

KT NOTES

November 2021



Governor Lynn Hutchinson

Now more than ever.... Kids need Kiwanis

A New Kiwanis Year in Service to Children

With two years of monthly virtual training, conference calls, and four days of in-person training the fourth week of September, I am now supposed to be ready to lead the KY-TN District as your Governor for 2021-2022. What a daunting job! Yet, I spent two sleepless nights last week (not counting previous sleepless nights) worrying about what I need to do as KY-TN Kiwanis Governor to help our district achieve greatness, then I woke up - literally and figuratively. "I" don't have to do anything to achieve that goal by myself. I have been in leadership positions enough to know two facts -- that one's training for any position never ends and a leader is only as good as those who lead with him or her. The KY-TN Kiwanis District is being led by a great team of dedicated Kiwanians. We have 17 lieutenant governors and nearly 4,000 members across our district. Your leaders are ready to get to work and I truly believe each Kiwanis member is also.

Anyone who knows me knows that I am a strong advocate for the education of children, more explicitly, literacy education. Having been an English teacher for over 39 years, I was able to see firsthand the impact of a good reading background. Unfortunately, I was also able to see the hindrances of those students who did not have reading skills. These are the students who often "fall through the cracks of education," become behavioral problems, and many times drop out of school all together. Such a sad ending for a student who probably began school as an excited kindergarten student. As a Kiwanian each of you has an opportunity to help children succeed in life. Statistics prove that children who learn to read at an early age are more successful in school and in life.

Some research facts on reading aloud to children pre-school through fourth grade are listed below:



- The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to prior to beginning school.
- Across the nation just under half of children between birth and five years (47.8%) are read to every day by their parents or other family members.
- Thirty seven percent of children arrive at kindergarten without the skills necessary for lifetime learning
- There is a 90% probability that a child will remain a poor reader at the end of the fourth grade if the child is a poor reader at the end of first grade
- Children who aren't reading at grade level by the end of third grade are four times as likely to drop out of high school
- More than 80% of children from economically disadvantaged communities lose reading skills over the summer because they lack access to books.
- Reading assessments given to first through fourth graders nationwide show that the students' development of oral reading fluency largely stopped in spring 2020 after the abrupt school closures brought on by COVID-19.
- Second and third graders' reading fluency was most affected by the COVID-19 school closures as they fell behind 30% what would have been expected in a typical year 93 million adults in the U.S. read at or below the basic level needed to contribute successfully to society.

Governor Lynn Hutchinson



As a teacher of English on a high school level, I was saddened when I learned of a student in my senior English class who could not read. For that 18-year-old, there wasn't much I personally could do. Unfortunately, in a few years there may be many more students who will be facing that same dilemma unless some changes are made.

We Kiwanians can help change some of those negative statistics I've listed above. In fact, many clubs have already been completing projects that put books in the hands of children. Many Kiwanians have already been reading to young children as a club project. I commend those clubs. Thank you! Don't stop! Let's do more!

My Governor's Project is close to my heart. I challenge every Kiwanian to participate in it. The participation graph you will be receiving is set up for a minimum participation number. However, because some clubs have large numbers of members while other clubs have only 20-30 members, I challenge each club to change the number goals on the graph and increase your participation to a personal goal for your club. How high can you go? Read to children, including preschoolers. Provide children their own books. If you can't read in person due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, create videos of yourself or other club members reading a book. Send those videos to teachers for their use. Make a difference in the lives of the children throughout the Kentucky-Tennessee District one child at a time. Help each child who struggled during COVID-19 overcome some of those struggles. We can do this.



As I travel throughout the district for each division meeting and dinner, I will be looking forward to learning how each club is participating in the reading project. As each of you work on projects within your community, please continually remind yourself that "now more than ever... kids need Kiwanis." Allow me to personally add, now more than ever kids need YOU! ♦

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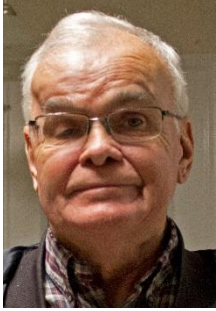
PICTURES WITH KIWANIS LOGOS AND EMBLEMS ARE THE BEST.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEND PICTURES.

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

To increase communications, a club officer should forward the *KT Notes* to their club membership.

GOVERNOR-ELECT
OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP
Dwight Watt



We are off to a good start in the 2021-22 year. Governor Lynn still needs some leadership (at least one lieutenant governor) and other positions may be open during the year.

