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Letter from President Raber - Plans for the 2009-2010 Kiwanis Year

<p>Upcoming Programs:</p> <p>November 6, 2009 – Federal Stimulus and the City of Kingsport, Ryan McReynolds.</p> <p>November 13, 2009 – Educational Facilities within Western Sullivan County, Jeff Fleming.</p> <p>November 20, 2009 – TBA.</p>	 <p><i>President Peter Raber inducted by Lt. Governor John Crawford.</i></p>	 <p><i>Swearing in of new officers and Board members.</i></p>
<p>November 27, 2009 – Roundtable.</p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Mark Your Calendar:</p> <p>November 14, 2009 – 8:30 a.m. – Noon, Fall Work Day, Boundless Playground. (See article on page 2 for details.)</p> <p>November 14, 2009 - 6 pm., Kiwanis Club of Piney Flats, Charter Night, Poplar Ridge Christian Church.</p> <p>November 21, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Training for Club Officers, Boys and Girls Club.</p> <p>December 4, 2009 – Noon, Division 7 Meeting, Quality Inn, Kingsport</p> <p>December 5, 2009 - 7:30 a.m., Cosmo Pancake Breakfast, Applebees.</p>	<p>Dear Fellow Kiwanians,</p> <p>I am very excited to be writing this letter to you as the President of the Kingsport Kiwanis Club. That title carries a tremendous amount of responsibility and the standard has been set high by those who have gone before me. I will do my best to do justice to it.</p> <p>It is always an exciting time to be a Kiwanian, but now more than ever we are called upon to make our presence felt in the community. As our country works itself back from the brink of economic collapse, Kiwanians must serve on the front lines. One example of this is our coats and shoes project; the total number of coats needed has increased this year due to the economic situation of the area. In that project, along with our many others, the need is great and our resolve to meet it must be greater.</p> <p>Service is the primary purpose of this organization, and we need to keep it in the forefront of our collective thoughts as we progress through the year. Service comes in many forms. It can be through raising money for an important cause, spending time helping a child learn to read, or putting in the hard work of maintaining the Boundless playground. Through those and many other opportunities that our club provides, I would encourage every one of you to find where you can fulfill the Kiwanis commitment to service.</p> <p>The Kiwanis experience, however, isn't only about our commitment to the community; it is also about the bonds that bring us together. To that end, we need to ensure that all of our members have every opportunity to get the most out of the club. We can do this simply by getting to know each other better and being more inclusive of everyone. Often we fall into the trap of complacency and end up associating with the same group of people. Let's be a group that makes every member feel important and like they have a role to play.</p> <p>With those thoughts in mind here are my goals for the year: 1) Establish a consistent service program that allows Kiwanians to serve on a bi-monthly basis. 2) Increase membership of our club by at least 10 - this includes the establishment of a club satellite. 3) Establish a better connection to the other Kiwanis clubs in the area through joint service and social activities.</p> <p>I look forward to a great year for the club as we expand both our numbers our and impact on the community.</p> <p>Peter Raber</p>	

Kiwanis Year Begins with Induction of a New Member



Past President Bunky Seay gives the charge to Ted Heilig.

Please welcome Ted Heilig as the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport.

Even though he was born in Salisbury, NC, Ted has spent more than thirty years as a resident of Kingsport. Ted and his wife Paul have two grown children who have blessed them with four grandchildren.

Ted graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He is retired from Eastman Chemical Company, where his most current position was a Chemical Engineer in the Fibers Division.

He enjoys woodworking, golf, tennis, bicycling, and investing. Ted is interested in serving on the Business and Civic Affairs and House committees.

Golf Tournament Provides Coats and Shoes for Children



Bill Sade shows samples of the shoes and coats that will be provided for the children this year.

By Jim Cornell

The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport wishes to thank all the Corporate Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, Cart Sponsors and golfers that made the 2009 Golf Tournament a great success. Golf Chair John McKinley estimates gross earnings of \$23,000.

The funds raised by this tournament will allow the club to put warm winter coats and new shoes on 150 elementary school children in the greater Kingsport area. It will also enable the club to send backpacks of food home from school with children to ensure they have enough to eat over the weekend. Funds also make it possible to help with children's literacy programs and to build the future leaders that will serve the community when they become adults. Working with community partners, Kiwanis can do much to improve the quality of life for the children in Kingsport.

Check out the homepage of the Kiwanis website (www.kingsportkiwanis.org) to see the winning teams and players and a photo album of the tournament.

