



KT-TN DISTRICT CONVENTION

This year the Convention was held in Bowling Green, Kentucky and featured Al Porell and his wife Yvonne as Governor and First Lady. The theme of the convention was “Serve Aggressively – Recruit Continually” and every speaker underscored the need to grow including our International Trustee, Webster James. But Al put the appropriate spin on this by saying we don’t want one million people by 2015, we need “two million hands” to do the work that is needed to be done by Kiwanis.

The KY-TN District had a goal to grow this administrative year to 6,590 members (or, 13,180 hands). To date the count is only 6,127 but Al felt we would exceed the goal based on new clubs coming on (example: new Dayton Club in Division 4) and additional growth over the last couple months. Unfortunately, 14 clubs (accounting for 160 members) were closed this year (Clinton may be one we can still save in our Division). Of note is a new club near Nashville in Cheatham County that started with 73 members! That was the largest club started in Kiwanis this year!



Don Klein receiving the Lieut. Governor’s medal

The convention was attended by 278 Kiwanians and guests with 189 delegates and 30 at-large delegates. There were 85 clubs represented. In addition to Al Porell, Don Klein, Lou Livengood, Bob Kryter and Scott Mathot attended. Al and Don are out-going Governor and Lt. Governor. The new Governor is David Olinger from the Berea Club in Kentucky and he will take office October 1st. Al will then become Immediate Past Governor. Don will end his term by October 1st and he is replaced by Bob Wendt of Madisonville, who is a long term friend of many of us in our club. I had the honor of presenting the “Home Club” banner of the Governor to the Berea Club’s president. Expect to see the picture in a future K-T Notes.

The Keynote speaker was the author Brendon Bucharth who wrote the novel “Life’s Golden Ticket” which I wrote an article about in last month’s newsletter. He is the guy who had a terrible auto accident at age 19 years old. While beat-up and bleeding, he pulled himself out of the car and had an epiphany of realization that he was alive and suddenly seemed to ask “life’s most important questions when you think it is over” which are: Did I live? Did I love? Did I matter? Because he was alive he was given a “second chance” (a golden ticket) that drove him to change his ways and write the novel. It is a must read!

Of course, this was an emotional ending for the Porell’s who have worked so hard over the past year. Al (and often Yvonne with him) has traveled over 18,000 miles visiting 167 clubs, taking 80 days out of his busy calendar! He gave his “We are Awesome!” speech to every Division in KY-TN District. He shared his favorite Mother Theresa prayers as only Al can do (remember... “Do it anyway!”). Yvonne had a goal of making 2,000 hospital dolls and to-date her efforts have produced 4,764 dolls and counting! I don’t know if that included the one I stuffed while visiting the Hospitality Room where she had a dozen people working or not! Anyway, as a team the Porell’s had a very successful year and we as a club could not be prouder to call them as ours! Congratulations Al and Yvonne!

Scott Mathot

TELLICO VILLAGE CLUB HONORED

Our club was recognized for Administrative Excellence for the year 2006-2007. We will be sent a patch or certificate in the next few days. This is a tribute to the work of Bob Kryter and Bob Frazer last year! Hopefully, we will be so recognized again next year. In addition, we won the third place (Harper Gatton Award) for Inter-Club activities in the 46-70 “membership category” again for 2006-2007. This is a credit to Bob Delaney and all of you for making the visits. We should do well again for this year as we just made a good visit to Spring City last week.

Our scrapbook was recognized as the second best of the ten submitted! This is a credit to Helen Nicholson and Ruth Thornton for pulling all the scraps of paper, articles and pictures into a really beautiful and well-designed scrapbook. Great job ladies and congratulations!

Our Web Site was also recognized as one of the “Distinguished” ones in the district. Bob Kryter is our guy doing the work but he continues to need updates from committee chairs and others to keep it up-to-date and fresh. Thank you to all that help Bob do the job and a great job done by Bob!

