

KT NOTES

Now more than ever.... Kids need Kiwanis

January 2021

Governor's Message



At various times throughout my 33 years as a teacher, I was able to chaperone student groups to various amusement parks: King's Island, Cedar Point, Disney World, and Universal Studios to list just the most popular. One thing in common with all these parks was one type of students – the roller coaster “addicts”. These students would begin running to the highest roller coaster as soon as we entered the park – the higher it reached, the more excited they were. When I recall their enjoyment with high roller coasters, I can compare that enjoyment with my first quarter as Governor of the KY-TN District. Like riding a roller coaster, many of my best experiences have been among the highest of the highs.

In October I was privileged to meet with nearly 500 Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club members while they “kicked off” their new Key Club school experience with a meeting at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Their excitement for a new year was as high as the roller coasters they rushed to ride. Soon after this trip, I began my travels visiting Divisions with the traditional Governor's Dinner and Division Council meetings. At each meeting I felt the love of a family and the excitement of a new year. Kiwanis members came together at a “family” meal gathering to talk about the new Kiwanis year, share information about their greatest projects, and note their plans for the rest of the year. Then, as a request from me, hundreds of dollars in donations were made to our Kentucky-Tennessee Foundation. Any person or club can donate to that fund with assurance that all proceeds will be spent toward relief efforts. Actually, clubs and individuals from California to Maine have already sent donations to our relief efforts. Kiwanis Clubs of New York are collecting supplies for our area and those of Ohio are collecting monetary donations to be sent to our Foundation at the end of January and February. The impact of our Kiwanis family is far-reaching.



Another low of my first quarter has been the continuous negative impact of Covid and all its variants. It was with such a heavy heart that we relayed information about the passing of one of the members of my Kiwanis leadership family, Ruth Woodall, Lieutenant Governor of Division 2, (pictured on the left) who lost her fight against the Covid virus. Prayers for her family and any others within our Kiwanis family who have had to suffer with the effects of Covid. We have postponed the division meeting in Division 2 as well as a few others in anticipation that the wave of increased Covid cases will lessen and we will be able to reschedule our meetings. At my request, Past Lieutenant Governor Vic Legerton has agreed to finish the lieutenant governor duties of Division 2 until the end of this year. I personally thank Vic for helping in our time of need.

Once roller coasters hit the low dip, they also rise again. Another aspect of high excitement this year is the impact many of our clubs continue making in their communities. Our membership continues to grow. Our New Club Building team is midway through starting a new Kiwanis club in Kentucky. Attendance at regular club meetings is increasing. But, most of all, Kiwanians continue making a great impact on the children within their communities. School supplies and books are being provided to hundreds of children. Kiwanians are sitting down and reading books (or sending Facebook posts of members reading books) to hundreds of children. Amtrykes are still being purchased and presented to children with physical disabilities.

Fundraisers are still being held. Plus, on a district level, plans are still being made for a fantastic mid-year conference in March as well as a district convention in August.

One of the definitions of family is, "a group of people who are related." This definition just notes that the family is related, not necessarily "blood" related. There are nearly 4000 of us Kiwanians who are "related" as family. We are related in our love for our communities and, especially, for the children in our communities. We see a need and we try to fulfill that need. We come together to help each other in times of trouble. We cheer for each other with our victories such as a 100th anniversary or receiving recognition in the newspaper or within an individual club. We tease each other, sometimes continually, in such a fun-loving way. We get together for social events and needed emergencies. We build our families.

As a Kiwanian who is also your Governor, I ask you to continue all the activities above that a Kiwanis family does, including expanding our family. The more hands that do the work, the stronger the impact. Continue to ask friends, co-workers, even strangers whom you believe would make a great Kiwanian to join our family. We need those hands. Our communities need those hands. Always remember that "Now more than ever... **Kids Need Kiwanis.**" ♦

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FROM THE EDITOR

Don Ritter



As I sit here, reading articles received from Kiwanians across the District, articles that tell about Kiwanians helping others, I am looking out the window at snow and ice in below freezing temperatures, and I am thankful to be warm and comfortable, having plenty to eat and still having all my possessions. It is with sadness that I reflect on the plight of those victims of the tornadoes that went across Western Kentucky and Tennessee a couple of weeks ago, wondering how so many of them are managing to survive in this cold, snowy, icy weather after losing everything.

