



NOVEMBER 2023

Greetings from Governor Jim Gazay



I thoroughly enjoyed my time as Governor Elect, and now, I look forward to, over the next year, serving as your Kentucky-Tennessee (KT) District Governor. I do not take the responsibilities that come with this position lightly. In fact, as our membership numbers and clubs drop in the district, I am truly concerned for our ability to reach more of the children that we now serve and those kids that we have yet to reach. Once, we were a district of 6,000 plus members. Now we are a district of 4,000 plus. My fellow Kiwanians, it is time that we draw a line in the sand and make a push to end this decline.

With that said, we must get back to the basics of Kiwanis. We must reach out to communities that do not have a Kiwanis Club and convince them that they need Kiwanis, their kids need Kiwanis and all we can bring to the table. Kendra Skidmore, Carol Wisdom, and our Lt Governors are all here to help the district to meet these challenges head on. Additionally, we must get better at communicating between the District Officers and Clubs throughout the KT District. That's why, in my District Goals, I focus on Division Council meetings. I look forward to coming to your Division Council meeting, seeing new Lt. Governors elected, listening to your clubs' accomplishments, and the challenges you face, not only in the club but in the community as well.

No matter your current position, club officer, district officer, or, more importantly, that member that is always there supporting our work, I strongly urge you to continue the great work your clubs are currently fulfilling. I would also urge every club, and its members, to take a moment and envision how we want our district, and your club, to look. Think not just of this year, but what do you see for your club in 5 years? Dream BIG, then work hard to make it a reality. Looking back at all those that came to Kiwanis before me, I am amazed at what our district has achieved. I am awed at their ideas, energy and tenacity to serve. In my humble opinion, there is no organization that can better overcome today's challenges than Kiwanis, and more especially, the Kentucky-Tennessee District Kiwanis family. Everything we do is for the kids! Remember, membership growth is for the kids, too.

Again, I thank each of you for your past service, as well as your continued service. Together we can bring the hope, love and inspiration of Kiwanis to even more kids.

Sincerely,
Jim Gazay

K-T District Governor 2023-2024



Kiwanis Club of Cynthiana Welcomes New Officers

“We had our Officer Installation last night at Biancke's Restaurant. Kiwanis Division 10-LT. Governor-Anette Eades helped install our 2024 Officers for Kiwanis Club of Cynthiana. Brian Kinney is being install as the President; Tara McCall is being installed Vice President, Robbie Morris is being installed as Secretary, and Kendra Morris is being installed as Treasurer. If you like to help the children in Harrison County or help all children, please contact one our members. Hope we have a Great Year!!!!”



DON GOLIGHTLY NEW PRESIDENT; CLUB PREPARES FOR HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Following the installation of a new president, the Kiwanis Club of East Greenup County began preparing for two major holiday projects. Don Golightly, a retired accountant, was installed as club president for 2023-24 at a recent meeting at Giovanni's Pizza in Flatwoods.

Secretary-Treasurer Tom Saylor served as the installing officer and will continue in that roll for another year. Kiwanis meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon at Giovanni's Pizza in Flatwoods. Immediately following the ceremony club members began preparing for two of its signature holiday projects: The annual distribution of food baskets at Thanksgiving and an annual Breakfast with Santa and 5K Reindeer Run.

The annual Thanksgiving project is completed in cooperation with the club's two Key Clubs at Russell and Raceland-Worthington High Schools. No less than 50 food baskets will be distributed to families throughout Greenup County as recommended by the Family Resource Centers in the three county school districts.

The baskets include ham, bread and a dessert purchased by the Kiwanis Club and canned goods, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly furnished by the Key Clubs and Kiwanis members.

The distribution will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The pancake breakfast and Reindeer Run will be Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Russell Middle School cafeteria. Pancakes will be served between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children to talk things over with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who will be on hand throughout the morning.