I am working on compiling a great leadership team for next year – now. September 2022 will be here before we know it.

I would like new people in leadership positions who will be great leaders but might never be considered because they were not asked. That also creates another problem. We might never know a particular member of a club would be a fabulous leader for us because we didn't give that person a chance.

This is not an attempt to chase off existing leadership, we have some great leaders, but we need new people to bring new ideas to KT Kiwanis.

I am looking at leadership for all our committees, both chairs and members. If there is an area you have an interest in, please email me (dwight@dwightwatt.com) and let me know. You do not have to have attended a KT conference or convention, but once you get involved and see what you can do I think we will see you attending those events. Look at the different committees in the directory and you may be surprised at the committee opportunities we have.

Also consider being a lieutenant governor. Some divisions have no problem finding lieutenant governors, but others do. This position in my opinion should be seen as a fun position and not as work. Most of us are working fulltime and have enough work already. Your main function as lieutenant governor will be to pass information from Kiwanis International and the KT District to clubs and to help them use this information to be stronger clubs, growing in their club and growing other clubs. Going to different clubs is fun and to go to other clubs, we learn how they work and help each other in projects. Being lieutenant governor was fun for me. When I was in Jaycees doing similar work as a regional director and vice president, I had the opportunity to meet lots of new people and bring ideas back to my club.

If you are a lieutenant governor, we are not throwing you in the pool with no directions. The last weekend in April in Cumberland Falls State Park we will train you. In addition, we will cover a lot of your expenses during the year.

When I was lieutenant governor I found out where Copperhill is and have become friends with the people in that club. I will help them celebrate their 100th birthday this month. I also had the chance to make my first trip to Europe for international convention and see the Bastille Day Parade.

Whether you hold a current leadership position and want to retain it or move to a new one, or if you are not a current leader, I need to hear from you about your interests (here is a chance to use and develop your leadership skills). Please send me an email (dwight@dwightwatt.com) telling me your interests so I can get everyone in the right position and then we can all have fun next year and when we are enjoying our positions, we will be attracting others wanting to be a part of our great organization.

SPEAKERS FOR CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Not wanting to duplicate the information by offering the same sessions at both Mid-Year and at the KT Convention, I am asking for members' input on sessions.

Have you ever thought you have some information that you would like to present to Kiwanians that could either benefit clubs or Kiwanians' personal lives? Here is your chance. The Workshop Sessions are generally scheduled on Saturday although some may be scheduled on Friday.

Let me know your ideas or suggestions for workshop sessions via email by sending them to me at dwight@dwightwatt.com. Tell me if you have a program you would like to present. If you have an idea for a session, please let me know if there are people that you would suggest as presenters.

Too often we hear the sessions at every Mid-Year Conference and KT Convention are the same. Here is your chance to spice things up and make the meetings more exciting. ♦

YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER



I want to remind the club presidents and secretaries to read the bulletin called *QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS*, a bulletin that is sent monthly from the district office to those officers. It contains extremely important information made available to you to help you run your club.

Please be aware of the importance of these *KT NOTES* to the KT District. The “Notes” represent the history of our district and your contributions will help future Kiwanians know and understand what has happened in our great KT District **in their** past.

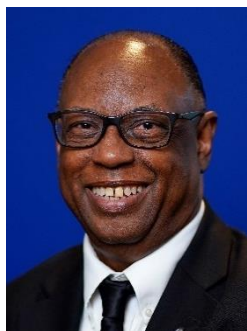
You can help build that history through your pictures and contributions and you can help your fellow Kiwanians know what is happening if you forward each issue to others in your club.

Thank you for all you do for children and community through Kiwanis.

Fran Marion
District Secretary

STRATEGIC PLANNING MUST BEGIN 2021-2022

Past Governor, Chuck Fletcher



I believe that we have a great opportunity to achieve unbelievable membership numbers in our district if we are willing to set our minds to **building our existing clubs** and **building new clubs** in communities that need Kiwanis.

My story begins with what your Key Clubs are doing in your communities. When connecting with these young people we find that they are **planning for the future**, something that Kiwanis clubs and districts need to do as well.

What a privilege and honor to visit with my districts this year and while there, to introduce them to my **PLUNGER** program.

P=Plan
L=Leadership
U= Unity
N= Neighbors
G=Grow
E=Education
R= Risk

We will only deal with the first letter, “P” in this article, which stands for **PLAN** because it is so **important**. Yes, we **MUST** plan for success this year and even for the next five years. What do we want to do to achieve success in meeting our goals?