Members of my family are living in a house that sustained damage when that tornado touched them, but they, too, are among the fortunate. Miraculously (no one can explain how or why it happened the way it did), they were not the victims of a direct hit and they were uninjured as trees came down on them and structures near them were destroyed. They still are able to live in reasonable (although not complete) comfort, protected from the weather while others in their community lost everything. I can guess that some of you who are reading this suffered from the impact of those tornadoes while some of you, like my family, have escaped the tragedy that could have taken everything.

I have written those words as my way of reminding us all how much Kiwanians and others are doing for the less fortunate in what, for them, are extremely difficult times. **It is also my way of pointing out the importance of Vice Governor and Foundation President Jim Gazay's letter (seen elsewhere in the *KT Notes*) requesting our help through our support of District Foundation efforts to help others (Jim can tell us a thing or two about destruction resulting from tornadoes).** Read it and learn what you and I can do to help others.

Wishing you and yours, a happier 2022.

Don

JUST FOR LAUGHS

THERE MAY BE INFORMATION FOR THE EXAM IN THE LECTURE

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the parking lot and began walking home. As he was staggering along, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?" asked the police officer.



"I'm on my way to a **lecture**," answered Daniel.

"And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a **lecture** at this hour on New Year's Eve?" inquired the police officer sarcastically.

"**My wife**," slurred Daniel grimly.

THE FRONT PORCH CHAT!!

Chuck Fletcher



We have gone through a battle for two years with the pandemic and as we look to the future, we Kiwanians can still make a **BIG IMPACT on kids** throughout the country and the world.

The question is, **HOW** do we impact the world? Beginning in January the strategic planning team has begun work toward a plan for the next five years. In other words, districts, divisions, and clubs must focus on planning for the future. We must have a plan for growth, building clubs (so we can develop more Service Leadership Programs), service, and educational training. What is our plan?

My friends, let's work with intention on **planning our future**. How can we get there in the next two, five, or ten years? We have the hashtag **#KidsNeedKiwanis**. Are we living up to that task?

Do you feel that we just appoint people to positions? After those appointments, are we encouraging our leaders to review their job descriptions or even change their job description to meet the needs of the area?

The next question, as I sit on the front porch is this. Have you heard from your administrators to encourage the district, and clubs? These are super questions that I am asking myself, how does Chuck Fletcher encourage and prepare for the future his assigned districts, governors, and Kiwanis International as Trustee.

So how will we plan for the WHO, WHEN, WHERE, WHAT and HOW? It takes planning.

Have you looked at the history to see where you were years ago – in order to understand what's going on today? You would be amazed to see what our past leadership was dealing with as a Kiwanis Organization. Even back then we were talking about some of the same things.

The talk is still the same: New clubs, officers, growth, and much more of the language of the past. How do we change that mindset to get in a position to become better and great in all areas? Simple! It takes **planning!**

The key is investment in the future through membership. Continue to tell that story about Kiwanis and the impact it has made on your life. (I could talk more on this.)

Next while we **sit on the front porch**, let's have a look at **leadership**. How are we are planning our leadership for the future. Listening to their ideas is essential to the future of Kiwanis.

Let's plan how we can bring that impact of leadership into our educational training of future officers, making it so exciting that everyone we come into contact with is willing to join the Kiwanis Family.

Current leadership, have you brought a new member into the Kiwanis Family? Every day we have that opportunity to bring someone into our clubs.

Thanks for being a part of this front porch discussion and I hope that **PLANNING** and **LEADERSHIP** will be a part of **your** front porch discussion.

Chuck Fletcher
Past Governor/
Trustee



YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER



I hope you had a nice and Happy Holiday. As we all prepare for the new year, please be aware of the following information.

If for some reason the club treasurer has not paid the dues for 2021-2022, please know that the deadline for paying the dues was missed and the 2021-2022 dues should be paid immediately. Be **aware that** new member dues should be paid when the new member form is submitted to Kiwanis International.

Let me remind you that the *Annual Exempt Organization Return*, Form 990, must be completed and submitted no later than February 15. The completion and submission of Form 990 is a **requirement for non-profit organizations**. Non-compliance can result in a maximum monetary penalty of \$10,000 or five percent of the club's gross receipts. **Please do not miss that deadline.**

Finally, and very importantly, be on the lookout for news that will be sent toward the end of January concerning the 2022 Mid-Year Conference in March. This is an important conference for KT District Kiwanians and we hope you will attend.

We wish each of you a very Happy New Year.

