

# KT NOTES

## July 2020-2021



### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Kendra Skidmore

We are in the midst of a historic year and are blessed to have our Kiwanis family with us as we weather trials, tribulations and successes. This year's moments have solidified my commitment to the children who need mentors and guidance. This is significant as I am certain it has solidified your commitment as well. Our district is vast, our communities' needs varied, and Kiwanians have to be resolved to fulfil voids and deficiencies each in the selected ways you can best serve your community. That....is the beauty of Kiwanis. No single club is completely designed like other clubs and it's okay that we work in serving needs differently and gather in various ways, because each of our communities is unique. We are here to serve. Serving is our focus; we serve to make a difference, working toward better tomorrows. I am grateful for the memories Kiwanis has instilled in me, memories that will lead to more hopeful times.

Covid-19 has continued to alter our service, but it hasn't stopped it. The dedication and commitment exhibited by our members for the care of others has been inspiring. The virus is still present in our world, nation and communities. Caution remains a necessity. As we work toward reestablishing meetings and events, exercise compassion and understanding while adhering to the provisions for caution in place in your respected areas. Much appreciation goes to our members for improvising and rising to the challenges this has presented.

With the last quarter of the Kiwanis administrative year ahead, now is the time to finish strong. Rally your members to engage and act as a challenge to be steadfast in your membership commitment to our Objects of Kiwanis. Our communities need us, children need us and now is the time to hold to the challenges we face as we gather to serve. Take advantage of the waiver of International and District fees this quarter and grow in your involvement in your community through increased membership. Encourage those who show potential as leaders by giving them opportunities to mentor. Make a pledge to support our district and international foundations.

As J.K. Rowling states, "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided." Kiwanians are a united family of achievers and doers seeking to make a difference somewhere every single minute of every single day. How powerful is that? I am proud of our organization, the district and of each member as they strive to make a difference. Join me, as we push to reestablish and strengthen connections. It doesn't happen by chance, it happens by commitment and work. I am ready and I hope you choose to stand strong together for children. ♦



## FROM THE EDITOR

Don Ritter

We read that July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations around the country were quite different this year due to COVID-19. In spite of the virus, I trust you were able to find a delightful way to celebrate the independence we are all so fortunate to enjoy as citizens of this great country.

Be aware that the 2020 KT Convention is canceled due to that same virus. The board and past governors will meet in August to elect the Kentucky-Tennessee District leadership for 2020-2021.

Speaking of conventions, remember that with the cancellation of the International Kiwanis Convention, our own **CHUCK FLETCHER** will be going to Indianapolis at the end of July to present himself to the KI Board for election (we hope) as an International Trustee. That same COVID-19 does not lose its influence on us at the borders of the great states that send Kiwanis clubs to be a part of the Kentucky-Tennessee District. For those Kiwanians who need a reminder, those states include Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky. Good luck, Chuck. We all are looking forward to hearing about your successful candidacy.

In this issue of the KT Notes, please take notice of the many great article's Kiwanians have sent us, telling us how they are coping as Kiwanians in spite of the virus, masking and distancing themselves, to show their concern for children and their community. Join me in congratulating the Clarksville, Tennessee club for 100 years of great service. Presidents and secretaries should read carefully what Mark Garman has written about CLE training. As always, Secretary Fran has given importance guidance to clubs through her words found in the Secretary's Corner.

Please, especially note these articles. Note the words of encouragement from that AWESOME Kiwanian, Past Governor Al Porel. Attend to the inspirational words of Governor Kendra. Read the important words of Vic Legerton who tells us how we can help others and how, through grants, we can help ourselves by supporting the KI Children's Fund. There is information that you will want to read regarding training workshop opportunities and various contest rule adjustments made as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those adjustments can be found on pages 5, 6, 7, 17, 19, 21, 22, and 23. Finally, unless you are a personal friend of Bruce Damrow, you are going to learn some things about this Kiwanian that I'll bet you didn't know. Enjoy getting to know this great Kiwanian better as you read Member Spotlight on Bruce Damrow.

Thanks to all of you for reading the KT Notes and for taking part in the success of our District Newsletter. And thanks to you all who are going to send us articles for future issues. ♦

Don



# AWESOME PEOPLE DO AWESOME THINGS

Alcide (Al) L. Porell

## Musing

Recent government guidelines restricting social encounters due to the pandemic have energized awesome Kiwanians into problem-solving modes to continue serving their communities and the children of the world.

When meeting venues were shut down clubs found digital technology with Zoom, GoTo

Meetings, Skype, etc. to conduct virtual club meetings. Other clubs had meetings outside in local park pavilions where social distancing could be enforced. Guest speakers offered informative programs as is normally done at regular club meetings. Discussions were conducted to find ways to serve their communities such as participating in food deliveries to shut-ins, helping parents with home schooling activities, preparing plans to assist the schools as they begin the new school year, etc. Many clubs successfully conducted club officers and board of director elections electronically and submitted their annual election report on time.

The District's Amtryke signature program experienced a slowdown due to various social contact restrictions implemented by physical therapists, recipients, parents, Ambucs chapters and some slowdowns experienced with Amtryke production of trikes and parts. In spite of these challenges the program is still on track for a successful year. At this time, five Kiwanis clubs are in the process of ordering Amtrykes. Those clubs are: Murfreesboro, Mt. Juliet, Spring Hill/Thomson Station, Columbia, and Tellico Plains. The Music City Ambucs Chapter will assist the clubs with Amtryke presentations in outside venues suitable for social distancing.

It is abundantly clear that Kiwanians are resilient and determined to use their passion to continue serving children and others during the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

Congratulations to all of you for sharing your Kiwanis heart, love, time, talents, treasures, and Passion for service. You are heroes and awesome men and women. ♦

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

The Fourth of July weekend was approaching, and Miss Pelham, the nursery school teacher, took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. "We live in a great country," she announced. "One of the things we should be happy about is that, in this country, we are all free."



Trevor, who was a little boy in her class, came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said loudly, "I'm not free. I'm four."

## YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER

**District Secretary  
Fran Marion**



**Club Election Results** – Only about half the clubs have submitted this information; if you have not already done so, please file your club election results ASAP.

