

KT NOTES

Now more than ever.... Kids need Kiwanis

March 2022

Governor's Message



Wow, it is hard to believe that my year as Governor of the KT District is almost half over. So much has taken place during these first six months. I have mentioned many events, both positive and negative, in previous articles in the *K-T Notes*. In this one, I hope to encourage each of you to spread the Kiwanis spirit throughout your own community.

The first week after I returned from my Governor's Conference in Dallas, Texas, I just simply "dropped in" on a Kiwanis meeting in Harrogate, TN. That positive experience set the tone for my entire year as your Governor. I met Kiwanians both established and new who were excited about their new year. I was encouraged by their excitement and decided to continue to spread my own throughout our District. I only hope it would be safe to say that no one in any of the division meetings at which I made or will make a presentation in Kentucky and Tennessee, left or will leave those meetings talking about how dull my presentation was or how I do not like being a Kiwanian. I cannot contain my excitement when I talk about the programs that Kiwanis offers its members and, especially, offers the children within our communities. I know at most division meetings, I am often "talking to the choir" when I talk about the great aspects of Kiwanis because most of the people in attendance know and participate in those programs. So, there is our dilemma. How do we let the rest of the "in people" in our communities know about our great programs? Well, the answer is simple. WE TELL THEM! I know as children we were most likely told that we should never brag about ourselves. Sometimes there is a time to brag. As your Governor, I am giving you complete permission to brag about your clubs in an effective way. We need to brag about our Kiwanis programs. We need to brag about all our sponsored youth leadership programs. Brag about your K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, your community. Encourage that person to come to another meeting or to participate in a project with you. Make that person feel welcomed to become a member of your Kiwanis family.

As Kiwanians we need to continually seek new members. We need to keep striving to make a greater impact in our communities. The more members in your clubs, the bigger the impact your club can make in your community. The children need our help. We need to encourage them, help build their self-esteem through BUG (*Bring Up Grades*) and *Terrific Kids* programs, and to provide them the opportunity to participate in one of our student leadership programs. We also need to read to them, especially younger children, whenever possible and provide them individual books with their names in the books.

I know many of the clubs throughout the District are making a great Kiwanis impact in communities. To these clubs I say, "Thank you" and I encourage you to continue making an even greater impact. I also know that other clubs are struggling because of lack of members or funds. To these clubs I say, "Don't give up!" If you need help increasing membership, let us know at the District. We can send a leadership team to help. Don't give up on your club. Don't give up on the children in your community.

Governor's Message

I love being a Kiwanian. I love seeing the response on a child's face when that child is given a book, a BUG certificate, a Terrific Kids certificate, a warm coat, a Christmas present, a backpack filled with food, a computer, or even school supplies, and the list goes on and on and on! I know each of you loves that look, too, or you wouldn't have joined Kiwanis. Find others who will enjoy seeing that smile on a child's face. There are thousands of people out there just waiting to be asked. You can be the one to ask. The children throughout the KT District are waiting for us. Use your Kiwanis Superpower! Now more than ever...Kids need Kiwanis. Kiwanis needs you. You can be the one to make a difference. Just ask! ♦

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THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING PICTURES cannot be overstated.

PICTURES WITH KIWANIS LOGOS AND EMBLEMS ARE THE BEST.

FROM THE EDITOR

Don Ritter



Governor Lynn requests, her team responds, and those of us who produce the KT Notes are extremely pleased with the large number of articles that those team leaders submit. **WITHOUT QUESTION, THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT.**

I trust you will agree that, in reading these articles, the Kiwanians in the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis are clearly committing themselves to fulfilling the Kiwanis mission. We should all be proud of what is being accomplished. Just think; what you read here tells only part of the KT District story. There are many clubs who are providing great service that they haven't reported and you know they are equally committed to the Kiwanis mission. As a result, many children are benefiting from the volunteer efforts of Kiwanians in the KT District.

I want to point out three things. First, take note of the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration at Berea, Kentucky. Second, be inspired and motivated when you read what one small club (Wilderness Road -- Harrogate) is doing to grow Kiwanis membership and through that membership, to provide help for children in their community. Third, know that there are other small clubs that deserve recognition for growth and service. We hope to learn more about them in the next issue.

I look forward to seeing you in Lexington, March 25-26.



Don The above picture dates back to 1960. (I had hair.)



GOVERNOR-ELECT DWIGHT WATT

INVESTING IN SERVICE

As all our clubs become active again hopefully being in the last days of the Covid pandemic, we need to remember why we gather as Kiwanians.



Service to children is our primary mission and service in general to our communities and the world. With the warmer days starting to arrive you should be working on service projects to improve our world one child and one community at a time.

As you submit your monthly reports, be reporting your service hours in your club each month. These can be general service hours invested through projects or service specifically to children and young people. Ask your members each month to report the time they did service. I would also like to visit your club and help with a service project.

As we are preparing for a new Kiwanis year in October I need people who will step up and help through working on committees or in particular serving as a committee chair.

Currently I am looking for someone to serve as the administrator and chair of CKI (Circle K). This position actually begins in April because CKI has a different administrative year. CKI needs advising and leadership to be the group it can be in the K-T District. We also need committee members to assist the new administrator.

We also need someone to step up and lead the K-Kids program. Here is our earliest opportunity to prepare future members and leadership for the SLA and Kiwanis in the future. WE need an administrator and a committee.

I am also looking for someone to work with the website next year while I am "governating" (I reserve the right to make my own words). The person needs to know WordPress; that is what KI uses to host the site. Please contact me (478-494-3095) or the district office (859-721-6685) if any of these or other possibilities sound interesting.



YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER



Let me remind you that the Mid-Year Conference will be held March 25-26 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky. If you have not yet registered for this important event, I hope you will do so soon.