The breakfast will cost \$6 for adults, \$4 for



PHOTO: Don Golightly, right, receives the gavel from Secretary-Treasurer Tom Saylor after being inducted as president of the Kiwanis Club of East Greenup County, Ky. for the 2023-24 club year. Golightly, a retired accountant, succeeds Scott Hill, who has served as club president for the past two years. It's Golightly's second term as president. He also served in 1996-97.

children ages 4-12, and children 3 and under are free.

Santa will be the official starter for the 4th annual Reindeer Run, which will start at 8:30 in the parking lot outside the Middle School cafeteria and football stadium entrance. Runners will use sidewalks to make a loop around school property and the adjoining neighborhoods and back to the finish line at the cafeteria.

Runners are invited to dress for the occasion and the best costumed runners will be eligible for gift cards provided by the club. At the end of the race runners will be the guests of Kiwanis at the pancake breakfast.

Registration for the Reindeer Run can be completed at Tri-State Racer (tristateracer.com). Cost is \$30 and includes a long sleeve shirt with the run's logo and a special limited-edition tree ornament. The shirt and ornament will be mailed about a week after the run.

Contact Tim Gearhart, race director, for more information at tingearhart204@att.net or text at 740-532-9688.

Participants in Installation of Officers for Berea, Irvine-Ravenna, and Richmond Clubs



KY-TN Governor Jim Gazay addresses the joint installation of 2023-2024 Kiwanis Officers for the Kiwanis Clubs of Berea, Irvine-Ravenna, and Richmond, Kentucky



2023-2024 Div. 9 Lt. Governor Kevin Zachery, installed the presidents of the Kiwanis Clubs of Berea, Irvine-Ravenna, and Richmond, Kentucky. The presidents are (L. to R.) Berea President Larry Dobson, Irvine-Ravenna President Jerrica Brandenburg, and Richmond President Lisa Cassity.



2022-2023 Lt. Governor Larry Dobson transfers the Division 9 Banner to 2023-2024 Div. 9 Lt. Governor Kevin Zachery. Tom Bonny, past Lt. Gov of Div 9 served as the MC for the installation event.



Kentucky- Tennessee District of Kiwanis International 2023-24 leaders participating in a joint installation of club leaders from the Kiwanis Clubs of Berea, Irvine-Ravenna, and Richmond were: (L to R) Chair of the Past Lt. Governor's Assn. and Div. 9 Lt. Governor Kevin Zachery, Secretary-Treasurer Fran Marion, Governor Jim Gazay, and Vice Governor Larry Dobson.

Ashland Breakfast Kiwanis Club Welcomes New President



Chuck Charles being inducted as the president of the Ashland Breakfast Kiwanis Club



"I am so proud to be inducted as president of the Ashland Breakfast Kiwanis Club"- Chuck Charles

Berea Kiwanis Club Honors Wallace Campbell

The BERE A Kiwanis Club honored Kiwanian Wallace Campbell. He is a lifelong Kiwanian and was a longtime Secretary and Youth Services Committee Chair. Before retiring to BERE A, Wally was an active member of the Pikeville Kiwanis Club and the Knott County Kiwanis Club.



Sharyn Mitchell, Wallace Campbell, and David Olinger



Wallace Campbell with the Award

Kiwanis Club of Columbia Tennessee



*Members of Maury Hills Church for speaking to our club last week about Hope Center Ministries.
Pictured (L-R) Terry Bunch, Russ Adcox, Aubrey Flagg; Tiffany Howard*



Spirit of Kiwanis

Congratulations to Darlene Baxter and Jessica Elam on receiving the Spirit of Kiwanis Award for their hard work during the Fall Fest / Chili Cook Off event.



Sunshine Award

*Congratulations to Rick Molder on receiving the Sunshine Award (from 2016) for his role in the First United Methodist Church's "Kids Helping Kids" bake sales over the last decade.
Pictured (L-R) Rick Molder and Chaz Molder*

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District 16 Kiwanians and Local Community Members Packed the House



The community came out in a HUGE way on Tuesday night. The Veterans Bingo Hall in Grayson, KY provided the perfect venue for packaging 30,720 Fortified Cinnamon Oatmeal Breakfasts for area school children. District 16 Kiwanians from the area pulled together to make this project a reality.

