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Kingsport Welcomes K-T District Kiwanis Members



President Lynn Doane being thanked by Convention Chairman Jim Stevens for the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport's work in hosting the convention.



Jim Stevens thanks John Crawford for all his hard work on making the Convention a success.

By Jim Cornell

Thanks to the hard work and planning of Lynn Doane, John Crawford and Sissy Smith with the able assistance of many club members, approximately 280 Kiwanians and family members from 81 clubs in the Kentucky-Tennessee District gathered at the Meadowview Conference Center on Friday, Aug 8th through Sunday, Aug 10th. They were treated to a warm Kingsport welcome! Early birds arrived in time Friday morning to play in the Foundation Golf Tournament on the Cattails Golf Course.

The welcome continued at Friday evening's opening session when the Dobyins Bennett Jazz Band played while we sang "God Bless the USA". Both Tennessee Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey and Mayor Dennis Phillips extended their personal welcome to the guests. During Friday's registration, Kiwanians and their guests were invited to sign up for a Saturday afternoon trip to one of our area's famous attractions: the Bristol Motor Speedway, the Gray Fossil Site or a tour of Kingsport, Allendale, Netherland Inn and Bays Mountain. At the end of the Friday opening session, attendees had an opportunity to win one of many valuable door prizes that had been collected by Jamie Ketron, President of the Cosmo Club, aided by many of her club members. After the Friday session closed, guests enjoyed ice cream and the music and humor of the VW Boys, entertainers at last year's Kiwanis Night for the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport.

During the Saturday morning breakfast, attendees were treated to music played by members of the ETSU Blue Grass Band. Following the Governor's Banquet that evening, Kiwanians and guests had a chance to dance or move their feet to the 60's music of Bag of Cats.

In between the fun, Kiwanians had an opportunity to attend workshops on topics of vital interest to their clubs. Delegates also elected the Governor for 2008-09 as well as the Governor Elect. The incoming Lt. Governors were installed as were the other Division officers. Attendees also viewed a presentation from Lexington, Ky, the site of the 2009 District Convention.

At the Governor's Banquet Saturday evening, the Convention Chair, Jim Stevens, gave his personal thanks and a gift to Lynn Doane, John Crawford and Sissy Smith for their invaluable contributions to the success of the convention. Jim also gave each of them a nick name, representative of their positive attitudes toward the planning and execution of the convention. Lynn was named "Make A Plan" Doane. John was "Git'er Done" Crawford and Sissy was "Can Do" Smith. From the happy faces leaving Meadowview Sunday afternoon, it was clear that the convention planning group had a plan and got'er done.

It Takes a Small Army



David and Sallie Oaks volunteer at the Convention Bureau booth.



Sissy Smith takes pictures to use in the Convention slide show.

By Jim Cornell

To put on a successful Kiwanis District Convention, it takes a small army of dedicated individuals. The Kingsport Club was asked to be the convention host. That meant arranging the thousands of details between the District Office and District Officers, the Convention Chair and Meadowview Conference Center. Other clubs in Division 7 were asked to help with specific tasks. Cosmo Kiwanis was asked to gather as many door prizes as possible from areas merchants and club members. The East Hawkins County Club was asked to act as Sergeant at Arms. The Rogersville club aided them with this effort. Jim Stevens from the Erwin club acted as Convention Chair. Other Erwin club members helped man the Hospitality Room. Big Stone Gap Kiwanis manned the Registration Office with help from our club and Erwin. The Bristol club managed the elections on Sunday. Johnson City helped arrange entertainment. Bristol also planned the Speedway tour on Saturday afternoon. Johnson City arranged for the flowers and decorations on the tables and head table.

The Meadowview staff also made major contributions to the success of the convention. Our guests were constantly commenting on the friendliness of the staff. The Kingsport Convention & Visitor's Bureau provided the special touches that make it a pleasure to come to Kingsport. All the registrants received a convention bag with an area map and literature on the major attractions in the Tri-Cities area. Volunteers from the Bureau were on hand to help our guests with their local traveling plans.