This is the time to prepare for club elections. Identify members with leadership potential and encourage your members to consider accepting a club leadership role as an officer, board member, or committee chair. Please remember that your club president should choose a nominating committee, announce the candidates for leadership in your club and announce your club election date. The election results are to be reported on the Secretary's Dashboard. That report should be submitted no later than June 1.

See you in Lexington for Mid-Year.

Fran Marion

District Secretary

JUST FOR LAUGHS

BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN YOUR BOSS CALLS

When my boss phoned me today, he said, "Is everything okay at the office? I said, "Yes, it's all under control. It's been a very busy day; I haven't stopped for a minute." "Can you do me a favor?" the boss asked. I said, "Of course, anything, what is it?" "Hurry up and take your shot, I'm behind you on the 7th hole."



Strategic Plans

To Be a TEAM Effort!



As you consider working with a TEAM, you have to prepare the team to make a difference in the game. We are asking how our team can make a difference in the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District in order to reach a membership of 6,000 and more! WooHoo!!

We have found folks that are willing to be a part of the TEAM and we are asking other folks from all over our great district to join us. At **Mid-Year** we will share some exciting information that we want club members and club leaders to know in the next few months. We want you to know how our great Kiwanis District can make a difference as we recruit MORE individuals for our existing clubs and how we can lead other Kiwanis Districts in the United States in building new clubs.

There will be several questions that our team must address to get there but we know that we have a family of volunteers that are willing to continue the legacy that has been ours from the past. What will our legacy be for the future?

There are FIVE categories that have been identified by your leadership as necessary for consideration. We would like to ask **you** about related goals and ideas; and we would like to ask you how we can strengthen each category which are:

- Service
- Leadership
- Diversity
- Membership Experience
- Growth

We are beginning to come together in-person rather than meeting virtually. Now is the time to look at the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District and step up our game so we can be mentors for other districts.

Join us at this year's Mid-Year Conference as we plan for the next five years! I'm looking forward to seeing my Kiwanis Family at Mid-Year!!

Chuck Fletcher



*KY-TN District
Mid-Year
Conference*

March 25-26, 2022
Lexington, Kentucky

*Make Plans
To Attend!*



Call for Vice-Governor Candidates

For all K-T Kiwanians who plan to be a candidate for the 2022-2023 Kentucky-Tennessee vice governor, a signed agreement must be submitted to the Kiwanis District Office from each candidate by May 1, 2022. Along with the agreement, a biographical form and a photo must be sent. Please contact the District Office for the appropriate forms.

Mid-Year Conference
March 25-26, 2022

Thursday March 24th

6:00-11:00 PM Office Setup
6:00-11:00 PM Foundation Sales Setup

Friday March 25th

9:00 AM District Office
12:00-6:00 PM Registration
12:00-5:00 PM Foundation Sales
9:30-10:30 AM CLE Trainers
10:45-11:45 AM District Finance Meeting
12:00- 1:00 PM Strategic Planning Committee Working Lunch
12:30- 4:30 PM Club Leadership Education (CLE)-Open to all members
12:30-2:30- Club Presidents
2:45-4:30- Secretary- Treasurer

1:30- 3:00 PM Workshop – Human Trafficking
Franklin County Sheriff Chris Quire

3:15-4:45 PM Workshop – Active Shooter
Kentucky State Police- Gary Hall

2:30-4:30 PM District Board Meeting
4:45-5:30 PM 2022-2023 Lieutenant Governor Greeting
6:30-8:00 PM Banquet

8:15-10:15PM District Foundation Board Meeting

8:15 PM Service Project-Personal Care Kits for Kids
(for those not attending Foundation Meeting)

Saturday March 26th

7:30 AM District Office/ Registration
8:00-1:00 PM Foundation Sales

Workshops

9:00-9:45 AM Risk Management
Charlie Ridenour

Youth Protection
Ginger Riggs

Partner-up: It's 2 for 2
Rhonda Vrell

Fundraising-Duck Race-Gala-Online Auction

Saturday March 26th Workshops

10:00 AM-10:45 PM	Front Porch Chat.... A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom <i>Chuck Fletcher</i>
	Stress! HUH! What is it good for? Absolutely nothing! <i>Janet Doss, License Clinical Social Worker</i>
	Revitalize your service projects and Fundraisers
	Workshop- <i>To be announced</i>
10:45 AM-11:15 AM	Check Out
11:30 AM-12:45 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	General Session



Service Project-Personal Care Kits for Kids 8:15 Friday night after the banquet

Additional Service Opportunity

Consider bringing these items to the conference with you to support the Nest, an urgent facility for families in crisis.



- Liquid Dish Detergent
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Lysol
- Paper Towels



**2022 KT District Mid-Year Conference
March 25 -26, 2022
Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY**

Name _____ Division _____
(One Kiwanian per form) *(1-19)*

Club Name _____ KY TN GA VA

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

Spouse or Guest _____

	Early Registration	On-Site Registration
Early Registration <i>(Includes 2 meals listed below)</i>	125.00 x ____ = ____	135.00 x ____ = ____
Registration Only	75.00 x ____ = ____	85.00 x ____ = ____
Mid-Year Banquet with Governor <i>(Banquet included with full registration)</i> <i>Live background music with Christopher Fallis- Frankfort Kentucky</i>		49.00 x ____ = ____
Mid-Year Luncheon <i>(Lunch included with full registration)</i>		45.00 x ____ = ____

**Early Registration Ends March 14th
No refunds after March 14th**

Total _____

Special Food Requirements:

No Sugar No Red Meat No Dairy Other _____

To make room reservations please call: Embassy Suites
1801 Newtown Pike,
Lexington, KY 40511
859-455-5000

Room Rate is 132.00 per night plus tax.