Scott Mathot



Passing on the K-T Governor's home banner

Hi Y'All:

Thank you for your support throughout the year and during the K-T District Convention in Bowling Green this past weekend. It is very encouraging to have friends giving me the moral support during stressful events like the convention. I really appreciate everything you've done me and Yvonne.

See you soon.

Al Porell

At left: Bob Kryter, Scott Mathot, Al, Don Klein and Lou Livengood in attendance at the K-T District Convention



YVONNE PORELL HONORED WITH A GEORGE F. HIXON AWARD!!!

As a well-deserved surprise, Yvonne was presented this prestigious award by International Trustee & Counselor Webster James for her work on the hospital dolls project among other duties as First Lady. It turns out Al slipped a hundred bucks a month out the checkbook for ten months to sponsor her. What a guy that Al we all know!!!





Thanks to the good work of Woody King and Principal Jason Vance, “Terrific Kids” is being implemented at Loudon Elementary School. Woody is pictured with 1st grade teachers: (L-R) Jennifer Wood, Karen Bethel, Larah McKonkey and Racheal Hankinson. The picture was taken August 7th , just before school opened

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The number 911 has a negative connotation to most people since the Twin Towers terror attack in New York City on that date. This year we have an opportunity to change that a little by taking time from our busy schedules to deliver surplus government commodities to shut-ins for the Good Samaritan Center. Yes, Good Sam has asked us to help deliver food on September 11th this year. That is the second Tuesday in September.

By taking a couple of hours, 12:30 to 2:00 or 2:30, you can help individuals living in low income government subsidized housing receive some basic food commodities such as dried beans, rice, dried milk, canned fruit or vegetables, etc. that lets them stretch their dollars a little further over the next month or two. This food is only distributed to them once a quarter so the one or two bags of food they receive won't last too long, but it helps. In addition, you have a chance to be someone who stops in to say hi, give them a smile, and ask how they are doing.

Mark it on your calendar now so you don't forget. Ray Lumppp will coordinate the distribution this September.

Chuck Sanford

HELP YOUR CLUB KEEP OPERATING EXPENSES LOW

The new administrative year (which begins October 1) will bring our club new officers and directors. We'll also be recognizing those club members who've achieved perfect attendance throughout this past year with the little numbered tabs that are worn with your Kiwanis member's pin/badge.

Your Board of Directors has decided that, instead of purchasing new perfect attendance tabs, our members will be requested to turn in their numbered tabs so that they can be reissued to other members who've achieved perfect attendance during the 2006-2007 administrative year. Likewise, those officers and directors who are leaving office are asked to surrender their special designated-position pins/badges for “recycling” to their incoming counterparts – unless you've become so emotionally attached to your pin that you simply can't part with it!

Please hand in your officer's pin and/or your perfect attendance tab to club secretary Bob Kryter at or before the September 18 club meeting. THANKS! By doing so, you'll be helping our club keep its operating expenses in check!

SEPTEMBER 15TH CHARITY GOLF OUTING MOVING TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL FINISH

Your golf leadership team offers a big thank you for the efforts of members to make this years golf outing a success. This is the club's largest money generating event to support the many worthwhile programs that help the needy children in our area. Your efforts, so far, have produced an income of about \$11,500. Compared to businesses that contributed to last year's event, there is still about \$2800 that needs to be collected. So, with only a couple of weeks remaining, please follow-up with your assignments and report back to your team leader.

A fun part of the golf outing project is the volunteer opportunities during the event on the 15th. You could help keep track of the various skill contests such as "hole-in-one" or "closest-to-the-pin" and possibly take a turn driving the golf cart to deliver beverages to players on the course. Look for the sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Of course, the other important aspect of our event is to fill the roster of entrants. We are limited to 108 players and we have filled about half the entries so far. Please contact your friends to encourage them to sign-up – or organize a foursome yourself. Entry forms are available at Tanasi and Kahite clubhouses or from Keith Emerson or Lou Livengood.

Lou Livengood, 2007 Charity Golf Outing Chair.

NEWS FLASH!

