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October 3, 2008

Chuck Smith Named Kiwanian of the Year at Annual Kiwanis Night

Upcoming Programs:

- October 10, 2008** – TBA
- October 17, 2008** – New Specialty Team – Chief Dye
- October 24, 2008** – MSHA Children’s Hospital – Patricia Holt
- October 31, 2008** – TBA



Chuck Smith accepts the Art Roper Kiwanian of the Year Award for Outstanding Community Service.

“He does so many things to help others and he does it with quiet determination,” said President Lynn Doane when he announced Chuck Smith as the 2008 recipient of the Art Roper Kiwanian of the Year Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Chuck is currently working on his 17th Habitat House. The Habitat House

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- October 8, 2008** – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Boys & Girls Committee, Peggy Ann’s
- October 18, 2008** – 8:30 a.m., Boundless Playground Workday

being built by Eastman will be dedicated to Chuck, an Eastman retiree. Chuck’s love for building things goes all the way back to building the stage sets for Kiwanis Kapers. He also helps out the residents of Kiwanis Towers by making sure their bus is in good working order and by organizing an annual clean-up day for the grounds of the Towers. Chuck is very active in his church and has worked as a leader for Explorer Scouts for a number of years. His son Parker, along with many other Kiwanians, believes Chuck is very deserving of this award. He said, “My Dad is just a great guy.”

Crawford Wins Award And Sets Goals for New Year



John Crawford accepts the F. Stuart Crosley Award for Outstanding Committee Chair. (Program Committee)



John and his wife LeAnn socializing at Kiwanis Night.

Letter from John Crawford to the membership:

Dear Kiwanians,

I count it a great honor to serve as your club President for the year 2008-2009. I will make every effort to be worthy of this position. I truly consider it a privilege to hold this office.

This truly is an exciting time to be a part of Kiwanis. This year promises to be a great one for our Community and our Club. We have a committed Board, as well as, Committee chairs. I know that with their help and eagerness to get started on new projects and events we have the ability make a difference for all the children of the world "One Child at a Time".

Let me share some of my goals I would like to see our club meet this year. Many of them are challenging but others will make for lots of fun and a closer bond between our members.

Membership Goals:

- 1. Actively recruit new members of all ages**
- 2. Retention of 95% of current members**
- 3. Have a net gain of 5 members**
- 4. Increase participation and education at the district level**
- 5. Increase participation on the family and social levels**

Service Goals:

- 1. Starting a BUG program (Bringing Up Grades)**
- 2. Have a large Community joint Service Project**
- 3. Help with the Operation Eradication project**
- 4. Have a Key Leader program for our Key Clubs, Circle K and Builders clubs**
- 5. Increase the number of member's participation and more service hours**

I read a magazine article that had a sign that stated, "Due to budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off." While that humorous sign made me smile, it also caused me to think about the importance of that metaphoric light.

Without the hope that light represents, people will give up. It is the hope of a better future that causes people to get up when they fall down, try again when they lose, and continue to fight no matter the odds. Numerous studies on youth crime and gang behavior have shown that the threat of jail is not a deterrent to young people who have no hope of a better life. Many of these young people have given up the hope of an education, or a job, or of achieving any type of success. Once the hope of a better future is lost, consequences, like being expelled from school or being put in jail, really lose their sting. One of the things Kiwanis leaders can do is to make sure their clubs invest in programs that provide hope and opportunity for young children.

Hope can power the dreams of a young child and provide the motivation and determination to persevere, no matter how difficult the circumstances.

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport, let's keep hope alive and provide that "light at the end of the tunnel."

John Crawford

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport President 2008-2009

Kiwanis members are committed to providing their clubs, communities, and the world with service.

As Past President Reggie said:

"Serving The Children Of The World." Service is what Kiwanis is all about. Service is why our club exists and it is the measure by which our community gauges our worthiness. Our club does so much in the community already, but our community needs us to do more.

New Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs Attend Orientation

By Jim Cornell

New Officers and Board members gathered Monday, Sept. 15th for training. The incoming Officers and Board met at the Chamber of Commerce offices to prepare for the 2008-09 Kiwanis year. Incoming President, John Crawford, asked his new Committee Chairs to submit their budget drafts by October 7th so that the new Board could begin final budget deliberations at their October meeting. John encouraged the Officers and Board to look for new ways to serve the youth of our community. He set some clear goals for membership and community service. See above letter for details.



Major Emphasis and Boys and Girls Committee Make Big Plans

By Jim Cornell

August was a very busy month for both the Major Emphasis Committee and the Boys and Girls Committee as the end of the Kiwanis year approaches and a new school year begins.

The Major Emphasis Committee agreed to support the Kennedy Book of the Month Club, the Roosevelt Life Skills program, First Book – Greater Kingsport, the Roosevelt Elementary Resource Program, Roosevelt Elementary RIF program, Literacy Council of Kingsport, the D-B Band Boosters and YMCA Afterschool Science and Discover Centers. In total, the Committee agreed to spend \$5,600 from their \$5,826 budget for 2007-08. The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport can be proud of the impact that these programs will have on the ability of young students to read and grow into responsible citizens.

The Boys and Girls Committee agreed to fund three programs to the tune of \$2,600. The projects were North School Zone Coats and Shoes, City Schools Backpack Food/Snack program and Cub Scout Pack 54 Leadership Training. These programs ensure that children will have proper clothing and nutrition, as well as, good leadership.

The source of funds that allows the club to meet needs such as these is the Darrell Rice Kingsport Kiwanis Golf Tournament, which was held this past Wednesday, October 1st at Cattails at Meadowview. The preliminary report from Chair John McKinley is that the event grossed over \$19,000. Thank you to those who contributed. The proceeds will go toward helping others in the Kingsport community to have a better life.

Kiwanians Receive Awards for Perfect Attendance



Left to right: Dave Stevens (1 year), Wayne Case (5 years), Ken Marsh (7 years), Frank Brogden (2 years), David Oaks (6 years), Tom Parham (6 years), Bunky Seay (7 years), John McKinley (6 years) and Frank DeNobriga (9 years).



Left to right: Ann Rhem (3 years), Bill Cooper (7 years), Harold Childress (3 years), and Gary Godsey (8 years).

Announcements

Volunteers are desperately needed for **Eastman's Habitat House project**. You don't have to be skilled in any particular area to help make the home a success. Check out the www.chpchabitat17.spaces.live.com/ to find out how you can help! Building will take place September through the first of November, with a Blitz Friday occurring on October 10th.

Kiwanis Work Day Set for Saturday, October 18 at Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground

Beginning at 8:30 am, volunteers will rake the rubber mulch back into place, remove trash from the mulch, do a general clean-up of the Playground, spread more rock along the Braille trail where it has worn away, and remove weeds from the flower beds. Contact Jim Cornell to volunteer. If enough people volunteer, the project should be completed by noon.

Volunteers needed at Boys and Girls Club to help children with homework for one hour per week.

Volunteer times are from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

Contact Brenda Whitt at 230-4160.

Kiwanis golf shirts are available at the secretary's table for \$20.

Kiwanis caps and insulated steel mugs are also available.

The Program Committee is seeking program ideas.

Forms are available at the Secretary's desk.

Remember to sign in and record your service hours at each weekly meeting.

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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

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