

KT NOTES

Now more than ever.... Kids need Kiwanis

May 2022

Governor Lynn Hutchinson



What a year this had been! I was told I would spend lots of time on the road and put many miles on my car, but I had no idea what “many” would mean. I am now beginning to find out the meaning of “many.” Since mid- October I have driven over 10,000 miles as your Kiwanis Governor. I have flown to Dallas, TX, and Las Vegas, NV, for Governor conferences. I have also found how important great friends can be to a governor. My good friend Joyce has been my stand-in for taking care of my house and my dogs. My good friends Carole and Terri have taken turns giving up some of their personal time to travel with me to Kiwanis Clubs that have been the farthest away from Ashland. Yet, one of the greatest bonuses of being the KY-TN Governor has been meeting like-minded Kiwanians from across our district. All of you are part of my Kiwanis family.

Now for a “half-time” review. As governor I had to set goals and hope and pray that the goals were not only attainable, but that the clubs throughout the district would even strive to attain them. I am pleased to announce that this half-time report is a positive one. First numbers are regarding membership. I analyzed the May 1, 2022 Kiwanis International report. Kentucky-Tennessee is moving forward. The individual club membership goal is to have a positive three by September 30, 2022. Of our 137 clubs, 50 have added one or more members to their rosters. Six clubs have added double digit numbers: Ooltewah-Collegedale; Tellico-Village, Loudon; Alcoa; Wilderness Road, Harrogate; Paris; and Lexington. Twenty-four more clubs have added three or more members and have met the club goal. Congratulations to all of those clubs and to the rest of the clubs who are continuing to increase membership. May is Kiwanis International membership month and every month is KY-TN membership month. Keep up the good work. The more members in your clubs, the greater impact Kiwanians can make in your communities.

Half-time report number two. Another goal dear to my heart is to increase our Service Leadership Programs, our SLPs. We are on target with that goal. Congratulations to the following clubs for their sponsorship of Builders Clubs: Kingsport for Sullivan Heights Middle School; Carter County for East Carter Middle School; and Putnam Co for Upperman Middle School. The district goal of three new clubs has been met! Congratulations to Lawrenceburg Kiwanis for sponsoring Saffell K-Kids. Only two more new K-Kids clubs to go! Three new Key Clubs have been chartered: Beech HS, Cora Howe School, and East Hamilton HS. Congratulations! My home club, Ashland Breakfast, is working on sponsoring an Aktion Club in our area. Let me encourage all clubs to keep sponsoring SLP clubs. No number is ever enough. Sadly, I have no clue how many new “Bringing Up Grades” (BUG) or “Terrific Kids” Kiwanis branded programs have been added as Kiwanis International does not send out that data. So, Kiwanis Clubs throughout KY-TN, send our District Office or me any names of the elementary at which your club has begun a new BUG or “Terrific Kids” program between October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. (If you have any questions about starting a BUG program, be sure to attend DCON in Murfreesboro in August; I will be conducting a workshop on just that topic.)

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Governor's Message

Finally, my Governor's Project half-time update. I have read through multiple monthly reports and discovered that there was no detailed information covering the hours of reading or numbers of books being distributed although many clubs do report that their members are participating in both. So, I began distribution of a form at Mid-Year Convention so that members and secretaries could keep an accurate account of all those numbers. A summary form will then be sent to the District Office in September so that clubs, etc. can be recognized at the 2023 Mid-Year Conference. If your club needs a copy of those forms, please contact the District Office.

Visiting clubs celebrating 100 years of service has been one of the positive visits for this Governor. However, due to having my first cataract surgery this week and family travel obligations next week, I am unable to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of several clubs. Hopefully, I will be able to visit those clubs later in the year to offer my sincere appreciation for their continued service. I will be a member of my home club when we celebrate our 50th, but not their 100th, so I will celebrate with as many other clubs as I am able. Hope to see many of you at Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis next month. Even more so, I hope to see hundreds of you at our own KY-TN District Convention in Murfreesboro in August. You will not be disappointed!

Thank you for being a Kiwanian. Thank you for adding new members to your rosters. Thank you for reading and distributing books to children. Thank you for building our future leaders by sponsoring Kiwanis SLPs. Thank you for the impact you are having in your community. Thank you for always remembering "now more than ever...Kids need Kiwanis." ♦

K-T FOUNDATION PART OF *AMAZON SMILE*

Submitted by Governor- Elect Dwight Watt



The Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis (K-T) Foundation is now a participant in the *Amazon Smiles* program. If you buy items on Amazon through the *Amazon Smiles* program, a portion of what you spend is donated to the K-T Foundation. You go to a different link and use your normal Amazon login. The site will show you everything that you see if you go to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and prices are all the same except that Amazon donates money to the K-T Foundation. This works only if you had registered at Amazon Smiles and chose the K-T Foundation, and if you use smile.amazon.com instead of [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

To register for *Amazon Smiles* and designate the K-T foundation as your charity choice go to smile.amazon.com and login, choosing the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Foundation as your beneficiary. When you login there the first time, choose Accounts and lists in the top right; then on list choose Amazon Smile and then page will show you how to choose us. Once you have done that, each time you shop at Amazon go to smile.amazon.com and the pages are the same as [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) except they know you want to donate that percentage to us and they handle it.

ANNUAL CLUB GIFT DONATION TO THE KT DISTRICT FOUNDATION



Submitted by Vice Governor Jim Gazay

The only source of funding for the Foundation is through the generosity of the KT Kiwanis members, Kiwanis clubs, and other interested persons/corporations. Each year, the Foundation makes an appeal to all Kiwanis Clubs to consider a club gift to the foundation. Gifts, ranging from \$2.00 per member to more than \$10.00 per member are common. With 100% participation by the clubs in the K-T District, the Foundation would be able to award up to five matching scholarships each to Key Club members and Circle K members. This appeal is made in the spring and in the late summer as a culmination of the annual district convention. All members of the KT Kiwanis District are members of the District Foundation. Kiwanians are encouraged to include the Foundation in their charitable giving each year. Specific opportunities are offered to members at the KT Kiwanis District Convention. In addition, proceeds from the sale of Foundation Kiwanis merchandise, arts and crafts, and auction items benefit the Foundation. Your continued support of our Foundation is appreciated not only by each of our board members, but by the kids we are able to help.