We have extended district contests and adjusted some of the contest requirements. Check out the new requirements in this issue of the *KT Notes*

Don't forget to complete your monthly reports by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month with information about how your club is functioning and meeting. Also list all the projects you are doing that involve social distancing.

All 2020-2021 presidents and secretaries are to take Club Leadership Education (CLE) training by September 30, 2020. Watch for information about when your division will have "Zoom" or "GoTo Meeting" training (related information appears elsewhere in this issue of the *KT Notes*).

Please make sure you have reported all of your club members who are deceased during this administrative year so we may include them in the Memorial Program for next month. ♦





**Kiwaniis**  
KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE DISTRICT

## KY-TN MEMBER AND LEADER CONFERENCE TOOLS AND TRAINING TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB FRIDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>

**“REDISCOVERING YOUR COMMUNITY”** Communities and community needs are constantly changing. Find out how your club can gather the information it needs to assess what the community needs and how your club can best meet those needs. Facilitator Bob Lambert

Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM

***GoToMeeting link to attend the workshop***

1.) KT District Member & Leader Conference/REDISCOVERING YOUR COMMUNITY with Bob Lambert

Fri, Aug 14, 2020 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/310904389>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3122](tel:+16467493122)

Access Code: 310-904-389

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<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/310904389>




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**“HIGH IMPACT SERVICE PROJECTS”** Strong Kiwanis clubs make a difference in their communities and are generally recognized for specific service projects which are high-impact and relevant to the needs of those communities. Find out about some of these high impact projects and learn how you can start one of your own and submit your report.

Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM

***GoToMeeting link to attend the workshop***

2.) KT District Member & Leader Conference/HIGH IMPACT SERVICE with Jerry Covert

Fri, Aug 14, 2020 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/636011861>

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FRIDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM*

**KT District Memorial Program**

**Sat, Aug 15, 2020 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (EDT)**

Please join our program from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/213223141>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212)

Access Code: 213-223-141

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**“LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESSION PLANNING”** Come explore methods of identifying new leaders among your members and prospective members. Examine ways to train your members for future leadership roles. Discuss our need for succession planning and share ideas for fulfilling that are needed. Facilitator Rhonda Vrell

*Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM*

***GoToMeeting link to attend the workshop***

1.) KT District Member & Leader Conference/LEADERSHIP & SUCCESSION PLANNING with Rhonda Vrell

**Sat, Aug 15, 2020 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (EDT)**

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/668519733>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3112](tel:+15713173112)

Access Code: 668-519-733

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TOOLS AND TRAINING TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB  
FRIDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> – SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**“MARKETING TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND KEYS TO AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP”**

Does your club need new members? Members will not stay unless they are engaged in relevant, productive service and feel valued for their contributions. This workshop will tactics in public relations and social media and explore ways to your members stay active and happy in their Kiwanis service. Facilitators Jeff Cody and Darrell Olson

*Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM*

***GoToMeeting link to attend the workshop***

2.) KT District Member & Leader Conference/MARKETING TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS & KEYS TO AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP with Jeff Cody and Darrell Olson  
Sat, Aug 15, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/742125877>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212)

Access Code: 742-125-877

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**“CREATING A VISION FOR YOUR CLUB”** Vision Statements are the cornerstone of strategic planning. It is where a club determines it wants to be in the future. This session will help define vision statements and provide guidance on how to create a vision for your club. Facilitators include **two Past International Presidents Bo Shafer, and Nelson Tucker and Trustee Ron Smith.**

*Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM*

***GoToMeeting link to attend the workshop***

3.) KT District Member & Leaders Conference/CREATING A VISION FOR YOUR CLUB with Bo Shafer, Nelson Tucker and Ron Smith  
Sat, Aug 15, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/353620181>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+15713173122)

Access Code: 353-620-181

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON

### Bruce Damrow



Bruce Damrow is a member of the Alcoa, Tennessee Kiwanis club. This man, who is retired from the United States Air Force, lives a long way from his boyhood home, and he has traveled to distant parts of the world serving his country in the military. Bruce is a man who is fully dedicated to Kiwanis and to helping his fellow human beings.

In 1949 Bruce was born in or near Lincoln, Nebraska. His father was a farmer and Bruce, like many other farm children was an outdoors child who was expected to work. Farm life was the basis of an education that served him well throughout his life. He was given responsibilities, and he accepted them. He understood hard work, seriousness, diligence, honesty, caring and so many other characteristics important for those who succeed in life.

He attended a country one-room school for his first eight grades of schooling. Completing those eight grades, his formal education took a very fortunate turn when he was enrolled in University High School on the campus of the University of Nebraska. It was a grade 7-12 school. Predominately, his teachers were student teachers and he, therefore, had different teachers every semester. The faculty was outstanding and the principal believed in the students using critical thinking, not just rote memorization, as they studied and prepared their assignments. Bruce learned from the principal's participatory leadership style which he practiced for both faculty and students. Bruce acquired a variety of points of view and learning from those teachers and that principal. There were opportunities for students to go beyond their studies and for Bruce that meant playing a baritone saxophone in the band and participating in basketball and track.

Bruce is understandably and correctly proud of his exemplary military service to our country. Graduating from high school in 1967, he began his service with the Nebraska Air National Guard while he worked with his dad on the farm. He loved basic training. He liked the discipline, team work, order and the idea of being held accountable for his actions. Early in his career he was an aircraft fuel systems specialist. Achieving the rank of E-2 (E-1 is the lowest rank), he was assigned to a technical school, and he was honored by being selected as student leader of 350 students in that school.

There were a number of deployments in his career including deployment to overseas assignments while he was in the Air National Guard. Those assignments included deployment to Turkey, NATO exercises (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and JCS exercises (Joint Chiefs of Staff). One deployment sent him to Bosnia-Herzegovina to work with the Bosnian Air Force in leadership and management training. While he was with *Air University*, he was selected as a team member to evaluate the Royal Saudi Air Force, his last assignment before retiring. It was during that assignment that he was privileged to meet members of the Royal family who were in the Saudi Air Force.

