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Member Profile: David DeVault Lives on the Sunny Side



David DeVault and his wife Charlotte

Jim Weaver of the Greater Years Committee introduced David DeVault as the Kiwanian who holds the record for the longest perfect attendance record, 30 years. It seems that David is carrying on a family tradition; his father Milton also held a perfect attendance record in the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport. Perhaps Milton's involvement in Kiwanis had more of an impact on his son than one might imagine; David was a member of the Key Club when he was in high school at Dobyns-Bennett and a member of Circle K when he attended East Tennessee State University.

David graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Transportation. He was in the ROTC for four years, served active duty in the Army for two years and as Captain in the National Guard for twelve years. After 35 years of service at Eastman Chemical Company, David retired as Staff Assistant, Domestic Distribution Services, Logistics.

On a more personal note, David and Charlotte have been married for 39 years. They have a son, Craig, a daughter, Janet, and a granddaughter, Kate. David loves spending time with his family and he especially likes being a grandparent.

David is very active in his church. He is a deacon at First Baptist and has served as their treasurer for 20 years.

Since joining Kiwanis in 1973, David has served on most of the club's committees. He has been the treasurer and served as President in 1998. He presently serves on the House Committee and reads with children at Kennedy Elementary. He has driven the Kiwanis Towers bus and worked on most of the club's fundraising projects, including the golf tournament. David has received the Ruby K pin for recruiting ten new members and currently serves on the Board of Directors.

David's hobbies include UT and DB spectator sports. He loves railroads, trains, and photography. He has been a member of the East Tennessee Railfan Association for 50 years. Along with fellow Kiwanians Ken Marsh and Pete Morrisett, he is a member of the "Clinchfield Mafia", a group of friends who enjoy traveling throughout the US and Canada by train.

Jim Cornell said, "David is one of the most cheerful people I've ever met. He has certainly lived on the sunny side of life."

**Thanks to Jim Weaver for providing information. .*

Interclub Committee Wins Contest



Left to right: Don Wolford, George Gibson, Norman Sobel, Gary Godsey, Bill Grigsby, Walter Miller, and David Oaks enjoy steak . . .



. . . while the rest of the club dines on hamburgers and beans. Left to right: Pete Morrisett, Charlie Nitschke, John Hale, Jim Dickert, Reggie Martin, Bob Clear and David DeVault.

The June edition of the Kiwanis International magazine featured four great clubs that exhibited eight characteristics of greatness. The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport exhibits many of the same traits; however, the four clubs featured had demonstrated a large growth in membership. In an attempt to encourage Kiwanians to recruit new members, the Membership Development Committee implemented a contest this past year whereby the committee that recruited the most new members on a per capita basis would win a steak dinner. The Interclub Committee won the contest and enjoyed steak at lunch one Friday recently while the rest of the club dined on hamburgers and beans. Gail Preslar, Chair of Membership Development, reported that five new members had been added while the club lost ten. She encouraged each member to invite a potential member to be a guest of the club. Hopefully, a guest will want to join in on all the fun, food, fellowship and service to the community once they attend a couple of meetings.

Kiwanis Concerns

Sincere sympathy to the family of Bill Todd who passed away Sunday, July 6, 2008. Bill will be most fondly remembered by his fellow Kiwanians and the community for his roles in Kiwanis Kapers and his quick wit.

Kiwanis Connections

Did you know that Bill Grigsby is an avid bird-watcher? Check out the on-line story in the July 17, 2008 edition of the Kingsport Times News.

Kiwanis Congratulations

To Norris Sneed who was named Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Eastman Chemical Company with responsibilities for Human Resources, Communications and Public Affairs, and Information Technology effective September 1, 2008. A realignment of company functions added Information Technology to Norris' area.

To Mark Addington's son Brinley who was the opening act for the Marty Stuart Concert Downtown Kingsport on July 24, 2008.

Kiwanis Dollars Benefit Children Around the World

At a recent meeting, Tom Parham of the House Committee accepted a banner patch presented by President Elect John Crawford. The patch was in honor of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport's gift of \$540 to the Kiwanis International Annual Club Gift Campaign. The money goes into the Foundation to support programs that impact the lives of children all around the world.

Program Committee Seeks Ideas



Program Committee (Left to right): Jack Vaughn, Alan Hubbard, Bill Dudney, Gary Whittington and John Crawford.

The Program Committee has one of the toughest assignments, arranging good programs every Friday. Members of the committee would like your input. If you have heard a good speaker at another meeting or know of a topic of interest, contact a member of the committee. Another way to submit a program idea is to fill out the form available at the Secretary's table. Programs should be of general interest to the club and not commercial in nature.

Members of the committee not pictured are Mike Kelly, John McKinley, Frank Roberts, Don Royston and Sissy Smith.

Upcoming Programs

August 1, 2008 – Boundless Playground Committee – Betty DeVinney

August 8, 2008 – Submarines – Timothy Lindstrom

August 15, 2008 – DB Football – Graham Clark

August 22, 2008 – TBA

August 29, 2008 - TBA

** August programs arranged by Mike Kelly.*

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport Needs Help at District Convention

The 90th Annual Kentucky Tennessee District Convention will be hosted by Kingsport at the Meadowview Conference Resort & Convention Center August 8, 9 and 10, 2008. According to Co-Chair John Crawford, there is still a need for members of Kiwanis Club of Kingsport to sign up to be greeters at the convention. Greeters will work two hour shifts. Contact John Crawford to sign up or for more information.

John also encouraged members of the hosting club to sign up to attend the convention at the special rate of \$60, which does not include meals or lodging. Only two members have signed up thus far. Registration forms are available on the local website at www.kingsportkiwanis.org and information is available on the KT District website at www.ktkiwanis.info.

A golf tournament to benefit the Kiwanis Foundation will be held at Cattails at Meadowview on Friday, August 8th. Crawford encouraged members to get up a team to represent Kingsport. Booths are still available for rent and Crawford said, "We are still in need of some door prizes even though we've collected a few. As the host city, we really need to get behind this convention and show our support."

Announcements

Greater Years Committee announces **workday** at **Kiwanis Towers** on **Saturday, July 26, 2008** from **8:30 a.m. to noon**. Visit the website at www.kingsportkiwanis.org to sign up or for more information.

Major Emphasis Committee is gearing up for the **2008 – 2009 Reading Program** at **Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools**. Visit the website at www.kingsportkiwanis.org to sign up.

Mark your calendar for **Kiwanis Night** which will be held at **Ridgefields Country Club** on **Thursday, September 25, 2008**. **Scat Springs** from Nashville, TN will entertain by playing the piano and singing. He is a native of Kingsport and studied under Milton Nelson at Dobyys-Bennett.

SAVE the DATE and get together a team for the **Annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble, October 1, 2008, Cattails at Meadowview**.

Visit other clubs when you are **out of town**. Let Lee know for attendance credit.
A **club locator** is available at www.kiwanis.org

Don't forget to **invite someone to Kiwanis**. Tools available at the secretary's table.

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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

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