**Please send registration form and payment to: KY-TN District of Kiwanis
PO Box 4327
Lexington, KY 40544**

Reservation listed under
Kentucky-Tennessee
Kiwanis

**Please make check payable to KT District of Kiwanis International
Questions? Please call 859-721-5685 or email ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org**

Service Project

A group service project will be offered after the banquet on Friday

Additional Service Opportunity
The Nest, an urgent facility for families in crisis, need the following.
Liquid dishwashing soap Liquid laundry detergent
Lysol Paper Towels
Please bring to conference Mid-Year Office

A PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION MESSAGE

Submitted by Ron Soellner



Happy New Years, Happy Groundhog Day, Happy Valentine's Day. Just be happy; you are in the greatest nonprofit organization in the world! With that in mind – rather I might say its past time – for all you past lieutenant governors to beat the bushes and help recruit new members for our *Past Lieutenant Governor's Association*! We need all past lieutenant governors and all current lieutenant governors to join the *Past Lieutenant Governor's Association* and work together in enrolling new members. Don't forget to inform them that they have in the past had the distinction of doing just that in their clubs. Our clubs, KT District and governor are depending on us to secure these new members! With that in mind, the following should help you in your endeavor to accomplish this task.

THE POWER OF RESULTS;

If we want to achieve extraordinary results and fulfillment, we need management systems. Instead of focusing on what it is we need to do, we should first focus on what it is we really want. Having and working toward a clear result or outcome and consistently focusing on it immediately changes your behavior.

Focus on the results you are committed to, and you'll find yourself consistently moving toward the result you hope to achieve and very often you will accomplish that result much quicker than you expected!

A RESULT IS THE TARGET YOU ARE AFTER, THE SPECIFIC MEASURABLE OUTCOME THAT YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE (NOT THE ACTIVITY)). TO GET IT DONE, IT IS THE ACTUAL RESULT YOU ARE AFTER. You should ask: 1. What do we really want? 2. What is our outcome? 3. What is the result we are committed to achieve?

We have a great Mid-Year Conference planned and we encourage you to attend. After all, you have the talent and knowledge to interact and spread your wisdom! You never know everything but you always can learn and teach something new!



HERE IS WHAT A DYNAMIC SMALL CLUB CAN DO
LET'S HEAR IT FOR WILDERNESS ROAD – HARROGATE
Don Ritter

The information we receive is information that just has to be shared, and this article is no exception. **This is special sharing time.** J. Don and Chris Gibson, who are in leadership positions in the Wilderness Road – Harrogate (Tennessee) Kiwanis Club, J. Don is Membership and Growth Chair and Chris is club president. They decided that their small club of 21 members could do more for children if it were a larger club; they felt they needed to grow their club and grow it they did. This information was received recently and a more accurate number may be available now. At the end of February, their small club of 21 had grown by 22 members (**more than a 100% percent increase**) since October, 2021. It is said that J. Don and Chris and the other Wilderness Road Kiwanians feel very strongly about the central mission of Kiwanis – children and community, and all of the funds raised go to that end. These pictures are all Wilderness Road pictures and they demonstrate what the Kiwanians of that club are doing under the leadership of J. Don and Chris.

In a delightful conversation, with J. Don, I asked what they had done that resulted in such remarkable growth. The very first thing he told me was: **SELL THE CLUB.** Be a people person by giving prospects a smile and a handshake and let that prospect know you are interested in him or her. Point out to a potential member, the people they might know who are already in the club. Make it clear that Kiwanis is a **SERVICE organization** and, **USING PICTURES,** show prospects what the club does. J. Don said, “Wilderness Road will accept anyone interested in being in Kiwanis and serving but they especially look for people who make things happen.” He identified some of those people in their club: The mayor, the state park superintendent, police officers, a university chief of police and others.

The Wilderness Road Club provides impressive service: They work with the Lions Club, collecting used eye glasses for that organization which the Lions Club distributes to those in need; Wilderness Road Kiwanians have bought or acquired as many as 1,800 books which they donate to kindergartners and older children; Kiwanis members have served as readers in the schools; they work with school principals and with the Justice Center in collecting used clothing to be donated to those in need; they annually select someone, particularly families of law enforcement people who have given their lives in the line of duty and they award a plaque to the family to honor the service of their fallen family member.

In these pictures you see some of those people who make things happen: Cumberland Gap Park Superintendent Charles Sellars, Amanda Webb (club secretary), Officer Trey, J. Don Gibson, Chris Gibson, Vic Graves (club vice president), Linda Graves, Harrogate Mayor Joe Brooks, Bobbie Womack, and others. **(A special thanks to Division 6 Lieutenant Governor Kayla Prewitt who provided these pictures and helped with the information in this article).**

J. Don and Chris Gibson and their fellow Kiwanians in the Wilderness Road – Harrogate Club are showing us what can be done by people who want to make it happen. You can do the same thing!

**LET'S HEAR IT FOR WILDERNESS ROAD
ROAD - HARROGATE**



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON

Dottie Mann



Dottie Mann is a member of the Hilldale Kiwanis Club in Clarksville (Tennessee), and she is married to Past Governor Jim Mann. Dottie was born in Birmingham, Alabama where her father, an electrical engineer, worked for the telephone company. Her mother was a college graduate and a housewife. Her parents were from Louisville, Kentucky and when she was two years old her parents returned to Louisville. Her grandparents were experiencing health issues and needed help which Dottie's parents provided. Her grandfather owned a lumber company and her father helped run the lumber company and worked for the telephone company. They remained in Louisville although her father was absent for a period of time, serving in the United States Navy during World War II. Dottie has two

brothers – Russell is the oldest and Bill is the youngest. She is the middle child, and they were and are a close family.

