Kiwanians remember Ed fondly as their Sunday School teacher. Ed and Katherine have two children.

Ed say he has enjoyed his years in Kiwanis, especially since he has gotten to meet so many great people and participate in some "fun" raisers such as Kiwanis Kapers and the Appalachian Trade Festival.

Kiwanis Readers Enjoy Volunteer Breakfast at Roosevelt



Left to right: Louis Moore, Ross Kingdon, Everette Bond, Bob Clear and Pat Shull at Roosevelt Volunteer Breakfast

Roosevelt Elementary honored all Kiwanis members and especially the reading program volunteers at a breakfast on May 8, 2008. Literacy Coordinator Mary Hess wanted to make sure all Kiwanis members were invited, because, she said, “You all do so much for us, above and beyond the reading program.” This past year more than 30 volunteers put in more than 110 hours at Roosevelt with just as much time spent at Kennedy. The number of hours is not as important as the difference it makes to the children in these two schools. As Gail Preslar once said, “I love to go. I’m always greeted by a warm smile and someone who is truly glad to see me!”

Lions Club Turtle Derby to Support Darrell’s Dream

By Jim Cornell

The Kingsport Lions Club plans its 62nd Annual Turtle Derby this Saturday, May 17, 2008, at the J. Fred Johnson Stadium just off Ft. Henry Drive. Admission is free. Financial donations and donations of used eyeglasses will be accepted. Some of the proceeds from this year’s derby will be used to complete the Braille Trail at Darrell’s Dream Boundless Playground. Those interested in sponsoring one of the 70 to 80 turtles in the race should call Kathy Stoots at 392-0881. More information on the derby and the work of the Kingsport Lions Club in meeting the needs of the sight impaired can be found in the Monday, May 12th issue of the Kingsport Times News on page 9A.

Tom Parham Says GreenBelt Project Is a Labor of Love



Tom Parham rings the bell for the Salvation Army this past December.

Most of his fellow Kiwanians will find Tom Parham participating in club activities, but his volunteer work goes much further than Kiwanis. Twenty years ago, Tom and Zoelle Ernest had a vision of a walking trail now known as the GreenBelt. Today, Tom and most of the original committee members, along with the Kingsport Parks and Recreation Department, oversee the development and operation of the GreenBelt. Half of the property was donated and expansion has been funded by grants. The GreenBelt runs close to the Holston River and Reedy Creek. The natural walking and biking trail is enjoyed by thousands every month according to Mayor Dennis Phillips. Tom Parham described the development of the trail as a labor of love. Recently, a group of about 100 volunteers gathered for a clean up day along the Greenbelt. Chaired by Bill Hortenberry, the clean up day was a Keep Kingsport Beautiful event and was organized as part of the Great American Clean-up. The cleaning crew discovered some pretty unusual items in the creek that day. Kevin Dye from the Parks and Recreation lead an effort to remove a tractor tire. Rick Stevens won an award for finding the most unusual item, a glass Clorox bottle.

Erwin Club Visits Kingsport

Whether it is part of an interclub or you just need a make-up, think about visiting some of the area Kiwanis Clubs. It is a great way to meet new folks and to pick up some good ideas. Here is a list of some area meetings:

- Bristol, VA, Thursday - noon, Ryans Steakhouse, 1315 Euclid Ave.
- Johnson City, TN, Wednesday - noon, Center at Millenium Park.
- Jonesborough, TN, Tuesday - 7:30 a.m., Senior Center, 1521 Persimmon Ridge Rd.
- Johnson City Metro, Thursday - 6:00 p.m., Holiday Inn, 101 West Springbrook Dr.



Erwin Interclub (left to right): Jim Long, Jim Wells – oldest member at 95, Joe Frazier and Stuart Brown

Kiwanis Congratulations to . . .

John Doyle as he was recently promoted to **Assistant Vice President** with **Mountain States Health Alliance**. John serves as regional **CFO** of the Southwest Virginia facilities.

John and Miranda Demuth on the birth of their daughter **Shelby Anne** on **April 24, 2008**.

Reggie Martin as he retires, again.

Kiwanis Concerns

Please remember **Wayne Hoard** as he recovers from bladder replacement surgery.

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

Door prizes and **volunteers** are **needed** for the **KY-TN District Convention**. See John Crawford or Lynne Doan if you can help.

Upcoming Programs

May 16, 2008 – Downtown Concerts – Leigha Williams

May 23, 2008 – Pirates of the Modern Day – Admiral John McKinley

May 30, 2008 – New Kiwanis Web-site – John Hale and Publicity Committee

June 6, 2008 – ENCORE and Leadership – Vickie Snodgrass

June 13, 2008 – Fun Fest – Olan Jones and Lucy Fleming

June 20, 2008 – Liberty Celebration – Jim Austin

**May programs arranged by Gary Whittington and June by Jim Dickert.*

Announcements

Make plans to attend the **2008 Kentucky Tennessee District Convention** to be held **August 8th – 10th** at the **Meadowview Conference Resort & Convention Center**.

Mark your calendar for **Kiwanis Night** at **Ridgefields Country Club** on **September 25, 2008**.
Entertainment will be **Scat Springs**.

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**.

Kiwanis stainless steel mugs and **hats** available for purchase. Check at the secretary's table.

Visit the new Kiwanis web-site at
<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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

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