In a recent Kiwanis International Membership Committee meeting we found a statistic that should concern our districts and Kiwanis family. ***Do you know that ONLY 13% of our member's sponsor at least one member? (WOW!)***

We **MUST** look, search out, and invite people in our communities to join our club and it has to start with our leadership. **I challenge ALL officers and board members to invite an individual to become part of our Kiwanis family.** We need to begin practicing that **one-minute speech** on “Why I am a Kiwanian, and how being a member has impacted my life.”

In our Kiwanis International Membership Committee Meeting our chairperson went around the room and asked, “Chuck, how many members do you plan to bring into Kiwanis?” I wasn’t expecting that question to be asked of me, but my response was, “Five!”. I also shared that if any district in the world is going to grow we must **PLAN!** So, calling all **District Presidents**, let’s start with you because the club looks to you to be the face of the club.

Next, all board members should be so excited about this challenge. Once our club members see that we are bringing folks into our clubs, it will impact them and eventually it will impact your club.

Past Governor Chuck Fletcher

Strategic Planning involves taking a look at your district determining what you need to re-examine, determining the areas that need attention, and that includes bringing other leadership and stockholders into focus. The District that I was working with identified five areas that needed attention in the next five years. It was an amazing process as I watched them work together and identify the following areas: **Service, Leadership, Diversity, Membership Experience** and **Growth**.

International President Peter Mancuso has given his goals for this year (*Kiwanis Magazine* (Oct/Nov 2021 issue))

- ❖ **Club Experience**
- ❖ **Increase Membership**
- ❖ **Expand Kiwanis Youth Programs**
- ❖ **Education and Training Opportunities**
- ❖ **Support the Kiwanis Children's Fund**

So that I am accountable to you for my part in finding new members, I want you to know that my five prospects include a Teacher, Tattoo Artist, Minister, Custodian and a Family Member

See? Planning ahead can make a difference, and look at the impact that five new members could make in working beside our SLP's (Service Leadership Programs) which could impact 1,030 kids.

Join me and all of the leadership in agreeing to making a difference. **We can do it!!** ♦

#KIDSNEEDKIWANIS
Chuck Fletcher
Past Governor/Trustee



FROM THE EDITOR
Don Ritter



One of the advantages of being Editor of the *KT Notes* is I am the first to get to learn what Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanians are doing to improve the lives of children and the world around them. Governor Lynn is going to have an exciting year as she leads our District, and examples of that fact appear throughout this issue of the "*Notes*." She has asked her team to show what is being accomplished and her team has responded admirably. Be sure to read what that team has told us.

Please allow me to reiterate Secretary Fran's request. Help disseminate the *KT Notes* by forwarding each issue to your fellow Kiwanians. We want the accomplishments of our Kentucky-Tennessee (and Georgia and Virginia) Kiwanians to be known by as many people as possible.

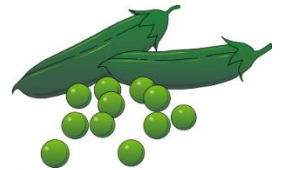
As always, thank you for your support.

Don

JUST FOR LAUGHS

MAYBE SHE WAS GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING

A cranky, irritable woman of an "elderly persuasion" was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She had been giving everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away. She complained and criticized everything and everyone throughout the process. When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store. The lady defiantly and in her grouchiest manner replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches. What's it to you, you old fool." The judge, taken aback, then asked why she had done it. She grouched, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store." The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied in a nasty tone, "Nine! But why do you care about that and what business is it of yours?" The judge answered patiently, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach." As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long-suffering husband could no longer keep quiet, and he slowly raised his hand, asking if he might speak. The judge said, "Yes sir, what do you have to add?" The obviously henpecked and harassed husband said meekly and informatively, "Your Honor, she also stole **two cans of peas.**"



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON CLAIRE CROUCH



Although she lives in Cosby, Tennessee which is near Newport, Kiwanian Claire Crouch, a member of the Newport (Tennessee) club, grew up in Georgia. Born in Athens, her parents moved, and she grew up in McDonough, Georgia, a community that was then a small rural town. She is the oldest of four children — she has two brothers and one sister. Claire's father served in the navy during the end of World War II, came home and went to college where he was in the ROTC and then served two more years in the army. He used his college education to go into the advertising business. Her mother also attended college, taught business courses in high school and later worked for Claire's father in their advertising business.