This second annual event was extremely well attended with over 230 volunteers. This group included the Kentucky Christian University Baseball and Football teams. These young men helped setup, replenish and clean up after this event.

This event was so successful, Kiwanis leadership is already planning the November 2024 packing event.





**When We Work Together...
... Great Things Can Happen!**



Lexington Blue Grass Kiwanis Club

The Blue Grass Kiwanis Club (now the Lexington Blue Grass Kiwanis Club) has had a Shoe Bank Project for almost 60 years. This year we received a grant from the KI Children's Foundation that made it possible to increase the number of shoes we gave to the Fayette Co. Elementary Schools in Lexington, KY.

The club gave 655 pairs of shoes and socks to children in the elementary schools. We worked with the family resource center in each school to provide the shoes to the boys and girls that needed them. Fran Marion, project coordinator, and almost half of the members helped sort, pack and deliver the shoes for about 133 hours of volunteer time.

Submitted by Fran Marion



Kiwanis Club of Lebanon Tennessee



The Kiwanis Club of Lebanon, Tennessee dedicated a recent meeting to pack and individually wrap 202 peanut butter jelly sandwiches! These PBJs were given in partnership to All For Him ministries, a local non-profit who distributes goods within the Lebanon community. All for Him ministries has over 100 homeless friends visit their location each week, helping provide emergency supplies to those in need.

Submitted by Chelsea Nyce

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Kiwanis of Bowling Green Celebrates 100 Years of Service



Kiwanis of Bowling Green celebrates 100 years of service by giving back once more to their community. The club has built an all-inclusive Kiwanis Sensory Music Garden at Basil-Griffin Park. The garden has seven sensory music pieces along with two benches from Landscape Structure plus a turf that will allow access for all abilities. Club members spent a day of fun, fellowship and hard work installing the garden. They were grateful for the help of the professionals with PlayPros. They can't wait to hear the tunes of kids of all ages.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to the support and generous donations by the Kiwanis International Children's Fund, our Foundation, Flora Templeton Stuart Accident Injury Lawyers, Warren Co Fiscal Court, Warren County Park & Rec and to several individual members. Contributions are welcome!

Submitted by: Lisa Rice



Maryville Kiwanis Interclub With Volunteer State Aktion Club



Maryville Kiwanians (L-R): Pete Davis, Marie Roush, Linda Ullom, Heather Larson, Tom Coulter, Jerry Heiny and Wanda Davis.

On September 21 members of the Maryville Kiwanis Club met with the Volunteer State Aktion Club to celebrate the International Day of Peace. Aktion Club members created colorful banners of their own design.

Maryville Kiwanis is the sponsor and advisor of the Aktion Club which operates as a function of Community Options, Inc. The facility advisor is Maryville Kiwanian Marie Roush. The two clubs meet every month.

Submitted by: Pete Davis



Example of the banner.



Aktion Club member Shaquan Petty



Aktion Club Vice President RJ Hunter

Halloween Fun With Local Kiwanis Clubs



Kiwanis Club of Greenup County at Annual Safe Trunk O' Treat for Diabetics



The Kiwanis Club of East Greenup County, Ky at the annual safe trick or treat for diabetics. This event was sponsored by and held on the grounds of the Greenup County Health Department. Hundreds of kids were on hand to get a treat that didn't involve sweets from a large number of businesses and civic organizations.

Photos by: Tim Gearhart

Kiwanis Club of Richmond KY at the Halloween Hoedown

Dr. Dominick Hart, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond, KY hands out candy and a Kiwanis “Keep our Environment Clean” coloring book to about 700 children at the “Halloween Hoedown,” sponsored by the Richmond Department of Parks and Recreation.