Fran Marion
District Secretary



*KY-TN District
Mid-Year Conference*

March 25-26, 2022
Lexington, Kentucky

*Conference Info
Coming Soon!*

THE NEXT STEP? PR Cook



Those who are parents remember how terrifying it was to bring their firstborn home after the delivery. The realization that we are now responsible for a new life can be overwhelming to say the least. We finally realize that we are capable of performing the task at hand, due in part to the resiliency of the child. We soon understand that we have just taken another step, a very important step, in our lives.

Life is full of steps. Most of those steps happen to us whether or not we volunteer to take them. We are not able to stop time. Therefore, we age and deal with all the changes that come about due to the aging process. We will call these steps the involuntary steps of life. However, there are many steps that we agree to take and it is just as important that we accept the responsibility and handle those situations just as we handle the involuntary steps in life. These steps we will call the voluntary steps.

Kiwanis is an organization of steps. Our organization has been and always will be dependent on the individual member. Without the individual member, there would be no club. Without clubs, there would be no divisions, districts or Kiwanis International. Each of our clubs, however is dependent on individual members taking their next step in Kiwanis. If no one steps up to lead the club, chaos ensues. If no one takes the next step to chair the fundraisers, we have no funds to carry out our objective as a club. Our clubs need leaders. One who is willing to take the next step.

The purpose of this article is to encourage members to consider accepting leadership roles at the District level and in Kiwanis International. Our governor, governor-elect and vice governor have all taken the next step in their lives as Kiwanians. They need more support than just that of the District office. They need support from all members. They especially need those willing to take the next step to be lieutenant governors, committee chairs, members who will support Mid-Year Conferences and District Conventions.

The KT District is taking the next step to make our District stronger. We have established the Past Lieutenant Governors Association whose goal is to assist the governor and the District by encouraging members to take their next step in Kiwanis and to assist those individuals in their efforts. We have developed a Strategic Planning Committee to work on service, leadership, diversity, membership experience and growth. You will be hearing more about their work soon.

What if our child never took the next (first) step? What a difference that would make in our lives and the life of our child. After taking that first step, their world is changed forever. Kiwanians are changing the world forever. Our work at the local level and through international service projects is making a difference. Don't deprive yourself of the opportunity to change the lives of others. Take the next step in your service to this fantastic organization we call Kiwanis and change your life forever. Kids need Kiwanis and Kiwanis needs you to take the next step.♦





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**KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE KIWANIS
FOUNDATION REPORT
Jim Gazay, President**

As many of you know, our Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District has once again suffered another natural disaster when, on December 10th, a massive tornado hit Western Kentucky and surrounding states leaving a devastating path of destruction just two weeks before Christmas.

Many people in Western Kentucky are still reeling from the devastation. Hundreds of families have evacuated their homes due to damage or total destruction. In Dawson Springs, 75 percent of the homes were destroyed and 15 counties remain under emergency declaration. Tragically, the death toll includes 12 precious children.

Thanks to the generous support of Kiwanis International organizations, from Maine to California, your Kentucky-Tennessee District

Foundation has already received some donations toward disaster relief for Western Kentucky, but more is needed. One hundred percent of every donation made will go toward supporting the immediate needs of kids and families impacted by the tornadoes. Working together, with the impacted Kiwanis Clubs, we will identify those that can be best served by your contributions. The recovery process is going to be long and painful and your support is urgently needed!

Please help spread the word by sharing our foundation webpage (<https://f10.site.kiwanis.org/>) and K-T District Facebook posts (<https://www.facebook.com/KyTnKiwaniis>). Sharing these links will cost no more than a few seconds of your time, but they can make all the difference in the life of a child whose world has been turned upside down.

Please make a generous donation. On behalf of those kids that will benefit from your kindness, thank you!

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON JONI KLEINE

Richmond (Kentucky) Kiwanian Joan Kleine (most of us call her Joni) was born in Mankato, Minnesota where her family was living with her grandparents. She began school there, attending kindergarten, first, and second grade in that town. When her parents moved to Saint Peter, Minnesota she enrolled in the third grade in another school. Joni's mother was a secretary in a gas company in Mankato where she met Joni's father. He was a salesman who eventually was promoted to vice president of that company. After her parents married, her mother resigned and became a housewife. Joni was the oldest of four children. Her sister, who is now deceased, had the honor later of being selected Miss Iowa. One of her brothers now lives in Minneapolis and the other brother lives in Springfield, Illinois.