Claire's elementary school in McDonough was a first through eighth grade school. She remembers with great fondness, her eighth grade English teacher who was a strict disciplinarian but who was a teacher that inspired her students to achieve. Claire remembers that teacher's rule prohibiting gum chewing in class. This teacher had a unique punishment for those who thought they could break that rule; she required them to make a paper casket for the gum which they then had to bury in front of a window where all could see the "burial service." She did not say that she ever broke that gum chewing rule. You, the reader, can ask her about that. Claire played basketball in the elementary school but discontinued that athletic involvement when she went to high school.

Claire's parents sent her to a private high school called Woodward Academy. Historically, it had been a school for boys. Her class consisted of 162 students, 12 of whom were girls. The change to co-education was not popular with the boys and some were not hesitant in expressing their opinions to the girls. At the beginning she was unhappy and didn't want to return, but her dad told her she was going back.

She played clarinet in the band and was asked to be a majorette. She was hesitant, not at all sure that she wanted to accept assignment to that job. She would be the band's only majorette. However, her mind was changed by a boy who was a bully and who didn't appreciate the fact that girls were accepted as students in the school. He backed her up against the lockers, rammed his fist into the locker door slamming it shut and told her in no uncertain terms that she was not to be the band's majorette. With that a stubborn Claire, who did not plan to be pushed around, accepted the assignment. After the half-time show of the first football game, she led the band off the field at the 50-yard line and there, in front of her, stood the bully. To her surprise, he smiled, apologized for his earlier actions and comments, telling her he was wrong. He gave her a hug and after that life in this once all male school was easier.

For Claire, college was a different experience. She attended Wesleyan College, an all-girls school in Macon, Georgia. Wesleyan was a liberal arts college with a history — it was the first college in North America to grant college degrees to women. She began her college career with a double major in piano and English literature. Her plans to be a concert pianist were cut short when surgery had to be performed on a badly injured thumb. She did play intermural soccer and she wrote and performed in musical comedy skits, but she felt that her principal responsibility was to study and noting her professional career, we conclude that she must have done a good job of that. Graduating with an AB degree (a liberal arts bachelor of arts degree), Claire was ready to face the world of work.

Claire is now retired, but her professional career began as an assistant controller in an inter-financial holding company in Atlanta, Georgia. Her career continued with a management position in Georgia State College. Working in lighting design, she enrolled in accounting classes at night. She earned a CPA certification and then became a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) There were cutbacks at Georgia State and she found herself looking for another job. She was hired by one of her professors to work at Interfinancial, Inc., but that company was soon acquired by a Dutch company. She would have to move to New York to stay with the company and she didn't want to do that. Nonetheless, after a recruiter was employed to convince her to move, she went to work in New York City.

As it turned out, the move jump started her career and changed her life. In New York, Claire met Stephen Eldridge who would become her husband (she decided to keep her maiden name when they married). He is a tax attorney and a CPA. They have no children though there are two step children. Stephen was a practicing CPA and a partner in the firm where he worked but he, too, is now retired.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

It was in Cosby, Tennessee where she has lived the past 17 years that Claire found Kiwanis. An acquaintance invited her to join. At first, she felt she was too busy fulfilling a two-year term as president of a state political federation for women. Completing her term, she accepted the invitation and joined the Newport club. She is enthusiastic in her appreciation of what Kiwanis does for children and is proud to be a Kiwanian. She thinks Kiwanis fulfills its mission better than any other organization. She has been vice president, president-elect and president of her club. Claire is active in many aspects of her Kiwanis club and Division including inter-clubbing. Terrific Kids is her favorite program. She has served as lieutenant governor of Division Five and she currently is serving as a member of the KT District Foundation Board having recently completed a term as 2020-2021 president of that board.

Claire pays it forward in other ways, not just through Kiwanis. Her hobbies, in addition to reading and cooking, include quilt making. As one of a group of women who make quilts, she makes Quilts of Valor, quilts that are given to veterans who have been touched by war. They also make children's quilts which are given to children through charities and the police.

Claire and Stephen have traveled extensively all over the world and now prefer to stay home. A trip that she remembers as the best trip of her life took them to Africa for over three weeks where they studied the environment and the animals. On Safari they slept in tents. One morning they were ready to go to the shower area when they discovered elephants blocking their path. She remembers it well because elephants move only when they are ready and it took quite a while before they were ready. Claire and the people in her group could do nothing but wait until those elephants moved. You and I can guess that it was particularly memorable because the bathroom was located where the showers were.

