

KT NOTES

Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis



GOVERNOR B.CLAIRE CROUCH

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

What a great day to be a Kiwanian! I am pleased to report that we are well on our way to celebrating the charter of a new club in McMinnville, TN. The new members are enthusiastic and are united in purpose to serve the children in their community.

Our Mid-Year is quickly approaching. We have new workshop approaches on membership recruitment in the form of role play. We will discuss club boosts in detail. We will have a session in "What is your club's self-talk?" An awesome speaker (if he will confirm soon) and so much more! Please plan to join us in Alcoa, March 7 and 8, 2025.

As I travel around our District and learn about all the numerous and different acts of service you are doing, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your hearts. In the year of celebrating 100 years of our Objects of Kiwanis, I see all six objectives defined by your actions, your kindness, your friendship, your standards. I witness you cooperating in creating and maintaining sound public opinion and high ideals making it possible for "...the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill." This defines who we are. It is my sincere desire to see this define who we remain. It is all due to you. It is all up to you.

I remind you to please invite your friends and family to join us on this journey. Most of all, I thank you for being Kiwanian.

Hoping you all have a happy and blessed new year,

B. Claire Crouch
KT District Governor 2024-2025

Please send your exciting club
news articles to
news@kytnkiwanis.org

Best Practices

Make your membership goals a priority!

File your monthly reports by the 10th of the
month

Past Due!!

If you have not paid your dues , they are now
past due.

The KT Notes Editor
Past Governor Lynn Hutchinson

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Deadline = July 5

September 15
Article Submission
Deadline = September 5

November 15
Article Submission
Deadline = November 5

Articles, pictures, and club bulletins can be
emailed to news@kytnkiwanis.org

**THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING
PICTURES cannot be overstated.**

**PICTURES WITH KIWANIS LOGOS AND
EMBLEMS ARE THE BEST.**

Conference At A glance

Thursday March 6

District Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday March 7

Registration Opens 9:00 AM
Foundation Sales 9:00 AM
Past Lieutenant Governor Association 1:00 PM
Club Leadership Education 1:30 PM
Banquet with Governor 7:00 PM

Saturday March 6

Foundation Sales 8:00 AM
General Session 9:00 AM
Workshop Super Session 10:30 AM
Lunch with Awards 1:30 PM

Mid-Year Workshops

Recruiting New Members - Role Play
How to talk to new members
and overcoming objections.

Kendra Morris and The Kiwanis Players
30 minutes

KT Website
Pete Davis
10 minutes

What is your Club's Self-Talk?
Rhonda Vrell
30 minutes

Aktion Club
David Coulter
10 minutes

Public Relations/Marketing
Carol Wisdom
30 minutes

Interclub
C. David Elliott
10 minutes

Coaching for Success
Chuck Fletcher
30 minutes

**2025 KT District Mid-Year Conference
Hilton Knoxville Airport March 6-8, 2025
Alcoa, TN**

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

Club Name _____ KY TN GA VA

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Spouse or Guest _____

Early Registration <i>(Includes 2 meals listed below)</i>	140.00 x _____ = _____	On-Site Registration 150.00 x _____ = _____
Registration Only-No Meals	90.00 x _____ = _____	95.00 x _____ = _____
Mid-Year Banquet with Governor <i>(Banquet included with full registration)</i>		55.00 x _____ = _____
Mid-Year Luncheon with Awards Presentation <i>(Lunch included with full registration)</i>		40.00 x _____ = _____
		Total _____

**Early Registration Ends February 17th
No refunds after February 17th**

Special Food Requirements:
No Sugar Vegetarian Gluten Free

I plan to attend CLE Friday March 7, 2025 YES NO

Office you are training for:
President
Secretary
Are you a first-time attendee? YES NO

CLE Training
1:30-4:30 PM
Greenbriar
Conference Room

To make room reservations please call: Hilton Knoxville Airport
2001 Alcoa Hwy, Alcoa, TN 37701
865-970-4300 x3

Reservation listed
under
KYTN25



Room Rate is 130.00 per night plus taxes.

This rate is good until February 3rd.

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

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

Bo Shafer Recognized

Former Kiwanis International President Bo Shafer was the recipient of the Knoxville SCHAS (Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service) Award on December 5. The award is given in recognition and honor of a deserving person who demonstrates their outstanding care for the community and its citizens. Bo Shafer truly demonstrates all those traits. This was the 31st year of the event. Past honorees include James Haslam II; University of Tennessee coaches Pat Head Summitt, Philip Fulmer, Johnny Majors, and Bruce Pearl; Peyton Manning, Senator Howard Baker Jr.; Congressman Jimmy Duncan; and Randy Boyd.