In high school Joni was in a number of extracurricular activities. She was honored as Miss Saint Peter and was thrilled to be crowned by the governor of Minnesota. In high school she was a cheerleader, a vocal soloist in the school choir, a Thespian, a speaker and a debater, and she was a school newspaper and yearbook editor. Learning to be a speaker she became a member of the debate team. A gym teacher taught social dance and Joni, who loved dancing, learned all kinds of dances and dance steps in that class.

Joni graduated from Saint Peter high school in a class of 99 students. She and others thought she was just an average student but as the years progressed, it was revealed just how inaccurate people's assessments of her were. Her parents wanted her to go to college and they had her tested. It was determined that this young lady who wanted to be a social worker would have to settle for working with young children which only required a two-year college education.

Although he was financially successful, her father who came from a poor family, wanted his children to understand what it meant to work. Therefore, Joni got a job de-tasseling corn when she was 12 years old. During high school she worked in the Jolly Green Giant Processing Plant doing some difficult jobs processing corn. She also got a job elsewhere as a carhop on roller skates and for two summers she worked as a nurse's aide in a mental hospital unit for elderly dementia and Alzheimer's patients.

Graduating from high school, Joanie entered Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri and enrolled in a two-year program preparing to be a nursery school teacher. It was there that she met Glen on a blind date and in 1961 they were married. Glen would later become a governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District.

They moved to St. Louis and lived there for five years. Glen worked as a journalist for the St. Louis Post Dispatch. During those years he ran for the Missouri State Legislature and lost by only three votes.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON JONI KLEINE

They then moved to Richmond, Kentucky where Glen worked for Eastern Kentucky University as a Journalism Professor and Advisor to the student newspaper and later as Dean of the College of Applied Arts and Technology. It was at Eastern Kentucky University that Joni decided to take night classes, eventually earning a Bachelor of Science degree. She then earned a Master's degree. Remember, this was the lady who had been told, as a result of a college test in Minnesota that she could not achieve more than two years in college.

Joni and Glen have 123 children. Did that get your attention? Actually, they have three sons, each very successful. Kevin is a journalism professor at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, Keith works in Lexington for the American Association of Equine Veterinarians, and Kris is an Occupational Therapist in Keen, New Hampshire. To explain 123 children, know there are 120 international students who have been sponsored, befriended and given support by Joni and Glen. It all began with seven students from China when Glen initiated an exchange program at the university. He and Joni helped those students feel they had a family in America while they were separated from their family in China, by frequently and gladly accepting them into their home for meals. Eventually, they did the same for students from six different countries. He has served as a substitute father, giving away brides at weddings, and they keep in touch with those students who leave Richmond, welcoming International students living nearby to Christmas dinner at their house every year.

Joni was struck by an inoperable physical disability in 1996. She noticed that walking resulted in back pain. Consulting with a physician she learned that a piece of her spine is severed and it moves. When it shifts to one position, she is pain free; when it shifts to the other position she experiences excruciating pain because it pinches a nerve. She is often seen at Kiwanis events on her scooter with a big smile on her face in spite of the pain.

Glen is a Richmond Kiwanian of many years. While she was working, Joni could not attend Kiwanis meetings but loving Kiwanis and its mission for children which was very important to her, she would help out with Kiwanis projects. When she retired from teaching in 1998 she joined the Richmond Kiwanis club. She has won many awards, sponsored new members, served on the board and twice she has served her club as its president. In addition, she has twice been elected lieutenant governor of Division Nine.

Joni and Glen have traveled extensively. They have visited China seven times and they have traveled to Japan, Germany, Austria, Amsterdam, Iceland and several other foreign countries. On vacations taken in the United States they have had some experiences they cannot forget. In the days when they were even less wealthy than they are now they would search for inexpensive accommodations. On occasion, they found themselves in less than desirable motels. One in particular was a motel that, unknown to them, was known for prostitutes, and men knocked on their door all night. They spent only one night there.

One of her hobbies is reading for pleasure and she loves to read good quality romance novels. One would wonder how she finds time to read. In addition to her Kiwanis involvement, she has served on the Foster Care Review Board for the past 10 years. She has served 11 counties as well as the State Review Board. Joni stays so busy her friends call her the Energizer Bunny. However, she says her greatest joy is being married to her devoted husband, Glen.