Kiwanis Club of Hazard KY at Perry County’s Trunk O’ Treat



Several Kiwanis club members participated in the Trunk or Treat event at the Perry County Public Library. Around 680 kids came through.



Kiwanis Club of Paris KY- SPOOKTACULAR



The City Choir was FA-BOO-LOUS

Rain, rain go away...and that it did for our 4th annual SPOOKTACULAR Trunk or Treat! Approximately a thousand wicked cute trunk or treaters had a fang-tastic time around Courthouse Square visiting over 30 vendors collecting candy, toys and free coupons. In addition, if you dare, you could pet and hold creepy crawlers Oh My!

Thank you to the fa-boo-lous City Choir, the YMCA Line Dancers and DJ Gold for their entertainment throughout the evening. Also, to all the Vendors, Security and Kiwanis members for ensuring the kids had a successful SPOOKTACULAR Happy Howl-oween!



Paris and Bourbon Key Club Members who judged the pet contest

BOO!!!



Paris KY Planning and Zoning took home 1st Place for costume contest.

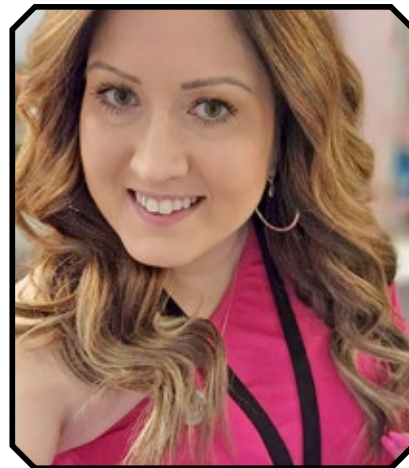


Paris Key Club



Bourbon County Key Club

Letter from the Editor



Dear Readers,

My name is Sasha Bush, and I am thrilled to have been chosen to be your newest KT-Notes Editor. But first let me introduce myself... I am a wife to the most amazing husband of 17 years, and we have three boys that are ages 14, 16, and 25. They keep us on our toes running from school to school for various after school activities. I am fortunate enough to say that I have the best job in the world... in fact it's my dream job! I am the Associate Editor of The Greater Ashland Beacon and an award-winning photographer and writer for the paper as well.

I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and I can't wait to hear everything about your clubs and the amazing projects that you have going on. I believe that to be a member of the Kiwanis Club is one of the greatest things that one can do. I mean how could you not love being a part of something that is spreads such positivity and compassion throughout our communities? It takes a very special and caring individual to do what you all do on a daily basis, and I truly believe that we can inspire one another to do even more.

That's why I am personally challenging each and everyone of you to DO MORE. Go out and get more involved in your club's projects and programs, take lots of pictures, and share them with the world. Kindness is contagious and I want to spread it across the globe. Please send me all the feel-good stories, pictures, and progress reports of what you and your local club has been up to. You can send all correspondence to KTNotesEditor@gmail.com.

I hope you all enjoy my vision for this month's edition of the KT-Notes, and I can't wait to show you what I have in store for our next edition. Thank you to everyone who submitted things for the November issue of the KT-Notes.

“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you that you want to make.”- Jane Goodall



Purpose of the KT-Notes

- * The KT Notes are to be an informative and useful source of news for all Kentucky Tennessee (K-T) Kiwanians.
- * The KT Notes serves as a history of our District for future Kiwanians
- * Article content gives Kiwanis clubs in the KT District opportunities to share what they are doing that reflects the Kiwanis mission special projects/programs for children & communities.
- * The KT Notes also help to share ideas with other Kiwanis clubs so that they might borrow & implement some of those ideas in their own communities.
- * The KT Notes consist of articles of interest that might be of some value other Kiwanians.

Submitting Articles

- * Sasha Bush is our new KT Notes Editor and Layout Artist.
- * Please send all articles, photos, and other submissions to KTNotesEditor@gmail.com.
- * We typically publish seven issues a year: January, March, May, July, September, November, and our yearly convention issue.
- * Please have all article, photo, and other submissions into our editor by the 1st day of each of those months.
- * Please be sure that all articles are typed up in Microsoft Word, using size 12 Arial regular font that is double spaced.
- * Please be mindful of your article's length. Article length should be between 350-600 words.