FOUNDATION MID-YEAR MEETING

(WESTERN KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF UPDATE)

During our recent Mid-Year conference, we were pleased to announce that the Foundation had received \$42,154.00 in donations for Western Kentucky Tornado relief. Additionally, the Foundation was addressed by Bruce Dobyms, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Mayfield and Lee Locke, Division 17 Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Dobyms gave the board a situation report and the challenges being faced in Mayfield, while Lieutenant Governor Locke gave the board a broader perspective of the impact the tornado had across Division 17. Upon conclusion of the situation report, the Foundation Board voted to donate \$20,000.00 to the Western Kentucky Relief Fund bringing the total to \$62,154.00.

Clubs impacted by tornadic activity on December 10, 2021 may apply to receive a grant to be used in a project to help those impacted in their community. Apply by sending a letter to the Kentucky Tennessee District Foundation P.O. Box 4327 Lexington, Kentucky 40544. The letter should address how your community was impacted and should include a detailed description of your project including costs and a point of contact. The deadline to apply for this special grant is midnight June 30, 2022. The Foundation will distribute in its entirety all funds donated to Western Kentucky Tornado Relief.

The Foundation would like to express our gratitude to all the Clubs and Individuals in the KT District that sent donations. Contributions were received from around the district and across the nation, from Maine to California. One of the most touching donations was from the Fox Academy Key Club in Maine. Their club, upon hearing of the tornado, donated \$2,300.00. Kids, practicing the values of Kiwanis and helping kids in need. One strong example of why "*Kids Need Kiwanis*," especially now. Additionally, the foundation would like to express thanks to the many Kiwanians who have made such generous donations to the Foundation.

Vice Governor Jim Gazay
President
KT Kiwanis District Foundation

KY-TN District Foundation

Count me in for Kids!

FROM THE EDITOR

Don Ritter



We hope that every issue of the *KT Notes* contains helpful Kiwanis information. We think this issue certainly does.

Growing our clubs' membership is of vital importance to the continued existence of Kiwanis, and our District and local leaders are working hard to make that growth a reality. In the March issue of the *KT Notes*, an article appeared describing how one small club, **Wilderness Road – Harrogate** (Tennessee), experienced dramatic club growth. In this issue you can read how another small club, the **Kiwanis Club of Paris** (Kentucky), also experienced outstanding growth. NEITHER club grew by accident – **those Kiwanians**

made it happen. Both articles provide **great instructions** for other Kiwanians to follow in growing their clubs. **Read those articles and learn!**

In this issue of the *KT Notes* you will find pictures and information acquired at the **2022 Mid-Year Conference**. There is information that points out the support received by **the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis Foundation** and in turn, the support provided by our Foundation. Summer is a special time for **CLE training** (although, not the only time it is offered), and you will learn by reading this issue how and when you can acquire that valuable and required training. Our **Service Leadership Programs** are important, and you can read below about them. Kiwanis clubs provide important **service to our kids and communities**, and descriptions of some of that service are also described below. Enjoy the “**Spotlight**” article and knowing about the life of Berea Kiwanian **Betty Olinger**. Sadly, reported in this issue is **the loss** of an 11-year-old **K-Kids member** and Past KT Governor **Burnis Patrick**.

To those who will be attending the Kiwanis International Convention in June, we wish you safe journeys and a great experience in Indianapolis. To everyone, have a good summer and get ready for the August Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District **Convention in Murfreesboro**, Tennessee.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING PICTURES cannot be overstated.

PICTURES WITH KIWANIS LOGOS AND EMBLEMS ARE THE BEST.

YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER



Kiwanis leaders should be looking for new and different ways to grow their club membership. One of those ways is corporate membership which offers the same benefits as individual membership. Both Kiwanis clubs and companies in your community can benefit when a company or business sponsors one or more Kiwanian memberships.

There are advantages to corporate membership. The Kiwanis club gains a member or members and the company who sponsors a corporate member or members develops an affiliation with a well-respected service organization in the community.

Here is how to enter corporate members of your club on the dashboard:

- * The organization joins the club as a member, following this process.

You have the employee join (name of employee put into the data base) and mark the membership as corporation, with the name of the company.

- * The company is represented at meetings and events by the designated employee. Only this person is allowed to vote and hold office.

- * If the designated employee changes jobs or moves, a new employee can be designated to take his or her place without being charged a new member fee. The club lets Kiwanis International know the information.

There is no limit to the number of corporate memberships a company may have in a club as long as each member has a paid membership. An employer can send different employees to the meetings, but only as guest of the corporate member of the club.

I would urge you to consider the possibility of corporate memberships by companies and businesses in your community

Fran Marion
District Secretary

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



Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 4, of the District Bylaws, this is a call to each chartered club to the annual district convention to be held August 11-14, 2022 in Murfreesboro, TN. Registration Form will available in the KT Notes, be posted on the Web, and online registration will be advertised.

Frances L. Marion,
District Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON

Betty Olinger

Betty Olinger, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Berea (Kentucky) grew up on a farm in Lancaster, Kentucky. She was **an only child with six siblings (are you paying attention here?)**. There is an explanation for the



information that may sound strange to many readers, and here it is: Betty, at the age of 22 months, was adopted. Her biological parents lived in the tenant house on her adoptive parents' 72-acre farm. Betty's mom and daddy were very open regarding the adoption, and they made sure that she grew up knowing her biological mother, father and siblings. Betty's mom and daddy had no other children, and she said that she knew God had intended for her to be an only child. Her daddy passed away when she was 11 years old.

