

*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*  
**December 8, 2009**

**Kiwanis Club of Kingsport Hosts Division 7 Meeting**

<p><b>Upcoming Programs:</b></p> <p><b>December 11, 2009</b> – Christmas Music</p> <p><b>December 18, 2009</b> – Outdoor Survival Training and Tips, Mark Overbay</p> <p><b>December 25, 2009</b> – No meeting, Christmas Day</p>	 <p><i>Lt. Governor John Crawford and President Peter Raber with Governor Glen Kleine.</i></p>	 <p><i>Lt. Governor Elect Russ Williamson and Lt Governor Select Jamie Ketron.</i></p>
<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p><b>Mark Your Calendar:</b></p> <p><b>December 12, 2009</b> – Salvation Army Bell Ringing.</p> <p><b>December 22, 2009</b> – Joint meeting with Cosmopolitan Kiwanis.</p> <p><b>December 29, 2009</b> – Joint meeting with Cosmopolitan Kiwanis.</p> <p><b>Committee Meetings:</b></p> <p><b>December 9, 2009</b> – noon, Boys and Girls, Peggy Ann's.</p> <p><b>December 11, 2009</b> – 1:00 p.m., Membership Development and Welfare.</p>	<p>By Ann Rhem</p> <p>Representatives from eleven of the fourteen Kiwanis Clubs of Division 7 of the Kentucky Tennessee District attended a division meeting hosted by Kiwanis Club of Kingsport on December 4, 2009. One purpose of the meeting was to elect a Lt. Governor Elect and Lt. Governor Select.</p> <p>As Lt. Governor Elect, Russ Williamson will follow John Crawford at the end of his two year term in the latter part of 2011. As Lt. Governor Select, Jamie Ketron will succeed Russ at the conclusion of his term. Williamson is a member of the Rogersville Club, and Ketron is President of the Cosmopolitan Kingsport Club.</p> <p>Kentucky Tennessee District Governor Glen Kleine spoke at the meeting. At the lunch meeting, each club gave highlights of club activities. Governor Kleine remarked that “we would be here until evening if each club gave a detailed report of their community service activities”.</p> <p>Governor Kleine went on to talk about a few challenges that all clubs seem to be facing – that of recruiting new members, retaining members and an aging membership. Kleine shared some statistics about membership, service hours, and dollars spent for service.</p> <p>As of October 2008 (fiscal year end for Kiwanis), membership of the Kentucky Tennessee District declined by 400 members, a drop of about 6.9% while Division 7 membership declined by 8%. “Trying to accomplish the same goals with fewer members limits fundraising and can result in service burnout,” said Governor Kleine. Kiwanis International is focusing on membership and looking at alternatives to the traditional club because of the change in the type of commitment desired by a younger generation.</p> <p>First Lady Joan Kleine shared her idea of inviting family members and extended family members to join Kiwanis. The First Ladies Project could boost membership in a local club, as well as, clubs all over the country and even in foreign countries.</p> <p>Governor Kleine continued by giving some service statistics. Last year, the Kentucky Tennessee District put in 95,000 service hours, about 17.5 hours per member, and invested \$864,000 in projects, roughly \$169 per person. Another statistic shared by Kleine is Kiwanis sponsored Key</p>	

## Division 7 Meeting (cont.)

Club is the largest service organization in the U.S.

Kleine reminded everyone to “keep your eye on the ball – community service”. “It is easy to give but what we really need is for everyone to be active. Hands on contact is important.” The Governor also challenged clubs to make a commitment to excellence by drafting a strategic plan with measurable outcomes. He said, “A plan causes you to review your activities and improve the quality of the club. It should also help you to attract and retain members.”

Governor Kleine concluded by having Lt. Governor John Crawford tell about a one day regional conference to be held in Kingsport on February 27, 2009 from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. at the First Broad Street United Methodist Church. Members from Divisions 5, 6 and 7 are invited to attend for a \$25 registration fee which includes lunch.

## Members Sing Christmas Carols at Kiwanis Towers



Left to right: Jim Cornell; Nathan Vaughn; Dave Steven; Katie, Henry and Peter Raber; Carolyn and Ross Kingdon.