Remember more isn't always better. We want members to stop and read all the valuable information that our KT-Notes contain and not skip over something because it looks too long.

- * Articles should be written in a clear and concise manner that is both easy for our readers to understand and leaves them wanting more. *Please avoid using big words that are not typical in everyday conversation.*
- * When sending images please be sure to send them as either JPG, JPEG, or PDF files.
- * All images should be clear, crisp, and easy to view.
- * Get Creative with your images... candid photos make excellent article content. Your photos can include children/youth, Kiwanis projects, artwork done by children if applicable, the public's reactions to our projects, and so much more. If possible, take pictures in front of your clubs' emblems, banner, or other identifiable items in the background.
- * If possible, please send between 1-4 photos. This doesn't mean that all four will be used but it gives the Editor and Layout Artist different content to choose from.
- * Please feel free to send in your club's bulletins. These often contain lots of useful information that can add to the quality of content of our KT-Notes.
- * Please note that we do not use articles that are strictly for your local club's membership. This includes installation of new officers or board members, articles from local newspapers, or other instances that is specific to your local club only.
- * Please feel free to submit photos and detailed information for any individual Kiwanians that have received achievements that you feel are worthy of mention. Please send a picture of the individual Kiwanian as well.
(The idea would be to give deserving Kiwanians District-Wide recognition)
- * Apart from past governors and spouses, deceased Kiwanians are not included in the KT Notes.
(They are Memorialized at the Convention)

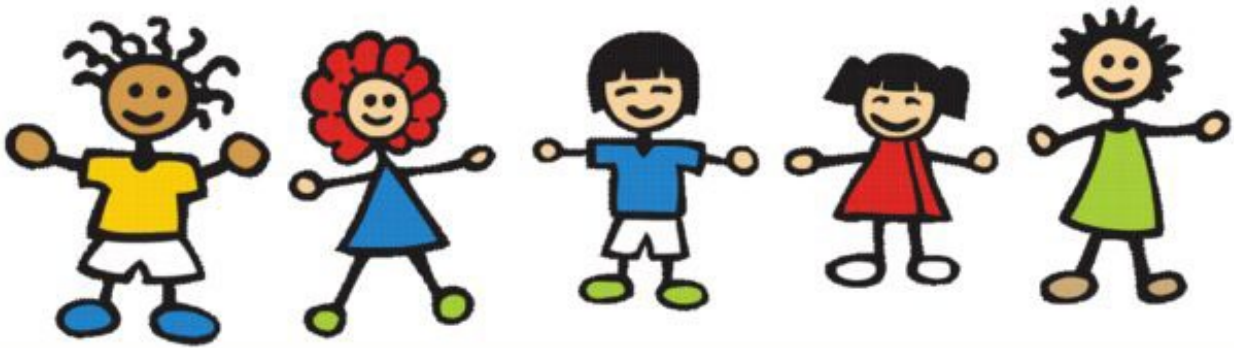
RECEIVING THE KT NOTES

- * The KT Notes are emailed to the membership using Constant Contact
- * Each individual Kiwanian must send an email to the KT office stating that the KT Office may send him/her information through our Constant Contact.
- * Please note that approval must be emailed to ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org with the following statement...
"Place me on the Constant Contact email list."
- * A secure link will then be sent to the individual with a short sign-up form.
- * Please note: The KT office does not share information outside the Kiwanis family
- * In some clubs, the president, secretary, communications chair, or other club officer may forward the KT Notes to the membership if they wish to do so.

Editor's Note: *"I look forward to serving you all as the new KT-Notes Editor and Layout Artist. I can't wait to read all about the great things that you all have been up to. I also can't wait to share the new look of our KT-Notes with you."*

-Sasha Bush

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