For the first 11 years of her public education experience, Betty attended a very small segregated school. Lancaster is in Garrard County and segregation was a way of life in that county and town. She remembers going to the drug store to fill prescriptions and having to go to the left and not to the right because the soda fountain was on the right. In the movie theater she had to sit in the balcony. When her daddy was hospitalized due to a stroke, her family had to enter a back door of the hospital, and there was a partition beyond which her family was not admitted. Her daddy's hospital room was cold. Additionally, he was placed in an area too far from the nurse's station considering the seriousness of his condition.

Betty attended the newly built, newly integrated high school for her senior year which was a good experience. She acquired additional friends during that year, and discrimination was not a problem. She had two special friends in the same grade with her; and the three of them maintained a friendly academic competition. She feels fortunate that she is able to stay connected with those friends. She chose to take trigonometry as an elective (one more that was required) mathematics course which she enjoyed and it proved helpful in her future education. She was a member of the *Future Farmers of America*, and she served on the yearbook staff. Betty was a good student, and in a class of approximately 90 students her academic standing placed her in the top 20 percent of her class which was required for admission to Berea College.

From the time her daddy died, Betty wanted to be a nurse. She applied to Berea to major in nursing and was accepted. In addition to the work she did on the family farm, the work she did at Berea helped instill Betty's work ethic. She worked as a custodian in the hospital during her first year. The next two years were spent working with patients in the hospital. After a semester of Public Health Nursing in Manchester, Kentucky during the last semester of her senior year, she was a Remediation Instructor for *Students for Appalachia*.

It was at an event called a "Moonlight Hike" (actually a hayride) that she met another freshman named David Olinger who would be a future governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District. They developed a relationship and became engaged during their junior year. On the day after graduation they were married. In 2019 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Berea.

Returning to Lancaster for a few months, she worked as the first black RN to be employed by that hospital, earning a promotion to evening supervisor. David was supposed to go to law school, but it was during the Viet Nam War and he felt he was about to be drafted into the Army. Before that could happen, he enlisted in the Navy. After completing his training, he and his bride moved to Newport, Rhode Island where he was to serve on a ship based there. Betty had never seen the ocean, and she was both amazed and pleased to find that their apartment was across from the beach. During the four years they lived there, Betty taught nurses in a hospital Nurse Diploma program.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The years that followed were busy ones. David completed law school. Their daughter, Joslyn, was born, and Betty attended the University of Kentucky where she earned her Master's degree and later, her Doctor of Education degree – all while teaching nursing at Berea College. KT Kiwanians watched Joselyn, a charming girl who everyone loved, grow up. Joslyn, like her dad, is now a lawyer. She has clerked for a Kentucky Supreme Court Justice and is now Title VII and Title IX Coordinator for Berea College. Her husband is a deputy sheriff and court bailiff and they have an 11-year-old daughter – Jalia.

Betty's ambition was to serve as an administrator, not fulfilled at Berea. Kentucky State University called her to serve as Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, a position she held for four years. Then, after teaching one year at Kentucky State University, and she was appointed by the Kentucky governor to be Director of Local Health Department Operations for Kentucky. When a new governor was elected, Betty found herself without a job. However, she wasn't out of a job long and in August, 2004 she returned to Kentucky State University as chair of the Department of Nursing. She was good for that university. In the nine years she was in that position she obtained more than \$6 million in grants for the nursing program, helping improve NCLEX pass rates, helping maintain accreditation and increasing the number of students and faculty. Betty retired in 2013. Retirement didn't last long and in August, 2019 Kentucky State University asked her to return as chair of the Department of Nursing. The COVID 19 Pandemic altered her plans to stay for one year and she continued a second year. Betty didn't plan to "fail" retirement again.

For several years Betty has been and continues to be involved in educational, community and civic activities and organizations. Among them is several years of service to the National Board of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. She continues her involvement with Berea College, currently serving on the Board of Trustees. In the city of Berea, she has served on and chaired the Planning and Zoning Board, and she has been on the Housing Authority and the Hospital Board both of which she also chaired. Betty has been a member of the NAACP for many years. She has maintained her professional involvement through her membership with the American and the Kentucky Nurses Associations, the National Black Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing, the Kentucky League for Nursing and the Lexington Black Nurses Association.

Betty's entry into Kiwanis was gradual. Even after women were allowed to join and she was invited to membership, she at first declined invitations. Betty and David's connection with Kiwanis began when David would take her and four-year-old Joslyn to Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunts. On one of those excursions, he was invited to join by a Kiwanian friend and he accepted. Supporting David and his Kiwanis club, Betty would help with the projects. Eventually, working at a Kiwanis auction with another person who was also not a Kiwanian – it happened. That person said that if Betty would join, that friend would join, too and so they both became Kiwanians in 1999. In the years that have followed, Betty has served her club well. She has been on the board for many years, she has chaired various committees and she has served two different terms as club president.

It is difficult to imagine that Betty, who is so busy, would have time for any hobbies but she has a few. She loves to read and she loves to play cards. Bid Whist, an African American card game popular in England, is her favorite. She says, with her usual good humor, she minored in games in college. Another of her hobbies is gardening; actually we think she supervises David who claims to be the gardener in the family. But most of Betty's free time is spent with Jalia, their granddaughter, who she calls "Sunshine." Throughout their married life, she and David have traveled extensively in and outside the United States. They have been on several cruises, and she thinks there is more traveling left for them to do.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Asked for special experiences in her life she could talk about, Betty mentioned two, both involving Joslyn. The family was attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Nice, France when David temporarily lost 15-year-old Joslyn. However, with Charles and Kathy Ridenour's help, she was found – with a teenage boy in McDonald's. He couldn't speak English and she couldn't speak French, but they both managed to communicate in Spanish. Betty also told of a scary flight in an airplane which was three-year-old Joslyn's first airplane ride. They were in a terrible storm and the plane was struck by lightning. With that lightning strike the plane suddenly hit a severe downdraft that caused the plane to drop so many feet that they were all terrified. Did Joslyn cry with fright? No! She laughed and said, "**Do it again.**" With her laughter the tension and fear among the passengers was relieved and they all began laughing.