By Jim Cornell

On Friday evening, Dec 4th, a group of Kiwanians and family members gathered at Kiwanis Towers to sing Christmas Carols for the residents. After singing to a group in the lobby, the carolers visited several of the six floors to serenade in the halls. While they may have been lacking in numbers, the group made up for it in warmth and by bringing little Henry to delight some of the older residents.

Greater Years and Spiritual Aims held the annual Kiwanis Towers Christmas Dinner for residents on December 7, 2009.

## Hammonds Wins Award

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport member Ronnie Hammonds was recently awarded the W. Larry Eddins Award by the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TCAPWA). The award is for outstanding service to the Tennessee Public Works Association.

Hammonds was also nominated for the TCAPWA's Harry S. Swearingen Award which is for service to the American Public Works Association. The award was established in 1958 to perpetuate the memory of Harry Seller Swearingen (1900 – 1957), who worked tirelessly on behalf of APWA

and its purposes. A career employee of the City of Los Angeles, Swearingen was an active member of the Southern California Chapter. This award recognizes outstanding individual achievement through chapter activity in support of the Association's strategic plan, goals and objectives, as well as, outstanding service to APWA as a public or private sector member at the chapter level.

Serving on the Board of Directors of the TCAPWA as the East Tennessee Branch Manager, Ronnie also is an instructor at the Tennessee Public Works Institute.

*\*Award information from APWA website.*

## Will New Club Structure Attract and Retain New Members?

To accommodate today's busy schedules and a desire to volunteer, Kiwanis International has come up with a new club format: 3-2-1 clubs. Every month, each member of a 3-2-1 club will spend 3 hours of service, 2 hours of socializing and 1 hour of meeting. Clubs interested in this format should call 1-800-549-2647.

*\*Page 4, December Issue, Kiwanis International Magazine.*

## Kiwanis Work Day Does Wonders for Darrell's Dream



*Boundless Playground before clean-up.*



*Boundless Playground after clean-up.*

By Jim Cornell

The day began as a cool, foggy morning, with leaves covering everything. Soon, car doors slammed and the roar of gas blowers resonated off the hillsides. Leaves went flying and Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground slowly emerged into the sunlight. Thirteen Kiwanians answered the call, bringing shovels, rakes, weeding tools, scrubbers, leaf blowers and brooms.

They were joined by volunteers from Cosmo Kiwanis, Kingsport Lions Club, Friends of Warriors Path Park, Kingsport Master Gardeners and the Remnant Yuchi Nation. Dirty structures were scrubbed, weeds were pulled, trees were trimmed, trash was picked up, leaves were removed and walks and trails were blown clean. The roar of leaf blowers was slowly replaced by the happy noise of children arriving to play. Car doors slammed shut and the volunteers left until the next call comes for a Work Day. Darrell smiled!



*Leaf Crew: Jason Hyatt, Dick Blair, Barry Bailey, Bill Sade, Dave Stevens, and Harold Robinette.*



*Robinette Family: Harold and Christine with girls Kaitlin and Breanna – grooming the future caretakers of the playground.*

### Thank You

To Kiwanis Club of Kingsport members who volunteered to help United Way of Greater Kingsport at the Food City Celebrity Bagging Event: Jim Cornell, Ken Marsh, Reggie Martin, Tim Miller and Roger Mowen.

### Kiwanis Concerns

Former Kiwanian, Mike Riley, passed away November 15, 2009, in Galveston, TX, where he and his family made their home after moving from Kingsport. Former manager of the Ramada Inn, Mike always has a smile on his face and made everyone feel welcome. While in Kingsport, Mike volunteered in many community programs.

## **Announcements**

A third grade class at Roosevelt Elementary needs intensive reading coaches. Volunteers would commit to two 30-minute periods of one on one coaching per week. See Reggie Martin for details or if you are interested.

Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships available for children or grandchildren of Kiwanis members through the Kentucky Tennessee District Foundation. Applications and details available at the Secretary's desk.

Baskets to collect for Salvation Army will be on the tables December 11, 2009.

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](http://www.kiwanis.org).

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

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<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

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

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***