

KT NOTES

January 2020-2021

WHAT DOES STRONG LEADERSHIP LOOK LIKE?

Governor David Coulter

As we attempt to roll out leadership in our Kiwanis Clubs and throughout the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis, we may in some cases define leadership in terms of behaviors of those who use authority to gain influence and advantage. I recently found an article about leadership which suggests leadership in Kiwanis is neither defensive nor aggressive but should be loving and respectful of one's adversaries.



The Strategic Plan in Kiwanis International and in the KT District includes **Membership and Engagement**, and **Leadership and Education** as well as **Community impact, Branding and image** and **Financial Viability**

As we continue to move along within a Pandemic, we know that strength in whatever we do we will be okay. What we do may not always be "winning" is giving others the total freedom to make their own responses. I am reading a book, *Believe in People: Bottom-Up Solutions for a Top-Down World* by Brian Hooks and Charles Koch. In the first chapter, the authors note, "People, as well as organizations, stagnate when they aren't open to new ideas or fail to experiment or learn new skills."

Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you will find information about "**Let's Connect**" a series of enrichment topics to help you grow in **YOUR Kiwanis Experience****Your Home. Your Chair. Your Kiwanis Family.** By the time this issue comes out, the first session will have taken place, but we will be offering these topics every second Saturday of each month.

Strong Leadership is acting out of kindness and love. Strong leadership is a matter of attributing the highest motives to other people regardless of their actions



Strong leadership helps others become the best leaders they can become. In Kiwanis, we want to build leaders, especially in those in our Service Leadership Programs and as they learn to be strong leaders, we hope they will continue that leadership as they become members of Kiwanis Clubs.

WHAT DOES STRONG LEADERSHIP LOOK LIKE? Continued

The Kiwanis mission will remain unfinished even if just one person is sidelined. As leaders we should always be open, direct and transparent. Strong leaders know and honor their own limitations. Strong leaders take responsibility. As I approached the year under the Pandemic, I realized that as Governor of the KT District I must still lead and take the responsibility for leadership in the district. The same is true for our Kiwanis club leaders at the community level, and the lieutenant governors at the Division level. As Mr. Koch and Mr. Hooks indicate concerning employees, the same principle applies in Kiwanis. We must allow the members of Kiwanis to transform themselves, and they in turn will transform Kiwanis and the communities we serve.

Strong leadership requires being patient. Strong leadership requires being active and doing something. Even in the Pandemic, clubs can continue to **meet virtually**, they can **raise funds virtually**, and they can also continue to **serve the people in our community**. (check out the www.kiwanis.org for information on Kiwanis and the Pandemic)

Strong leadership invites critique and as the Governor I invite you, the members and officers of the clubs, to contact me with any concerns. I can be contacted at davidcoulter46@gmail.com or at my **cell, 865-202-9383**.

Strong leaders invite others to join you. **New members** can be brought into the club but need to be asked, and new members can join virtually. Lastly, strong leaders listen carefully. We need to listen to fulfill the mission of Kiwanis. Everyone's experience is unique, and everyone's point of view is unique. ♦

SYNERGY =WORKING TOGETHER

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE KIWANIS FOUNDATION REPORT

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

I will get straight to the point. We need you. Our Kiwanis family in the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District is counting on you to contribute to our Kentucky-Tennessee District Foundation for the benefit of our kids.

It has been a challenging year for all of us and we certainly do not want to let our Kiwanis family down. Any contribution of any amount that you can personally make will be greatly appreciated. Please help us. Please make your contribution check payable to *Kentucky-Tennessee District Foundation* and mail it to Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis, P. O. Box 4327, Lexington, KY 40544. Remember, our foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization which means any contribution you make is tax deductible.

May we count on you for our Kids? We wish you all a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year! Thank you so much in advance for any assistance you may be able to give us.

Sincerely,

B. Claire Crouch

KY-TN District Foundation
Count me in for Kids!



Let's Connect!

A series of enrichment topics to help you grow in YOUR Kiwanis experience
Your Home. Your Chair. Your Kiwanis Family.

Revisit, Rewind, Reflect, Retain
Improvements to guide us to greater District, Division and Club Greatness.
Presented by Bruce Damrow and Bob Lambert

January 9th at 10:00 AM (EST)

Knock-Knock. Who's there?
Learn ways to make yourself and your club more secure as you use the Web and the Internet presented by Vice Governor Dwight Watt.

February 13th at 10:00 AM (EST)

It's your insurance, be careful how you use it
A topic of risk management for your club presented by Past Governor Charles Ridenour

March 13th at 10:00 AM (EST)

This member enrichment series will be held online the second Saturday of each month. Please see registration link below

LET'S CONNECT

Inviting all Kiwanis members to a series of enrichment topics to help you grow in your Kiwanis experience.

Please use the registration link below to register for the session. The first session will be completed before this issue of the KT Notes is sent to the membership, but you can register for the February 13th and March 13th sessions.

Register in advance for one or both meetings using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vfuyorDIsEtVOnhm05U3HEBQnEBI07hhi>

FROM THE EDITOR

Don Ritter



A question, I am frequently asked is: **WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MATERIAL FOR THE KT NOTES?** Here is the answer to that question. Below is a list of the *KT Notes* dates and article submission deadlines for each year.

January 15 — Article Submission Deadline = January 5

March 15 — Article Submission Deadline = March

May 15 — Article Submission Deadline = May 5

July 15 — Article Submission Deadline = July 5

September 15 — Article Submission Deadline = September 5

November 15 — Article Submission Deadline = November 5

Articles, pictures, and club bulletins can be emailed to ktnotes16@gmail.com

Encourage your fellow Kiwanians to email ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org and give the KT office permission to put them on Constant Contact so they too might receive the *KT Notes*.