The picture you see with this piece was taken at the 2022 Midyear Conference and shows Betty with a smile. That is **NOT** an affected smile. That is the genuine Betty Olinger that we see at every Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis event, convention, and conference. Her effectiveness in her profession, community and in her Kiwanis is enhanced by being a pleasant, happy, yet serious and very capable person. That's why people appreciate her caring ways. She said that they are not finished with traveling yet. In that same spirit, we say she isn't finished with Kiwanis either, and Kiwanis is the better for it. ♦

JUST FOR LAUGHS

IT WAS MOTHER'S DAY IN THAT CHURCH

An elderly woman walked into the local country church.

The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"**Do you happen to know who I am?**" the woman inquired.

"**No,**" he said.

"**I'm the pastor's mother,**" she replied indignantly.

"**Do you know who I am?**" he asked.

"**No,**" she said.

With a sigh of relief, he said, "**Good.**"



BURNIS PATRICK – 1946-2022



Past Governor Burnis Patrick passed away May 3. Governor Burnis was the 1999-2000 Governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis. To know Governor Burnis was to know a friend. He was an active and dedicated Kiwanian and a member of the Salyersville, Kentucky Kiwanis Club. Those who knew him, knew him as a man with many interests. He enjoyed working with old cars and he was a participant in North/South Civil War enactments, just to name a few.

Burnis was a man who cared for others; he was a pastor and he was a mentor to many Kiwanians. It probably is accurate to suggest that Barbara, who will miss him greatly, became a Kiwanian with his encouragement.

He was a Kiwanian to emulate. An active inter-clubber, he was always there, ready to join his friends in visiting other Kiwanis clubs. His friends were proud of Burnis and knew him to be one of the first, if not **the** first Kentucky-Tennessee District Governors from Eastern Kentucky. It was said that from Burnis, Eastern Kentucky Kiwanians would receive a full report of what was going on at the District and International levels. There are givers and there are takers. Burnis was a giver and he gave much to Kiwanis and to his community.

With his easy-going personality and quick sense of humor, this friendly man who had such a welcoming and warm personality, got along with everyone. He never seemed to be angry with anyone, and others had no anger toward him. Governor Burnis was a credit to his region, to Kentucky, and to the Kentucky-Tennessee District. He will certainly be missed.

A SAD ANNOUNCEMENT

Submitted by Darrell Olson

The Kiwanis Club of Hardin County (Kentucky) is saddened by the loss of one of our important K-Kids. Kaylee Hawk, 11 years old, passed away unexpectedly on March 16. A previous President of the K-Kids Club at Woodland Elementary School, Kaylee was a leader in both the K-Kids and Girl Scouts. She was known as a leader who always wore a smile. Kaylee will be truly missed.



THE 2022 KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE DISTRICT OF KIWANIS MIDYEAR CONFERENCE IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

THE BOARD. The Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis Board convened on Friday to conduct the business of the District, discussing many matters, establishing and approving policies and through the lieutenant governors, providing leadership and guidance to the Kiwanis clubs of the district. Among the many important issues under consideration was a discussion of the need to be prepared to provide assistance in the event of another disaster such as the one experienced in the Kentucky and Tennessee tornado outbreaks earlier in the year.



THE FOUNDATION BOARD. Jim Gazay, Larry Vickers and Norm Martin were anticipating the beginning of the Kentucky-Tennessee Foundation Board meeting. Scholarships, and Foundation investments, in light of the recent decline in the stock market were among the topics discussed (and they are doing well). Expressed was a desire that those who have earned one of the Foundation Fellowships (for example, Hixson Fellows) should wear their medallions at the upcoming KT Convention in Murfreesboro. Kiwanians from the regions struck by the recent tornados enlightened the Foundation Board relative to the disastrous destruction experienced by the people in the communities in their part of the District. One estimate was that it will take 10-15 years for affected families and businesses to recover.



MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

THE FRIDAY EVENING BANQUET. Governor Lynn made it clear from the very beginning –with the exception being that she would give a State of the District speech – there would be no program. There would be nothing but good fellowship and conversation while Kiwanians enjoyed that good banquet food on Friday evening.



Secretary Fran and Lieutenant Governor Darrell Olson (Division 12) were just two of the many Kiwanians who were observed following those instructions.

Beautiful and entertaining music was provided by the governor's instrumentalist and vocalist friend, **Chris Fallis**. She promised that we would enjoy Chris's music and we did.



International Trustee **Chuck Fletcher** was invited by your KT Notes Editor to dance to that toe-tapping music, but Chuck respectfully declined (to the relief of your Editor who had once experienced dancing with an embarrassed Chuck several years ago at a KT Convention).



eloquent and spiritual prayer of blessing to open the meeting.

Robert Blythe, seen here, is a Richmond (Kentucky) Kiwanian and the Mayor of that city. Robert gave a beautiful,



MIDYEAR CONFERENCE



Joining **Governor Lynn** as her guests were her son, **Andrew Bowling** and his wife, **On dine Quinn**.

The KT Foundation had sold tickets for a drawing, and **Judith Legerton** won \$177 when her ticket was drawn. As a result of that drawing, \$178 went to the Foundation. A large number of Kiwanians and guests volunteered to fill bags with personal items donated by the district which were to be given to Lexington children.



Secretary Fran and **Governor Lynn** are seen here “guarding” those bags which were to be distributed later. Many thanks to those volunteers for their help.



THE WORKSHOPS.

There were several valuable workshops, each one conducted by knowledgeable and experienced Kiwanians. Topics included Human Trafficking, Active Shooter, Risk and Liability, Youth Protection, Fundraising, Project and Fundraiser Revitalization, Stress, Service Leadership Programs (SLPs), and Long Range Goals for Growth. **International Trustee Chuck Fletcher** in his workshop entitled “*Front Porch Chat*,” spoke of the importance of being a part of a Kiwanis family and many other things pertaining to growing our Kiwanis organization. Encouraging groups to take Selfies, “family pictures,” this creative group submitted their Selfie. They are **Fred and Lucille Troutman, Ginger Riggs** (in the front); **Bob Lambert and Wanda Davis** in the back.



