



## KIWANIS CLUB REPRESENTED AT GRAND OPEINING WELLNESS CENTER

Ken Mack and I were on hand at the Wellness Center's grand Opening on July 24th. We had a table with other groups in a tent for the public to see what the club does. Kiwanis was the only service group (no Lions or Rotary) but lots of other groups from the Village were on hand. Seven people signed-up for a "Free Luncheon" to learn more about our club and possible membership. It was easy and good PR and maybe more members will join! My thanks to Bob Frazer and Bill Foss (and later Paul Smith) for assisting us. Scott Mathot



## SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> CHARITY GOLF OUTING

By Lou Livengood

Our club's biggest money making event is fast approaching. Significant progress is being made with \$6000 received to date. Our goal this year is \$15,000 so we need to focus our efforts in the remaining weeks.

Most members are pleasantly surprised to learn that the businesses they contact are aware of the worthwhile projects our club provides in our area and are pleased to participate by providing monetary or other support.

Please stay in touch with your team leader by providing updates on your assigned accounts. All money, certificates and other prizes should be given to your team leader or Lou Livengood and if you have any questions, please contact us either my email or phone.

# INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SAN ANTONIO

## “A Good Little Book”

One of several excellent speakers at the Kiwanis International Convention in San Antonio, Texas was Brendon Burchard, who is an author and leadership speaker focused on “change management”. His recent book which I purchased and am passing through our family is quite a good read and I recommend to you to look into. It is an inspirational novel entitled “Life’s Golden Ticket” [Harper Publications]. A portion of the proceeds go to Kiwanis International as well as Junior Achievement and the YMCA. As background to the book, he himself had a “eureka moment” in his life with a terrible car accident after a break-up with a woman he loved.

The novel is about a guy who got caught-up in his perceptions of “his prisons of his past experiences” and what he thought others thought about him and what he thought he couldn’t do, even though much was misinterpreted. As a result he could not see the possibilities, the choices, and the gifts that were right in front of him. At the behest of his fiancée, who was clinging to life in a hospital after an accident, he takes a mysterious envelope from her to a deserted amusement park where he learns she had also visited. It so happens that her brother died in a terrible accident there some 12 years earlier. Once inside the spooky gates, the place comes alive with children and families and he meets various people of the park staff who share with him some lessons they wanted to impart on him about things he could change in his life to make it much more enjoyable and productive. These people included a wise groundskeeper, a hypnotist, a fortune-teller, a lion tamer and so forth. Each has a unique way of drawing him to new understandings about himself...and for the reader.

What follows is an unforgettable journey of personal transformation as he overcomes his past, discovers what happened to his fiancée and the meaning of the mysterious envelope. The ending is sort of special and also inspirational.

Al Porell has hired him to come to speak at the KY-TN Convention in Bowling Green, Kentucky in August. Now you might want to go to see him! Scott Mathot.

## Randy Snow: “Pushing Forward When Things Change”

Another speaker several of us heard, who was most impressive, was Randy Snow. I ended up purchasing a DVD of his program to share at some future meeting. Randy was a most successful youth tennis player in his day in Texas only to lose use of his legs through a farm accident that broke his back. His mother pushed him to do his rehab and to make the most of his life. He became a 4-time Paralympian (3-time medalist, 3 different sports). In 2004 he joined the Olympic Hall of Fame. His story of perseverance along the way in his life is inspiring to say the least. His humorous, self-effacing style is Bob Hope-ish! He is good!

Randy has two careers one as a motivational speaker (an entertainer as well) and the other as a seasoned healthcare professional working with three major centers, fulfilling responsibilities in rehabilitation and collaborating with treatment teams to rebuild lives after major trauma. His theme is: “In order to succeed, it takes a 100% able-bodied mind” (not body). If we can figure out how to show a DVD, it will be a [program for us some- day. Scott Mathot.

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## How to KILL Your Club!

Steve Siemens, KI staff from Indianapolis, conducted a thought-provoking session with the above eye-catching title at the recent Kiwanis International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Space does not permit a full replay of Steve’s speech, but the following are his ten suggestions for “killing” cancerous growths within Kiwanis clubs before the “patient” is beyond hope for recovery.

1. Kill **APATHY** with **VISION**.

See it clearly; say it continually; show it creatively.

2. Kill **COMPLACENCY** with **GOALS**.

When I want success more than security, I'll take the risk!

When I want excellence more than mediocrity, I'll make the effort!

When I want growth more than stagnancy, I'll make the changes necessary to achieve it!

When I want results more than resting, I'll give the time necessary to make it happen!

3. Kill **NEGATIVISM** with **ANYTHING THAT'S LEGAL**.

Nothing will kill a club quicker than negativism!