When Bruce was deployed to Turkey, he practiced doing those things **Kiwanians** do; maybe it was his early training for being a Kiwanian. His unit adopted an orphanage. A program was arranged by the orphanage, and members of his unit provided various items for the children. Bruce found it heartwarming to know that the men in his unit had made a difference in the lives of those children.

Recognized for his leadership abilities, Bruce was assigned to a number of responsible leadership positions. He recognized the importance of human relationships as he developed his leadership skills, and receiving several promotions, Bruce became a first sergeant.



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His training and assignments covered many facets. He was an instructor in the First Sergeant Academy. He cross-trained into Life Support Survival. Bruce was assigned as leader of a unit that had failed inspections three times and he was given 59 days to fix the unit's problems, and the unit passed their inspection in the allotted time. It was then that Bruce was convinced that he was on the right leadership path.

He was an instructor in the Non-Commissioned Officers Leadership School and in that capacity was in charge of 18 schools and more than 200 instructors throughout the United States. He wrote curricula while he was on the Educational Programs Cadre (a training team) and one curriculum was designed for training personnel to be instructors. Another was for a training program taken annually by 12,000 Senior Airmen.

There were many other important and responsible assignments. Bruce was appointed Chief of Education for the Air National Guard. He helped with the professional development of Canadian military personnel. He was Advisor to the Commander of Enlisted Professional Military Education at *Air University*, and he became Commandant of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy. Bruce was the first enlisted man in the Air Force to attend the *Defense University Strategic Policy Plan School*. He completed the Canadian Forces Officer Professional Development Course; the United States Marine Corps Senior NCO course; the Air Force Chief Executive Course; the United Nations Peace Keeping School course; and he was appointed to the Air Force Chief Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. In his 40 years in the military, which included 25 years on active duty, Bruce rose to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

During his busy, full and illustrious Air Force career, Bruce furthered his education, earning an Associate's degree from *City University* in New York and a Bachelor's degree in history from *Western Illinois University*. He earned a Master's degree in Educational Administration, and at one time considered leaving the Air Force to become a high school principal. Even though he was offered a principalship, he decided to stay in the Air Force.

Bruce is now a business man with his own consulting company which he started three years before retiring from the Air Force. He gives seminars in leadership management and development to Fortune 300 and Fortune 500 companies and to numerous utilities and municipalities.

Bruce loves his family. He met his wife, Donna, in Lincoln, Nebraska on a blind date, and as of last November (2019) they have been married 50 years. They have two daughters. Colleen Lynn is office manager for S & K Construction. Sabrina Talley is a vice principal at St. John Neumann School. He has two granddaughters, Madeline and Maevory, who are five and eight years old and the "apple of his eye."

Invited to Kiwanis in 1992 by one of his commanders, Bruce liked what he saw – the principles of Kiwanis and everything Kiwanis stands for – and he joined the Maryville, Tennessee Kiwanis club. Because of his military moves, he had to leave that club. Moving back to Tennessee after his retirement, he joined the Kiwanis Club of Alcoa. He loves the Maryville Kiwanis Club but he joined the Alcoa Club when his daughter was granted a scholarship by that club. It was when he held his first granddaughter in his arms, thinking about what his Kiwanis club was raising funds for, that he had an "AH HA" moment. He understood for the first time that many grandfathers in the world weren't as fortunate as he was and didn't have the same good fortune of being able to hold **their** granddaughters. That experience reaffirmed his commitment to Kiwanis and his commitment to make the world a better place for children.

Bruce's entire professional career was about leadership, and he brought his leadership skills to Kiwanis. He serves the KT District as Club Leadership Education (CLE) trainer for Southeast Tennessee. In the Alcoa club, he has served on the Board of Directors, as president-elect and as president. He served Division 5 twice; as coordinator of the Eliminate project and as lieutenant governor. Bruce takes great pride in his club, remembering the thousands of dollars raised and the many services to children, community and the world they have provided.

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For Bruce, like many who will read this story, his volunteer activities are not limited to Kiwanis. In his community, he serves on four boards, and he is active in his church, serving on three church committees.

He also serves as State Trainer with the Employer Support for the Air National Guard and the Reserve Department of Defense Agency.

As you might expect, 40 years in the military is probably going to give a person an exciting experience or two, and frequent flying can sometimes be a source of that excitement. Bruce was a passenger in a C-131, two engine airplane. Encountering a severe thunderstorm, losing power in one of the engines, he and the crew knew they were in trouble. They needed a hole in the clouds to safely find their way down. Searching frantically, the pilot found one, and Bruce survived to tell about his experience.

On another occasion, the hydraulic lines of the airplane transporting him, broke and all of the fluid was lost. Two crew members found themselves manually lowering and locking the landing gear – a stressful and difficult job under those conditions. Without hydraulics and without the ability to manually lower the landing gear, a successful landing probably would not have been possible and we might not have had the opportunity to meet Bruce Damrow. Bruce is grateful that they were able to lower the landing gear and so are we Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanians. He has been and continues to be, through his friendly leadership, a great member of our KT District – a Kiwanian friend you and I are very fortunate to know. ♦

## MARYVILLE COLLECTS TRASH



As part of the *Adopt-a-Highway Program*, this group of Maryville Kiwanians, got together this weekend (June 20) to pick up trash along a stretch from the 900-2900 blocks of E. Lamar Alexander Parkway. It was beautiful day for the project. Pictured, left to right are: Howard Kerr,

Suzanne Stockfisch, Lynn Tittsworth, Robert Russell, Owen Russell, Emma Russell, Patsy Russell, Steve Kiefer, Bobby Burke, Tim Thurston, Jerry Heiny, Doug Craig, and Pete Davis.

## CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (CLE) ZONE TRAINING

SUMMER, 2020

Mark Garman

Leadership Development Coordinator

**Attention all Club leaders:** Please make plans to attend “Zoom” training sessions scheduled for July and August. All incoming presidents and secretaries taking office on October 1, 2020 are required to attend CLE training before October 1. Many of you have viewed the Kiwanis International (KI) video training session in early June. However, this was only Step One. New sessions with Kentucky-Tennessee (KT) District trainers and participants are ready to go on either the “Zoom” or “GoTo” meeting platforms. Please review the list of dates below.