Claire Crouch is an energetic, hard-working, enthusiastic Kiwanian. She has had a fabulous professional career and a notable Kiwanis career that some might think is equally fabulous. Through her impressive leadership skills, she accomplishes much and we don't think that even those elephants will prevent her from achieving great things for children.♦





New Members

Alcoa	Paul Carter Evelyn Mahler Holly Scarlett	Harrodsburg	Twaka Bartleson William Bartleson Cindy Devine Jaziel Guerra Kelly Odell Sarah Steele Kaylee Watkins
Athens	Sandra Kinney Scott Owens Michael Stevenson		
Bowling Green	Cody Mayhugh Matt Nord Evan Sayner Tonya Taylor	Hixson	David Blair
		Lebanon	Sarah Barnes Fay Beach Gayla Edlin Jerry Evans
Carter County	Jerry Deham Jessica Duncan Tracy McGuire Kasyap Patel Jessica Sexton Jerry Yates	Louisville	Shannon Kisselbaugh Victoria Schmitt Martha Shafferman
		Madison	Tonya Hancock
Cosmopolitan Kingsport	Hannah Harrell	Madisonville	Catherine Diqulla Teresa Tucker
Danville	Laura Wilson	Maryville	Katie Beeler
Dixie, Louisville	Jonathon Myhre Reita Quick	Monticello	H.G. Hickey Derrick Vickery
Elizabethton	Sheila Ellis	Muhlenberg County	Bennie Dukes
Erwin	Robert Kell Gail Snodgrass Christian Williams Allison Woodward	Nashville	E. J. Rabell Martin Wardlaw
Farragut	Elena Alles	Newport	David Kenney
Fort Oglethorpe	Mary Bowers James Shrum	Paducah	Mason Denton
Frankfort	Rodney Williams	Paintsville	Summer Benedict
Greater Music City	Brian Lowenthal	Paris	Jessica Ewen Sue Kelley Drew Palus Brandye Smith Donna Thwaites Sarah Thwaites
Hardin County	Elizabeth Hammer Brittany Jackson Mark Post	Richmond	Paige Beichler Mark Farris Kristine Fisk



New Members

Shelbyville	Laura Witt
Spring Hill and Thompson's Station	Jennifer Montgomery
Sturgis	Chad Cullen Derek Johns
Sweetwater	Tim Allen Judith Dowell Timothy Dowell Jay Riordan
Tellico Village, Loudon Sarah	Campbell Robert Coleman William Dougherty Robert Swintosky Thomas Wilkiel
Versailles	Griffin Johnson
West Liberty	Shannon Morgan Bradley Smith
Wilderness Road, Harrogate	Joanie Beaver Linda Graves Jason Hauser Ian Kirkpatrick Gary Parsons
Williamstown	Colton Simpson
Winchester	Kent Coogle Chelsea Reese

Distinguished Club Goals Scorecard 2021-2022

Did you know about goal #3?

Club increased **net** membership by 3 members by year's end



Your **November** monthly report is due
December 10th

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

Zoom attendance counts!

GOVERNOR LYNN'S TEAM REPORTS

KT DISTRICT KIWANIAN ACTIVITIES

HARDIN COUNTY K-KIDS PRESIDENT KAYLEE

HARDIN COUNTY. Lieutenant Governor Darrell Olson reports that the Hardin County (Kentucky) club has been busy fulfilling its mission for children. They sponsor the Radcliff Woodbine Elementary School K-Kids, and those K-Kids recently completed their first service project for the new year. They created 30 Goodie Bags to donate to Baptist Health Hardin. The K-Kids club installed its new leadership team for 2021-2022 led by President Kaylee. Meanwhile the Hardin County Kiwanis Club put 150 books in the hands of children at the Wesley Hilltop Craft Fair.



ELIZABETHTON. In this picture, contributed by Bill Fryar, you can see Elizabethton (Tennessee) Kiwanians who participated in the Unaka High School Key Club's sixth annual *Trunk or Treat*. Pictured left to right are Club Secretary Bill Fryar, Past President David LeVeau, and Immediate Past President Logan Tipton.



OAK RIDGE. Lieutenant Governor Beth Mouse contributed this picture of Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Kiwanians (left to right) Terrell Horne, Danica Turpin, Harold Hartman and President Richelle Ballenger who recently participated in a Networking Event with the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

BEREA. This picture was shared by Glen Kleine showing Juanita Scaff, the 2020-2021 President of the Kiwanis Club of Berea (Kentucky), modeling her new “*Kiwanis - Kookin for Kids*” apron which was given to her in thanks for her service as club president. The Berea Club was the host of the 2021 Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis International Convention, and the club will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2022.



