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Sullivan County Mayor Inducted into Kiwanis Club

Upcoming Programs:

February 6, 2009 – Girls Inc. – Julie Short, Executive Director

February 13, 2009 – Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Chris Crockett, Area Director

February 20, 2009 – Allendale Mansion – Rod Gemayel

February 27, 2009 – Economic Impact of Tourism in Sullivan County – Dr. Steve Morse, PhD, Director and Economist, University of Tennessee Tourism Institute, Dept. of Retail, Hospitality & Tourism Management



Mayor Steve Godsey becomes newest member of Kiwanis Club of Kingsport.

It's not every day that the club's guest speaker is inducted as a member, but that is exactly what happened on January 30, 2009. Sullivan County Mayor Steve Godsey was inducted as the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport's newest member and then presented the program, the state of Sullivan County. One of the things the Mayor has implemented that has resulted in a significant savings to the county is getting the county prisoners to go out and pick up roadside litter.

Godsey is no stranger to Sullivan County. He was born in Bristol and graduated from Tennessee High, Bristol College and Dana University. Steve especially enjoys watching his son play ball. He also enjoys watching college ball, riding his motorcycle and playing golf. In addition to their son, Steve and his wife Julie have a grown daughter who is married.

A former Tennessee State Representative, Steve continues to serve his community as the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission. He also serves on several boards including NETWORKS and the Regional Alliance of Business and Training.

City Manager Gives an Update of City Projects

Upcoming Events:

Mark Your Calendar:

February 10, 2009 – 5:30 pm. - Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting – Chamber of Commerce Board Room.

February 13-14, 2009 – K-T District Mid-year Conference, Crowne Plaza, Knoxville.

June 25-28, 2009 – 94th International Convention, Nashville Arena.

September 17, 2009 – Kiwanis Night



Mayor Dennis Phillips and City Manager give a program on the state of the city.

“One of Kingsport's greatest resources is its water system”, Kingsport City Manager John Campbell said at a recent meeting. “Currently we serve 85,000 customers, 40,000 of which are Kingsport residents; we have the capacity to serve 130,000.” Campbell also told the group that emphasis on higher education is paying off for Kingsport. Since 2000, the number of people who hold a bachelor's or an associate's degree has increased by 4%. Part of the old Quebecor site is being developed into a medical office complex, and the Farmer's Market is considering a move to the site.

Perfect Attendance Awards



Left to right: Willis Vicars, 4 years; Bob Clear, 9 years; Andy Straley, 4 years; Jim Dickert, 9 years; Barry Bailey, 2 years; Gunther Doerfort, 6 years; Dan Jordan, 3 years; and John Crawford, 9 years.

Want to be a part of this prestigious group? Well, you can by making up missed meetings. Here are some of the ways you can get credit for a make-up:

- ✓ Visit other clubs when you are out of town.
- ✓ Attend an Interclub meeting.
- ✓ Make a guest appearance at a Board of Directors meeting.
- ✓ Be sure to attend committee meetings.
- ✓ Participate in a club activity.
- ✓ Visit another club in the region.

A club locator is available on the Kiwanis International website – www.kiwanis.org.

Boys and Girls Club Partnership Grows Stronger

The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport presented the Boys and Girls Club with an additional \$2,000 to the capital campaign for their new facility. The Kiwanis Club contributed \$2,000 last year and the Boys and Girls Committee also sponsored the Kiwanis Bowl with \$500. Through First Book, five Kiwanians are helping with after school tutoring. Executive Director Chuck Owens reported the Boys and Girls Club had been tracking fifty of their students who participate in the after school tutoring program. In the most recent TCAP scores, the boys and girls out-performed their peers at the city and state levels. The tracking of this program not only helps them to improve their program but it also demonstrates the impact of United Way funding in the community. Everyone wins when children succeed in school.



Chuck Owens accepts check from John Crawford.

Kiwanis Board Promotes Projects for Local Youth

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport discussed making \$175 scholarships available for Key Club members from the ages of 13 to 18 to attend the Key Leader program, a three day camp to teach them leadership skills. The Key Club will gauge interest and bring the information back to the Board of Directors.

In other board action, the members decided to donate a book to Kennedy or Roosevelt in honor of the speaker each week. The book will take replace the travel mugs once they are all distributed. Roosevelt and Kennedy are the schools that benefit from the Kiwanis Reading Program.

In future board action, members will consider helping to sponsor buses for Key Club members to travel to the Key Club Convention in Gatlinburg, TN, March 13 -15, 2009. Two buses have been reserved and Malcolm Sprinkle, Lieutenant Governor of Division 7 is asking that each club consider a \$200 contribution.

The next Kiwanis Club of Kingsport Board of Directors meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in the Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room.

Boys and Girls Committee Helps Children in Area Schools



Photograph courtesy of Kiwanis International.

The Boys and Girls Committee provided \$200 to Cedar Grove Elementary as a reward for the students who achieved their reading goals for the second six weeks of school. The club's donation helped to pay the cost for 160 children to go through the Bristol Motor Speedway in Lights Show at Christmas. Cedar Grove is a Title I school and many of the children would not have been able to afford this special treat had it not been for Kiwanis help. Committee member John Gregory was able to get the Byrds to pay the entry fee and the Kiwanis donation went toward the rental of three buses.

The children only had to pay \$2 for a Happy Meal at McDonalds. John went with them on the trip and said he was delighted to hear them all singing Jingle Bells as the buses navigated the high banks at Bristol. "The fact that it was a reward for reading seemed to fit nicely into what our club does. Our committee had also been searching for ways to start helping those in some of the county schools and so the opportunity came along at a good time," said Gregory. *(The thank you letter sent by the school is published below.)*

Dennis Davis, Boys and Girls Committee Chair, reported at the last meeting that the committee distributed 209 coats to area school children. This is the largest number given out in one year. Area children also received 121 pair of shoes and 242 pair of socks. The cost of the clothing was \$4,342, funding provided by the golf tournament.

At the January 16th meeting, Golf Committee Co-Chair reported that the tournament's net proceeds totaled about \$19,000. The annual golf tournament is the sole fundraiser for all the work Kiwanis does in the community

Thank You Letter from Cedar Grove Elementary

Dear Kiwanis,

Thank you for helping us to go see Speedway in Lights! Our reading theme this year at Cedar Grove is NASCAR and Smiles, which made our trip to BMS extra special. We even got to go on the racetrack! All of the lights were beautiful. We especially liked the racing cars and the tunnels of lights. Thank you for supporting us.

With love,

The Students and Faculty of Cedar Grove Elementary School

Announcements

Volunteers needed to help with the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville in June. Registration fees will be paid for volunteers; however, they will be responsible for their own housing. Interested or need more information? Contact John Crawford.

Invite questions about Kiwanis by wearing a golf shirt (\$20) or a golf cap (\$6).
Available at the secretary's table.

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.

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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

Celebrating our 85th year!

**Look for a feature article in the Monday, February 9th issue
of the Kingsport Times News about Kiwanis Club's 85 years of service
to the community!**

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