**As President you will be engaged in all aspects of your Club.** CLE training will help you with leadership ideas, management skills, tips on how to increase membership, goal setting, techniques to increase community awareness for all your projects, and generally, ways to fulfill the Kiwanis mission in your community, the KT District, and Kiwanis International.

**Are you a Club Secretary, Treasurer, or Membership Committee Chair?** Thank you for taking an active role in leading your club. Our summer training sessions will have important ideas and concepts for you. We enjoy participation from Secretaries, Treasurers, Board members and all members interested in supporting your club and club leadership.

**Please check with your current or newly elected Lieutenant Governor** for details about the CLE ZONE training sessions. All sessions are virtual so make sure you have downloaded and installed the “Zoom” Application on your phone or computer. Sessions are planned to last at least two hours.

Additionally, you can contact your certified CLE trainer directly:

Zone 1 Divisions 14,15 & 17	Aug. 1	Mark Garman 502-262-2321 Jody Hulsey 270-485-1897 Edye Bryant 859-576-1683
Zone 2 Divisions 10,12 & 19	July 18	Fran Marion 859-494-1730 Chuck Fletcher 502-803-1967
Zone 3 Divisions 8,9 & 16	July 25	Glen Klein 859-623-3941 Joan Klein 859-582-9530 Jim Gazay 606-359-2649
Zone 4 Divisions 6 & 13	July 25	Joan Klein 859-582-9530 Glen Klein 859-623-3941 Edye Bryant 859-576-1683



## CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (CLE) ZONE TRAINING

Zone 5 Divisions 5 & 7

July 18

David Coulter 865-446-4539

Bruce Damrow 334-467-3129

Jeff Cody 423-258-2513

Bob Lambert 865-856-3954

If you are not able to attend the training with your home division but would like to participate in another division, please contact the district office so that you may be sent the meeting invitation.

[ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org](mailto:ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org)

859-721-5685

### FRANKLIN SIMPSON

The Franklin-Simpson Kiwanis Club (Kentucky) sponsored a *Club Quarantine Challenge Bike Giveaway* recently. The recipients are pictured with President Darren Bush and Division 14 Lieutenant Governor Dale Wiley from the Bowling Green club.





## FEEDING CHILDREN DURING COVID-19

**Dwight Watt**

Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanians have continued to serve their community and children in the community through this time of sheltering in place and social distancing. During the month of May, they have been assisting the YMCA in distributing food to families with children. Families wishing to get food (donated by the Chattanooga Food bank and others) drive up to the donation point and the food is put in their cars. Types of food donated include rice, canned foods, 10-pound bags of potatoes, and desserts from *Little Debbie*. During the school year the group normally prepares food for children to take home for the weekend as part of the Backpack Blessings program and the Kiwanians participate in packaging that food.

Members of the club that have helped distribute food include Chris McKeever, Amy Jackson, PR Cook, Dan Nichols and Dwight Watt.



## FROM YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR FOR THE KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND

Vic Legerton



**Kiwaniis**  
CHILDREN'S FUND

An update from what should be one of your club's primary partners in your mission to improve the lives of children in the communities you serve and around the world.

Your club's and members' past support of the Children's Fund has helped Kiwanians improve the lives of children around the world. Thank you!

I'd love to tell you a little bit about the impact your gift has made possible, and I'd love it if you would share this with your club! It's been a remarkable year at the Children's Fund—we've made more grants this year than in recent history, helping clubs from Uganda to Louisiana and Taiwan to Italy.

- The need for aid after natural disasters grows every year, so we're proud to help Kiwanians aid their local communities.
- We continue to support Kiwanis Youth Programs with scholarships and leadership development activities. And we're still supporting the elimination of IDD, most recently with a grant to Myanmar and Morocco.
- And we continue the fight against maternal and neonatal tetanus too—we've helped reduce the number of babies dying from MNT by 96% since 1989.
- And, of course, we support clubs like yours who need financial assistance with their projects. Kiwanis clubs are currently making masks, delivering food to health care workers, and making sure kids have the technology they need to learn from home. And your club's past donation helps make these projects possible.

We've granted \$110,000 to Kiwanis clubs in response to the COVID-19 crisis. And we still have an additional \$200,000 in requests that are unfunded.

All of these projects are made possible because clubs made a gift to help out their Kiwanis family.

**We see an increase in the needs of children every year, but especially in the time of COVID, we anticipate a greater need than ever. Would you help us address the needs of children by donating today to be a key part of our collective impact on improving the lives of children?**

The kit includes multiple activities and resources for your club to use in place of a guest speaker at your meeting. The meeting will not include an ask to donate—we want to thank your members and share stories to see the global impact of Kiwanis. We hope your members will come away feeling inspired about the work Kiwanians do across the world.

### **The meeting kit includes:**

- Two videos
- Large photo/story cards about inspiring Kiwanis projects
- Rumor versus Reality game: a fun way to discuss misconceptions about the Children's Fund
- Ask an Expert cards: a series of handouts with tips from expert staff members about fundraising, grant applications, membership growth, and more.
- Member takeaways: a special handout for each member










If your club is interested in getting the free kit, please see link below:

<https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/meetinginabox>

For questions or concerns about the Kiwanis Children's Fund or arranging for a club meeting program, contact Vic Legerton, 615-870-7040 (phone or text) or email [Kiwaniis.KT.KCF@gmail.com](mailto:Kiwaniis.KT.KCF@gmail.com).

