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Kiwanis Reading Program Has Desired Impact

<p>Upcoming Programs:</p> <p>November 28, 2008 – Roundtable (no program)</p> <p>December 5, 2008 – Economic Report – William J. Trainor, Jr. Ph.D.</p> <p>December 12, 2008 – Christmas Music – Heaven Bound Choir</p> <p>December 19, 2008 – Missions at Home and Abroad – Dr. Joe Smiddy</p>	 <p><i>Janet Faulk, Principal at Kennedy Elementary School</i></p>	<p><i>By Jim Cornell</i></p> <p>Janet Faulk, Principal at Kennedy Elementary School, spoke to our club on October 31, thanking us for our support of Kennedy’s reading program. Janet told us that five years ago, the staff at Kennedy wanted to create a climate of literacy. The Kiwanis offer to be reading mentors fit in well with this vision. Today, Janet said they can see measurable improvement in their students’ interest in reading. When she asks a student what they are currently reading, they are able to tell her about their latest book. Five years ago, this was not the case.</p> <p>In one of the new programs Kennedy has introduced, Janet reads a new book to a class once a month. The books are chosen to teach good citizenship and desirable personal qualities. Books like <i>The Grouchy Ladybug</i> help students understand more about the qualities of a strong citizen. This program also is increasing the number of books available in classroom libraries.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>December 13, 2008 – Bell Ringing for Salvation Army (See article at the bottom of the page for details.)</p>	<p>Recently, Janet experienced how the love of literacy was growing in the student body. Several students are now writing their own stories and reading them to Janet. Reading and writing has become a part of the students’ culture.</p> <p>In introducing Janet to the club, Past President Lynn Doane said that he thinks Kiwanis gains more from the reading program than the students. However, students who can read and enjoy literature will make our community stronger when they become adults. They will have improved performance throughout their school years and into their adult life. We are helping plant seeds that will grow into mighty trees.</p>	

Trying Out for the Ding-A-Ling Award

 <p><i>Dave Light and Paul Harper get an early start on the bell ringing for the Salvation Army.</i></p>	<p>According to a pretty reliable source (namely Dave Oaks), these two great Kiwanians are trying to win the Ding-A-Ling Award this year. All joking aside, members of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport volunteered to help the Salvation Army get a jump start on fulfilling the needs for this year’s Christmas season by ringing the bells on November 8, 2008. Kiwanis members helped collect \$750 that day.</p> <p>The Club will ring the bells again on December 13th from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. at three different locations: Wal-Mart on Ft. Henry Drive, Wal-Mart on W. Stone Drive, and Food City Crown Center on Eastman Rd. Daniel Jordan said there are 24 slots to fill. Two people are needed for each two hour slot. With the sluggish economy and people being laid off from their jobs, Captain West indicated an increase in requests for help for families. Sign up today and keep the 50 year tradition of ringing the bells.</p>
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Two New Members Inducted



Michael D. Bird

Although he was born in Lubbock, Texas, Michael Bird and his family have made Northeast Tennessee their home. He and his wife Donna have three children, thirteen year old twins and a ten year old.

Obtaining a BS in Industrial Engineering at Texas Technical University, Michael went on to get his MBA from the University of Memphis. He is a Private Investment Advisor for Gilbert Advanced Asset Management. Michael has served as adjunct professor at several universities.

When he is not working, Michael enjoys fly fishing, reading, watching movies, biking, swimming and running. He is interested in the Civic and Business Affairs and Spiritual Aims Committees. Be sure to give Michael a warm welcome to Kiwanis Club of Kingsport.



Calvin D. Clifton

Calvin Clifton comes to the Kingsport Kiwanis by transfer of his membership from the Kiwanis Club in Athens, Tennessee. A former member of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport, Calvin's return is welcome. He was born in Rogersville, Tennessee and attended Northeast State and East Tennessee State University. Calvin is employed as Client Services Manager with E. Roberts Alley & Associates, Inc. He is President Elect of the Tennessee Chapter of American Public Works Association and serves on the Kingsport Library Commission.

Calvin enjoys spending time at the beach and at the lake with his wife Leslie and their two children, ages seventeen and thirteen. When he is not relaxing or traveling with his family, Calvin likes to read. He also enjoys boating, motorcycling, and golfing. Calvin's committee interests are Membership Development and Civic and Business Affairs. Be sure to introduce yourself to Calvin or renew your acquaintance.

Kiwanians Receive Perfect Attendance Awards



Left to right: Don Wolford, 7 years; Bill Anderson, 7 years; Tim Miller, 9 years; Frank Roberts, 2 years; Paul Harper, 7 years; David DeVault, 31 years; and Jim Cornell, 11 years.



Left to right: Jim Finney, 11 years; Sissy Smith, 1 year; and Ross Kingdon, 12 years.

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Psalm 100:4*

Kiwanians Spruce Up Boundless Playground



Charlie Nitschke, Barry Bailey and Bill Grigsby rake rubber mulch



Paul Harper delivers some gravel to spread along side the Braille Trail.



Mary Steadman and Reggie Martin clean leaves off the concrete areas.



Donna and Bill Sade with their rakes next to Darrell's Memorial.

Seven Kiwanians and three good friends performed a great fall cleanup at Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground on Saturday, November 1st. Planned as one of three work days each year at the Boundless Playground, the work team gathered in the cold morning fog at 8:30 am and began to shed layers of clothes as the sun broke through about 10 am. Kiwanians Paul Harper, Bill Sade, Charlie Nitschke, Reggie Martin, Barry Bailey, Bill Grigsby and Jim Cornell were joined by some good friends and hard workers, Donna Sade, Mary Steadman and Betty DeVinney. The playground is now a lot cleaner and safer for the kids to use and Darrell is smiling! Mary Steadman wrote the following note:

Just a quick note to say THANKS AGAIN to all the folks that worked Saturday to help spruce up Darrell's Dream.

I couldn't believe what all we were able to accomplish. Leveled and cleaned out all the rubber mulch areas, leveled and cleaned out the sand play area and finally laid gravel all along the Braille Trail back into the woods over the bridge and back to the playground area making it much more safe for folks walking or riding the path in a wheel chair so they wouldn't step off the edge.

The Friends of Warriors and Tennessee State Parks THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, and I know if Darrell were here today, he'd have been right out there with us and be so proud of the tremendous role his Kiwanis Club has taken in making this facility what it is... a Special Place for ALL CHILDREN of ALL ABILITIES!

Please know how much we appreciate ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE and continue to do.

Mary Steadman
and Friends of Warriors Path State Park

Announcements

Applications for a \$1,000 scholarship from the KY-TN Foundation are available to a child or grandchild of an active Kiwanis member. He/she must be a high school senior or college undergraduate.

Deadline January 31, 2009. Applications are available at the secretary's table.

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

Kiwanis caps and insulated steel mugs are also available.

Be sure to attend other Kiwanis Club meetings when you are out of town.

It not only counts as a make-up but you may pick up some new ideas.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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

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