The more “laid back” family group members are Annie Catron (who “grew a moustach for the occasion), Joyce Boggs and Wayne Sullivan (no red nose).



MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

THE SATURDAY GENERAL SESSION. There is an effort to recognize all the Kiwanians who deserve recognition. In one sense that includes all of the Kiwanians in the District; but during this session special Kiwanians and clubs were named. After District Treasurer P.R. Cooke's report stating that the district budget is in the black, Secretary Fran (seen in these pictures) gave a conference report saying that there were 92 full registrants, 98 partial registrants and 13 guests for a total of 123 Midyear Conference participants. She recognized those clubs that consistently submitted their monthly and other reports on time, and 36

clubs were recognized with *Superior Club Reporting* awards including: **Division 1**, Franklin County and Tullahoma; **Division 2**, Mt. Juliet and Putnam County; **Division 3**, Chattanooga, Fort Oglethorpe and Hixon; **Division 4**, Athens, Oak Rige and Telico Village--Loudin; **Division 5**, Alcoa, Maryville, Newport, Northside Knoxville and Sevierville; **Division 6**, Rockcastle County; **Division 8**, Coal Run and Pikeville; **Division 9**, Berea, Irvine-Ravenna, Mt. Sterling and Richmond; **Division 11**, Columbia and Fayetteville; **Division 12**, Hardin County and Louisville; **Division 14**, Cheatham County, Clarksville, Hilldale—Clarksville and Springfield; **Division 16**, Ashland, Ashland Breakfast and Greater Martin County; **Division 18**, Greater Music City; and **Division 19**, Blue Grass (The) Lexington and Lexington.

Other recognitions were: "Club Brochure," Hardin County, Kentucky (**First Place**) and Boone County, Kentucky (**Second Place**); "Newsletter Contest," Bowling Green, Kentucky (**First Place**) and Alcoa, Tennessee Maryville, Tennessee (**Tied for Second Place**); and "Memory Book," Boone County, Kentucky (**First Place**); there was no Second Place winner.

It was reported that the 2022 Kentucky-Tennessee Convention is scheduled for August in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (watch for more information from the KT District office). The 2022 Kentucky International Convention is scheduled for June 8-11 in Indianapolis and registration will close May 1 making it impossible to register after that date (there will be no registration at the convention).

In a year that was made difficult by the Pandemic, Past Governor David is to be commended for his leadership and for all that was accomplished during his administration. He and Immediate Past First Lady Louise are seen here recognizing the Kiwanis clubs who fulfilled the goals of the First Lady *Drop Your Drawers Project*. Those clubs were Clarksville (**Division 14**), Hilldale-Clarksville (**Division 14**), Rockcastle County (**Division 6**) and Sevierville (**Division 5**) in Tennessee; Hardin County (**Division 12**) and Lexington Blue Grass (**Division 19**) in Kentucky. David recognized the Kentucky clubs that achieved recognition as Distinguished Clubs. They were Ashland Breakfast (**Division 16**), Berea (**Division 9**), Bluegrass (**Division 19**), Boone County (**Division 10**) and Richmond (**Division 9**); in Tennessee the clubs that achieved recognition as Distinuished Clubs were Greater Music City (**Division 18**) and Hilldale-Clarksville (**Division 14**).



MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

Past Governor David announced his lieutenant governors who achieved distinction as Distinguished Lieutenant Governors. They were Amanda Abell (**Division 13**), Pete Davis (**Division 5**), Joyce Boggs (**Division 16**), Joni Kleine (**Division 9**), Vic Legerton (**Division 18**), Scott Mathot (**Division 4**), Gracie Porter (**Division 2**) and Ken Spiceland (**Division 14**)

The “Harper Gatton Interclub Award” went to Maryville (Tennessee) and the “Interclub Governors Award” went to Maryville, Hilldale and Sevierville (all in Tennessee).



Key Club administrator Steve Phillips introduced Key Club Governor Dalton Adams who is the first KT Key Club governor to serve a second term as governor. Governor Dalton assured the convention that Key Club in Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District is doing well in spite of the COVID 19 pandemic.



Glen Kleine reported the status of Circle K clubs saying there will soon be a new Internet Club, and he said he would not be Circle K Administrator after April 1.



Vice Governor Jim Gazay gave a positive Foundation report, urging individuals and clubs to donate to the KT Foundation (see his article elsewhere in this issue of the *KT Notes*).



Mark Garman discussed CLE training at the conference and expressed appreciation for the work of the CLE trainers as he recognized the trainers who assisted at Midyear including: Bruce Damrow, Jim Gazay, Jim Mann and Fran Marion. Other trainers attending Midyear but involved in other meetings were Edye Bryant, P.R. Cook and Dwight Watt.***



Sue Fleschner, International Children’s Fund Administrator for the KT District assured the convention that many in the world need our help and urged individual and club donations to the *Children’s Fund* that tries to provide that help.

Bruce Damrow, a retired Air Force sergeant, knows how to project his voice and he practiced that projection with enthusiasm and energy (he woke up everyone) as he talked about *Project Engage*, an effort to grow membership in the KT District.



*****There will be other CLE training sessions in June, July and August, both in-person and virtual. Mark will send out the schedule of those events on June 1 (See Mark’s related article elsewhere in this issue).**

MIDDLE TENNESSEE KIWANIANS PROVE SUPERHEROES FOR KEY CLUB DCON

Submitted by Steve Phillips

As Key Club members from across Kentucky and Tennessee celebrated *Superheroes of Service* at their District Convention in Franklin, Tennessee, Middle Tennessee Kiwanians lived out this theme making tremendous contributions to the success of the weekend.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club District offers special thanks to **Becky Lanham**, of the Murfreesboro Kiwanis Club, **Carolyn Campbell**, of the Greater Music City Kiwanis Club, and

Victor "Vic" Legerton, of the Greater Music City Kiwanis Club. All three of these individuals went above and beyond to help our student leaders prepare and carry out the convention.