There is no doubt in my mind that what you read in this (and other) issues of the *KT Notes* represents, only to a small degree, what is being done throughout the KT District. Remember, for example, when you read below about the Bell Ringers who are making a difference, that there are many, many other clubs whose members are also making a difference by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army (and that is not meant to demean the efforts of those two or three clubs described later in this issue; they “gotter done,” big time). Just think, when multiplying what Kiwanians have done who you read about here, by all Kiwanians in our district and around

the world, what an impact Kiwanis is having on others, especially on the lives of children.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read about Governor David’s leadership in bringing us a series of enrichment sessions to help us grow in our Kiwanis experience. On January 9 the first Zoom session entitled “**Revisit, Rewind, Reflect, Retain,**” was very capably led by Bruce Damrow and Jim Warner of the Alcoa (Tennessee) club. They gave participants the opportunity to consider how to strengthen and grow our clubs. There was a broad range of topics but two will be mentioned here. One topic concerned conducting meetings through Zoom and other possible platforms during the Pandemic we are experiencing when we can’t meet in person.

A second issue in the enrichment session concerned club membership growth and retention. Like other service clubs and volunteer organizations, Kiwanis must continuously attend to its growth. Active and enthusiastic Kiwanians can grow their clubs. Read how it was done in Mount Sterling, Kentucky in the article written by Lieutenant Governor Joan Kleine.

There are many inspiring Kiwanians in our district. They are unselfish individuals who, through their leadership and their energy make a difference in our world. I hope you will enjoy reading about one of them – Gracie Porter – in this issue of the *KT Notes*. Gracie is a person who has used her unique personality and her energy for the good of others throughout her life. I hope she inspires you as she has inspired me when you read her story.

It is 2021. The challenges of 2020 are behind us, and the challenges of 2021 are ahead of us. We have already witnessed some of those challenges, but there will be others. I want to wish each of you a “Happy New Year” as we all work together to face those challenges.♦

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON GRACIE PORTER



The Kiwanian who is “Spotlighted” in this issue of the KT Notes is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Madison Tennessee which is a suburb of Nashville. However, as you will read, she is a highly respected, highly-traveled, highly-involved individual who has lived in a number of communities in the Southeastern United States. You will be intrigued as you learn all the things she has accomplished.

Gracie Porter was born and grew up in rural South Carolina near a small town named Pamplico which is a short distance from Myrtle Beach. Great-granddaughter of a slave, Gracie was raised by her parents, Boria and Allean Robinson. Her father was a farmer, and share cropper, and her mother was a housewife. Gracie was the youngest of eight children who grew up helping pick cotton and harvesting tobacco, the principal crops of South Carolina in those years. Not only did the children work hard for their parents, but their parents worked hard for their children. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were never able to go to school but they were determined that their children would have an opportunity to get the education they never had the chance to receive. Gracie and all of her siblings were achievers and they were successful in what they chose to do. Her seven brothers and sisters (one passed away as a young child) would become factory workers, farmers and grocers. Gracie decided to be a professional, an educator, and her parents helped pay for her education. Gracie was determined to be successful as she pursued that education. Her goal was to complete her schooling as quickly as she reasonably could to minimize her parents’ financial contribution to her effort.

The first school she attended as a child was organized to teach children from grades one through eight. It was a small segregated school with one room for each grade level. She was more fortunate than some children who had to walk down long lanes to a bus stop so they could ride the bus. Her brother drove the bus, and she could get on the bus right outside her door.

There was little or no bullying. Most of the children were either related to each other or they went to the same church. That meant that almost everyone knew everyone else. If a child misbehaved in school, word of that misbehavior would get home before the child did. This tended to minimize trouble in school. There was no bullying because they all looked out for each other.

Gracie attended her freshman and sophomore years in the high school of that 1-12 school. For her junior and senior years, she transferred to Wilson High School in Florence, South Carolina. This decision to transfer was the result of encouragement she received from others who recognized her potential. Gracie was one of five girls who sang in the children’s choir in her church. The choir director was a teacher in the high school and she encouraged the girls to go to college. Her sister’s typing teacher encouraged her go to Wilson High school because it was accredited. A diploma from an accredited high school would increase her chances of being accepted in a college. A diploma from her first high school, which was not accredited, would significantly reduce the possibility of such acceptance. Gracie’s love of singing resulted in her singing in the high school chorus, and that was her only extra-curricular activity. She also played on a community baseball team made up of both boys and girls from her community. She and the other four girls took the required course of study, worked hard, and graduated in 1963; all were accepted to enroll in higher education.

Allen University, founded by a Methodist minister (Rev. Richard Allen), was an institution of higher education for black students. Gracie entered Allen University where she majored in elementary education. With a minor in library science, she was fortunate in finding a job related to that minor; that job was in the campus library. She continued her love of singing, joining the university choir. Remembering her vow to minimize the financial strain on her parents, she registered in as many classes each semester as she could, and she managed to graduate in three- and one-half years.

GRACIE PORTER Continued

It was in college that Gracie met and married James Porter. They graduated together in the summer of 1966. James majored in physical education, and he planned to enter the teaching profession. He became a physical education teacher and a football and wrestling coach, and he taught automotive technology. Gracie and James have two sons. Jacques, the oldest, earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees and is now employed by the Nashville Metropolitan school system. Her youngest son, Marlon, has been employed by Nissan, Bridgestone Tire, and Southwest Airlines. Marlon has had open heart surgery and is currently experiencing related health issues.