Negative thinking creates clouds at critical decision times.

Negative thinking is contagious.

Negative thinking unnecessarily limits our potential.

4. Kill **IGNORANCE** with **KNOWLEDGE**.

What gets **talked about** gets done.

What gets **trained for** gets done.

What gets **measured** gets done.

What gets **budgeted** gets done.

What gets **rewarded** gets done.

5. Kill **TRADITIONS** with **CHANGE**.

Accept responsibility for wherever you are today;

Know where you want to go;

Divide your dream into manageable pieces; and then

Get going!

6. Kill **CRITICISM** with **KINDNESS**.

“Both the hummingbird and the vulture fly over our nation’s deserts. All vultures see is rotting meat, because that’s what they look for... but the hummingbirds ignore the smelly flesh of dead animals, and instead look for the colorful blossoms of desert plants. The vultures live on what was – the past – but hummingbirds live on what is, filling themselves with freshness and life.”

7. Kill **STATUS QUO** with **RISKS**.

A success – one who decided to succeed, accepted the risk of failure, and worked to achieve his/her goal.

A failure – one who decided to succeed but merely wished for success.

A continued failure – one who fails to decide, and merely waits for success to find him.

8. Kill **EXCUSES** with **PERFORMANCE**.

Why some do not achieve:

It’s easier to settle for average than to strive for excellence.

It’s easier to be saturated with complacency than to be stirred by compassion.

It’s easier to follow behind than to forge beyond.

It’s easier to rationalize your disappointments than to realize your dreams.

9. Kill **CLIQUES** with **UNITY**.

Clubs with unity exhibit:

Cohesiveness – they **stick** together!

Vision – they **see** together!

Goals – they **aim** together!

Strategy – they **think** together!

Teamwork – they **work** together!

Relationships – they **communicate** together!

Improvements – they **grow** together!

Setbacks – they **hurt** together!

Challenges – they **commit** together!

Victories – they **win** together!

10. Kill **BORING** with **FUN!**

F stands for FINDING

U stands for UNMET  
N stands for NEEDS

Never forget: *every Kiwanis member wants to feel important, needed, and accepted.*

I found Mr. Siemens' motivational talk both educational and inspiring, and I hope you do, too!

-- Bob Kryter

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## NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH

The club inducted two new members at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jim Acker and Tom Collins have joined the club in order to serve the children of the world. Please seek them out, greet them, and introduce yourselves to them.

Jim Acker, while new to the Village, is certainly not new to East Tennessee. Jim has been a cardiovascular surgeon for thirty-some years since graduating from U of T and Georgetown University. That's all in the past now. Jim and his wife, Carolyn, have settled in Tanasi Shores, from where Jim will be spending much of his time golfing and fishing. We don't have a committee listed for Jim yet so there is still time to do some lobbying.



Our second newbie is Tom Collins. Tom and wife, Brenda, now live in the Tanasi neighborhood where they settled after leaving Northbrook, Illinois. Like some other members of the community, Tom pedaled pills before retiring to the Village. Now he spends his time golfing, hiking and fishing. We hope he has a few hours left over to help the children of our community through Kiwanis.



Welcome to our new members, and don't forget, we need a couple more new members this year in order to meet our commitment to growth.

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST

### BIRTHDAYS

Aug 2                 Frederick A. Kyle  
 Aug 7                 William Foss  
 Aug 23                Robert B. Frazer

### ANNIVERSARYS

Aug 10    James and Margaret Poole  
 Aug 18    Robert and Sally Delaney  
 Aug 20    Charles and Carole Swenson  
 Aug 27    Robert and Judy Kryter  
 Aug 29    Scott and Karen. Mathot

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

(Be available by 11:00AM please)

August    Jerry Covert and Howie Klotz  
 September    Phil Farris and Terry Boyes

## THE TELLICO PARKWAY LITTER PICK-UP SCHEDULE

August 16-31, 2007    Paul Smith\*  
                                   Jim Pardue  
                                   Ken Mack  
                                   Charles Chadwell  
                                   Catarina Foster

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## MEETING SCHEDULE August/September 2007

Date	Time	Program Host	Speaker	Topic
August 7	10:00 AM	Paul Smith	Club Picnic Fort Loudoun State Park	
August 21	12: 00 PM	Scott Mathot	Lee Montgomery from Merrill Lynch	Identity Theft
August 21	1:15 PM	Board Meeting		
September 4	12:00 PM	Club Business Meeting		
September 18	12:00 PM	Bill Foss	Ed Harper	Blount Memorial Hospital
September 18	1:15 PM	Board Meeting		