



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sometimes when I'm thinking of what to write, I don't know where to start. There is so much good stuff going on in this club...so many things that we do that touches the lives of children, lends a hand to a struggling single mother, helps to build or repair a house for a needy family or teach a child to read better...so where do you start? No, none of you want to take any credit. You just do it because it's in your hearts to do it...and if the truth be known, we'd all understand that. But what a great club we have. When I look back over our last fiscal year, with the economy in tatters and doom and gloom so thick you could cut it with a knife, what do I see? A Kiwanis club that grew in membership up to a current 76, with no less than 46 current on-going projects to help young needy children and their families and three fundraisers that raised over \$21,000 to help support all these projects AND awards that included a Distinguished Club award and the Interclub Excellence award. Not only that, but our club contributed over 3456 service hours during the year and that amount represented 41% of the total service hours contributed by all 11 clubs in Division 4!...and now you know why you have every reason to be so proud of our club, our accomplishments and, most importantly, all the good things we have done for our community! Congratulations Tellico Village Kiwanis Club! You folks are truly awesome!



I hope you all had a great Christmas. For those of you who attended our Christmas luncheon, what a fun time we had! Great Christmas songs sung by the Rare Notes, good food, good chit-chat and a darn good time! Thanks Ruth Thornton and Donna Akey for all you did to make it such a fun time for everyone!

Many thanks to all of you who participated in our Club Assessment Survey at our December meeting. Your opinions and ideas are so important in helping us become a better club. Scott Mathot will discuss the results of the survey at our first meeting in January and then your board will prepare an action plan to address the areas where we need to improve. Progress on our action plan will then be reported to the club membership.

As I reported to you at our last club meeting, we have a couple of new committees underway. Helen Nicholson is chairing a committee to address how the club can attract and retain more women members. We are, in fact, a club of men and women. Helen and her committee will be meeting soon and preparing recommendations for consideration by the membership committee. Lou Livengood is chairing a committee including Wayne Zarnecki and Bob Kryter, to review the club's by-laws and update them, if necessary, to be consistent with those recently passed by Kiwanis International. If any of you would like a copy of our current by-laws, just give me a shout.

Also, a couple of dates to keep in mind. On February 17th, we will be having our annual St. Valentines Day dinner and we'll be celebrating our club's 10th anniversary all at the same time. The dinner is being planned for the Grand Vista Hotel and we are also planning to have some great entertainment for you as well as a special guest speaker. Ruth Thornton, our social chairman, is working hard on this event and she will have more information for you when she returns from her out-of-town trip on the 19th. A sign up sheet will be circulated soon, but in the meantime, keep this date noted on your calendars. I can promise you, it will be a fun time for everybody. The other date to keep in mind is our next pancake breakfast being planned for March 14th. Rob Orkney has agreed to chair this event and he will have more information and will be getting in touch with you as we get closer to the event.

...and to all of you and your families, my very best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.
Terry

OUR GROWING CLUB

As we grow the club, we want to recognize those new members so we can greet and welcome them.

This past month we inducted our latest new member, Suzanne Conrad. Suzie was recruited by Don Whitman, but it didn't take a big effort on his part. Suzie was interested and eager from the start.

She relocated to the Village from Pauley's Island. Hmm, isn't that where Don came from?

Suzie and husband, Wayne, now reside in Tanasi Shores Neighborhood. She retired from Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Suzie is a sport enthusiast and plays golf, but I'm certain we will get a share of her time for Kiwanis since she is also interested in volunteer work and mentoring. Welcome, Suzie.



Annual Christmas Luncheon

The annual Christmas luncheon was a huge success, as usual. I don't have the figure, but most of our club members and spouses were in attendance to enjoy the music of the Rare Notes and the wonderful fellowship. Donna put on an excellent spread (and we didn't even have to stand in line). Ruth Thornton did her usual excellent job of organization and setup. Here are some of the pictures that Bob took of the gathering.



RADON TESTING RESULTS

By Lou Livengood

Of the 17 Kiwanis members reporting so far, 11 had radon readings over the safe limit of 4. Test scores ranged from a low of .09 to a high of over 40. Some members have already gone through the mitigation process with good results. My reading went from 19 to 1.8. So the good news is that radon gas can be dramatically reduced by using a qualified mitigator.

Our club has made a concerted effort to alert Village residents to the potential dangers of radon and what can be done to test radon in one's home. In fact, our efforts have been so successful that the State is temporarily out of stock of the free test kits (they will be back in stock within a few weeks). If you haven't already done so, call 800-232-1139 for a free test kit.

Efforts to alert Village residents have included member John Holmes' work through a POA advisory committee to get a message on channel 3; the BCAAT group plans to alert its 400 members; a newspaper article is planned for the News-Herald and the all important messages by Kiwanis members to their friends.

We are asking members to bring friends and potential new members to our second meeting in January (20th) to hear Rikk Morris of Radon Mitigation Company present information on the various methods used to mitigate radon gas. Rikk has over 20 years of experience mitigating over 3400 homes.

Interclub Meetings

Attending an Interclub meeting with other clubs in our district can be a fun and rewarding experience. We meet new people and may harvest some worthwhile ideas for our own meetings or services. Below are the upcoming interclub meetings. Try to schedule one. Let Bob Delaney know.

January 7	Roane County
January 10	Tellico Plains
February 3	Spring City
February 26	Dayton

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 2 Howie Klotz
 Jan 6 John Holmes
 Jan 8 Bill Blair
 Jan 16 Ken Rolls
 Jan 18 Paul Thornton
 Jan 25 Frank Thomas

ANNIVERSARYS

Jan 22 Dave & Sharon Miller

THE TELlico PARKWAY LITTER PICK-UP SCHEDULE

GREETERS SCHEDULE

(Be available by 11:00AM please)
 January Phil Carnock, Jerry Covert
 with Sharon Addison
 February Bill Crowder, Bob Delaney
 with Don Scott

January 16 31 Tom Collins
 Jerry Covert
 Chuck Sanford
 Paul Smith,
 Mick Gardner*

* denotes captain

MEETING SCHEDULE JANUARY 2009

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM HOST	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Jan 6	12:00 PM	Sharon Addison	Jason Gilleran, Director of the Loudon County Boys & Girls Club	Boys and Girls Clubs
Jan 20	12:00 PM	Lou Livengood	Rikk Morris, Radon Mitigation Company	Processes necessary to mitigate radon to a safe level
Jan 20	1:15 PM	Board Meeting		

Upcoming Events

March 15	Pancake Breakfast
February 13-14	K-T Mid-Year Conference
February 17	St. Valentines Day Dinner

Don't forget! The Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village Website has all the information you will need. Please visit it at:

**<http://www.discoveret.org/tvkwanis/>
(note that the spelling is correct)**

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