Upon graduation, Gracie and James decided to move to Virginia and apply for positions in that state where they anticipated higher salaries than were being paid in South Carolina. She found a position as a librarian assistant in Halifax, Virginia where they stayed for three years. Having friends in Tennessee and learning that salaries for teachers were even higher there than in Virginia, they moved to Nashville. She didn't teach during their first year in Nashville. Instead, she accepted a position at Fisk University where she worked in the university special records collection. Scholars from all over the world utilize the Fisk special records collection to do black history research. Working at Fisk in special records had an additional advantage for her; she was able to access information that helped her learn more about black history.

Applying for a position in the Tennessee public schools, Gracie was accepted by the Williamson County, Tennessee (near Nashville) school system. After a little more than one year, not being permitted to enroll Jacques in her school, she resigned and enrolled him in Warner Elementary School, a school one block from her house in Nashville. The school still exists and it is 100 years old. She then applied for a position in the Nashville Metropolitan Schools and a week later that school system accepted her for a position. Earning a Master of Science degree, with a major in Library Science from North Carolina Central University in Durham and later earning a Doctor of Education degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville, Gracie continued her professional career in the Nashville Metropolitan Schools. Serving as a teacher and as a school librarian, she was promoted to school administration and for 17 years she served as an elementary school principal and as a middle school principal. She also was an adjunct professor at Middle Tennessee State University and taught a course at Tennessee State University.

Gracie continued her involvement in education after retiring from the public schools by serving on the Nashville Board of Education. She was appointed to complete the remainder of the term (two years) of a board member who moved away from Nashville. Running for election to her own four-year term and winning, she served on the board for four more years. During those six years she served as vice president and then president of the Board of Education. Her contribution to the efforts of the school board gained national recognition when she was recognized by the National School Board Association.

Immediately after she retired from the school board in 2002, another school board member invited Gracie to join the Madison Kiwanis club. Accepting the invitation to join, she immediately became involved in the several projects of the club. Her leadership skills were quickly recognized and she was elected to the Board of Directors. She was soon elected club president and was then re-elected to serve a second term. In 2019 KT Division 14 Kiwanians knew a leader when they saw one and they elected her as their lieutenant governor. She is currently (2020-2021) serving her second term in that position.

Nashville and Davidson County have been fortunate to have Gracie as a citizen in the community. She serves in a number of community projects. She has served on the *Blue-Ribbon Commission* that studied finances and studied how funds allocated to Davidson County were being used. There have been many other boards. Gracie is partial to those boards that promote community service and that are related to projects for children.

GRACIE PORTER Continued

With Dr. Pat Cousin and Claudette Mitchell, Gracie (they were called the Vision Team authors) has co-authored a book series entitled, *Visions; An African American Experience*. That and her other writings are based on children in the classroom. She and the Vision Team authors have authored more than one hundred short books (eight pages in length) for children. An example of one of those books is *My Mama; How to Make a Sandwich*. Paying it forward has been and continues to be important to her, as she helps and encourages her many nieces and nephews.

Listening and learning are important to Gracie. She finds time for at least three hobbies. They include singing, being with other people, and traveling. She especially likes to travel when she feels she can make a difference in the world. Her travels have taken her throughout the United States. Before joining Kiwanis, she took a 10-day trip to China and a 10-day trip to Russia. Wanting to learn, she visited several communities in both countries observing schools for children, colleges and universities. A significant thing she learned is that people all over the world have much in common.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has curtailed her activities and has profoundly affected her life. Gracie has lost at least eight members of her family to that dreaded virus. As a result, she now tries to stay close to home and separate from anyone that might spread the virus. It has limited her Kiwanis involvement. Prior to the Pandemic she regularly visited Kiwanis clubs, involving herself in their projects. She often has been a part of their parades, golf tournaments and other efforts to raise funds to improve communities and to improve opportunities for children.

We don't know when this Pandemic will end, but when it does, you can certainly expect to see Gracie involved with Kiwanians throughout her Division and our District. She will be the one with that nice smile, offering her wisdom and leadership wherever she finds a need. Gracie Porter may be retired from her education profession, but we can be sure she is not retired from Kiwanis or from anything else through which she can make a positive difference in the lives of children and other people in the world. ♦

KIWANIAN OF THE DECADE!!!



For Pat Marshall's "unflagging dedication to her club as secretary-treasurer for 15 years," the members of her Alcoa (Tennessee) Kiwanis club voted by secret ballot to name her "Kiwanian of the Decade." There are countless deserving Kiwanians who are honored as Kiwanians of the Year by their clubs, but to be named Kiwanian of the Decade is an honor that would please anybody, including Pat Marshall (as you can see in this picture). President Chris Mahler is getting a hug as he presents the plaque to Pat.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

THE FULL MOON HAS A POWERFUL INFLUENCE



It was a romantic full moon, when Pedro said, “Hey, Mamacita, let’s do Weeweechu.”

Oh no, not now. Let’s look at the moon,” said Rosita.

Oh, c’mon baby, let’s you and I do Weeweechu. I love you and it’s the perfect time,” Pedro begged.

“But I wanna just hold your hand and watch the moon.” replied Rosita.

“Please,” Corazoncito, “just once, do Weeweechu with me.”

Rosita looked at Pedro and said, “OK, one time. We’ll do Weeweechu.”

And with that, Pedro grabbed his guitar and they both sang:

“Weeweechu a Happy New Year,
Weeweechu a Happy New Year,
Weeweechu a Happy New Year, all year long.”