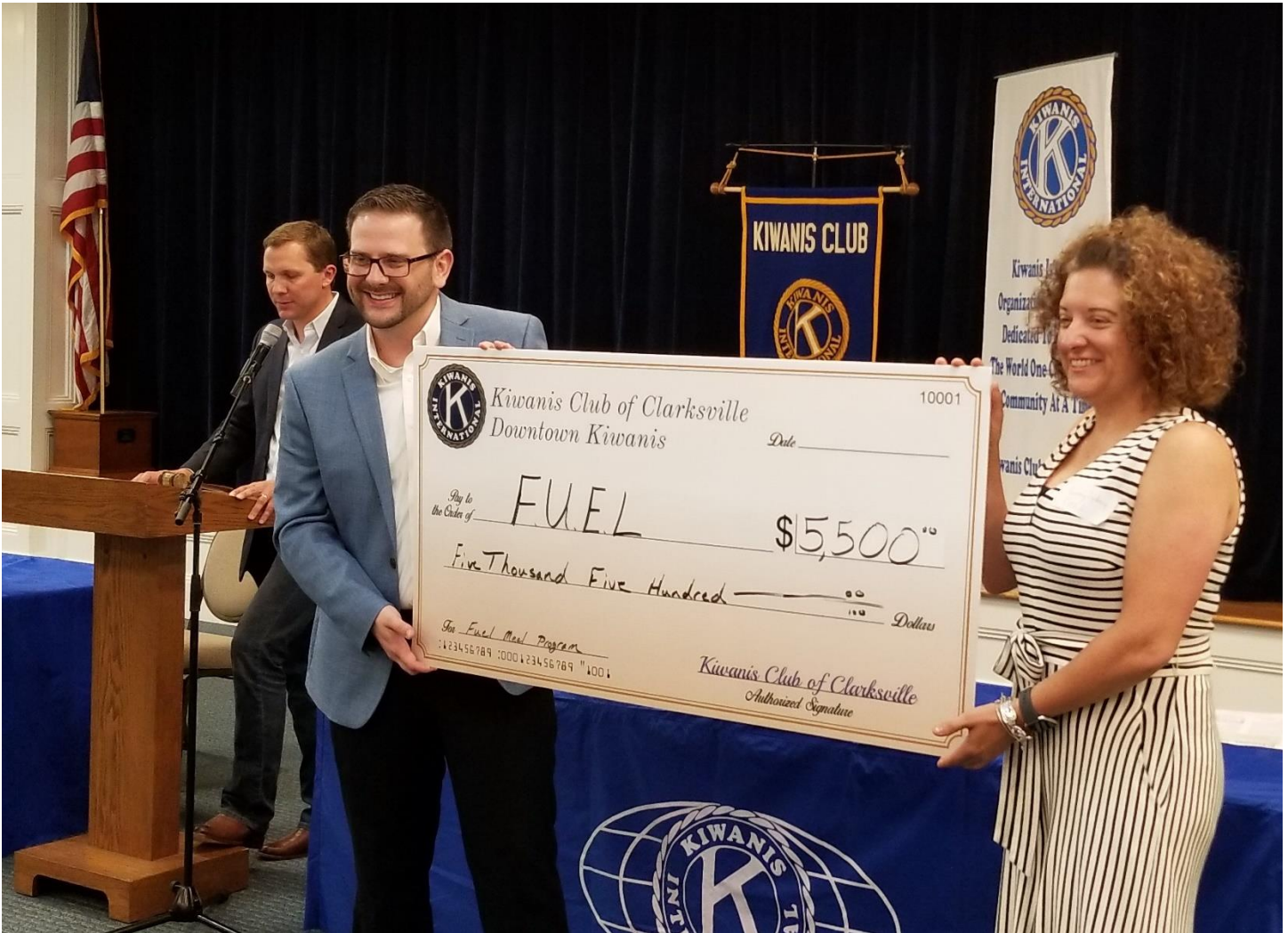


## COVID 19 MODIFICATION

2019-2020 Distinguished Club Criteria			
	CLUB	CRITERIA	
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Membership Growth Existing Clubs	Did the club have a net increase in membership? <i>A club must be at charter strength, 15 or more members to qualify</i>	
	New Club Initiative	Did the club sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis club?	
	Leadership Education	Did the club's officers (President & Secretary) participate in Club Leadership Education by September 30, 2019?	
	Conference Attendance	Was the club represented by a member at two of the following: Division Meeting, Mid-Year, District Convention, or International Convention?	
<b>SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD</b>	Local Community Service	Did the club provide service projects or programs for children of the community?	
	Global Community Service	Did the club support the Kiwanis Children's Fund?	
	Service Leadership Programs	Did the club sponsor a Service Leadership Program or contribute to the District Foundation?	

Mark the achieved stars! The club must have 4 stars out of 7 to be a *Distinguished Club*.

## FUELING CHILDREN WITH FOOD Ron Smithfield



On June 2 the Kiwanis Club of Clarksville presented a \$5,500 check to a local charity called "F.U.E.L.," (*Full Uv Emmaus Love* – from the Bible) which provides food bags for hungry children. The Fuel for Kids" program was started by Denise Skidmore in Clarksville as a weekend supplement for hungry children who get lunch at school. It has been so successful it is being replicated in Virginia and other states.

During the COVID-19 school shutdown the demand for food to be given to children has increased 600%. The club's \$3,500 gift was partially paid for from money saved because there were no Kiwanis meal costs during the two-month shutdown. The Clarksville Kiwanis donation was matched by a \$2,000 grant from the Kiwanis International Children's Fund.

# COVID 19 MODIFICATION

## CLUB BROCHURE CONTEST

Brochure must be mailed by ~~July 15, 2020~~ **September 15, 2020**

Each Kiwanis Club in the Kentucky-Tennessee District is encouraged to produce a club brochure. A high-quality club brochure is invaluable to member recruitment and public relations tool and every club is highly encouraged to have one.

The K-T District will sponsor a club brochure contest for the 2019-20 Kiwanis year. First and Second place winners will get awards. Brochures will be prejudged for criteria qualification by the committee and the top four brochures ~~will then be on display at the convention.~~

The following criteria must be included to qualify for judging:

- Include club name, the time and place of the meetings, and a brief club history.
- List your projects and describe how your community benefits from Kiwanis. Stress that your club is international in scope.
- Describe how Kiwanis benefits members.
- Provide the name of a contact person with appropriate contact information.
- Use the approved Kiwanis logos for club, district, and international. (Logo, color, and font)
- Clarity-provide who, what, where, and when.
- Make sure your brochure is easy to read and appealing enough to catch attention.

\*Brochure must be original creation of the club and not formatted template produced by KI.

For contest purposes, mail a copy of your club brochure by ~~July 15, 2020~~ no later to be eligible to win. A 5 x 7 photo of the committee and/or member is asked to be submitted with the brochure for recognition purposes.