Vic Legerton attended every committee meeting. He arranged for the mayor of Williamson County to give remarks at the convention, he arranged for attraction discounts and items for the welcome packet, and he arranged for some fellow Kiwanians to serve as contest judges at the convention.

We asked for individually packaged snack items for the welcome packets, and **Carolyn Campbell** delivered in a huge way. She provided approximately one thousand individually wrapped snacks including snack crackers, cookies, and candy. In addition, Carolyn spent Friday afternoon working the registration desk checking in clubs as they arrived at the convention.

She also spent Saturday morning judging contests for the convention.

Becky Lanham provided the real "Wow Factor" for the welcome packets, and she arranged for attractions discounts. In addition, she took on the daunting task of organizing and assigning judges for a variety of contests Saturday morning and Saturday evening. It was great to have Becky with us at our convention all weekend. Speaking of contest judges, thanks to the following individuals for coming in to judge on Saturday:

From the Greater Music City Kiwanis Club

- Carolyn Campbell
- Stephen Davis
- Rhoda Davis

From the Murfreesboro Kiwanis Club

- Steve Lanham
- Bobbie Johnson
- Byron Glenn
- Carol Wisdom
- Rebecca Westergard

Other Friends

- Jennifer Durand
- David Johns

I apologize if we have omitted anyone.

The Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club District was thrilled to hold its first in-person DCON (District Convention) since 2019. The K-T District Key Club Board and the host Key Club from Community High School planned and carried out an action packed, high-energy, fun-filled convention.

However, the contributions of Vic Legerton, Carolyn Campbell, and Becky Lanham took the convention to a higher level. The K-T Key Club district offers these individuals our sincere thanks.



Of special significance to Key Clubbers was a resolution recognizing the contributions made over many years by past Key Club Administrator, Ira Gladson.

RESOLUTION #1 – IRA GLADSON

- WHEREAS, Ira Gladson has served the Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club District with high distinction for almost his entire adult life, filling the roles of Faculty Advisor, Assistant District Administrator, District Administrator, and now Administrator Emeritus and Director of Key Clubs; and
- WHEREAS, Ira Gladson is in every sense of the word the “Father” of the Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club District, and has been one of the strongest and most visible forces behind its success for more than six decades; and
- WHEREAS, Ira Gladson has impacted in a very positive and almost incalculable way the lives of countless young people of all ages through his activities in Key Club, as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Knoxville, Tennessee, and through his profession as the Director of Guidance and Testing for the Knoxville Public Schools, and
- WHEREAS, Ira Gladson has attended every Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club District Convention for the past fifty-five years and even more before his consecutive streak began in 1967; and
- WHEREAS, Ira Gladson is very regrettably not able to be with us this weekend for the 76th Annual K-T District Key Club Convention;
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club District express its profound gratitude to Ira Gladson for his enormous role in the growth and success of the Kentucky-Tennessee District, and that it looks forward to his continuing involvement in the activities of the district in the years to come. We miss him very much!

Passed by the Kentucky-Tennessee Key Club District House of Delegates on
March 20, 2022, in Franklin, Tennessee.

HARDIN COUNTY



Hardin County (Kentucky) Kiwanians (Left) Mike and Anita Thomas, Tracy and Darrell Olson, (Right) Kyle and Hunter Hammer, President Sharon Post, and Joan Gartin enjoying a fun club social night.

ART POSTER COMPETITION WINNER

Submitted by Glen Kleine

Kylee Barney, a White Hall Elementary School student in Richmond (Kentucky), won the annual Children's Champions poster competition. Kylee was the recipient of a \$100 check from the Kiwanis Club of Richmond for her award-winning entry. The art department at White Hall School received a \$100 check from the Kiwanis Club of Berea. Presenting the Berea Kiwanis Club check to the art department was Berea Kiwanian Joshua Hampton. Victoria Bengel, the Treasurer of Richmond Kiwanis Club, presented the Richmond check to Kylee.

In the picture, Kylee Barney proudly displays her winning poster "Rise Up and Shine ... Be a Children's Champion." In the photo with Kylee are White Hall School and Kiwanis participants. Making the announcement of her winning the competition was Reagan Taylor (left), Madison County, Kentucky Judge Executive.



CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (CLE) FOR YOUR CLUB IN 2022-23

The CLE training schedule is forthcoming. We are planning virtual and in-person sessions throughout June, July, and August. Now is the time to sign up and register to attend. Look for the registration form being sent to your current club president and secretary; Or, call the KT District Office.

As we are approaching the 2022-23 Kiwanis year, now is the time to commit to helping your club by taking a Club Leadership Education class. The four main training modules are President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership. The new Leadership Guide for 2022 is available from Kiwanis.org or when you sign up for the virtual session.

These and other modules are found inside the Kiwanis.org web site under education. Start with learning more about **Youth Protection Guidelines**, or being a **committee member**, then a **board member**. Everyone should be concerned about bringing in new members. Click on the new **Two for Two membership module** to learn more about inviting new members.

The choices you make when reviewing all of the CLE modules will help you with personal leadership development. Have you been elected to club leadership; or has another member suggested you become a leader in Kiwanis? Are you a young member, veteran member, new member, or maybe you have made the connection "Kids need Kiwanis." Now you can train to become a club leader and add to the continuing community success of your Kiwanis Club.

Please contact me about Club Leadership Education by phone (502-262-2321) or email (Markgarman620@icloud.com). Or you can contact any of the CLE certified trainers.

Thank you for being in Kiwanis.

NEW SHIRTS FOR CIRCLE K

Submitted by Glen Kleine

Circle K members from East Tennessee State University proudly wear their new CKI T-shirts. They displayed their new shirts after recently placing second in a university-wide field day. The Eastern Tennessee State University Circle K Club, with 57 members, is the largest Circle K club in the Kentucky-Tennessee District.





HELPING OUT AT EGGTRAVAGGANZA

Submitted by Glen Kleine

Richmond, Kentucky Mayor Robert Blythe, a Kiwanis board member, and Lisa Cassity, Richmond (Kentucky) Kiwanis club secretary, man the sticker booth for kids at the *Easter Eggtravaganza* sponsored by the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department and at Lake Reba Park in Richmond.