Builders Club

Is your club thinking about chartering a Builders Club? Are you having problems/issues with a Builders Club your club sponsors? My name is Patsy Russell and I am the new Builders Club Administrator for the Kentucky-Tennessee District. My job is to help you with all things Builders Club. My plan is to start by building a mailing list that we can use to share ideas. So, if you are a Builders Club advisor or an SLP chair, please send me your email address and phone number. As an advisor for two Builders Clubs, I know every school and every situation is different, but we can always take a good idea and work with it!

Patsy Russell
865-384-7091
patsyrussell@charter.net

Members of Heritage Middle School Builders Club assemble "Boo Grams" to sell as a fundraiser. They are raising funds to purchase a Bottlecap Bench for the car rider pick up area at their school in Maryville, TN.



CHUCK FLETCHER

FOR KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

What an incredible opportunity it is to attend **Kiwanis International Convention June 25-28!** Many thanks to my fellow Kiwanis friends in the Kentucky-Tennessee District for your support for my election for Kiwanis International Vice President. **WE ARE THE KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE DISTRICT!** Are you ready to make some good noise in Pittsburg? Kiwanis International does such amazing work, and my role as candidate for the next Vice-President will truly be an honor.



Would you consider showing your support by volunteering to...

- ❖ Share with other districts at the convention?
- ❖ Volunteer to work at my booth?
- ❖ Share promotional materials?

Please let me know how you would like to participate. I would love to make this convention a memorable experience for everyone involved. ✨

Join me in Pittsburg June 25-28

Registration is open! You can book your rooms now! It's a short distance to drive!

#EveryKiwanianSucceeds

"Building for the Future" together is a fantastic theme, and I'm sure the convention in **Pittsburgh** will be a great success.

Kiwanis Club Frankfort



Kiwanis Club of Frankfort

working the "Cram the Cruiser"
benefiting the food pantry.



Kiwanis Club of Frankfort

supports the pancake breakfast
at the **Kiwanis Club of Versailles.**

A Heartfelt Approach to Boosting Kiwanis Morale **Past Governor Jim Gazay**

Morale, the beating heart of our Kiwanis clubs, is the lifeblood that fuels our service and camaraderie. A positive and engaged membership is the cornerstone of our organization's success. To nurture a thriving Kiwanis spirit, let's delve into the nuances of morale and explore practical strategies to uplift our clubs.

Understanding the Heart of Morale

Morale isn't just a buzzword; it's the emotional compass that guides our actions and attitudes. A club with high morale is a club where members feel valued, inspired, and connected. When our members feel a sense of belonging and purpose, they are more likely to be enthusiastic, engaged, and committed to our mission.

Nurturing a Positive Climate

To foster a thriving Kiwanis spirit, consider these heartfelt strategies:

- * **Lead with Empathy:** Effective leadership involves understanding and responding to the needs and concerns of our members.
- * **Celebrate the Small Wins:** Recognize and appreciate every contribution, no matter how small.
- * **Cultivate a Culture of Growth:** Encourage personal and professional development through training and mentorship.
- * **Foster Open Communication:** Create a safe space for honest and constructive dialogue.
- * **Prioritize Work-Life Balance:** Remind our members that their well-being is essential to their service.
- * **Embrace the Power of Service:** Engage in meaningful projects that make a real difference in our communities.



By prioritizing these heartfelt approaches, we can create a vibrant and fulfilling Kiwanis experience for all. Let's work together to uplift our clubs and inspire a new generation of Kiwanians



Boone County Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

On December 10, 2024 from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm, we rang the bell at Kroger in Burlington, KY. The Ryle Key Club and 14 club members joined in this festive and fun event.



Kingsport Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport manned 4 entrance doors at Walmart and Food City on Saturday, December 7, 2024. A total of \$2610 was collected for the Salvation Army of Greater Kingsport.



Louisville Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army



The Garman's ring the bell together for the Salvation Army in Louisville.



Berea Auction and Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch

Submitted by Governor- Elect Larry Dobson



Photos from our annual breakfast with Santa and the Grinch. We had a great turnout for our breakfast.



After our annual auction, all the successful bidders who paid the full value listed for the product were eligible for a drawing for \$500.00 donated by Whitaker Bank. This year's winner is Roland Connor. We called him from our meeting and he called back. While we were talking with him, our cell phone died. We decided to call him back, and his first words were, "I thought this was a scam." We decided to meet with him to present the check and to prove it was not a scam.

Lawrenceburg Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army



KY-TN District Foundation

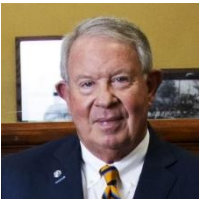
As he traveled the United States to study the prison system for the French Government in 1831 & 1832, Alexis de Tocqueville used the opportunity to tour the country and observe its people. He came away impressed by how Americans formed voluntary associations to address common needs and strengthen its communities. He argued that it was that civic virtue that made our republic strong.