### Mail To the following:

KY-TN District Office Mark the envelope "Brochure Contest".  
PO Box 4327  
Lexington, KY 40544



# COVID 19 MODIFICATION

## MEMORY BOOK CONTEST 2019 – 2020

(Date of Contest: October 1, 2019 through August, 2020) **September 15, 2020**

### Rules governing the (both digital and hard bound formats) 2018-2019 K-T District Memory Book Contest:

Digital memory books will be accepted (Flash drive) using power point format. Follow the same criteria as the hard-bound memory books in tabbing each category.

The purpose of this contest seeks to encourage all Kiwanis Clubs to keep a Memory Book to preserve a permanent record of club activities and history. First and Second Place will be awarded.

The following criteria must be included:

- A. Official Club Name, City and State, Kiwanis District and Division, List of Officers and Directors
- B. Summary of your club's activities in pictures with captions.
- C. Pictures of Kiwanians working in club service projects along with a narrative about each project.
- D. Pictures of Kiwanians working in club fund raising projects along with a narrative about the project.
- E. Newspaper clippings, newspaper pictures and other publicity of club activities
- F. Pictures and narratives of Kiwanis involvement with K-Kids, Builders, Key and Circle K Clubs
- G. Pictures and narratives of assisting new club building this includes SLP programs
- H. Pictures and narratives of club rebuilding efforts this includes SLP programs
- I. Pictures and narrative of all convention and conferences attended (International if possible, District Convention Mid-Year Conference and Division Council Meetings)

**Please tab Memory book in alphabetical manner as listed above for easier judging.  
NO MATERIAL SHALL BE USED PRIOR TO THE PREVIOUS DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Judging of the best overall memory book must have all the above criteria. Judging will be based on the following point system: Maximum Points

- A. Club information contents 5
  - B Local initiative in pictures with captions 15
  - C All service projects 15
  - D Fund Raising projects 15
  - E. Newspaper clippings and photographs 10
  - F. Kiwanis involvement with sponsored youth 15
  - G Kiwanis involvement with new club building 5
  - H Kiwanis involvement with club rebuilding efforts 10
  - I Convention attendance and activity 10
- (International, District Conventions, Mid-Winter Conference & Division Council Meetings)

~~Entries shall be brought to the room being used as the District Office and placed on the table designated for memory books at the 2020 District Convention by 9:00 PM Friday along with a 5 x 7 photo of the committee or responsible member for recognition purposes.~~ Awards for memory books will be made at the 2020 Kentucky-Tennessee District Convention.

**Submission details will be provided in the September issue of the KT Notes. A 5 x 7 photo is still required**

## COVID 19 MODIFICATION

### Club Newsletter Contest 2019-2020

Date of Contest: October 1, 2019 through ~~June 30, 2020~~ **September 15, 2020**

Each KY-TN Kiwanis club is encouraged to send a club newsletter to their members as a source of Kiwanis communication.

To be **considered in the judging, a club needs to send its newsletters to the District Office and the District Chair** preferably monthly or at least quarterly by mail or email (pdf files only). First and second place winners will be awarded. Newsletters will be prejudged for criteria qualification by a committee, and the top four newsletters will then be on display at convention. The winners will be announced at the 2020 Convention.

Is it so designed that it can carry out its three most important functions?

1. Maintain member morale and enthusiasm
2. Encourage meeting attendance
3. Inform the membership fully on club activities and projects.

#### **Prejudging criteria:**

- Is the bulletin regularly issued?
- Is it easy to read, attractive and interesting?
- Does it contain items of Club, Division, District and International interest?
- Does it have a good format? Who What Where When
- Does it recognize club achievement?
- Does it use current Kiwanis branding? (Logo, color, and font)
- Does it use photos effectively?

Please mail or email to the following along with a 5 x 7 photo of the member producing the club Newsletter for recognition purposes.

**-Pat Phipps,**  
**902 Townsend Valley Rd, Paris, KY 40361**  
Email: [patphipps55@gmail.com](mailto:patphipps55@gmail.com)

**-Susan Spears,**  
**112 Martha St, Shelbyville, TN 37160**  
Email: [susanspears@gmail.com](mailto:susanspears@gmail.com)

**-KT District Office**  
**PO Box 4327, Lexington, KY 40544**  
Mark envelope Newsletter Contest  
[ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org](mailto:ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org)

# New Members

Ashland	Pat Miller
Athens	Kristin Schrader
Campbellsville	Jo Clayton
Cynthiana	Jeffrey Hinton
	Tara McCall
Danville	Madelynn Davis
Dover	Carol Sexton
Elizabethton	Jeffery Ledford
Harrodsburg	Marsha Case
Hilldale, Clarksville	Rhonda Davis
Maysville	Theresa Harn
	Rick Pumpelly
Mt. Juliet	Robert Baughman
	Kevin Jones
Northside, Knoxville	Terence Weber
Paris	Julie McCord
	Patricia Bowman
	Be Be Brannon
	Brittany Brophy
	Laura Smith
	David Smith
	Colleen White
Rockcastle County	Jerry Cox
Somerset	Catherine Skillings
Wilderness Road, Harrogate	Cesar Garcia

## APPROVED MOTION BY THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD

That the Kiwanis International Board approves the waiver of the Kiwanis International new member fee for any new members who join existing Kiwanis clubs between April 22, 2020, and September 30, 2020. Further, due to the emergency conditions and resulting effects created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board recommends districts and clubs to also waive their respective new member fees.

## APPROVED MOTION BY THE KENTUCKY- TENNESSEE BOARD

Due to the emergency conditions and resulting effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and at the recommendation of the Kiwanis International Board, the District Board approves the waiver of the district's new member fee for any new members who join existing Kiwanis clubs in the district between April 28, 2020 and September 30, 2020. This action temporarily supersedes relevant provisions of the district bylaws and is pre-approved by Kiwanis International.

KI NEW MEMBER ADD FEES 50.00

KT DISTRICT NEW MEMBER ADD FEES 40.00

Total New MEMBER ADD FEES THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 00.00!