BUILDING LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE

Submitted by Donna Sade

On March 15, members of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport presented the new Chapter Charter and installed new officers for the Builders Club at Sullivan Heights Middle School. New member certificates were also presented. Shown is the chapter faculty sponsor, Crystal Berry along with Kiwanis President Don Royston, and Kiwanian Kim Frederick. Zoe McCarthy, Builders Club President, is receiving the Chapter Charter. Members of the Kingsport Kiwanis Club attending the ceremony are (left to right) Dr. Jamie Whiting (school principal); Angie Marshall; Charles Nitschke; Faculty Sponsor Crystal Berry; Don Royston; Richard Venable and Kim Frederick.



OUTSTANDING GROWTH IN PARIS

Don Ritter

Learning that the Kiwanis Club of Paris (Kentucky) is a small club that experienced dramatic growth in the past year Pat Phipps, the club president, was asked how it happened. This Kiwanis club **began the administrative year with 17 members and as of this writing they have added 24 new members giving them a membership of 41** for a growth of 141 percent. Pictured here are 12 Paris Kiwanians: front row, left to right, are President Pat Phipps, new member Cheryl Lopez, Cissie West, President-Elect Sarah Thwaites, Past President Soni Offutt, and Jim Brooks; back row, left to right, are Charlotte Jones, Rebecca Lawyer, Peggy Seithers, Drew Palus, Kevin Zachary, and Secretary-Treasurer LeeAnn Abner). Club President Pat Phipps, who has been in a position of presidential leadership for a total of five years, gave some very insightful answers when asked how they accomplished such growth.



The Paris Kiwanis Club has a history of community involvement and has become locally well-known through newspaper and Facebook publicity. The club sponsors Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) in every school. Their SLP organizations are very active and they frequently team with the Kiwanis club in projects and fundraising (pictured here are members of the Bourbon County High School Key Club).

Raising funds through yard sales, golf scrambles and annual auctions, the club donates \$11,000 a year to any school in their community that needs assistance. Recipients in the past have included athletic and music groups and individual teachers that have special classroom needs; every public school in Paris gets Kiwanis assistance in receiving school supplies. Each year a total of \$4,000 in college scholarships are awarded. *Christmas for Kids* serves 100 children and, working cooperatively with school Family Resource Centers, 60 families receive Thanksgiving baskets. The Kiwanis Club sponsored a skate park 10 years ago and raffle tickets were recently sold as a means of raising money to renovate that skate park. The Paris Kiwanis Club purchased a book for every student seen here in the Cane Ridge Elementary School annual scholastic book fair (Kiwanians Cissie West, Soni Offutt and Pat Phipps are also seen standing behind these happy students).



The question President Pat was asked is this: **What is your secret in attaining such impressive growth?** Here are her answers. (1) She said that Kiwanians **ASK** (don't be afraid to ask, she says) and with perseverance they don't give up when they don't receive an affirmative answer the first time; they ask again and again. (2) Kiwanians **sell Kiwanis to people who witness what Kiwanis does** through projects and fundraisers. (3) The president schedules **get-acquainted meetings** at a local restaurant, extending invitations to community people to attend. At those meetings, Kiwanians meet with their guests one-on-one, getting to know them, and the guests are told everything about Kiwanis including dues, projects, fundraisers and other information prospective Kiwanians would want to know. (4) **Be a people person**; show an interest in people when asking them to join. (4) **Be particularly intentional in recruiting young people** (but **NOT to the exclusion** of older people) and when new members join, give them responsibilities.

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PARIS



President Pat is proud of her club and all of its members. She mentioned two new members who have joined the Paris Kiwanis Club and who serve with great energy. Sarah Thwaites is vice-president and LeeAnn Abner is secretary-treasurer. Through their industrious and creative efforts, these two young and capable Kiwanians, and others in the club, are already helping make an active, effective, growing and strong Kiwanis club even stronger and more effective. ♦

NOT THE TELLICO VILLAGE KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS

THEY WERE A FORCE OF NATURE FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF MARCH

Submitted by Angela Antico

March 1: Our club presented a check to Lenoir City Elementary School in the amount of \$1,092.00. Our members' contributions allowed the school to purchase 70 books for their library. A group of Kiwanians also took part in *Read Across America Day Program* at the school.

March 4: Five Kiwanians packed bags of nutritious snacks; each bag contained items from the four basic food groups. Teachers confidentially distributed the bags to disadvantaged students at Loudon Elementary School.

March 8: Tellico Village Kiwanis Members Rob Orkney, Dan Kuzdzal and Pat Humphrey visited the Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga. The Chattanooga club had requested a presentation describing our Amtryke Project. Their intent was to gain insight on re-starting their Amtryke Project which had been dormant for a few years. Rob and Dan explained how our project operates. They shared perspective on the magnitude of the need for Amtrykes. These two incredible Kiwanis members have assisted eight Kiwanis Clubs in Tennessee in developing an Amtryke Project for special needs children in their areas. Those clubs include Alcoa, Athens, Johnson City, Knoxville, Maryville, Sevierville, Sweetwater and Tellico Plains.

March 9: Amtryke #80 was presented by our club at the First Baptist Church. Lane, a six-year-old boy who lost the use of his legs following an accident last year, was the recipient. The therapeutic tricycle will give Lane the ability to be mobile with his own set of wheels. But best of all, he'll be outside riding with his friends. The Tryke will also allow Lane to build upper body strength for his wheelchair and self-care activities. The Tellico Village Kiwanis Club purchases the Tryke, assembles it and presents it to a child at no cost to the family. An Amtryke purchase averages between \$600 and \$1,000. For the past 11 years, our club has been helping families make the wish of mobility come true for their children.



March 10: Koinonia Sunday School Class and Tellico Village Kiwanis member Kevin Meyer, partnered with Green Tree Plastics to provide a Buddy Bench for the First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge Playground. The congregation collected 200 pounds of plastic bottle caps. The Koinonia Class organized the effort and paid a nominal fee to purchase the bench. Kevin, sorted and weighed caps, and transported and delivered the bench.