DIVISION NINE BANNER EXCHANGE. Larry Dobson, the 2021-2022 Division 9 Lieutenant Governor for the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis International, was received the Lieutenant Governor banner to be displayed in his home club, the Kiwanis Club of Berea (Kentucky). Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Joan Kleine of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond made the presentation.

TULLAHOMA. From Lieutenant Governor Becky Lanham we learn that Lynn and Holt Cason of the Tullahoma (Tennessee) Kiwanis Club recently presented Halloween treats to the children at Tullahoma Day Care. Meanwhile, , Lynn Cason, Sonny Sebren, Cy Hall, Kevin Mullins, Jim McKinney and Mike Rutherford (left to right) participated in the one of the club's Community Service projects – trash pickup.





MURFREESBORO. We also learned from Lieutenant Governor Becky Lanham that the Kiwanis Club of Murfreesboro (Tennessee) sponsors a Kiwanis Softball League, and 18-year-old Savannah Baker started playing in that league when she was five years old. The league presented her with a plaque in recognition of her many years playing in the Kiwanis league as she concluded the final game of her career.

TELLICO VILLAGE. The Loudon High School Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village (Tennessee) helped the Kiwanis club with a Tellico Village Car Wash. The pictures, sent by Beth Mouse, show Kiwanians and Key Clubbers working together on this project.





DIVISION FOUR AND FIVE. Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Club Secretary Harold Hartman reported one of Governor Lynn's early Division meetings. Lieutenant Governors Beth Mouse (Division 4) and Martin Shafer (Division 5) arranged the event held at the Knoxville Airport Hilton in Alcoa, and they are seen here welcoming Governor Lynn.

STRATEGIC PLANNERS. This picture was taken on October 14th at Texas Road House in Lexington. On October 15th along with Governor Lynn and Vice Governor Jim Gazay, Secretary Fran Marion, International Trustee Chuck Fletcher, Governor-Elect Dwight Watt and Past Governor and Finance Chair P.R. Cook met at the district office in Lexington to discuss the strategic plan for the KT District for 2021-2026.





DIVISION 14 BANNER EXCHANGE. Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Ken Spiceland of the Clarksville (Tennessee) club is seen here presenting the Division 14 Lieutenant Governor banner to newly elected Lieutenant Governor Felecia Bland. The banner will be displayed in her home club, the Franklin-Simpson Kiwanis Club in Franklin, Kentucky

THRIFT STORES



Past Governor David Coulter submitted this picture as a suggestion for Kentucky-Tennessee District clubs. The Kiwanis club that sponsors this store nets over \$200,000 a year and those funds are all donated back to the community.



THE PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ASSOCIATION. In the September issue of the *KT Notes*, the organization of the newly formed Past Lieutenant Governors Association was reported. In this picture submitted by Dwight Watt you see the members of that association who were present at the convention in August. Pictured in front are Joan Kleine and Ron Soelner. Pictured in back are: Ken Spiceland, Gracie Porter, Lynn Hutchinson, Joyce Boggs, Edye Bryant, David Coulter, Claire Crouch, Anette Eades, Barbara Patrick, Bruce Damrow, Glen Kleine, P.R. Cook, Terrell Horn, Don Ritter, Jim Gazay and Nelson Tucker.

LOUISVILLE LEGION OF HONOR RECIPIENTS. Rick Shafferman (2020-2021 president) and the Kiwanis Club of Louisville board realized that Legion of Honor members had not been recognized for some time and at a banquet meeting in the Audubon Country Club, 22 Louisville Kiwanians and one Kiwanian from the Shelbyville club were awarded Legion of Honor certificates and pins. Sixteen of those Legion of Honor Kiwanians are seen in this picture. In the back row, standing left to right are, Irv Stumler, Bill Spinner; Kevin Beckman; Jim Cambron; Jenny Hyland; Mark Garman; Jim Oetken; Tom Huber; Don Ritter; Steve Imhoff; Ron Soellner; and Kenny Mitchell (Shelbyville). In the front row left to right are, Tim Moseley, Nina Moseley, Ralph Barringer (kneeling) and Bob Hardy. Unable to attend and not pictured were, Jack Mueller, Bob Keats, Ray Glass, George Graham, Larry Cox, Jim Garrett and Dennis Meiman. Years of service given by these Kiwanians ranged from 27 years to 60 years.