ASK YOUR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ABOUT THE  
RACE TO THE FINISH CHALLENGE



# “Racing to the Finish”

## *Rider's Up!*

*Kiwanis International and The Kentucky-Tennessee District  
Waive New Member Add Fees*

President's and Secretaries

### **GET THE WORD OUT!**

Now is a GREAT time to take advantage of adding new members from **May** to **September** at

*No Cost.*

“Racing to the Finish” is a contest sponsored by Past Governor Chuck Fletcher in honor of **Governor Kendra Skidmore**. He invites you to take advantage of the waived new member fees...a 60.00 savings!

Here's how it will play out in the KT District:

- Each Lt. Governor will be in the race representing their division\*
- Each club will be recognized monthly for added members in a special announcement. \*\*
- New Member names will be listed in the KT NOTES.

### **CLUBS**

- Clubs with memberships from (15-39) will be recognize with awards 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Clubs with Memberships from (40-More) will be recognize with awards 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **LT. GOVERNORS**

- Will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**All awards will be presented at the next district event.**

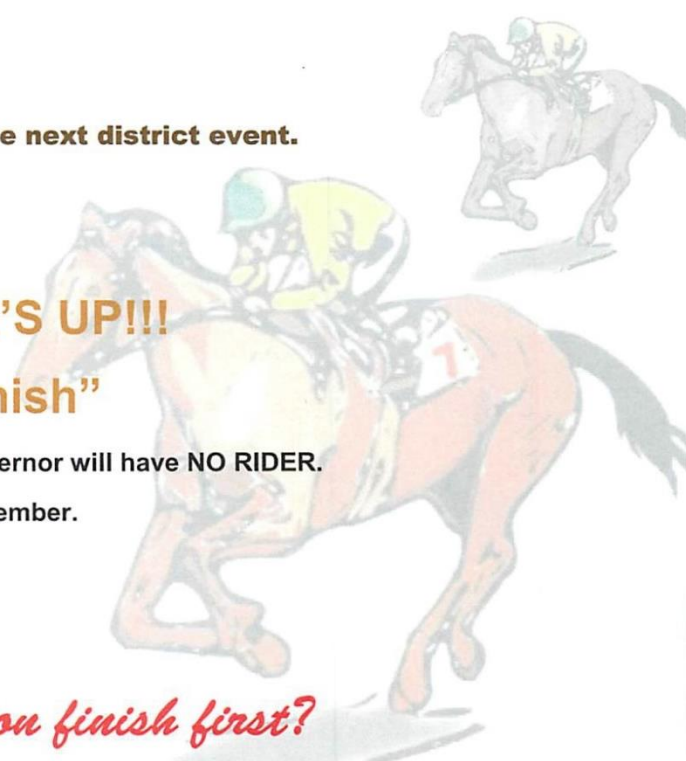
## **LT. GOVERNOR'S RIDER'S UP!!!**

## **We are “Racing to the Finish”**

Division's that do not have an elected Lt. Governor will have **NO RIDER**.

\*\* All clubs will be listed when adding a member.

*Will your division finish first?*



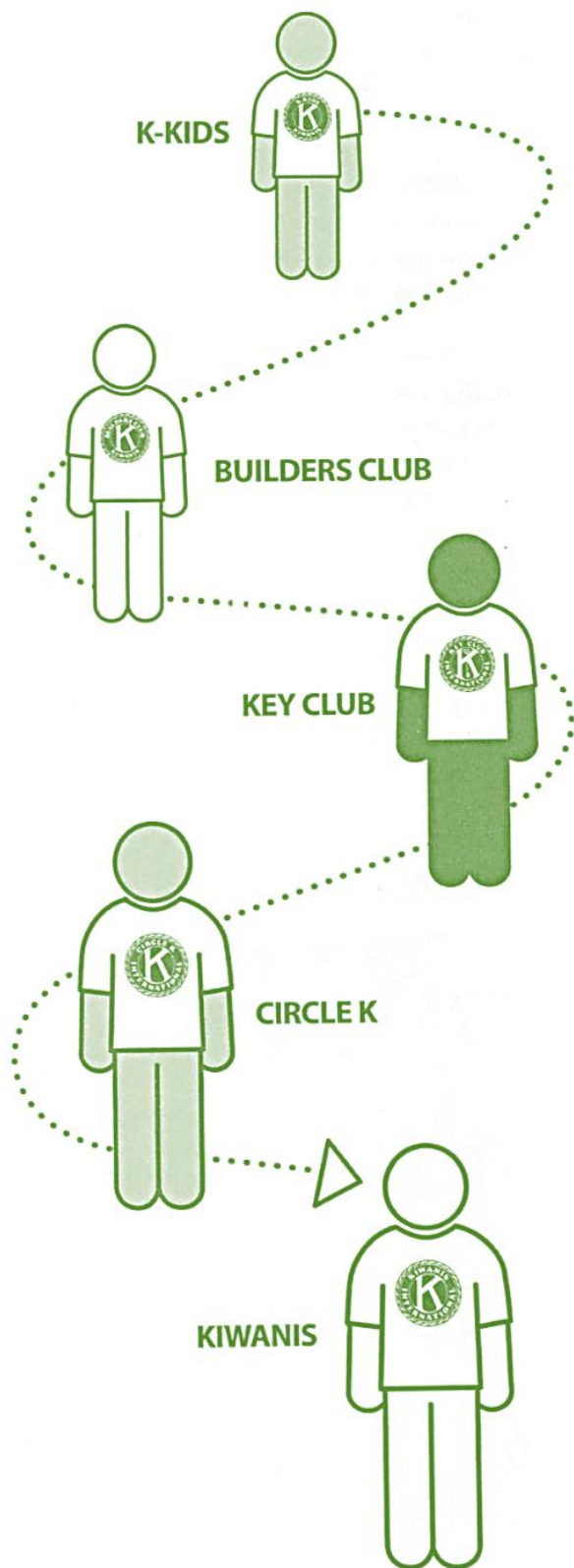
# “Racing to the Finish”

## *Rider's Up!*

### SCORECARD

*May- June*

<b>Club</b>	<b>Members</b>
Bowling Green	1
Campbellsville	1
Columbia	1
Danville	1
Dover	1
Elizabethton	1
Giles County	1
Harrodsburg	1
Hilldale, Clarksville	1
Hopkinsville	1
Maryville	1
Mount Sterling	1
Newport	1
Northside, Knoxville	1
Rockcastle County	1
Somerset	1
Ashland	2
Athens	2
Cynthiana	2
Jefferson County	2
Maysville	2
Mt. Juliet	2
Nashville	2
Wilderness Road, Harrogate	2
Erwin	4
Paris	9



## SPONSORSHIP OF A SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

### The role of the sponsoring Kiwanis club

- Initiates organization of the sponsored club.
- Obtains approval of school officials for its establishment if it is a school-based organization.
- Assists with inviting initial members.
- Schedules the organization meeting.
- Files the Petition for Charter.
- Plans for the Charter Presentation event.
- Provides continuous coordination, counsel, assistance and instruction as agreed to in the sponsorship requirements.