After reading this, if you still don't think you know who Joni is (or even if you do know who she is), just attend the Mid-Year Conference and the KT Convention. Pay attention to the people you see, and when you see an Energizer Bunny with a big smile, moving from place to place on an electric scooter, say, "Hi, Joni," because that is who that lady is – Joni Kleine from the Kiwanis Club of Richmond, Kentucky.♦



JUST ONE MORE DAY

Nelson Tucker
Kiwanis International President 2006-07

It may seem like a morbid topic, but it is actually instructive and reflective. Ask yourself: “What if I only had one more day to live – what would I do?”

When my entire family came down with COVID and a dear friend passed away, I spent some serious time considering (hypothetically, but realistically) what I would do if I only had one more day. Here is a summary of my conclusions:

1. I would find a new way to help kids directly in a way that had never been tried before;
2. I would empty my bank account (after being sure my family was taken care of).
3. I would find a suitable replacement for me in my club.

Point 1 is at the heart of Kiwanis service. We joined the organization to make kids' lives better. But for many, somewhere along the way we became distracted and only worked on service projects when it was convenient. We lost our passion to help children NOW - before it's too late for them. I now feel compelled to make a serious effort to find a new way to immediately improve the lives of children in my community.

Point 2 is self-explanatory. There is a saying that, “You can't take it with you.” Of course, we want to take care of our loved ones but there is a strong argument that the greatest gift you can leave is the gift of changing a life. Hint: Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund.

Point 3 is maybe the easiest. My club has a rule: *You cannot leave the club without finding a suitable replacement.* So, if you plan on moving out of the area, or being transferred with your job, or plan on dying....it's time to find a new member to replace you in the club!

Since that day that I pondered my last day, I have worked diligently to make each of those things happen. None of us know when it will be over, but we surely don't want to look back and say to ourselves, “I only wish I had done more day!” TODAY is the day!

KIWANIS CLUB REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

DIVISION 17 GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

In November, Division 17 Kiwanians hosted a dinner for KT District Governor Lynn Hutchinson who was the featured speaker. The clubs demonstrated their appreciation of Governor Lynn by making a donation to the *Kiwanis Children's Fund* in her honor. Pictured here are Governor Lynn, Lieutenant Governor Lee Locke, Madisonville Club President Alice Chaney, Sturgis Club President Steven Holt and Owensboro Club President John Gleason.



DIVISIONS 4 AND 5 GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

The Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District, Division 4 and 5 Governor's Banquet was held November 5 at the Knoxville Airport Hilton in Alcoa, Tennessee. Governor Lynn Hutchinson was the honored guest and featured speaker. The event was nicely arranged by Lieutenant Governor Beth Mouse (Division 4) and Martin Shafer (Division 5).

GOVERNOR LYNN'S VISIT TO FRANKFORT

KT District Kiwanis Divisions 10, 12 and 19 hosted KT Governor Lynn Hutchinson in Frankfort, Kentucky as she made one of her several official visits to Kiwanis clubs throughout the District. After speaking to the Kiwanians in attendance, Governor Lynn was greeted with a surprise. Knowing her interest in reading and in making books available to children, Kiwanis members from the clubs in those Divisions brought 331 books and presented them to her. Governor Lynn asked that those books be donated to local schools. Pictured here with the display of books are Lieutenant Governor Darrell Olson, Lieutenant Governor Robbie Morris, Governor Lynn, and Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Mullins



FUN WITH UGLY SWEATERS Darrell Olson

The Kiwanis Club of Hardin County is shown here, enjoying some fun during one of their club meeting by taking part in an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest. Left to right are Mike Gartin, Adam Lobert, JeanEllen McMichael, Club President Sharon Post, Camila Falcon, Anita Thomas and Tracy Olson.



SANTA CLAUS WAS COMING TO TOWN

Division 12 Lieutenant Governor Darrell Olson had the privilege of surprising the Shelbyville (Kentucky) Kiwanians at their Santa Workshop. The club was busy wrapping gifts for 19 children from the local school district. The club's fund raising and local sponsorships allows them to give back, and more than \$2000 was spent in an effort to provide Christmas to 19 local children.