New Members

Alcoa	Michael Bell	Frankfort	Jason Hart Chris Rooks Sherry Sebastian John Sower
Ashland- Breakfast	Stanley McDonald		
Bardstown	Erika Wiedeman	Franklin County	Matt Brown Traci Goodman Roni Gowen Tammy Gray Karen Hillstead June Knight Patricia McTier Dustin Ritchie Annette Sisk Deanna Snell
Beattyville	Joan Kleine Glenn Kline		
Berea	Bruce Fraley Joshua Hampton Jody Hellard Sandy Hellard Philip Hurt William Huston Brian Jones Glenn Kleine Joan Kleine Denver Madden Francine Madden Margie Pride Miriam Pride Eddie Renzenbrink Chad Tate	Gallatin	Michael Erlewine
		Giles County	Casey Cardin David Kelley
		Greater Music City	Judy Cameron Ashley Croft-Callery Mary Guidry Leigh Patton Nathaniel Peete
Blue Grass Lexington	Eric Huster	Hardin County	Hope Burke Freddie Cox Daniel Olson David Vice Jill Vice
Boone County	Susan Schwendemann		
Clarksville	Ryan Millard	Harrodsburg	Teresa Cinnamon Teri Giles Virginia Golden Susan Rogers
Cleveland	V McLaughlin		
Columbia	Ethan Nieman Alex Plunkett Stephen Webb	Hixson	Karen Erwin
Cynthiana	Josh Jenkins	Irvine-Ravenna	Myra Finney Glen Kleine Joan Kleine
East Brainerd, Chattanooga	Molli Fackenthal	Kingsport	Paula Bulcao
Fort Oglethorpe	David Turner		
		Lawrenceburg	Jesse Currens

New Members

	Larry Drury Candice Fannin Amanda Fuller Lisa Hampton Melissa Johnson Tonya Leathers Lee McKissack Mary Ann Ritchey Maris Selski-Green Blake Thomason		Bethany Richmond Cindy Salyers Justin Shoemaker Jamie Skidmore James Stranz Louise Summers Melissa Thompson Teresa Townsend Gin Warrington
Lebanon	Jennifer Conner Abbie Williams Stafford	Mt. Juliet	Jennifer Diekmann Emily Gill Jennifer Love Hicks CJ Patel Angie Rowe
Lexington	Laura Daley		
Louisville	Jennifer Dobbs T Joe Manning Brittany Sanford	Murfreesboro	Ryan Horony
Madisonville	Melisa Ball	Newport	David Baker Kylie Baker Bryan Lusby
Maryville	John Hunter Carl Richard Poling	Powell County	Joey Casey Glen Kleine Joan Kleine Ian Morton Rhonda Roe Arnold Taulbee Barbara Taulbee Blake Garrison
Mount Sterling	Valerie Barber Betsy Brown Greg Camp Destini Chenault Mariah Chenault Justin Cockrell Greg Colliver Lorna Colliver Lisa Evans Richard Evans David Fitzpatrick Nichola Hayes Ellen Hoffman Billie Johnson Rodger Kelley Glen Kleine Joan Kleine Patrick Manning Genean Martin Brittany McClain Melissa Mitchell Gary Morton Becky Patrick	Richmond	C. Paige Beichler Victoria Bengel Jack Bisping Ann Burns Lisa Cassity Tammy Cole Cierra Coots Larry Dobson James Easterling Wendy Justice Stephanie Konkel Jason Morgan Maranda Morin
Mount Sterling	Chuck Patrick Eunice Quinn	Spring Hill and Thompson's Station	Dana Juriew

New Members

Tellico Village,
Loudon Robert Lennington
 Christine Lennington

Wilderness Road,
Harrogate Chris Gibson
 Victor Graves

Winchester Kristi Carter
 Glen Kleine
 Joan Kleine
 Kevin Trent

West Liberty Cynthia Montgomery

Membership

Clubs with 5 or more new members between October 1 and December 31.

	Starting	Ending	Gain
Harrodsburg	23	28	5
Maryville	86	91	5
Mt. Juliet	22	27	5
Powell County	32	39	7
Greater Music City	28	36	8
Franklin County	20	29	9
Lawrenceburg	6	16	10
Richmond	18	32	14
Berea	13	32	19
Mount Sterling	62	94	32

138 Active Clubs as of December 31, 2020

Beginning Membership October 1, 2020	4135
Current membership December 31, 2020	4264

Net Gain 129 members December 31, 2021



**Please join us for a
welcome to the family
meeting on**

January 23rd
March 27th
May 22nd
July 24th

All calls are held at 10:00 AM (EST)
**A Zoom invitation will be
sent to your email.**

KY-TN CLUB CLINIC

**KT District Secretary
Fran Marion**



This Kiwanis 2020-21 administrative year began with lots of challenges. Most clubs have had to use Zoom for club and board meetings because of COVID. This has not stopped us from providing service to our communities.

If your club is having trouble providing service and don't know how to work out your fundraising issues, please ask for help. Your Kiwanis Governor, Division Lieutenant Governor and the District Office want to

help your club. Kiwanis.org has a section to help your club with new ideas. Other clubs in our district have thought "out of the box" to do fantastic service. Let's start the new year by getting new members and doing monthly service projects.



YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Kiwanis 2019-20 administrative year has been very different, but we still must finish all the paperwork. Clubs have had to change the way they meet.

It's time to gather financial information to do the club's annual audit. You must file the IRS 990, 990N or 990EZ by February 15th. Many clubs just need to do the Postcard online. Filing this form allows your club to maintain its tax-exempt status. This is required – don't forget!!!

Club dues (if not already paid) are now past due.

Club secretaries, please do online reports monthly by the 10th. The district needs your club information.