TELLICO VILLAGE

March 10: The Lending Library is a program at the Lenoir City Elementary School for kindergarten students. The children check out a book weekly from the book carts with the help of our Kiwanis Club volunteers. Our club has been a part of this program from its inception.

March 11: Four schools competed in a *Battle of the Bridge Robotics Competition* that included Lenoir City Intermediate, Loudon North Middle, Fort Loudon Middle and Philadelphia Middle. Tellico Village Kiwanis Club initiated the Robotics/STEM Project in 2017. It began with just one middle school and has expanded to the four schools who participated. Robotics/STEM is one of our club's Signature Projects.

March 15: Quarterly Commodities Delivery mission was accomplished. Fifteen Kiwanian volunteers, 10 members from the Knights of Columbus and Loudon County Sheriff's Department received, sorted, and packed 192 20-pound bags of food. Thirty-two households would receive six bags of food for a total of 3,840 pounds of food. Kiwanians delivered the bags to residents at a Senior Housing Complex in Lenoir City. We are proud of the dedication and commitment of our Kiwanis members.

March 25-26: The KY-TN Mid-Year Convention was held in Lexington, KY. Our club was part of the "Revitalizing your Service Projects and Fundraisers" workshop. Our club president, Angie Antico, gave a presentation covering the November 2021 Pancake Breakfast at Little Italy Restaurant in our community.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF TELLICO VILLAGE STARTED AND ENDED MARCH AS A LION.

LOOK OUT APRIL, OUR MEMBERS HAVE NO INTENTION OF SLOWING DOWN.



The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village had other projects. A long-time supporter of the Special Olympics, they presented a check in the amount of \$850.00 to Donna Webb the Director. Pictured presenting the check: (left-right) are Dan Oberholzer, Donna Webb, Beth Mouse, Don Klein, Angie Antico, Lou Antico and Ray Mouse. Shown here are some of the participants. Tellico Village Kiwanians also assisted with New Student Registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten at Lenoir City Elementary, giving directions and assistance as they made the parents and new students feel both welcome and comfortable.

IT IS ABOUT ABILITIES, NOT DISABILITIES
MARYVILLE KIWANIS THERAPEUTIC TRICYCLE PROJECT
Submitted by Pete Davis

The Kiwanis Club of Maryville tries to help meet certain therapeutic needs of children with disabilities from families unable to afford this expensive equipment. The solution we provide to these children is an Amtryke therapeutic tricycle for children, age 18 and younger, who are courageously living with disabilities affecting their motor skills and strength. Amtrykes are all about abilities, focusing on what children can do, not what they can't do!

The Kiwanis Club of Maryville presented an Amtryke to 13-year-old Madison Turrill, a student at Heritage Middle school. Madison, or Maddie as she prefers to be called, received the bike especially made for her. The Maryville Kiwanis Foundation paid for the cost of the Tryke. The Kiwanis project team was headed by Maryville Kiwanians, (left to right) Robert Russell, Pete Davis, Kent Willoughby, Jon Waters, Jerry Heiny, Anna Waters Steve Kiefer, with help from Tellico Village Kiwanian Rob Orkney and Jenna Pittman from Heritage High School who took delivery and assembled the Amtryke. Heritage High School teacher Jon Waters and his daughter Anna allowed us to use their workshop to assemble two Amtrykes and they assisted with assembling the Tryke.

Maddie has physical and speech disabilities which limit her activities. She was evaluated and recommended by her physical therapist Cayla Cannon, and occupational therapist Emily Morgan. They determined which model of Amtryke and what combination of adaptive equipment would offer Maddie the greatest therapeutic value.

During the presentation at Heritage Middle School Maddie's mother, Kristen Teaster, grandmother Becky Frye and Tessa Bailey Heritage Middle School acting principal, nurse Kayla Murphy, Teaching Assistant Norma Millsaps and several classmates were present to support Maddie along with Maryville Kiwanians Debbie Jones, Doug Craig, Wanda Davis and Patsy Russell. Maddie was thrilled and excited to use her new Tryke. Her family is deeply grateful and happy to see Maddie receive the opportunity for exercise, play and social interaction.



The Kiwanis Club of Maryville also presented an Amtryke specifically made for 18-year-old Carson Walker during their weekly meeting. Carson has physical and speech disabilities which severely limit his mobility. He has an electric wheelchair but cannot get much exercise in it. Carson's Amtryke can be adapted in many ways for seating and positioning his head and body to insure a proper fit. His parents, Paul and Karen Walker and therapist Cayla Cannon asked the Maryville Kiwanis Club for help. His face lit up with a big smile when he got to use his Amtryke.

Maryville Kiwanians gain satisfaction by helping one more child and one more family live a better life.





New Members

Alcoa	Suzanne Lambert Fred Martin	Franklin County	Deborah Holliday
Ashland	Ben Darling	Greater Martin County	Denise Gauze Cody Slone Palma Ward
Athens	Peyton Eastman	Greater Music City	Emily Cox
Bowling Green	David Downing Daniel Miller Tori Pinerola	Lawrenceburg	Amy Collins James Collins
Caverna	Michael Hegi	Madisonville	Kimberly Gilliam Stan Hill Desterie West
Cheatham County	Samuel Naquin, Jr.	Murfreesboro	Grady Payne
Dover	Benjiman Kash Brenda Lawry Heather Martin	Ooltewah-Collegedale	Alan Darmody Patricia Fuhrman Max Miller
East Brainerd, Chattanooga	Kelly Schrader	Paducah	Haylie Hobbs Krystal Watson
Foothills, Townsend	Judy Snow	Paris	Kayla Bohanan Cheryl Lopez
Frankfort	Forrest Coleman	Sevierville	Johnny Hannon
		Springfield	Margaret Ann King
		West Liberty	Aric Lonchar Charles McColligan
		Wilderness Road, Harrogate	Jason Hopkins Matt Payne Dennis Ramsey