As we recite our defining statement at club meetings, we imbed that civic virtue into our club members. Reciting “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time” shows the world the rock on which we stand. I don’t know about you, but I’m proud of that defining statement. A society should be judged upon how they treat (and protect) it’s children. Who Wouldn’t want to be a part of an organization with a defined purpose like that?

As we bind together club members to efficiently improve our communities, our Kentucky-Tennessee District binds the members of our region together for the same purpose. Kiwanians as a group are a happy, optimistic group of people. The District meetings are a way for those wonderful people to share ideas that can make a bigger impact in our local communities.

The Kentucky- Tennessee Foundation is a natural extension of a group of people dedicated to children. Through the years, people have added money to a fund for our scholarships for children of our region. We have made an impact through the years. In recent years, the Foundation has acted as a flow-through for disaster relief. We are learning that local clubs are some of the best conduits to those in need. Please consider donating to the Foundation. Your seeds of kindness will help grow some great children and great communities.

Montee Sneed, K-T District Foundation



Join Us in Supporting the KEY Club DCON Service Project

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

I recently had the honor of attending the KY-TN Key Club District winter board meeting, and the energy and dedication of these young leaders truly inspired me. Their enthusiasm as they engaged in discussions and strategized for their projects was nothing short of remarkable. I strongly encourage everyone to experience this firsthand by attending a meeting.



I am seeking your support for the KY-TN District Key Club's upcoming service project at their district convention in Lexington in March 2025. As with everything we do, financial burdens are increasing, and sometimes we need to ask for help. To make their traditional group project a reality, I am appealing to our fellow Kiwanians to consider contributing to a fundraising effort. The goal is to raise \$1,500, which will significantly help with project costs, a project that brings together ALL Key Club members and even guests attending their DCON if they choose to participate. The project traditionally benefits multiple children by its completion.

With 125 clubs in our district, if each club could commit to a minimum donation of just \$15.00, we can easily reach the target of \$1500. Your contributions will not only support the service initiatives but will also empower these young leaders to continue their impactful work. Your club can send its contribution to the KY-TN District Office and mark it "For Key Club DCON service project."

Thank you for considering this opportunity to uplift our youth and enrich our community.

Warm regards,
Larry Dobson
Governor-Elect

Send your donation to:

KY-TN District of Kiwanis
PO 4327
Lexington, KY 40544

**Lieutenant Governors
Training**

April 11-12, 2025

Cumberland Falls

**Mid-Year
March 6-8, 2025
Hilton
Knoxville Airport**

**International Convention
June 25-28, 2025
Pittsburg, PA**

**KY-TN District Convention
August 14-17, 2025
Pikeville, KY**

It's a great day to be an ACTIVE KIWANIAN!

Governor- Elect Larry Dobson

As we embark on the second quarter of our 2024-2025 Kiwanis year, please consider stepping up as Lt. Governor! This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with enthusiastic individuals and make a meaningful difference in the lives of children in our communities. Let's work together to create lasting change!

If you want to become Lt. Governor for the 2025-2026 term, please contact your current Lt. Governor or me at ldobson.kiwanis@gmail.com. The KT District will provide training at Cumberland Falls State Park on April 11th and 12th.

Becoming a Lieutenant Governor in Kiwanis is an exciting opportunity with important qualifications and responsibilities that are effective in our communities.

****Qualifications:****

1. ****Community Involvement:**** To create meaningful connections, you must be familiar with the communities within your division.
2. ****Eagerness to Learn:**** Being open to innovative ideas and tools, including Kiwanis online reporting, will enhance your leadership journey.
3. ****Organizational Skills:**** Strong organizational skills will help you manage your time and activities seamlessly.
4. ****Relationship Building:**** Cultivating relationships with club leaders fosters a supportive network.

****Responsibilities:****

1. ****Supporting Clubs:**** You'll be pivotal in helping current clubs grow their membership and in helping set up new ones.
2. ****Leadership Education:**** Ensuring your division's club participation in leadership training is key to our collective success.
3. ****Engagement and Morale:**** Fostering enthusiasm and involvement among club members is vital to positively impacting communities.
4. ****Communication Bridge:**** You'll serve as a crucial link connecting clubs to all the opportunities offered through the global Kiwanis organization.
5. ****Mentoring:**** Providing ongoing support to new clubs helps all of KT Kiwanis thrive.
6. ****Resource Sharing:**** Offering tools and resources you've discovered through your training as an LTG to tackle challenges is part of the job.

Together, these qualifications and responsibilities enable a Lieutenant Governor to inspire and uplift clubs, ensuring the vibrancy and success of Kiwanis in our communities!