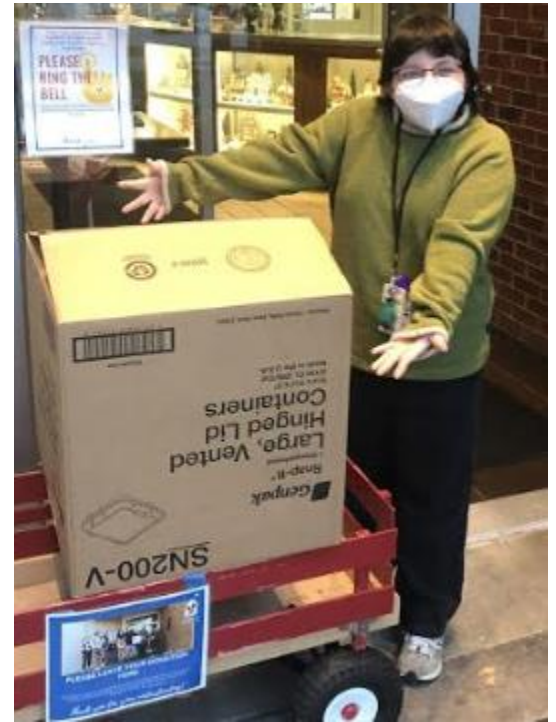
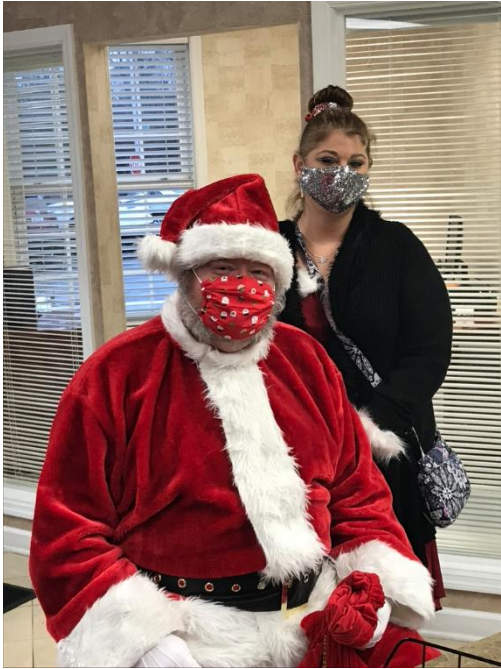
The KY-TN Mid-Year Conference has been cancelled, but the district will offer workshops online each month. Club presidents will get information from the district to distribute to all club members.



**Fran Marion
District Secretary**

BLUE GRASS KIWANIS AND RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

In December the Blue Grass Kiwanis Club (Kentucky) fed families at the *Ronald McDonald House* in Lexington. Because of Covid-19, we have to deliver the meals at the door. *Ronald McDonald House* is allowed to house only a small number of families at this time. We are continuing to supply meals, as we support the local restaurant that supplies them.



FROM LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS

Dean Capello

Recently (before Christmas) Santa and Mrs. Claus made an early trip to Lexington and the Blue Grass Kiwanis Club, delivering an Amtryke to Starla and delivering a little bicycle to her younger sister. In these pictures you can see Starla and a happy and masked Santa Claus.



A TRYKE FOR TREYLEN FROM LEBANON, KENTUCKY KIWANIS

In August, *Bluegrass Ambucs* contacted the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis (KT) District Foundation looking for a local club to sponsor Treysten. The Lebanon club was happy to step up and assist. It took a few months for the tryke to be built, but in November the tryke arrived, ready to be delivered to Treysten. The Lebanon club facilitated the meeting with the family and a physical therapist who came with *Bluegrass Ambucs*, to help fit Treysten to the tryke. Several members of the Lebanon club were in attendance, joined by Dale Hawkins from the Glasgow club. The *KT Foundation* assisted in funding the tryke. Three-year-old Treysten is delighted to have his tryke, and is already working to strengthen his legs and torso.



COATS FOR KIDS IN KINGSPORT

Another project sponsored by the Kingsport (Tennessee) Kiwanis club provides coats for children. The mission of this project is to keep children warm during the winter. Funds totaling \$4,017.66 were given directly to the schools and the schools used those funds to purchase 203 coats for children. Through this generous donation many children will be warm this winter.





Deadline
February
10th

HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES DISTRICT COMMITTEE
Fred Troutman, Chair

During the Yule Tide season, our local Salvation Army organizations, a designated partner of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District, continue to need our help with bell ringing for their Red Kettle collections.



Ringling bells gives our clubs the opportunity to serve our community while helping the Salvation Army meet their goals for our community such as providing clothing, security, education and medical needs to name just a

few.

Many of our clubs traditionally participate in this time-honored annual community service project. Often SLP groups such as Key Club and Builders Club assist Kiwanis Clubs as a K-Family project. The Kentucky-Tennessee District Kiwanis would like to recognize the efforts of all Kiwanis Clubs that participate.

Please send this information to the KT District Human and Spiritual Values Committee by February 10, 2021

Email: ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org

Address: PO Box 4327 Lexington, KY 40544

Date Reported _____ Club _____ Division _____

Reporter _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Service Hours _____ Collected Amount (or estimate) _____

Additional Notes _____

Recognition will be given to participating clubs

MORE BELL RINGERS AT WORK

Many, many Kiwanis clubs across the KT District support *The Salvation Army* kettle drives in their communities. These pictures from the Richmond (Kentucky) Club (featuring Lieutenant Governor Joan Kleine) and the Kingsport (Tennessee) Club (the name of the bell ringer was not available) represent all of those unselfish Kiwanian efforts to assure that people in their communities who need assistance and who, thanks to all of you special Kiwanians who ring those bells, receive that assistance during the holiday season that is such a special time.



