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A Tribute to Kiwanis Member David Pond

<p>Upcoming Programs:</p> <p>July 9, 2010 – Bays Mountain Planetarium – Adam Thanz</p> <p>July 16, 2010 – Domtar – Charlie Floyd</p> <p>July 23, 2010 – Bays Mountain Wolves – Rhonda Goins (tentative)</p> <p>July 30, 2010 – Operations in Jordan and Afghanistan – MG Gary Harrell, USA Ret. (tentative)</p>	 <p><i>David Pond presented a program on alternative energy sources to his fellow Kiwanians.</i></p>	<p>By Jim Cornell and Ann Rhem</p> <p>“David, we need to get President O’Bama to appoint you as the Czar of Energy.” These were the words of Frank DeNobriga as he let David Pond know what an excellent job he did presenting a study of alternative energy sources to the club a little over a year ago.</p> <p>A great loss to all those who had the privilege of knowing him - including his fellow Kiwanians - David Martin Pond passed away on May 25, 2010.</p>
<p>Save the Date:</p> <p>September 9 – 11, 2010 – District Convention, Clarksville, TN</p> <p>September 11, 2010 – Service Day at Bays Mountain</p> <p>September 23, 2010 – Kiwanis Night</p>	<p>A relatively new member, David joined the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport on November 9, 2010. David served on three committees: Civic & Business Affairs, Interclub and Programs. He was quite active with the Civic & Business Affairs group in investigating the possibility of seeking companies in the alternative energy field to locate in East Tennessee. With David’s strong technical background, he was a natural in the study of energy resources.</p> <p>David’s curiosity led him to the study of many different topics. He was always tackling some new challenge. He was keen to learn more about investing in stocks. When he became ill with cancer, he studied about the new drugs that were being prescribed to him. He wanted to know why they were so expensive.</p> <p>After retiring from Eastman Chemical Company as Vice President of Research in 2003, David enjoyed spending his time with gardening, golf and woodworking. His love of gardening was reflected in the orchids he raised.</p> <p>A graduate of the College of William and Mary, David also received his doctorate from the University of South Carolina and completed a post doctorate fellowship at Columbia University in New York City.</p> <p>David is survived by his wife Susan, their three children Alycen, Anne, and David, and three grandchildren.</p>	

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest accomplishment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

-- Leo Buscaglia

Reading Program Helps Students Succeed



Stacey Edwards, Principal of Kennedy Elementary, speaks of the impact the Reading Assistance Program has on his students.

Amy Doran told the club about some changes they plan to make in 2010 – 2011. There will be a training event for reading partners in early September. They also plan to match each reader to a specific child and provide periodic data to the reading partner regarding the child's reading growth (with permission of parent).

Amy explained that the schools have been using the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) tool to check reading comprehension of each student. This tool has multiple components that each student's teacher uses for assessment of the student's reading ability. The tool requires quite a bit of time but provides the data needed to determine areas of improvement.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the schools use their Resource Room as part of the remediation process. They bring small groups of students together in this room to read books that are appropriate for their reading ability. The schools are also finding ways to get parents/guardians involved in providing reading support at home.

By Jim Cornell

On May 28, 2010, Stacey Edwards, Principal at Kennedy Elementary School, and Amy Doran, Reading Coordinator and Literacy Coach, presented a program on the impact of the Kiwanis Reading Assistance Program at their school.

Edwards told the club that the school's reading program is designed to set the stage for success. One of the goals of the program is to engage the readers to encourage the students to think about what they are reading.

Kennedy and Roosevelt still have a challenge dealing with high student turnover. Both schools have mobility levels of about 40%, which makes it difficult to maintain records on student reading capability. Stacey said the Kingsport City School System is able to track its students pretty well, but if the student moves outside this system, it becomes more difficult to track the student's progress.

Principal Edwards said their studies have shown that it is important to improve student reading capability before the student reaches 3rd grade. It is more difficult to provide remediation after the students reach grades 3 – 5. National studies show that those who are not reading on level by 3rd grade are more likely to drop out of school. The schools need more support and intervention for students who are not performing at grade level. The Kiwanis Reading Assistance Program is one component of this support.

At the conclusion of the program, Jim Finney presented Principal Edwards with a check for \$1,000 from the Major Emphasis Committee to help continue the Principal's Reading Program. In this program, Stacey visits each classroom once a month to read a book to the class. The book is then left in the class library. These books are selected for their content, teaching values, such as respect, honesty and trustworthiness, to encourage the development of strong character.

Jim Finney with the Major Emphasis Committee reminded the club that the Kiwanis Reading Assistance Program began in early 2000. At that time, committee chair Jim Dickert was looking for a project serving young children that would have a major impact. The Committee recommended the reading partnership with Kennedy and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and the program began the following school year. This fall will mark the tenth year that Kiwanians and friends, organized into fifteen teams, have been reading one-on-one with children in pre-k through 5th grade at the two schools.