Both her parents and her grandparents were college graduates and so education was highly valued in their household. Beginning with kindergarten in a lady's basement, Dottie enjoyed a successful school experience in Louisville. She entered first grade at Melbourne Heights Elementary School and when she progressed into sixth grade, her future career opened up for her (although at the time she didn't know it). Her sixth-grade teacher gave the class a project assignment; each student was to submit a leaf collection. To help her find leaves she couldn't find in the neighborhood, her father took her to Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville where the trees are labeled and where every tree in the state can be found. Dottie had the largest leaf collection in her class. Even before that, her interest in trees was begun when, in fourth grade to commemorate Arbor Day, she brought home a tulip poplar seedling which was planted in her parents' back yard. It had grown to be 20 feet tall by the time the family moved from that house four years later. Many years later, she drove past that house and found that the tree was still there and had grown tall enough to be seen over the roof of the house. Collecting those leaves and planting that tree made a big impression on her and inspired what she would do in the future.

The importance of education was stressed in their home and Dottie and her brothers were encouraged to study and to do their best. With that encouragement and family support, Dottie became a good student. Dottie's scholastic experiences were enriched through music; she began taking piano lessons early and continued taking them through high school, often playing in church. In high school she was a good student. Following an advanced curriculum, she took advanced mathematics and other advanced courses. She even studied Latin although she says she wouldn't be able to use that language now. She managed to keep busy, earning money from her baby-sitting jobs. Graduating from Fern Creek High School with an excellent academic record, in a class of perhaps 365 seniors, she was ready for higher education.

Wanting to be a teacher, Dottie entered Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee where she majored in French. She took her education courses at Peabody College of Education and Human Development. She couldn't get all of the required courses there, and she earned her remaining education courses at Ursuline College in Louisville during the summers.

It was while they were students at Vanderbilt that Dottie Newton (Dottie's maiden name) and Jim Mann met. She knew who he was from a high school classmate of his who lived in her dorm. Jim knew who she was; he had dated her roommate. However, it was in a sophomore class that she really found out who he was. They had assigned seats together, got acquainted, began dating and during their senior year they were engaged. After graduation they married and moved to Columbus, Ohio where he was to be a graduate student with a fellowship, majoring in mathematics at The Ohio State University.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dottie had a position teaching French at a junior high school in Columbus. After four years of teaching, Dottie "retired" to prepare for the birth of their first child, Laura who was born in Columbus. As often happened to young men in those days, Jim, although deferred at first, was called to active duty in the army in January the following year. He was assigned to Fort Knox and because there was no available military housing, Dottie and

Laura lived with her parents in Louisville. Jim was next assigned to the Army Security Agency in Arlington, Virginia and they moved to Alexandria, Virginia. Their second child, Jimmy, was born in Alexandria. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to take their small children to visit various sites in Washington, D.C. and in northern Virginia.

Jim received an early release from active military duty and they returned to Ohio where he was to resume his graduate studies. However, the job market was declining significantly for those with doctorate degrees in mathematics and it was about this same time that his father's Savings and Loan business in Clarksville was growing. His father offered Jim a position. Jim accepted the offer and they relocated to Clarksville buying their first house. Their third child, Russell, was born the following year.

Each of Dottie and Jim's children have been successful. Laura, living in Florida, earned a law degree and a divinity degree and is now an Episcopal priest. Jimmy lives in Clarksville, is an architect, and a Kiwanian. Russell lives in Boston, Massachusetts, has an earned PhD in mathematics and now works in the financial world. There are 10 grandchildren, ranging in age from 12 to 25, and so far two of them are college graduates. An exchange student from Sweden, Ake Hjelm, lived with them during Russell's senior year. Dottie and Jim have kept in touch with him and his family who have visited the Mann's in Clarksville. They think of Ake Hjelm as a member of the Mann family and one of their travel goals is to visit him in and his family in Scandinavia.

Although Dottie had helped Jim at many Kiwanis events, she was not a Kiwanian in the early years. She joined Kiwanis a little later in life and did so with the encouragement of a Kiwanian who was a member of a Kentucky club. This friend, a lady Kiwanian and strong motivator, insistently pointed out many of the positive reasons Dottie should be in Kiwanis, including giving support to Jim as he was about to become governor. Jim is a member of the Clarksville Noon Kiwanis, the Hilldale Kiwanis Club and the Cheatham County Club. He, too, encouraged Dottie to become a Kiwanian. Their son Jimmy was president of the Hilldale Club, and she joined the Hilldale club in 2010. She soon became a board member, a member of several committees, president and club secretary. In 2015, she and Jim had an opportunity to travel to Ghana and observe firsthand how the people of that country existed. She was able to see and was impressed by what the Kiwanis/UNICEF *Eliminate Project* did to help those people. For Dottie, this was a transformative experience.

Dottie's interest in forestry, recycling and environmental issues was kindled while she was in the sixth grade. It was when she became an adult that her passion for those issues developed and she began to understand and become involved in environmental issues. She was invited to join the *Clarksville Tree Board* and later was elected chair of that board. Appointed by the governor and re-appointed by the next governor (who happened to be in the opposing political party), she became active on the bi-partisan *Tennessee State Forestry Commission*. Dottie played an active role in urban forestry issues. She addresses sustainability issues as a member of the Sierra Club.

It was through Kiwanis that she and Jim became more acutely aware of the mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Because of that Kiwanis impact, they have developed an interest in helping vulnerable young people. Noticing in the news how many teenagers in their city have been in trouble, Dottie and Jim, influenced by and cognizant of Kiwanis recognition and encouragement regarding this organization, are focusing their volunteer efforts on starting a Boys & Girls Club in Clarksville.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Boys & Girls Club promotes academic success, healthy lifestyles, character development and good citizenship, and these are things Dottie profoundly believes in. Dottie and Jim have determined that a Boys & Girls Club is the organization that can help these young people. With the realization that Clarksville is the largest city in the Southeast without a Boys & Girls Club, they knew they had to change that and they are doing something about it.