**KIWANIS CLUB OF CLARKSVILLE
SPONSORS “BEST OF CLARKSVILLE 2021”
Ron Smithfield**

The COVID pandemic has created a huge hole in the fund-raising budget of many clubs as well as our Clarksville club. For the second year we had to cancel our main fundraising Kiwanis Rodeo. A new novel opportunity was envisioned by President Brandon Bridges that raised \$23,000 this year and should be repeated in years to come (Brandon Bridges can be seen in one of the pictures, putting up a balloon; in the other picture Wes Golden can be seen with the scout leader of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the Clarksville club).

Since 1996 the “*Best of Clarksville*” celebration had raised over \$1 million for non-profits in the Clarksville area. In 2017, the Kiwanis Club of Clarksville was a \$25,000 recipient of the *Best of Clarksville* funds. These funds paid for the Kiwanis Children’s Art Studio at the local Custom’s House Museum. In 2020, this event had grown but was set to be retired because there were not enough volunteers to produce it.

This winter Brandon approached the presidents of the Clarksville Rotary Club and *Bikers Who Care* about continuing the Best of Clarksville for a 25th year. With the blessing of the previous board, the three organizations began planning for October 7th, 2021, the next Best of Clarksville event to be held at the local mall.



KIWANIS CLUB OF CLARKSVILLE

In April 2021, the new *Best of Clarksville* board, composed of leaders from the three organizations, selected three other local non-profits to be the event's charity recipients including a pet rescue, a food and clothes bank and a professional development group.

In the summer of 2021, nominations began for the *Best of Clarksville*. Clarksville citizens nominated their favorite businesses in more than 115 categories such as Best Employer and Best Place to Get a Burger. The top three nominees in each category were invited to rent tables at the October 7th event. On that night, 170 businesses were able to showcase why they should be elected as the *Best of Clarksville* in their category. Meanwhile, more than 2,700 people attended the event and voted in each of the categories. Kiwanis, Rotary and *Bikers Who Care* members worked together to setup and manage the event with multiple tents and tables.

To say the event was a success would be an understatement! During a year when many clubs were unable to have fundraisers, the Kiwanis Club of Clarksville was able to partner with two other civic organizations to continue Clarksville's largest fundraiser. Three struggling non-profits were able to receive funds. The Clarksville area businesses were given the opportunity to promote themselves and foster new business.

In addition to this event, the Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club have used this growing partnership to host larger joint meetings with guests including Senator Marsha Blackburn, Dr. Ming Wang, and football and basketball coaches. The benefits of cooperation will last much longer than the \$23,000 that Kiwanis Club of Clarksville received this year. We look forward to cooperating with Rotary and *Bikers Who Care* and repeating the *Best of Clarksville* event next year.

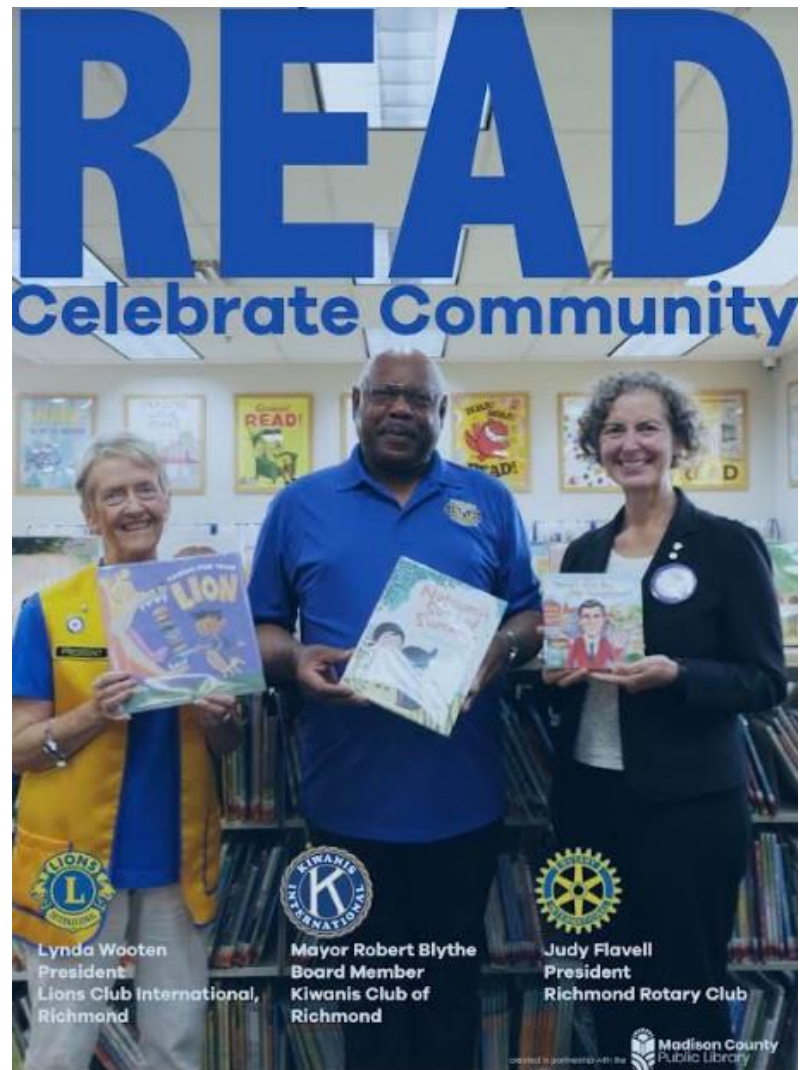
We received this note from one of the non-profits receiving a donation from the *Best of Clarksville* project: "Thank you and the rest of the Kiwanis Club for such a generous donation! We're excited to use this money to help send kids to fall camp at Sharp TOP Cave in a few weeks. We are really grateful for your friendship and generosity towards Young Life!" Sam Henry and David Kissell