## SPONSORSHIP OBLIGATIONS

These guidelines will help you powerfully and positively influence the SLP clubs you lead. (These only pertain to sponsored clubs, not programs/initiatives.)

1. Appoint a Kiwanian or a committee of Kiwanians to be SLP advisors.
2. Attend SLP meetings and events.
3. Maintain an expense line item in the service account.
4. Meet with the school principal or facility manager each year.
5. Ensure all dues and fees are paid.
6. Make sure SLP officers receive proper training.
7. Schedule an annual meeting with Kiwanis and SLP leadership.
8. Host or participate in joint activities.
9. Invite SLP club members to attend Kiwanis meetings.
10. Ensure SLP members are provided training opportunities beyond the club level.

Find sponsorship resources, including an online sponsorship toolkit, at [kiwanis.org/advisor](http://kiwanis.org/advisor).





## FROM YOUR K-KIDS ADMINISTRATOR

**Edye Bryant**

What will school look like this fall??

Several of the states in our District are trying to figure out the right balance of safety from the Pandemic (for students, teachers, and staff). This may take the form of smaller class sizes, students alternating between going to class in person and taking classes online (either by day or week). This fall semester will be completely different. How will your K-Kids look?

Hopefully, there will be an answer to these questions by fall. In the meantime, consider the following:

- \*If your K-Kids club normally meets in a classroom, could they meet in the cafeteria, library, or outdoor space?
- \*Are “Zoom” meetings, or other online platforms workable for your K-Kids?
- \*What projects can your K-Kids plan and execute this fall?

Now is the time to check in with your K-Kids’ Schools (and don’t forget those where you have BUG and TERRIFIC Kids programs), and find out if volunteers will be able to come to the school, and if so, what will the requirements be? Many districts are expecting everyone to wear a mask, and maintain distancing, six feet apart. Now is also a good time to get a hold of your Kiwanians who have regular contact with students, and make sure they have completed their Kiwanis International background checks, as well as any expanded *Youth Protection Guidelines* training that went into effect this spring. School advisers that go with students to off-campus projects should also go through the Kiwanis international background check and training. Your whole Kiwanis Club should be training annually for the Kiwanis International Youth Protection Guidelines.

Does your Kiwanis Secretary have the correct members listed as Kiwanis Advisers?

When schools went to NTI this spring, several K-Kids in the District participated in “Zoom” meetings, and made great use of emails from the faculty adviser to parents about projects – notably in Maryville, Tennessee where K-Kids made cards for local nursing homes, and worked out a drop off point at someone’s house. With classes via “Zoom” this spring, some students did get overwhelmed, and the novelty of video gatherings wore off. Look for creative ways to use different media sources. Work with your school about K-Kids reading books on videos to be posted to the school’s web page, Facebook, or a secure You-Tube channel. Be sure students on camera have a signed photo release from the school, as well as the K-Kids photo release from the website. Kiwanis can also help by providing an “at home” craft kit for K-Kids members. This should just involve a quick trip to a discount store to get a pack of markers, crayons, stickers, and construction paper for each K-Kids member to use in making crafts and cards at home. The finished product can be picked up and delivered around town. ♦

## CLARKSVILLE CELEBRATES ITS 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Ron Smithfield



Clarksville, Tennessee Kiwanis club members and Hilldale Kiwanis club members gathered at the Downtown Commons to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Clarksville on May 18, 1920. The original Charter with that date was presented and a brief introduction was made by President Wes Sumner. The club plans a more formal celebration at a later date.

KY-TN District Governor-Elect David Coulter from Sevierville, Tennessee, spoke about the future of Kiwanis Clubs when we move past the COVID-19 crisis. Coulter praised the examples of both Clarksville and Hilldale Kiwanis Club's partnerships on a tour of the *Customs House Museum*, the *Courthouse* and the *Children's Library*. The new 100th Anniversary Clarksville logo was unveiled and will be used in future club publications. His wife Louise accompanied David on the tour and was presented a book entitled *Clarksville History* written by Museum Director Frank Lott. David and Louise said they want to come back to Clarksville to spend more time soon.



## **KIWANIS CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

A request was received to list all the Kiwanis clubs that have 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries during the 2019-2020 administrative year. Those Kiwanis clubs are listed below. The anniversary information was taken from the official KT District records.

<b><u>DIVISION</u></b>	<b><u>CLUB</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>
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### **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

12	Louisville, KY	November, 1916 (One of three oldest clubs -103 years old)
18	Nashville, TN	February, 1917 (One of three oldest clubs -103 years old)
3	Chattanooga, TN	March, 1918 (One of three oldest clubs -102 years old)
5	Knoxville, TN	April, 1919
12	Maryville, TN	December, 1919
3	Cleveland, TN	July, 1920
4	Athens, TN	August, 1920
4	Sweetwater, TN	August, 1920
5	Morristown, TN	January, 1920
5	Newport, TN	September, 1920
7	Johnson City, TN	February, 1920
9	Winchester, KY	October, 1920
11	Columbia, TN	March, 1920
14	Clarksville, TN	May, 1920
16	Ashland, KY	May, 1920
19	Lexington, KY	January, 1920

### **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

13	Lebanon, KY	November, 1944
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### **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

NO CLUB IS ON RECORD AS ACHIEVING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DURING THE 2019-2020 ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR

### **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

NO CLUB IS ON RECORD AS ACHIEVING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DURING THE 2019-2020 ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR