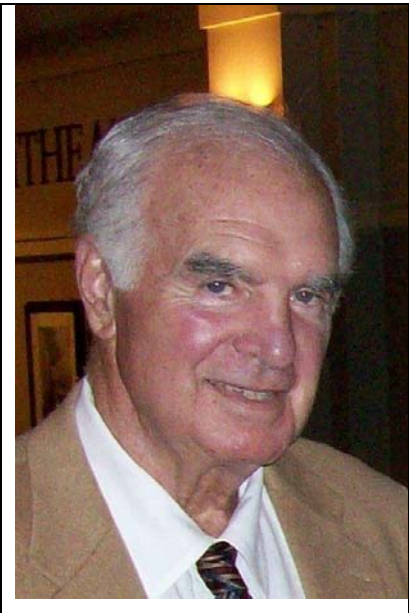


Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

May 4, 2010

A Tribute to Past President Gale Joh

<p>Upcoming Programs:</p> <p>May 7, 2010 – 640-WXSM Xtreme Sports Monster, Bobby Rader and Bud</p> <p>May 14, 2010 – WJHL NewsChannel 11 Sports Connection, Kenny Hawkins and Kasey Marler</p> <p>May 21, 2010 – TBA</p> <p>May 28, 2010 – Kennedy Elementary Reading Program, Stacy Edwards</p>		<p>Members of Kiwanis Club of Kingsport will miss the kind and gentle spirit of fellow Kiwanian Gale Joh. Joining the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport on Jan 6, 1975, Gale kept his membership going for nearly 30 years.</p> <p>In spite of his health the past few years, Gale managed to maintain perfect attendance for a two year period. He was awarded the Ruby K award for sponsoring ten new members. He is a past recipient of the Stewart F. Crosley Award for Chair of the Year. In 1982, Gale served his club as President. During his term, construction began on Kiwanis Towers, a residential unit for low income elderly. Gale also served as Chair for the Appalachian Trade Festival, the club’s primary fundraiser before it was replaced by the annual Darrell Rice golf tournament.</p> <p>Jim Cornell reminisces about his fellow Kiwanian: “I was fortunate to meet Gale shortly after he came to work at Eastman Chemical Products as a sales trainee in 1972.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>May 14, 2010 – Club Election and Outstanding Key Club Awards</p> <p>June 24 – 27, 2010 – 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada</p>	<p>He was always a gentleman, warm - friendly and interested in people. During this past year, as illness began to erode Gale’s quality of life, he remained upbeat, always smiling and staying active.”</p> <p>He had some early happy memories of a carousel in his hometown of Binghamton, NY. He talked to everyone he could about the possibility of a carousel for Kingsport. His enthusiasm led a number of Kiwanians to bring a carousel horse carver to Kingsport for more discussion on what would be entailed if the community decided to build a carousel. Gale’s passion for a carousel remains. It was fitting that Gale’s family asked that memorial contribution be made to the Carousel Project of the Kingsport Public Art Committee, c/o Kingsport City Hall, 225 W Center St, Kingsport, TN 37660. Perhaps some day if Kingsport does build a carousel, it will be a lasting tribute to Gale’s memory.</p>	



President Peter Raber Accepts Award on Behalf of Kiwanis

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, Peter Raber accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from Representative Tony Shipley and the Tennessee General Assembly recognizing the club’s continuous commitment to the Boundless Playground and Warrior’s Path State Park. At last Friday’s meeting, Peter presented the certificate to Jim Cornell who organized the Boundless Playground Kiwanis work project. *(Full story on page 2).*



Day of Service Holds Surprises for Kiwanis Club of Kingsport



Anthony Johnson and his daughter Nikkie assist President Peter Raber in scrubbing some of the dozens of pod climbers.



Chuck Smith, Gale Manley and Ross Kingdon take a break to have lunch at the picnic table honoring Kiwanis for on-going support of Darrell's Dream.

The Community Day of Service scheduled at Warriors Path State Park on Saturday, April 24th held quite a few surprises for the ten Kiwanians and special guests that braved the rain forecast to arrive at Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground at 8:30 am. First, it did not rain at all until late in the day when all the work was complete! The dire forecast of heavy rain and thunder showers did not materialize until everyone had left.

The second and larger surprise was the special award given to the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport at the kick-off meeting at 8:30 am. Club members were asked to come forward. Mary Steadman, Co-Chair of the Boundless Playground project, presented members with an engraved plank for a picnic table. The engraving thanked the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport for its on-going support of Darrell's Dream. After the presentation, the board was installed in the picnic pavillion where several members of the club sat for lunch later in the day.

A third surprise was the number of volunteers who came to Warriors Path State Park to participate in the Day of Service. In addition to the eleven Kiwanis volunteers, there were dozens from area Churches of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. There were many more from the Kingsport Lions Club, Master Gardeners, JA Street Construction and American Eagle clothing store in the mall. Hundreds of volunteers showed up to make a huge difference at Warriors Path State Park. The volunteers divided up into teams with each team assigned a specific task for the day.

Some of the major projects included rebuilding the amphitheaters in the campground areas, placing ten tons of rick rack along the creek banks, moving ten tons of gravel to

line the Braille trail, planting native plants, wildflowers and shrubs in several areas around the Boundless Playground, spreading tons of wood mulch on all the flower beds, replacing the dirty sand in the sand play area with clean, white sand, washing down all the stations along the Braille trail, and scrubbing all the playground equipment and structures to remove pollen, mildew and years of grime.