**A JOINT EFFORT TO PROMOTE READING
FOR CHILDREN
CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IN RICHMOND**
Glen Kleine

“*Children’s Focus on Reading*,” is a project that was initiated in Richmond, Kentucky during the week of October 10 to 16. This was a joint “*Celebrate Community*” initiative of the Richmond Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary Clubs implemented in conjunction with the Madison County Public Library in Richmond. The first project of the clubs and library was to create “READ” posters, similar to those produced featuring celebrities, and to distribute them throughout the community. Another component of the project was to videotape club members reading children’s stories to be put on-line and for use at the library. Those in this photo were Lynda Wooten, the President of the Richmond Lions Club, Richmond Mayor and Kiwanians Robert Blythe, and Judy Flavell, President of the Richmond Rotary Club.

Peter Mancuso, 2021-22 Kiwanis International president, said, “*The Celebrate Community* initiative is one way to join together to work on a project that will have a measurable impact on communities around the world.” Douglas X. Alexander, International President for Lions Clubs International said, “If we let our passion for service shine through, there is absolutely nothing we can’t accomplish together.” “All of our organizations serve our communities to change lives. We must ensure that our various clubs identify a local need and work together to provide the service to fulfill that need,” said Shekhar Mehta, President of Rotary International. Now that COVID-19 has diminished resources around the world — particularly in areas that were already stretched thin — the organizations’ leaders support the effort, noting collaboration is needed now more than ever. Joint projects allow us to pool resources, join hands and work together to alleviate the stress on local agencies and help get community members the things they need,” said Stan Sonderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International.



BOONE COUNTY OFFICER INSTALLATION. The Boone County Club (Kentucky) officers for the 2021-2022 administrative year were recently installed by Lieutenant Governor Robbie Morris. The new officers are (left to right): Barbara Scott, Joyce Foley, Chris Sturgil, Robbie Morris, Stephen Sturgil, and Wes Van Winkle. During the meeting, a donation was presented to the Mentoring Plus Organization which mentor's children with special needs.



FROM THE GREATER MUSIC CITY KIWANIS NOTES
TWO MORROWS

At the October 13th club meeting, Larry and Nancy Morrow were elected to serve as Co-Presidents of our club for the current Kiwanis year (10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022). Larry joined the Kiwanis Club of Woodbine in 1975. That club changed its name to Nashville South and in 2019 to Greater Music City. He has served as club president, lieutenant governor of the KT District, and treasurer of the Kiwanis Club and Foundation. He was a banker and spends significant time at his farm in Giles County. Nancy joined the Kiwanis Club of Nashville South in 2010. She served as club president (first female president of that club) and secretary. She was a teacher.

CYNTHIANA KIWANIAN IS HONORED. Brian Kinney of the Cynthiana (Kentucky) club was recently recognized by the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame as he was awarded a plaque for valorous military and civilian service to his country and to his community. This plaque will be displayed outside the office of the Secretary of State. In Cynthiana he has volunteered with the Veterans Administration, Elks, American Legion and Kiwanis. Brian is president-elect of the Cynthiana Club. Seen in this picture, left to right, is Judge Lindsey Hughes Thurston, Brian Kenney, and H.B. Deatherage.