To know Dottie Mann is to know a person who wants to help bring positive changes to the lives of children and to the people of the world. This should be obvious to those of us who are aware of what she has done all her life and what she continues to do. This humble lady has worked for those changes through her active involvement in Kiwanis, her church and through her involvement with organizations related to environmental issues. Now she has seen a need to build something that will bring improvement to the lives of young people in her home community. I think she feels fortunate to have received the love, support and encouragement of her family and I for one believe she will be successful in making those same things available for the young people in her community through her efforts to make Boys & Girls Club available to them. Best of luck to you, Dottie.♦



NEWS FROM DIVISION 16

Submitted by Governor Lynn Hutchinson

In this picture, KT District Governor Lynn Hutchinson, on behalf of the Ashland Breakfast Kiwanis Club (Kentucky), is presenting a check for \$500 to Star Elementary School Principal Charlie Baker and students in Monica Cline's first-grade class. The funds were collected for the purchase of new classroom library-type reading books to replace books that were damaged in a school waterline break.

Members of the Carter County Kiwanis Club (Kentucky) are seen here presenting items for the Prichard Elementary BUG (*Bring Up Grades*) program, the first BUG program in the Carter County School District. Included in the photo from left to right are Lynn Hutchinson (club member and KT District Governor), Stephanie Kidd (club president), Jessica Duncan (school BUG coordinator), Jason McGlone (school principal), and Willis Johnson (club secretary).





FROM TELLICO VILLAGE TO MADISONVILLE AND BEYOND

Submitted by

Division 17 Lieutenant Governor Lee Locke

The Madisonville (Kentucky) Noon Kiwanis Club recently donated laptop computers to the Hopkins County and Dawson Springs School Systems. Stephanie Townsell, current club treasurer and past president, said that the Kiwanis mission is to provide opportunities and resources to the youth of the community. Lieutenant Governor Lee Locke contacted several school systems to determine their need resulting from the recent tornados that impacted Kentucky. Twenty laptops went to the Dawson Springs Schools and 12 laptops were donated to the Hopkins County School System. The laptops, at the recommendation of the Tellico Village (Tennessee) Kiwanis Club, came from the Tellico Village *Computer Users Club* with their donation being provided at no charge. The three gentlemen holding the boxes pictured left to right, are Vince Alline (co-chair of the *Tellico Village Computer Users Club*), Al Porell (Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village) and Lee Locke (Lieutenant Governor of Division 17). In the other picture, left to right, are Robby Davis (Superintendent of Muhlenberg County Schools), Lieutenant Governor Lee Locke, Terry Durham (Accounting Manager of Muhlenberg County Schools) and Robbie Revo (Muhlenberg County Kiwanis Club member).



THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO DIVISION SEVEN

Submitted by Bill Fryar

Governor Lynn Hutchinson's Official Visit to Division 7 in February was unique from start to finish. Upon arrival on Monday (February 21), Lynn checked in at Johnson City's Carnegie Hotel (Tennessee), a boutique replica property which pays homage to the original structure which stood for 19 years before being destroyed by fire in 1910. (She later confessed to sending pictures of the hotel to family and friends.)

The following day, before speaking at the regular noon meeting of the Elizabethton Club, Lynn met with two groups of Division 7 Kiwanis Family leadership: First, she met with Kiwanis presidents in Lieutenant Governor Howard Smith's council. Next, she met with representatives of five SLP clubs sponsored by Elizabethton Kiwanis meeting -- pictured left to right, Zach Stephens (Happy Valley High School), Izzy McQueen (Elizabethton High School), Kendall Gare (Unaka High School) and Governor Lynn. The latter group included presidents of three Key Clubs, a Builders Club, and a K-Kids Club (pictured with Kiwanis Builders Club Advisor Jeff Ledford). In talking to the kids, Governor Lynn's obvious enthusiasm for Service Leadership Programs was exceeded only by the SLP presidents' eagerness to tell her about their clubs' specific service to each of their schools and to Elizabethton/Carter County.

In the luncheon, members and guests dined on cordon-bleu followed by cupcakes decorated with icing in Kiwanis colors while seated at tables with blue tablecloths and yellow flower arrangements. Following the traditional meeting opening, including the pledge to the flag led by the Builders Club president, Governor Lynn presented *Legion of Honor* membership awards to two members of Elizabethton Kiwanis, one for 35 years, the other for 50 years. These presentations, along with the earlier meeting with the SLP presidents, were unique experiences for her, Lynn said.



The governor's address to Division 7 (pictured left to right, Elizabethton Club President Mitch Broyles, Governor Lynn speaking and Division 7 Lieutenant Governor Howard Smith) was filled with an energy-packed statistical accounting of past and present service, both within Kiwanis and through Kiwanis to thousands of children in Kentucky, Tennessee, and the world. She laid out her vision of an even *better* Kiwanis in the future and challenged the group to make that vision a reality. Toward that end, the governor was presented with a donation to the KT Kiwanis District Foundation.



**FROM VENDING MACHINES INTO
THE HANDS OF READERS**

Submitted by Division 6 Lieutenant Governor Kala Prewitt



Pictured here are members of the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club (Tennessee). In the back row, left to right are Keith Pierce, Betty Fredrick, and Eliza York-Hansel. In the front row, left to right, are Kayla Prewitt, Chelsea Dillingham, Bryanna Mullins, Jamie Saylor and Rose Brown. The Rockcastle club has donated more than 50 books for children of the Brodhead Elementary School. They have placed a book vending machine in the school from which students, using earned tokens, can get books. Students earn those tokens by doing things like doing something nice for a friend, being kind, and going above and beyond those things required of them.