THE BUDDY BENCH PROJECT

Angela Antico

In the summer of 2019, the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village (Tennessee) began the *Buddy Bench Project*. The initial goal was that one school would receive one bench each year, with the hope being that every elementary school in Loudon County would eventually have a “Buddy Bench.” The “Buddy Bench” is a place where children can go if they have no one to play with. As a way of building friendships, other kids who see someone on a “Buddy Bench” can go over and ask them to play

Eaton Elementary was only one of two schools left in Loudon County without a “Buddy Bench.” That ceased to be true on December 14, 2021. Julia Hurley, “Just Homes Group Realtor,” has graciously sponsored a number of the benches. She made the Eaton Elementary presentation possible. Seen in the picture are Julia Hurley, Ashley Baessler (the school principal), Angela Antico and Lou Antico.

On December 15, 2021 Vonore Elementary School was presented with their “Buddy Bench.” Carol and Steve Opsal were the donors.

Highland Park Elementary School in Lenoir City was the first school to join the program with the participation of kindergarten through fourth grade students. Steekee, Philadelphia, Lenoir City, and Greenback Elementary Schools were the next to receive benches. Lenoir City Intermediate/Middle School, Loudon Elementary School, Loudon High School, Eaton Elementary and Vonore Elementary followed.

This Project continues to grow to the delight of everyone.





CHRISTMAS BICYLES FOR KIDS
 Angela Antico

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village – Tennessee – (plus a member of the Knights of Columbus) met in November at Lenoir City Family Resource Center to assemble bicycles for disadvantaged children. We were thrilled knowing that Christmas morning would be an incredible surprise for several children. Pictured in this photo are Kiwanians Don Halpin, Ray Mouse, Joe Filosi (Knights of Columbus), Bill Dougherty and Family Resource Center Director Susan Fox (and her dog, Bode).



AMAZING KEY CLUBBERS IN ACTION

During the month of December, 2021, the members of the Loudon (Tennessee) High School Key Club were as busy as Santa's elves. They participated in a very successful food pantry drive. They adopted eight children through the high school *Christmas Angel Project*, and they purchased new shoes for kids. This Key Club, coordinated by Megan Senn, is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village and the members of that club are proud of their affiliation with the Loudon High School Key Club. They think the future is going to be a better because of those incredible Key Clubbers.



CLARKSVILLE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ron Smithfield

The Kiwanis Club of Clarksville (Tennessee) shared the spirit of Christmas with children from the Lafayette Head Start at the Clarksville-Montgomery Community Action Agency. The Christmas Party was started 37 years ago, in 1984, when Jim Campbell was president. This year, bags of toys were delivered for 146 children, ages three to five. The Kiwanis club donated the toys and the Kiwanians volunteered by wrapping the presents. Joel Wallace, chair of the Children's Christmas Party Committee, is seen here carrying presents. In the other picture are others who participated in the project: (Left to Right) Three Head Start staff members, Kiwanians Joel Wallace, Ryan Batson, Chris Lanier, Neil Stauffer, and Head Start Director Dan Black.



IT'S PANCAKE TIME IN TELLICO VILLAGE

Angela Antico

Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village fundraisers include two Pancake Breakfast per year. They are a welcome community event, held on a Saturday morning in the Spring and Fall. In the past we have prepared, cooked and served between 825 - 875 breakfasts at each of these fundraisers.

Unfortunately, our last Pancake Breakfast was in the Fall of 2019. The pandemic hit just before our Spring 2020 scheduled breakfast. The next three Pancake Breakfasts were cancelled.

With the virus variants preventing us from yet again holding our normal breakfast, we needed to come up with a unique idea to replace the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Our club needed to offset a portion of the \$25,000 in lost revenue caused by these three forced cancellations.

One of our members, Lou Antico, came up with a different approach to the Pancake Breakfast. He suggested partnering with a local restaurant, spreading the fundraiser over a period 10 to 15 mornings, instead of one specific day. Little Italy Restaurant of Tellico Village was very receptive to the idea. We agreed on ticket cost and a set menu. The restaurant would prepare, cook and serve the patrons. Reimbursement to the restaurant for their part in the event was discussed and approved.

Our Kiwanis members would sell tickets and cover the cost of marketing, advertising and printing. Another member, Ray Mouse, came up with the catchy tag line, "It's Pancake Time in Tellico Village". We had set a plan in place. Our new Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Fall of 2021 was born.

It's Pancake Time in Tellico Village ran from November 2nd through November 20th, 2021. Tuesday through Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Nine hundred fifty-six breakfasts were served over the 15-day period. Kiwanis members and Key Club members from Loudon High School helped the wait staff by serving coffee, tea and bussing tables.



Did the community embrace the change of venue? Was this new approach to our normal Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser a success? We can say most emphatically, "YES." The Net Proceeds totaled \$8,870.00; ranking this event third in revenue raised from a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

Pictured, left to right, are: Kiwanians Phil Smith, Phil Rothrock and Ken Austin.

THE OAK RIDGE CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

Here are Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Kiwanians and nine Key Clubbers who worked together on their annual Christmas Toy Project. Past KT Governor Terrell Horne, not in the picture, gave significant support to this project. Pictured left to right, they are: Back Row - Oak Ridge Kiwanians William Gwin, Harold Hartman, Danice Turpin, President Richelle Ballenger (presenting gift check), Holiday Bureau Project Leader Carrie Gifford (receiving gift check), ORHS Key Club Member, Key Club Faculty Advisor (a Kiwanian) Jonathan Schoolcraft, Key Club Members (4); Front Row - Key Club Members (2).



MARYVILLE INTERCLUBBERS

Maryville (Tennessee) Kiwanis Interclubbers visited Alcoa Maryville Kiwanis, a regular "First Thursday" event. Pictured are (standing) Bobby Burke, Doug Craig, Heather Larson, and Denn Larson. Seated are Robert Austin and Peter Towle.



New Members

Alcoa	Nancy Carroll Jessica Chandler Charmaine Lingard Marianna Mabry	Hardin County	Suzanne Kiser
Ashland-Breakfast	Brent Graden	Lebanon	Katy Biddle
Athens	Ann Davis Kathy Fesmire	Louisville	Olivia Brady Allison Hackman Kimberly McCombs
Bardstown	Kristi Cannon Adams	Mount Sterling	Cartrec Garrett Jason Rainey
Boone County	Teri Friend	Murfreesboro	Byron Glenn
Bulls Gap	Jeanette Edens	Northside, Knoxville	James "Clint" Lafollette
Carter County	Donna Stamper	Paducah	Katherine Eatmon
Clarksville	Zachery Hayes Davis Stack Neil Stauffer	Paris	Angie Bosley Loretta Craft Julie Gilchrist Lois Hamm Charlotte Jones David Jude Stacy Jude Peggy Seithers Reid Singleton Jessi Wells
Cleveland	Lydia Hollis	Putnam County	Brent Fleshman
Danville	Remonica Garr-Conner	Richmond	Tommy Wallace
Dover	Carole Fox David Tucker	Spring Hill and Thompson's Station	Richard Jackson
Erwin	Paula Edwards Jonathan Lewis	Springfield	Carol Cordrey Crystalee Hoge
Fayetteville	Bill Hopkins, Jr.	Tellico Village, Loudon	Camilla Duford Dan Oberholzer Peter Thompson
Fort Oglethorpe	Chuck Bowers	West Nashville	Jennifer Boatman
Frankfort	Novajean Monroe	Wilderness Road, Harrogate	Charles Sellars Tim Shrout
Greater Music City	Rhoda Davis		

Your **January** monthly report is due February 10th

Make sure you list attendance for each meeting even if it's zero!

Zoom attendance counts!



PAST FIRST LADY NANCY RESLER



Nancy Resler passed away December 9, 2021. She was the wife of Past Kentucky Tennessee District Governor Gene Resler (1986). Although Mrs. Resler was residing in Springfield, Tennessee, she and Governor Gene were residents of Mayfield, Kentucky when he was governor. The family has asked that any memorial contributions be made to the First United Methodist Church in Mayfield, Kentucky.

AN EXCEPTION FOR FRANK WILLARD



The policy regarding obituaries for deceased Kiwanians appearing in the *KT Notes* is that we include only past KT governor's and governor's wives. The reasons for this policy are: (1) **too many deceased Kiwanians are unknown to those of us who write the KT Notes and, therefore, many KT Kiwanians who pass away will be overlooked**; (2) the names of all deceased Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanians names are requested from club secretaries by the KT office and they are then memorialized at the annual KT convention which is a more equitable way of being sure we honor most if not all of these special people.

The reason we are telling you about Frank Willard is because this Clarksville (Tennessee) Kiwanian lived to be 104 – **an exceedingly long life** – passing away December 21, one of the United States oldest surviving veterans of World War II and one of the *Greatest Generation* who lived through the terrible experience of D-Day and other battles in Europe. Frank was a retired dentist and was active in his church and community. He joined the Kiwanis Club of Clarksville in 1953 and was actively involved in club projects for 68 years. He is one of many Kiwanians who we have lost and who will surely be missed.