



*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*

**July 31, 2009**

## Kingsport Kiwanis Members Attend 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis International Convention



*Guess who this cute little tyke is. He is a current Kiwanis officer.*



*Kingsport Kiwanis team at the National Convention.*

By Jim Cornell

Nine representatives of Kingsport Kiwanis attended the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville between June 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Hosted by the Kentucky-Tennessee District and the Nashville area clubs, 3,500 Kiwanians and spouses from around the world gathered at the Convention Center in Music City USA to attend workshops, share ideas, vote on candidates and

### Upcoming Programs:

**August 7, 2009** – The Economy – Don Raber

**August 14, 2009** – Dobyns-Bennett Football, Graham Clark

**August 21, 2009** – Global Affairs, Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle, retired USMC

**August 28, 2009** – Umpiring in the Major League, Dale Ford

### Upcoming Events:

#### Mark Your Calendar:

**August 7 – 9, 2009** – Kentucky Tennessee District Convention, Lexington, KY.

**September 17, 2009** – Kiwanis Night, Meadowview, 6:30 p.m.

and update amendments. In between all the work, the group got closely acquainted with the home of Country Music!

Attending from Kingsport were President Elect, Peter Raber; Vice President, David Atkinson; Ev and Lori Bond, Jim and Lee Cornell, Bill and Donna Sade, and Dave Stevens. Most of the Kingsport attendees joined with hundreds of other Kiwanians from the KY-TN District as volunteers to welcome the thousands of Kiwanians from outside of the District. Volunteers working in registration handed out name badges and tickets and answered hundreds of questions.

When the workshops began on Thursday, a Kingsport representative attended the classes that were most relevant in order to bring back the latest ideas and knowledge from clubs around the world. Everyone was impressed with the quality of the workshops, which covered topics from first-time attendee orientation to wisdom transfer. Specific topics covered included Kiwanis One Day, Service Leadership Programs, Boys & Girls Club Partnership, Going from Good to Great, Liability, Guidelines for Adults Working with Youth, Empowering Others to Invite, Growing Your Club, The Digital Divide and much more.

On Friday, the club's two voting delegates, Peter Raber and Jim Cornell, attended the business session from 2 to 5 pm, elected new officers and trustees, and voted on the amendments and resolutions that had previously been submitted for consideration. All the business sessions were held in the Sommet Center, the home of the Nashville Predators hockey team. Kiwanis International and the convention team put on a first-rate business session. All the high-tech equipment, entertainment, and energy had members leaving with a renewed excitement for what Kiwanis can do for the children of the world. Electronic voting was used for the first time, enabling everyone to see the results of the votes for Vice President, Trustees and amendments immediately.

At the closing session on Saturday afternoon, there was a call for entries for a new Kiwanis

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“We left Nashville quite energized.”

- Jim Cornell

Worldwide Service Project. With successful completion of the Iodine Deficiency Disorder project, Kiwanis is now looking for its next project to aid the children of the world. Special guests included Ryan Jorgensen, the latest winner of the Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism, Kiwanis International President-Elect Paul Palazzolo, Circle K International President Kristen Reed and Key Club International President Kia Albertson-Rogers.

To close the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, President-Elect Palazzolo issued the challenge of increasing our service to kids by growing Kiwanis Clubs around the world and doing it right now.



Bill Sade and Lee Cornell



Peter Raber and Jim Cornell

### Two New Members Inducted



New Member  
Ron Owens



New Member  
Wade McClellan

A former member of Kiwanis in Jonesborough, Ron Owens decided to continue serving others through the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport. In fact, Ron has devoted much of his life to serving others. He is the Senior Chaplain at Indian Path Hospital. He says the most fulfilling part of his job is ministering to the patients, families, and staff. Before coming to Indian Path, he coordinated the volunteer chaplains at Sycamore Shoals in Elizabethton. Ron pastored Grace Baptist Church for 17 years in Elizabethton, where he and his wife Judith still make their home. Ron and Judith have two daughters and three grandchildren. Ron received a BS in Animal Science from Tennessee Tech and his masters from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY. Ron enjoys golf and is interested in the Golf Committee.

Membership Development Chair Gail Preslar seized the opportunity to share the Kiwanis experience with Wade McClellan when he visited the club to participate in the Board of Mayor and Alderman Forum. Interested in community service, Wade decided to join Kiwanis. A native of Kingsport, McClellan owns Live Wire Communications. Wade and his wife Jamie have a grown daughter and two grandchildren. Wade includes motorcycles and boats in his hobbies and enjoys tour riding. McClellan is interested in serving on the Golf and Boys and Girls Committees. He attends Christ Fellowship Church.

Be sure to give Wade and Ron both a warm welcome.

## David Pond Presents Program on Global Warming



Those who missed the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting missed a great presentation by Kiwanis of Kingsport's own David Pond. Exploring multiple sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and different forms of energy, David gave a fact filled, practical and informative look at the possibility of global warming. His conclusion is that there is no real scientific evidence that mankind is creating global warming. For example, Greenland got its name because in the year 1,000 it was green. Now it is covered with ice. Also, the area around the equator is a hot spot. If global warming were an issue, the atmosphere above the equator would show signs. David did such a great job describing different forms of energy and the cost and practicality of producing them that Frank DeNobriga was ready to have him appointed as the Energy Czar.

## Key Club Lt. Governor Provides Annual Update

By Jim Cornell

Blake Roller, Key Club Lt. Governor for Division 7 of the Kentucky-Tennessee District, provided Kingsport Kiwanis club with an overview of the major events in which he participated during his year as Lt. Governor. Blake highlighted the Knoxville District Meeting and the Key Club International Convention. Blake is trying to visit as many Kiwanis Clubs in Division 7 as he can to provide the annual update. It was a great pleasure to see the leadership potential in this young Key Clubber. It is a major reason all Kiwanis Clubs need to encourage the development of leadership skills in the Builder's Clubs and Key Clubs which they sponsor.



## Kiwanis Members Receive Perfect Attendance Awards



Lee Cornell, club secretary, presented perfect attendance awards to three Kiwanians at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Norman Sobel received perfect attendance for two years and Gary Godsey and Bill Grigsby both received perfect attendance awards for nine years.

Kiwanis members can achieve perfect attendance by making up missed meetings. There are a variety of ways to make up a meeting. Interclub meetings, committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, social functions and service projects all count as make-ups.

### **Kiwanis Congratulations**

To Mr. and Mrs. David DeVault who are the proud grandparents of twin boys, Jack David and Mark Douglas Devault. Parents are Craig and Heather DeVault.

Thank you to Chuck Smith for agreeing to fill in as Chair of Greater Years/Spiritual Aims for the remainder of the fiscal year.

### **Kiwanis Concerns**

The Kiwanis Board regretfully accepted the resignations of Bill Cooper and Dan and Gloria Jordan.

David Pond had surgery on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please remember him in your prayers as he recovers.

### **Announcements**

Residents of Kiwanis Towers all signed a thank you card for all the help Kiwanis members give them. They are especially grateful for the yard work and for the bus drivers.

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. A club locator is available on the Kiwanis International website – [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).

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 85<sup>th</sup> year!**

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