Please
Save the Date
BEREA KIWANIS CLUB
Centennial Celebration
Saturday, August 27, 2022
Boone Tavern Event Center
100 Main Street
Berea, Kentucky 40403
Silent Auction | Dinner | Entertainment
Invitation to follow
For additional information, email
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DRESSING UP FOR THE PROM

Submitted by Division 1 Lieutenant Governor Becky Lanham

The Kiwanis Club of Murfreesboro (Tennessee) hosted a prom dress sale and giveaway in early February in partnership with *Archie's Promise*. The event which was open to the community aimed to build the confidence of young women and help them get a leg up. The event provided food and a presentation by a local speaker who addressed to the attendees, confidence and body image. After the presentation the ladies were able to shop from more than 250 formal dresses for the upcoming prom season. They can be seen in this picture and they are, left to right, Carol Wisdom, Marsha Logue, Emily Arnold, Bobbie Johnson, and Becky Lanham. Any teen-ager on free or reduced lunch, a recipient of SNAP benefits or in the foster program, received a free dress. All other dresses were only \$25. *Archie's Promise* provides affordable formal wear to families and individuals in Rutherford County, TN. You can learn more at <http://www.archiespromise.org/>.

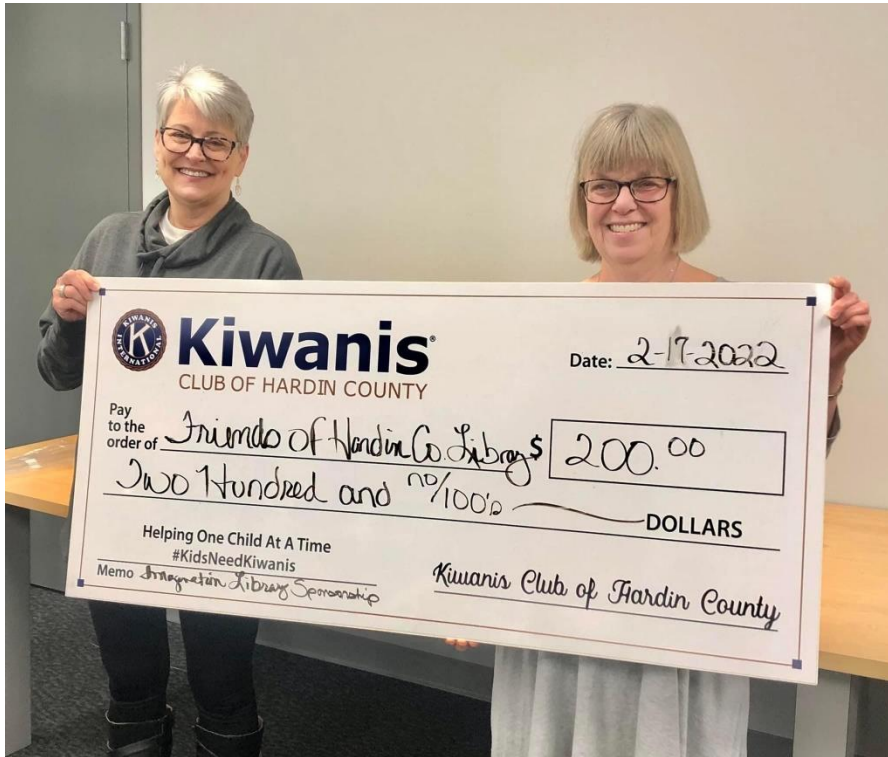


BOOKS, BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

Submitted by Division 12 Lieutenant Governor Darrell Olson

The Kiwanis Club of Hardin County is at it again! Kiwanians and faculty and staff of the Hardin County Public Schools gathered together to donate over 1,000 books to children within the Hardin County School System. All

Elementary and Middle School Family Resource Coordinators and other school personnel carried back at least one box to each of their respective schools. Kiwanians are so glad to be able to assist with the needs of Hardin County's children. A giant thanks goes out to both The *Radcliff Literacy Project* and *Modern Woodmen Financial* who were instrumental in supporting this great service project. But wait, Hardin County Kiwanians were not finished. The Kiwanis club partnered with *Friends of the Hardin County Public Library* and *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*, agreeing to donate \$200 annually to provide books for up to eight kids a year. Club President Sharon Post is seen here presenting this year's annual donation to Nancy Shores.





New Members

Franklin County	Maureen Adams	Erwin	Ron Dailey
Murfreesboro	Robert Russell	Johnson City	John Turner
Gallatin	Doreen Erlewine Nathaniel Newman	Berea	Edward Clautice
Lebanon	Sally Kimble Chelsea Nyce	Mount Sterling	Rose Pidgorodetska Megan Richmond
Nashville	Christian Debay Lauren Petrovich	Cynthiana	Rick Hill
Hixson	Vincent Butler Michael Dumitru Stephen Hall	Georgetown	Courtlyn Ledesma
Ooltewah- Collegedale	Denise Eversole Jeff Eversole Loretta Gould Robert Gould Kesha Waters	Columbia	Dedre Campbell Jessica Elam Lona Heins
Oak Ridge	Julia Jones	Lawrenceburg	Donna Carrillo
Tellico Plains	Kimberly Spencer	Louisville	Tori Murden McClure
Alcoa	Derek Brawner	Shelbyville	Heather Elhussein Brittany Faucher Teresa Karem Andrianna Marshall Ashley Walker
Maryville	Robert Cox Melissa Edwards Timothy Goins Mike Hurst Elora Prichard Kyle Prichard Ann Tew Mark Tew	Bowling Green	Melissa Calvert Michal Juett
Wilderness Road, Harrogate		Hopkinsville	Michael Pendleton
		Carter County	Angel Elliott
		Owensboro	Caleb Farkas

Your **March** monthly report is due April 10th
 Make sure you list attendance for each meeting
 even if it's zero!
 Zoom attendance counts!



KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER MUSIC CITY EMBRACES

GOVERNOR LYNN'S PROJECT

Submitted by Division 2 Lieutenant Governor Vic Legerton

I am pleased to report that the Kiwanis Club of Greater Music City is fully supportive of KT Governor Lynn Hutchinson's focus project of reading with children and giving them books to own and read regularly at home. We have been doing this within our club's signature project Kiwanis Children's Health, Education and Welfare (KCHEW) Program since October, 2019 when two small clubs merged, changed the club name, incorporated a foundation, and received a significant grant from Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Partnerships have been instrumental in the success of our program. Some are unique to the Nashville area, but there may be similar agencies elsewhere within our district. Some of these are *Book'em Nashville*, *PENCIL for Schools* (Public Education Needs Community Involvement and Leadership), *Scholastic Literacy Partnership* (a Kiwanis International partner), *Children's Kindness Network* and their icon Moozie® (the ambassador of Kindness), Metro Nashville Public Schools and their *Community Achieves* partnership coordinators for Title I schools.



Following the KCF grant, we have been privileged to receive contributions from our members, friends and other Kiwanians. Two Kiwanians obtained gifts of books from estate sales. We were privileged to receive grants for books from *Dollar General Literacy Foundation* and *Reading Is Fundamental*. With the assistance of a local bookstore, we have received books from publishers when they were eliminating their hardback inventory as the paperback editions were being released.

KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER MUSIC CITY EMBRACES

GOVERNOR LYNN'S PROJECT

During the 2019-2020 school year we were able to give over 12,000 books to children, classrooms and school libraries. Our reading in preschools and school classrooms was in person before the pandemic and virtual after schools had to close the classrooms. During 2020-2021 we donated a like number of books which were distributed to the children frequently when the families picked up food and school materials. During the current year we have given over 2,400 books in November and again in December.

In February we increased the book donations to 3,586 with a suggested retail value of about \$35,000. In addition to our customary donation of 2,400 to the four elementary schools we regularly support (Pre-K through 4th), we have provided books for the book vending machines which those schools have purchased or are raising funds to purchase, for rewarding students for reading or other special recognitions. We also donated 580 new books to a middle school which has one of the district's Family Resource Centers for free pickup of school supplies, clothing, books, and other items.



Also, in February we have been pleased to get back into the classrooms to read to the children. Focusing on the theme of *Kindness*, a foundation for the five themes of social-emotional learning that are being adopted into many school curricula, we have been taking Moozie® the cow (seen in each photo on this page) to classrooms during *National Kindness Week* (February 14-18) and *Read Across America Week* (February 28 through March 4). We read *Moozie's Magic* with the Pre-K children and *Moozie's Kind Adventure* with the Kindergarten children. With *Children's Kindness Network*, our vision is a world in which kindness prevails – to animals, to the Earth, to others, and to ourselves. We have given over 600 of these books to children during these two weeks.

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GOVERNOR LYNN'S PROJECT**



Moozie® will attend the K-T Mid-Year Conference, Kiwanis International Convention and K-T District Convention to get acquainted with Kiwanians of other Kiwanis clubs who wish to adopt our kindness program in their communities. If you would like to learn how your club can be part of similar reading programs, come check out the workshop discussing projects on Saturday at the KT Mid-Year Conference in Lexington.

HONORARY KIWANIAN TORI MURDEN McCLURE

Submitted by Mark Garman

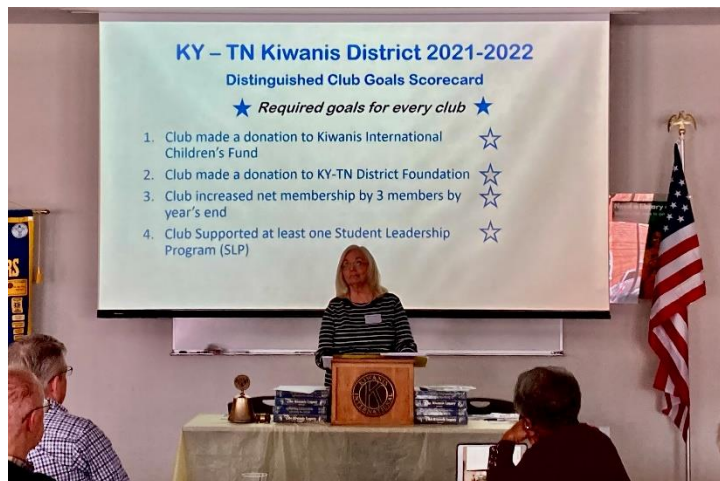
At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Louisville (Kentucky), Tori Murden McClure – seen in this picture with Club Secretary Mark Garman (left) and Club President Sarah Snyder (right) – was inducted into the Louisville Kiwanis club as an Honorary Kiwanian. Tori – an athlete, adventurer, chaplain, lawyer, and university administrator – described her adventure as the first woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean, an achievement she accomplished in 1998. She discussed her work and goals as president of Spalding University and she shared some of her many and significant contributions to the Louisville community.



THE GOVERNOR'S MEETING WITH DIVISION NINE

Submitted by Glen Kleine

Governor Lynn Hutchinson delivered her Governor's address at the 2022 Division 9 meeting in Richmond, KY. Division 9 Lieutenant Governor Larry Dobson (seen here with Governor Lynn) was re-elected at the annual meeting to a second term as Lieutenant Governor. Lieutenant Governor Dobson encouraged those in attendance to encourage members of their clubs to consider providing leadership by agreeing to be elected Division 9 Lieutenant Governor at the next Division meeting.