Jim also reminded the club that he would be looking for Reading Partners to begin the 2010 – 2011 school year. Anyone who participated this year and would like to continue or anyone who is interested in participating for the first time should let Jim know. "Thirty minutes of your time once a month won't cost you much, but it will go a long way to encourage a child to be a good reader and prepare him for a brighter future," said volunteer reader Ann Rhem.

Correction to the Key, Issue 705, June 3, 2010: The recipient of the Dobyms-Bennett High School Scholarship Award for the highest grade point average is Aditya Suresh not Aditva Coresh.

New Kiwanis International Service Project Announced at Convention

Las Vegas [Thursday, June 24, 2010 (3:30 PM PT)]- - Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to save the lives of babies and their mothers by eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus (MNT), a disease that kills an estimated 60,000 newborns and 30,000 mothers each year. UNICEF Ambassador and actor Tea Leoni delivered the announcement at the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention.

“Kiwanis believes that no baby or mother should have to suffer the devastating effects of MNT,” said Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo. “Kiwanis will mobilize its nearly 600,000 family members to become tireless advocates for these children and raise needed funds to defeat this deadly disease.”

MNT is easily prevented by a series of three vaccinations to women of childbearing age, costing roughly US\$1.80. **The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus** will raise US\$110 million over the next five years to fill the funding gap required to provide an estimated 387 million doses of the vaccine.

The Eliminate Project will deliver life saving vaccines to the most vulnerable women and children in the world: those in remote and difficult to reach areas; conflict zones; and with little access to healthcare.

“With Kiwanis by our side, we will be able to conquer maternal/neonatal tetanus,” said U.S. Fund for UNICEF President and Chief Executive Officer Caryl Stern. “I’ve seen how this disease devastates families. Infants suffer, while mothers are unable to comfort their babies. Kiwanis is providing the final push that will protect vulnerable women and their newborns.”

The majority of mothers and newborns dying of MNT live in 40 countries located in Africa, and Southern and East Asia. The disease kills one baby every nine minutes. Its effects are excruciating—tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

“As a mother of two children, I have known the great joy of welcoming a new life into this world. I couldn’t imagine watching my child suffer and die from a disease that is as easily preventable as MNT is,” said Tea Leoni. “With this new partnership between Kiwanis and UNICEF, so many lives will be saved.”

Not only will The Eliminate Project protect women and babies from tetanus, the project also will create a path for other services, such as clean water, nutrition and other vaccines, to reach the world’s most vulnerable people.

Partnering with UNICEF, Kiwanis successfully completed its first global campaign for children to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), the leading cause of preventable mental impairment. Kiwanis raised and leveraged more than US\$100 million, which helped change lives in 103 nations. The number of households estimated to be consuming iodized salt has jumped from less than 20 percent in 1990 to more than 70 percent, and the effort has been heralded as one of the most successful health initiatives in the world.

For additional information about The Eliminate Project, go to: www.TheEliminateProject.org

*Resource: Kiwanis International Website – www.kiwanisone.org, *Kiwanis, UNICEF join forces.*

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Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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Atkinson and Crawford Attend Kiwanis International Convention



John Crawford is currently serving as Lt. Governor of Division 7 of the Kentucky-Tennessee District.



Currently acting as President Elect, David Atkinson will assume his role as President in October.

What happens in Vegas doesn't stay in Vegas – at least as far as what came out of the Kiwanis International Convention anyway. “All Kiwanis members should attend an international convention some time,” said President Elect David Atkinson. “Much energy is generated,” he continued. “It is really awe inspiring.”

Those attending the convention could choose from an abundance of sessions covering a variety of topics such as achieving club excellence, strategies for growing your club, service leadership programs, the power of servant leadership, engaging and involving your members, seven habits of highly successful clubs, building a dynamic website and working with youth. “The sessions are all very well done,” praised Atkinson.

“New officers were elected and there were some changes in the by-laws,” said Crawford. Members can visit the Kiwanis International website (www.kiwanisone.org) to see the bylaws that were voted on.

“What a great club we have,” Atkinson said. “After attending some of the sessions, it became apparent to me how many things we do well.” David went on to talk about some of the takeaways that may help him set goals for his year as President. Some of the ideas he is considering implementing are innovation in growing the club, an inspirational service or children's project, ways to energize meetings, a closer connection to sponsored clubs and Boys and Girls Club, and a young professional arm of the club.

Announcements

The Service Committee will be conducting a United Way Week of Caring Project at the end of July. The project will include removing shelves from the current location, painting them, and putting them back up in the new Nonprofit Center. Contact Dave Stevens if you can help.

Kiwanis vests are available to wear at events. If your committee is planning a project or an event and you're interested in creating awareness about Kiwanis Club of Kingsport, 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.

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

Visited the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport Website lately?

Check out the recent photographs of events on the homepage - <http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>