Service Day Scheduled

By Jim Cornell

It is time for the annual fall service project at Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground. A work day has been planned for Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Warriors Path State Park. Volunteers will remove weeds and grass from the flower beds, blow and rakes leaves from the play areas, clean up the Braille trail and generally make the playground inviting to the hundreds of kids that visit it each day in nice weather.

Volunteers will need gloves, trash bags, weed removal tools, hard rakes, leaf rakes, street brooms, gas blowers and flat shovels (to scrape mud). Rain date will be the following weekend, Nov. 21, 2009.



The Treehouse at Darrell's Dream is almost complete.

Atkinson Gives Tips on Welcoming Guests

“One of the most powerful tools for attracting new members to our club is the way we greet our guests,” said Vice President David Atkinson. “Everyone likes to feel welcome when they are in a different environment. We do a good job now but more energy and follow-up might pay dividends. Let's gear up our welcome when guests visit us by doing the following: When guests are introduced, let's give them a rousing applause. Along with applause, say hello and call out the person's first name. This personalizes the introduction.

If you bring a guest, have them stand so the club can see who they are. After the meeting, seek them out and thank them for attending. Ask them to come back.

Warmth and energy are the keys. Let's create more of both! Maybe we'll help someone with their decision to join! If you have any other ideas on making great first impression, please let us know.”

Seventeen Receive Perfect Attendance Awards



Seventeen Kiwanis members received perfect attendance awards at the October 16th meeting. Pictured from left to right with their number of years in perfect attendance: Bunky Seay (8), Dave Oaks (7), Ross Kingdon (13), Jim Cornell (12), David DeVault (32), Tim Miller (10), Harold Childress (4), Willis Vicars (5), John McKinley (7), Dave Stevens (2), Frank Roberts (3), Paul Harper (8), Tom Parham (7), Ann Rhem (4), Jim Finney (12), Wayne Ladd (6) and David Atkinson (1). Members can obtain perfect attendance by making up missed meetings. Make-ups include board meetings, committee meetings, service projects, interclub meetings and other visiting other Kiwanis Clubs when out of town.

Kiwanis Congratulations

To Jason and Erin Carder on the birth of their son William Allen Carder on October 7, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. William weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Jason said the full head of dark hair comes from his mother. Mother and son are doing well.

To Bunky Seay's wife Margot for being recognized as 2009 Outstanding Volunteer in Aging by the eight state Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Margot is currently the AARP Tennessee State President and has spent more than a decade advocating for long term care.

Congratulations to Jim and Lee Cornell on the birth of another grandbaby.



William Allen Carder

Kiwanis Concerns

Sincere sympathy to former Cosmo Kiwanis member Jim Hill on the passing of his wife Rhodona (Rod) Hill. Jim has been a long time member of Cosmo and resigned this past year due to health reasons.

Sincere sympathy to Marvin Lackey's family. Marvin was a former member of Cosmopolitan Kiwanis.

Kiwanis News Briefs

Kiwanis Helps Young Troop Members

Through John McKinley, the club learned of a need from Russ Hubbard, a former member of the Kingsport club who is currently serving in the US Army. Russ told John that many of the young recruits in his unit do not earn enough to be able to buy some of the simple things of life such as a camera or film. With the approval of our Kiwanis Board, John said we would collect money in baskets on our tables for the next 3 weeks and send a check for the collection to Russ to help the young troops in his Company at Fort Bragg. Baskets were placed on the tables on October 23rd and 30th. \$860 had been collected as of this past Friday.

Robinson Builders Club Sends Thanks

Kim Frederick told the club that our donation of \$373 toward the Robinson Builders Club Diaper and Wipe Drive for Hope House really energized the Builders Club. With the money collected by Kiwanis, the Builders Club immediately purchased 1,400 diapers and used them in displays around the school. The displays got the students interested in the drive and they ended up donating 3,000 diapers and 66 containers of baby wipes to Hope House! Kim said, "On behalf of the Robinson Builders Club, we thank you!"

Announcements

Help children to become better readers and students.

Volunteer to read at Kennedy or Roosevelt Elementary schools for 30 minutes once a month.

Sign up on the website or contact Jim Finney or Wayne Ladd for more information.

The Rogersville Kiwanis Club is seeking volunteers to help with the annual Thanksgiving Dinner program. Hundreds of folks who would otherwise not have a nice dinner will be served turkey and all the trimmings.

Contact Dave Stevens, John Crawford or the Rogersville Kiwanis Club to volunteer.

Cosmo Kiwanis has selected the Golden Corral as their permanent meeting location.

If you attend one of their meetings, do NOT pay for your meal. Tell the cashier you are attending the Cosmo meeting.

They will bill Cosmo and Cosmo will invoice our club.

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.

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

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