MORE BELL RINGERS AT WORK





Kiwanis Bell Ringers Report as of January 6th

There's still time to report! Deadline is February 10th

Club	Division	Service Hours	Collected Amount
Ashland	16	14	?
Boone County	10	28	950.00
Frankfort	19	37	900.00
Greater Music City	18	16	500.00
Lexington	19	18	939.00
Madisonville Noon (KT)	17	65	?
Nashville	18	12	641.00
Richmond	9	26	419.99
Scott County	10	8	800.00
Tullahoma	1	16	1000.00
Totals		240	6149.99

Recognition will be given to participating clubs

THE HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY KIWANIS HELPS THE CHILDREN



The Hardin County (Kentucky) Kiwanis Club supported the *Helping Hand of Hope Affordable Christmas* in response families reaching out for help during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In one of these pictures, a check for \$250 is being presented by President Darrell Olson to Executive Director Hope Burke. On behalf of his club, President Darrell also gave more than a dozen Christmas stockings for children through *Sunrise Children's Services* (see the other two pictures).



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR REPORT

Lieutenant Governor Joan Kleine (Division 9)

The Mt. Sterling (Kentucky) Kiwanis Club is continuing to spread holiday cheer, making their statement for 2021 in a big way. The club ended the year with 94 members on their roster including an addition of 35 new members before the close of 2020. For many, times have been difficult but the Mt. Sterling Kiwanis Club was able to spread some much-needed holiday cheer during the recent holiday season. Even though the club wasn't able to host their in-person Gala due to Covid-19, they were still able to host a successful virtual event under the guidance of Jill and Ken Aldhizer and their committee. Because the community stepped up and showed their support the club paid it forward this holiday season. "The support from the community has been unreal and we just want to support others and show our appreciation," commented the club President, Tonia Witt. Therefore, the club has committed to:

- *Providing 100 gift cards to restaurant workers most recently impacted by recent mandates;
- *Providing additional support to the Sterling Community Food Coalition;
- *Helping to provide turkeys to families at the holidays;
- *Supporting the Montgomery County Senior Citizens Center home-delivery meal program for seniors;
- *Helping to provide support for Hope Hill Youth Services;
- *Holiday support for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Bluegrass;
- *Supporting Mt. Sterling Montgomery County Fire Department smoke detector/car seat program;
- *Shop with a Cop program sponsorship and
- *Supporting Dubois Community Center tutoring program

"None of this would have been possible without the support of the community and for that we are grateful," said Witt. The Mt. Sterling Kiwanis Club mission statement says it best, "We're dedicated to providing impactful service to the underserved children, youth and seniors in the community of Montgomery County." Witt stated, "We knew we could provide even more impactful service and assistance by having more hands-on deck," so they hit the ground running, growing their year-end membership. Membership Chair, Herb Triplett took on this task with a full head of steam, employing members such as Kathy Montgomery and new member Eunice Quinn to help him make connections. Triplett says, "I found people want to be a part of something and are just waiting to be asked; that's why I am involved today. Friend and member Mark Ledford brought me into the club and I want to do the same for others." When hitting the recruiting trail Triplett made personal connections via phone calls and face-to-face meetings. "I would go into each conversation knowing I wanted to hit some main points. I would begin by explaining what we do as a club and who we support. I would explain when we meet and what type of commitment is required of members. And I would explain that it is more about their time and commitment than about the money," said Triplett.

Mt. Sterling Kiwanis provides assistance to nearly 40 programs on an on-going basis, so there is something for everyone to do to take a vested interest in getting involved. It takes everyone doing their part to find success and this is what the Mt. Sterling Club has been able to do on a consistent basis. Witt says she is looking forward to what 2021 holds. She knows there will be challenges along the way but being able to bring on new members who are young and diverse will make the journey that much more rewarding, making it possible for Mt. Sterling Kiwanians to share their success with the next generation of leaders.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR REPORT
Lieutenant Governor Joan Kleine (Division 9)



Herb Triplett and Tonia Witt

FORT OGLETHORPE KIWANIS HELPS WITH BACKPACK BLESSINGS Dwight Watt

The Fort Oglethorpe (Georgia) Kiwanis recently helped with the Backpack Blessings program for the Walker County schools. The *Backpack Blessings* program is also sponsored by the YMCA. For the children who may have nothing to eat on the weekend, the program gives them a small bag containing a variety of food (some needs preparing and some is snack food and drink). The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis Club regularly provides help with the program.

Seven Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanians came out on the afternoon of January 5th. The first order of business was unloading several pallets of food from the *Food Bank* truck and putting them in the workshop. The group along with other volunteers then set up an assembly line and prepared almost 650 bags for children. The bags were crated and taken to the distribution points.



VIRTUAL KEY CLUB, 2020-2021

WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED, WHAT IS NEXT.

United States Army Colonel Sam Sok is a past 1993-1994 Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District (KT) Key Club Governor from Oakland High School in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and a 1998 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Colonel Sok writes:

"During these times of great anxiety, we need more young people and adults to care and to take action to make a difference. COVID may seem to be an incredible obstacle. But it is an obstacle that smart young people thinking outside the box with the guidance from incredible adult mentors can overcome. This is not the time to reduce interaction with our young people. It is not the time to reduce service to the community. It is definitely not the time to stop caring."

At the time, Colonel Sok's words were encouraging and inspiring. Now, ten months into the Key Club year, they have proved to be prophetic. Even though we have not been able to hold in-person district events, our district board and Key Clubbers throughout the district have been resilient and creative in how they meet and serve. I am amazed at all of their ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

At the club, division, district, and international levels, Key Clubbers have learned to hold successful and creative online meetings. They have made these Zoom meetings interesting and fun by including special guests from around the country and by holding interactive icebreakers and activities. They have found ways to stay connected, have fun. They have found ways to serve in a virtual world. To help clubs with meetings, Key Club International is providing Virtual Meeting Kits. These kits are available at <https://www.keyclub.org/key-club-virtual-meeting-kits/>. The kits include videos, service ideas, and resources.

Throughout the COVID pandemic, Key Clubbers have found ways to serve. They have sponsored virtual *Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF* and fundraisers for local charities. They have hosted Trunk or Treat activities, provided online *Homework Help*, and *Ronald McDonald House* Wish List requests. Posting encouraging videos for COVID at-risk groups and essential workers, collecting socks for the homeless, helping neighbors, and roadside trash clean-up events are just a few of the projects that Key Clubbers have carried out this year.

