

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.
December 6, 2007

Kiwanians Attend Ice Cream Social



Left to right: Bill Grigsby joins Marie Counts (Suzi's Mom), Suzi and Jeff Little for a cup of fresh homemade ice cream.



Bob Turner and his grandson Wells (in the green shirt) watch the robot make up a sundae for a customer.



Carolyn and Gunther Doerfert share a cup while Ross Kingdon observes.

KINGSPORT – Organizers Sissy Smith and John Crawford consider the first Kiwanis family social on November 19, 2007 a great success. “Around forty-three Kiwanians and their family members turned out to enjoy the fellowship and sample some fresh Discovery Ice Cream”, reported Crawford at the Kiwanis Board meeting on December 4, 2007. Highlights of the evening included the taste of homemade ice cream and watching a robot make sundaes. Discovery Ice Cream, a relatively new business, is located on Broad Street in downtown Kingsport. The Program Committee arranged the event and is looking for ideas for future events. Contact a member of the committee with suggestions.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Membership Development Committee Introduces Contest

Co-Chair of Membership Development and Welfare Committee Gail Preslar announced plans last week for a contest to grow the membership of Kingsport Kiwanis. The contest will incorporate a little friendly competition among committees to see which committee can sponsor the most new members. The competition is effective December 1, 2007 (retroactive to October 1, 2007) and will conclude on May 31, 2008. As some committees have more members than others, a per capita calculation will be used to insure an even playing field (i.e. new members sponsored by a committee divided by number of committee members). If a new member is sponsored by members of two different committees, one half a member will be credited to each committee. The winning committee members will be treated to a fancy lunch during an early June Kiwanis weekly meeting while the rest of the club will be partaking of the usual fare.

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Kiwanis Inducts Fish – Pond



David Pond and Lee Fish receive the charge from President Lynn Doane



David Pond and Lee are introduced as newest members.

No, Kingsport Kiwanis has not inducted a Fish Pond, but two very talented people whose names put together happen to be the same as Fish Pond (please forgive the pun).

David Pond, President of his own consulting firm DMSM Pond, LLC, graduated from William and Mary with a BS in Chemistry, but his educational achievements do not stop there. He also earned a PhD in Chemistry from the University of South Carolina and a Post Doctoral Fellow from Columbia University. David and his wife Susan have three grown children. In his spare time, David likes to do woodworking and grow orchids. He also enjoys golf, camping and traveling. The Civic and Business Affairs Committee welcomes David to their group.

Lee Fish is no stranger to Kiwanis as her position of Executive Director for Move to Kingsport, a program of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, has brought her into contact with many Kingsport Kiwanians. A graduate of Austin Peay State University, Lee is probably the only Kingsport Kiwanian to be invited to sing at Carnegie Hall. When she is not singing, swimming and biking keep her fit. On the quieter side, Lee enjoys basket making. Lee and her husband Scott have two small children, which probably explains her interest in joining the Boys and Girls Committee.

Be sure to give David and Lee a warm Kiwanis welcome.

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Chain Saws Ravage Kiwanis Towers

By Jim Cornell

On Saturday morning, November 17, 2007, the sound of roaring chain saws suddenly broke the calm at Kiwanis Towers. Nervous residents looked at their windows to see a horde of Kiwanians with chain saws buzzing descend on the trees in the front and back. Soon wood chips and limbs were flying. Kiwanians were up one tree and then another. Trucks swooped in to haul the carnage away almost as fast as it fell to the ground. By noon, utter damage had been wreaked on all the trees in the front yard and several in the rear. The Kiwanians loaded up their snarling chain saws and rode away; they promised to return if the trees got out of line again. Les Wright organized the chain saw massacre and nine culprits can be charged with aiding and abetting: Bill Cooper, David Stevens, Chuck Smith, Gunther Doerfert, Ross Kingdon, Milton Nelson, Wayne Ladd, Jeff Little and Jim Cornell.

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Two Kiwanians Recognized for Outstanding Service



Ronnie Hammonds (left) and Ryan McReynolds received awards for their work in the public works profession.

The Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association recently recognized two employees of the City of Kingsport's Public Works Department. Ronnie Hammonds, Director of the Streets and Sanitation Division, received the Roger Clark Award for dedication and service to the public works profession. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds received the Edward Archer Award for young public works professionals.

Hammonds, who has worked for the City of Kingsport for 29 years, will go on to compete at the national level for the American Public Works Association Special Services Award. The Roger Clark Award is named after a long-time Kingsport Public Works Department official, which makes the award even more special to Ronnie. Congratulations to Ronnie and Ryan.

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Upcoming Programs

December 7, 2007 – Downtown Internet Project – Jeff Hostetler and Chris Hartley

December 14, 2007 – Goodwill – Bob Miller

December 21, 2007 – Christmas Songs – Sweet Adelines

December 28, 2007 – TBA

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Announcements

The Kiwanis Club is collecting **new and used toys** (in excellent condition) for **children ages 3 – 10** for the **Sullivan County Sheriff's Department** to distribute to area children for **Christmas**.

Mark your calendar. The **December 21st club meeting** will be held at the **Eastman Road Food City**.

The **KY-TN District Kiwanis** will award fifteen **\$1,000 scholarships** to **high school seniors** who are **children or grandchildren** of **active Kiwanis members**.

Applications are **available** at the **secretary's desk**.

Have a **program** you would like to see presented at a **weekly meeting**?

Forms for suggestions are **available** at the **secretary's desk**.

If you haven't already done so, please **sign up** for the **Bell Ringing for Salvation Army** for **Saturday, December 15, 2007**. Baskets will be at the tables for the next couple of weeks for contributions.

Kiwanis Club of Kingsport traditionally is the largest *kettle* contributor.

A **workday** has been scheduled at the **Boundless Playground** for **Monday, December 17, 2007**, from **9:00 a.m. to noon, weather permitting**. **Contact Jim Cornell** for more information or if you are interested in helping.

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Meetings: Friday Noon at Americourt Hotel, Kingsport, TN

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