KIWANIS CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN MEETS

GOVERNOR LYNN'S 100 BOOK CHALLENGE

Submitted by Sue Fleschner

The Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green took on Governor Lynn's challenge to collect and distribute 100 books to children in our community. We were happy to take on this challenge and so proud of the response of our club members. We collected more than 250 books!

We partnered with the Warren County Public Library (WCPL) to determine the best way to distribute the books. They have an excellent outreach program and know how to provide books and reading opportunities to those youths who may not otherwise have the chance.

We were able to giveaway books to so many children in the area. We started in a local community whose families speak little English, and their economic means are limited. On February 26, we set up a tent in their housing area and placed all the books on display. It only took a bit of encouragement to have the children in the community come out. There were children of all ages lined up to make their selections. More than 50 children were able to choose as many books as they wanted.

It was a very cold 30-degree February morning! Most of the children didn't even have a coat. Others wore blankets around their shoulders, sometimes sharing with their friends. Our WCPL partner gave each child a hat to help keep them warm! It was heartwarming to see some of the older youth helping the younger ones make their selections.

With so many books collected, we were also able to include other youth in the community. Many of the books were boxed and shared with children in a local church. The remaining books were given to the Warren County Public Library for use in their outreach program.

Every day is a great day to be a Kiwanian, serving the children of the world!

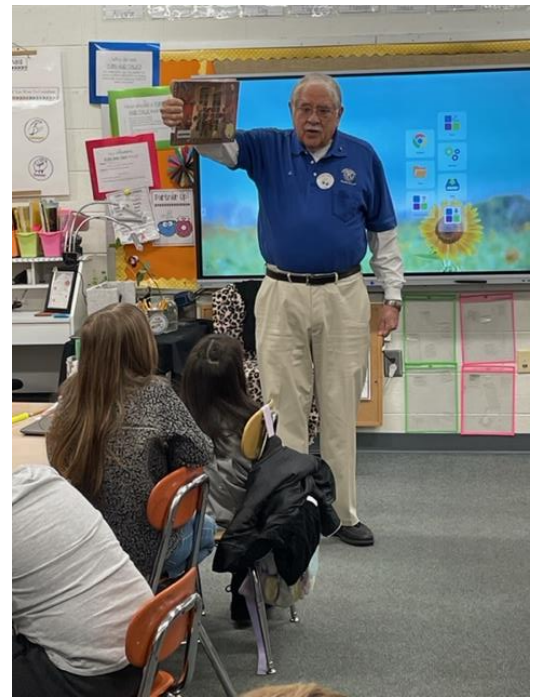


READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY - A TWO-FOLD DAY INDEED

Submitted by Angela Antico

Our club participated in *Read Across America*; and presented a check in the amount of \$1,092 to Lenoir City Elementary School in support of the school book drive (pictured are Jim Barton, Beth Mouse, Don Maloney (school principal), a teacher (unnamed), Al Porell, Lucia Findley and Angela Antico. Tellico Kiwanian Club member contributions made this donation possible, and it made possible the purchase of 70 books for the school library. Don Maloney, School Principal and Susan Fox, Director of Family Resource accepted the check on *Read Across America Day*, March 1, 2022.

Through this project our club has reached and surpassed the Book Drive Goals set by Governor Lynn. A total of 90 books have been donated, and that number will increase when we make our annual contribution to the *Imagination Library*. Through February, we have also recorded 100 hours of volunteer time, reading to children (Al Porell can be seen reading with his characteristic Porell enthusiasm).





KEY CLUB SPRING RALLY

**Submitted by Division 4 Lieutenant Governor Beth Mouse
and**

Key Club Advisor Jonathan Schoolcraft

A Key Club Spring Rally was held at Oak Ridge High School on February 26. Pictured here are Key Club Lieutenant Governor Heather Taylor (who is speaking) and a group of her fellow Key Clubbers who could not all be identified. Those who could be identified are (right to left starting with the second student) Sofia Filigenzi, Amelia Hodge, Dylan Hodge and Lieutenant Governor Heather.



READIN', WRITIN' AND 'RITHMETIC AND VALENTINE BUGS

Glen Kleine

Seventy-nine third grade students at the Kit Carson Elementary School in Richmond were presented with Kiwanis BUG (*Bring up Grades*) certificates by the Kiwanis Club of Richmond (Kentucky). The children receiving the BUG awards proudly displayed and congratulated each other for their certificates. Each of the 79 students received a book from the Richmond Kiwanis Club as part of Lynn Hutchinson's Kentucky-Tennessee District Governor's Project. The Kiwanis Club of Richmond also hosted a Valentine's Party for the children in the *Play and Learn Child Care Center* in Richmond. Seen in one picture are Richmond Kiwanians participating in distributing bags of Valentine goodies to children. They are (left to right) Mark Farris, Theresa and Kirby Easterling, Victoria Bengé, Glen Kleine, and in the front, club president Joan Kleine. Absent from the photo, but also participating in the Valentine's bag distribution, was Karen Kelley. In the other picture, sitting with a group of children are Kiwanians Kirby Easterling; (left) and Mark Farris (right). The astute observer will notice that one little boy is less than enthusiastic about being seen in the picture.



For the Valentine party, all of the Kiwanians were involved in providing, personal Valentine Cards, candy, pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos stamps, and plush Valentine Frogs provided by Phillis Adams. Kiwanians stuffed the Valentine bags for 86 students during one of their Kiwanis meetings. Joan Kleine also baked and distributed cupcakes to each of the children.

Richmond Kiwanis also awarded certificates to third grade students who *Brought Up Grades* at the Kirksville Elementary school in Madison County. Joan Kleine, president of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond, prepared the certificates and presented them to the children in four classes.



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