The Meadowview room set ups were perfect for our convention. The meals were excellent! Even the weather put its best foot forward for the 90th Ky-Tn District Convention. Everyone left smiling!

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport Wins Two Awards at District

By Jim Cornell

At the District Convention at Meadowview last weekend, it was announced that our club was one of three that won the Harper Gattton Interclub Award in the 101 & Over category. The other clubs that won in this category were Maryville and Clarksville. Clubs are divided by size into one of six categories, with three clubs being recognized in each. Congratulations to Norman Sobel and David Oaks and the Interclub Committee and members who signed up to go! This is not an easy award to win. We have to hold an interclub with *every* club in our district and *present* a program to some of them. We have to travel at least 50 miles for one of the interclubs such as Mountain City. At least 50% of our club membership also has to participate in an interclub. We are fortunate to have Cosmo Kiwanis in town as they make this requirement pretty easy for us.

The Kingsport club also brought home the Administrative Excellence Award for the 2007-2008 administrative year. This award goes to all clubs that file their monthly reports on time as well as meet timetables for certain other administrative tasks. This is no easy feat but thanks to Lee for keeping the committee chairs on task in filing their reports on time.

Volunteers Meet and Greet



Bill Cooper was one of many volunteers who donned the coveted Kiwanis vest to meet and greet the many guests at the Ky-Tn District Convention. Most volunteers worked two hour shifts, an invaluable service to the success of the convention. According to President Lynn Doane, the vest was a sought after item at the convention.

The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport purchased the vests specifically for the convention but had in mind they could be used after the convention, perhaps for volunteers to wear at the upcoming Darrell Rice Annual Golf Tournament October 1st at Cattails at Meadowview. If you are a golfer, sign up to play in the tournament on the Kiwanis website at www.kingsportkiwanis.org. You say you don't play. Contact John McKinley if you would like to volunteer to help out that day.

90th Ky-Tn District Convention News



Kingsport Kiwanis Club members and their spouses at the Governor's Banquet



President Lynn Doane and President Elect John Crawford at the head table with District Governor David Olinger and First Lady, Betty Olinger.

By Jim Cornell

They came, they ate, they laughed, they voted, they had some fun and they had some serious business. The Kiwanians attending the 90th Ky-Tn District Convention had a great time, but they managed to get in some important business. The Workshops on Saturday morning offered clubs an opportunity to discuss common issues like Risk Management, Starting a New Club, Club Growth, Club Planning and Service Leadership Programs.

On Sunday morning, the delegates elected James H Westmorland as Governor of the District for the 2008-09 Kiwanis year. Glen Kleine was elected as Governor Elect. He will succeed James Westmorland in 2009. The other District Officers were installed along with the new Lt Governors. Our incoming LT. Governor is Malcolm Sprinkle.

The Ky-Tn District is hosting the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville on June 24-27, 2009. Convention Chair, Jim Mann from the Nashville Club, is seeking over 400 volunteers to help with all the details of that effort. If you are interested in helping welcome Kiwanians from all over the world to Country Music City, see Secretary Lee to sign the volunteer form.

Upcoming Programs

- August 29, 2008 – TBA
- September 5, 2008 – Operation Eradication – Albert Hester
- September 12, 2008 – Update from the State - Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey
- September 19, 2008 – Wellmont – Roger Mowen
- September 26, 2008 – Barter Theater – Jayne Duchring

Announcements

Major Emphasis Committee still needs a few volunteers for the **2008 – 2009 Reading Program** at **Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools**. Visit the website at www.kingsportkiwanis.org to sign up and to get the schedule.

Kiwanis Night is coming soon! Ridgefields Country Club
Thursday, September 25, 2008. Scat Springs from Nashville, TN
will entertain by playing the piano and singing.

Have you signed up to play, sponsor or volunteer
for Annual Kiwanis Darrell Rice Golf Tournament
to be held **October 1, 2008** at **Cattails at Meadowview?**
Visit the website at www.kingsportkiwanis.org to get more information or to sign up to play.

New Board Member and Committee Chair Orientation.
Kingsport Chamber of Commerce office, September 15, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Plan to attend and be a part of the goal setting process for the upcoming fiscal year.

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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

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