Meeting and serving during the pandemic has taught us many things that will help us in the future. Here are just a few.

THINGS WE HAVE LEARNED.

One of the most useful things that has come out of the pandemic is the importance of holding Monthly Advisor Virtual Roundtable Meetings. These have been very useful for keeping in touch, disseminating information, and sharing ideas. We anticipate continuing these meetings after the pandemic. **Even though they cannot replace in-person meetings, we have learned that virtual meetings can be a great way to hold discussion and planning sessions, and they make official board meetings run more smoothly. Finally, meeting with advisors has helped me hear first-hand the great things Kiwanis Clubs are doing to help Key Clubs. Many Thanks.**

VIRTUAL KEY CLUB, 2020-2021
WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED,
WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED,
WHAT IS NEXT.

As much as the Key Clubs have accomplished, and as much as we have learned, **THE BEST IS YET TO COME.**

HERE IS WHAT IS COMING UP NEXT.

DUES. The Deadline for paying dues is **February 1, 2021.** With many schools holding abbreviated onsite classes and virtual classes, dues payment is especially difficult. Please check with your Key Club to see if they need help. **This link describes how to pay dues:** <https://www.keyclub.org/dues-reporting/>

VIRTUAL SPRING RALLIES are to be scheduled and held by each lieutenant governor **in February and early March.** The dates and times for these meetings should be finalized in our January Advisor's Meetings for all clubs in the division. **In the Spring Rallies** a new lieutenant governor will be elected and the most outstanding Key Club member in the Division is to be selected.

We encourage every Key Club to have a nominee for **Most Outstanding Key Clubber of the Division.** No speeches are required and judging will be done in private. The purpose of this award is to recognize a hard-working, dependable Key Club member.

In the process of selecting the Most Outstanding Key Club Member of the Division, every club should have a nominee for this award. No speeches are required and judging will be done in private. The purpose of this award is to recognize a hard-working, dependable Key Club member.

What can you do as a Kiwanian? Attend the Key Club Advisor's meeting. Be sure your Key Clubbers know about the rally, and encourage students to attend and encourage students to run for lieutenant governor

RUNNING FOR DISTRICT OFFICE. Key Club is fortunate to have strong student leadership. It is critical to the success of Key Club to maintain outstanding student leadership every year. **Many times students do not run for these positions because they are not aware of the opportunities available.** This year, with students not being together for many in-person Key Club events, **it is more important than ever that we adults make students aware of these opportunities.**

HOW CAN ADULTS DO THIS? Be aware of the leadership opportunities available to the students. Click on this link for information on running for Key Club Lieutenant Governor: <https://www.ktkey.org/stuff/7405/>
Click on this link for information on running for governor, secretary, or treasurer:

<https://www.ktkey.org/stuff/7402/>

(The governor, secretary, and treasurer are elected at the District Convention). Click on this link for rules for District Convention Campaigning:

<https://www.ktkey.org/stuff/7390/>

Let your Key Club members know about the rules (attend a meeting, whether virtual or in-person, to let them know). If you identify students with leadership potential, be sure to make them aware that they are identified. Encourage, but don't coerce, students to run. The better candidates we have, the better officers we will elect. Students should only run for office if they want to hold office.

**VIRTUAL KEY CLUB, 2020-2021
WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED,
WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED,
WHAT IS NEXT.**



THINGS ADULTS SHOULD NOT DO:

- DO NOT hand-pick favorites
- DO NOT try to get a favorite elected
- DO NOT promise the student they will be elected
- DO NOT get actively involved in a Key Club campaign
- DO NOT discuss a student's candidacy with other Kiwanis clubs or Key clubs
(See rules for campaigning).

Feel free to contact me or any district adult who works with Key Clubs if you have questions or need more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19-21, 2021 -- Virtual Key Club District Convention *Details will be announced soon.

July 7-10, 2021 -- Key Club International Convention Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Florida


Exact dates for the KT District Tour are still to be determined.

Thanks again for your support of Key Club and young people.

Steve Phillips, Administrator
Kentucky-Tennessee District
Key Club International
423-508-4885

KY-TN DISTRICT-WIDE WEEK OF THANKS

In November 2020 a request was sent to Kiwanis clubs throughout the KT District. Clubs were invited to show appreciation to and for first responders in their community. A list of suggested first responders included workers in hospitals, ambulance services, fire and police departments, day care facilities, and nursing homes. As a result of a request to "Share your news," several responses were received. What follows is a collection of those responses. Many thanks to all who shared your news.



KY-TN DISTRICT WIDE WEEK OF THANKS

November 23-27, 2020

During this *Week of Thanks*, please choose a time to show appreciation for first responders working in your community. Simply decide on a gift of appreciation and date to present*, wear your Kiwanis branded clothing or hat and show that Kiwanis club's care about their community. Make sure you attach an appreciation card from your club to the gift.

Suggested Responder's
Hospital's - Ambulance Services - Fire and Police- Departments - School Staff - Daycare Staff- Nursing Home Staff

Donut's or Cookies are suggested gifts


Share Your News!
Share your news by sending pictures to ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org

.....
There will be an additional question on your December report asking if your club participated in the *District Wide Week of Thanks*
.....

This is a low risk project for health and finances that all clubs can do

KY-TN District Human and Spiritual Values Committee

**This could be a club activity or carried out by several members.
If you are able, share appreciation with more than one organization.*



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Maryville (Tennessee)

Today Doug Craig and I presented a donation to Maryville Kiwanian and Police and Fire Chief Tony Crisp in recognition and as thanks to the first responders from the Maryville Police and Fire Departments for their service during the pandemic.