Kiwanians participating in the Day of Service included Dick Blair, Jim Cornell, Anthony Johnson and his daughter Nikkie, Ross Kingdon, Cosmopolitan Kiwanis member Gale Manley, Tim Miller, Walter Miller, Peter Raber, Ann Rhem and Chuck Smith.

The last surprise was how dirty the playground equipment had become in a seemingly short time. Club members scrubbed it all down with a mixture of water, detergent and bleach and then gave it a good rinse. At the end of the day, the playground looked great and everyone was filthy and exhausted. The group contributed about seventy hours of service, along with some skin and clothing eaten away by the chlorine. Thank you to all who contributed to a successful day!

Warriors Path State Park and Darrell's Dream are now ready for the official grand opening of the Treehouse addition to the Boundless Playground. A May date for this will be announced soon. Everyone should take the opportunity to visit Darrell's Dream with their children or grandchildren. It is a guarantee that they will want to return again and again!

Editor's note: A special thank you to Jim Cornell for not only organizing and coordinating the event but also finding time to take photographs and write this article! *(More pictures on page 3 and on the website – www.kingsportkiwanis.org.)*

Club Makes Donation to Kiwanis International Foundation - Tom Parham accepted an acknowledgement from Peter Raber on behalf of the club's recent contribution of \$540 to the Kiwanis International Foundation. To find out where your gift goes, just google Kiwanis International Foundation and visit the website.



The work team accepts the token of appreciation for the continuing support of Kiwanis to the Boundless Playground.



Dozens of volunteers gather to receive instructions from Mary Steadman on the April 24th workday.

Sponsored Club News:

Sullivan South Holds Fundraiser for Safe House

On Saturday, March 27, 2010, the Sullivan South Key Club hosted an Easter egg hunt at Miller Perry School. Sullivan South had eighteen members attend and there were two from Volunteer High. There were fewer egg hunters than the year before, but the children had a great time with face painting, games and prizes.

Twelve Kiwanis Club of Kingsport members showed up to help with the festivities. The Key Club members were appreciative of the tremendous support. Kiwanis members had a good time interacting with Key Club members. Safe House set up a presentation table about their program.

Builders Club Learns to Help Others

The Builders Club at the Boys & Girls Club actively supported Kiwanis International's recent effort to raise money for relief work in Haiti. Through their efforts, \$80 was contributed by Boys and Girls Club members toward this cause. Congratulations to the Builders Club and the Boys and Girls Club members for acting on a desire to help others!



Roger Mowen Appointed to State 2-1-1 Advisory Council



Roger Mowen enjoys taking a spin on his Harley in his spare time.

From the board room to getting on board his Harley, Roger Mowen may be more actively working in the community now than he ever was when he was in full time employment. Mowen, who is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Wellmont Health Systems, was recently appointed as a member of a statewide 2-1-1 Advisory Council.

Roger and seventeen fellow Advisory Council members will assist the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in establishing statewide standards to ensure that all Tennesseans are served by an effective and efficient 2-1-1 service.

An information and referral system designated by the FCC, 2-1-1 provides a link to health and human services. Locally, the 2-1-1 call center is manned by Contact Concern. Mowen is a past President and is currently serving on the organization's Board of Directors.

Mowen, who recently celebrated his 15th anniversary as a Kingsport Kiwanian, attributes his membership to being a Key Club member in high school.

Kiwanis Congratulations

To Ross Kingdon's granddaughter, Emily Cook, who received one of the district scholarships.

To Dennis Davis whose daughter was accepted into Harvard Business School.

Kiwanis Concerns

Remember Bill Sade and his father in your prayers. Bill's Dad is experiencing complications from treatment of a serious illness.

Continue to keep Bob Turner in your prayers. He is on oxygen now.

Remember Gary Whittington as he recovers from eye surgery.

Kiwanis Thank You

To Willis Vicars and the seven Kiwanians who helped to clean up the grounds of Kiwanis Towers on April 17th.

Representatives from companies who sponsored the 2009 Golf Tournament, pictured at right, were recent guests of Kiwanis. Be sure to thank them and support their business: Cattails of MeadowView, Charter Communications, Citizens Bank, Diamond Exchange, Donna Michaels Hair Design, Eastman Chemical Company, Fuller and Vaughn, Gilbert Advanced Asset Management, Golf Unlimited, Hertz Rent A Car, Holston Valley Medical Center, Integrity Capital Management, Kingsport Times News, Lowes of Kingsport, Merrill Lynch, TriSummit Bank, USB Financial Services, Wal-Mart, WKPT.



Announcements

Kiwanis vests are available to wear to events. If your committee is planning a project or an event and you're interested in creating awareness about what Kiwanis Club of Kingsport is doing in the community, see Lee Cornell to get the vests.

Free business card sized invitations, Ask Me About Kiwanis badges and Kiwanis magnetic ribbons are available for your use. They are located at the badge 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 and to silence your cell phones before the program begins.

The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport, P.O. Box 3506, Kingsport, TN 37664

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

Visited the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport Website lately?

Check out the Recent Event Key Club Video of the district Key Club project -

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>