Kiwanis Club of Kingsport (Tennessee)

A gift was presented to Brenda Payne and Kim Bagwell by Bill and Donna Sade of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport. This was to give thanks for the teachers of Apple of My Eye Preschool and Rainbows of Promise Preschool on Warpath Drive in Kingsport.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Somerset (Kentucky)

Kiwanis Club of Somerset KY delivers 3 dozen cookies each to Somerset-Pulaski County EMS, Sheriff's Office and Somerset Police Department. Thank you for your service.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga (Tennessee)

The Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga participated in the Wide Week of Thanks proposed by the KY-TN District, and today distributed 15 dozen Dunkin Donuts to three very deserving medical centers in Chattanooga. Our big thanks to Memorial Atrium's 2 COVID testing sites, in Hixson and East Brainerd, and Erlanger Hospital. We are so grateful for the tireless work they do to support our community through this challenging time.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Berea (Kentucky)

Attached is a photo of donation to St Joseph-Berea Foundation "Lights of Life Program ", which helps uninsured and underinsured individuals at Berea Hospital honoring deceased Berea Kiwanians.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis of Club of Spring Hill (Tennessee)

This past week was Thanksgiving and the Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill wanted to do a little something for the Fire and Police Departments of Spring Hill and Thompson's Station. Our members delivered donuts to the Police Headquarters and All three Fire Stations (going three days in a row to each station to make sure we hit each team). We are so thankful for all those who help protect our city. #WeekOfThanks



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis of Club of Spring Hill (Tennessee)



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of The Blue Grass (Kentucky)



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Morristown (Tennessee)

The Kiwanis Club of Morristown provided pizza to the staff of two Nursing homes in the area: Life Care of Morristown and the Heritage Center.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of The Blue Grass (Kentucky)

The Kiwanis Club of the Blue Grass (Lexington) is pleased to have participated in the KT District's Week of Thanks project. Over a dozen of our members delivered cookies, pies, donuts and other "goodies" to numerous Fire Stations in Lexington as well as the main Police Station and the LFUCG Police Academy as a showing of our appreciation to our local first responders. Some photos of our members and honorees are attached.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Frankfort (Kentucky)

Kiwanis Club of Frankfort's **"Show We Care"** project meant DOUGHNUTS for all first responders in the capital city and Franklin County. Individual club members were asked to donate two dozen doughnuts each, and the response was overwhelming. Once the donations were turned in at the police station, Chief of Police Charles Adams and Sheriff Chris Quire (both Kiwanians) took charge. Chief Adams saw that all his officers were served, while Kiwanians made deliveries to Frankfort's four Fire & EMS stations. Sheriff Quire handled deliveries to the County's five rural fire stations. Officers on duty at the local State Police post also received doughnuts, as were officers working security at the County Court house. And to wrap up the morning of sharing and caring, the doughnuts that remained were delivered to the homeless shelter.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle (Kentucky)

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club thanked the police officers of the city of Mt. Vernon for their service with several dozens of doughnuts. Crystal Rush club treasurer presented the treat to Chief of Police Brian Carter.



Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Elizabethton

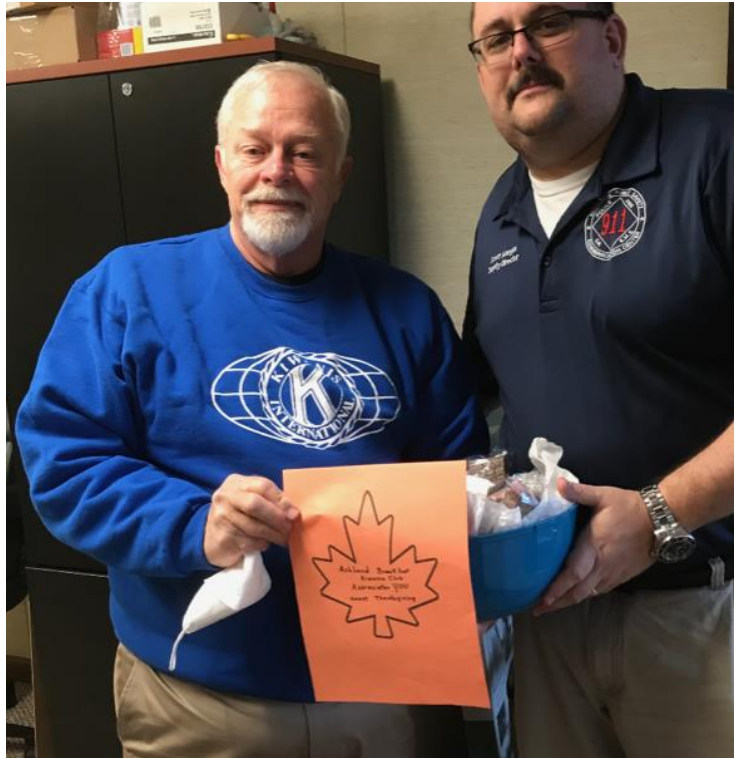
Elizabethton (TN) Kiwanis sent thank you cards to local first-responders, school officials and health providers during the November 23 -27 *Week of Thanks*.

Week of Thanks

Kiwanis Club of Ashland Breakfast (Kentucky)



Jacqui Thornburg delivering loaves of homemade friendship bread to the Central Ashland Fire Department



Roger Wilson is delivering treats and a note of appreciation to the 911 dispatch office



Bill Burch and Roger were delivering trays of cookies to the staff of Ashland Head Start (photo of cookies and thank you card) after having delivered 5 gift cards to the director of Head Start to be given to 5 families for them to use toward purchasing their Christmas meals. Bill is shown reading the card of appreciation to the staff.