Paul Kyker and Ron Barker will be Co-Chairpersons for the Young Children - Priority One Committee. They will be replacing Rob Orkney who is retiring off as Chairperson to take on new challenges within the club after a very successful tenure. Thank you Rob for a job well done! Let's get behind our new leadership on this very important committee...congratulations to Paul and Ron!

Scott Mathot

NEW CLUB ORGANIZED IN DAYTON, TN

A new Kiwanis club has been organized in our Division. It is the Kiwanis Club of Dayton. Organizing the club was a joint effort between Division 3 Lt. Gov. Lynn Fant-Burke and Division 4 Lt. Gov. Don Klein. The new club is sponsored by the Soddy-Daisey and Chattanooga Clubs in Div. 3 and the Spring City and Athens Clubs in Div.4.

International President-Elect Don Canady came to Chattanooga in June and held a special new member/new club building meeting and we followed that with 2 weeks of intensive recruiting. By the end of June we had 25 paid members. The club currently has 28 members and we should have even more by Charter Night, Sept. 13.

The club's first service project is a BUG program in the Rhea County Elementary School. They are also going to share sponsorship of the currently chartered Key Club at Rhea County High School.

Manny Carril is the President and Mary Unterborn is the secretary. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at Pooh's Place in downtown Dayton. Meetings start at 11:50am and end at 1:00pm. Everyone mark your calendars - we will be inter-clubbing with them quite often and lending them a hand to give them every assurance of becoming a successful club in our Division.

UPDATED DUES STRUCTURE FOR OUR CLUB

Explaining your August 31, 2007 member invoice

In response to concerns about what is perceived to be the high cost of Kiwanis membership, a 'Dues Reduction' committee was appointed early this year by President Scott Mathot to explore ways in which club member dues might be reduced. Following a thorough review of Administrative Account balances for the past five years, the committee proposed (and the Board unanimously approved on June 19, 2007) the following dues reduction plan:

1. *Eliminate all local dues for spouses of club members.* Spousal members (currently two) have always received a 50% discount on local dues, but henceforth their local dues will be reduced to zero. These persons, however, will continue to pay standard International and District dues.
2. *Reduce local dues billing for all other members from the past \$40 semi-annual billing to \$30 for the August 2007 billing.* If the current positive variance of Administrative income vs. expenses continues, this local dues reduction will be extended to the Spring 2008 billing and beyond, thus achieving an annual dues reduction of \$20 per year.

Eliminating the local dues component for spouses is expected to have several positive results. Our total membership should grow and our membership will become more gender-balanced. Family participation in club activities will also be encouraged. The across-the-board 25% reduction in local dues for non-spousal members should aid in membership retention and recruiting. It must be noted that our club has virtually no ability to control the International and District components of our dues structure; also, that local dues have remained unchanged since our Club was chartered in 1999.

Continued -- hopefully increased -- membership support of the Administrative Account fundraising programs is essential if this and further dues reductions are to be continued! **Please purchase Kroger and Food City certificates and cards!** Enroll in the *iGive* online purchasing program, and keep those Happy Dollars coming! Your support of these programs will help Tellico Village Kiwanis Club keep membership dues down and keep our club growing!

Our club secretary reports that the software program we have used for a number of years to generate member invoices is becoming increasingly unreliable and he was unable to produce a custom, itemized billing for each member, but rather simply a total amount due. Accordingly, the following information is provided to help you understand exactly how the amount shown on your August 31, 2007 invoice was calculated.

'Regular' Members

Local Club Dues	\$30.00 (semi-annually)	
District Dues	\$10.00	“
International Dues	\$21.00	“
Liability Insurance	\$5.95	“
<u>Magazine Subscription</u>	<u>\$4.00</u>	“
Total	\$70.95	

'Special' Members

Life Members pay \$49.95 (no Kiwanis International dues).

Spousal members pay \$36.95 (no local dues & no magazine).

New members (those joining in January, 2007 and thereafter) pay \$7.00 per month (not including the month in which they joined) for the remainder of the calendar year.

Any further questions about your invoice may be directed to Treasurer Wayne Zarnecki or Secretary

Bob Kryter

PROGRESS PAYS IN LOWER DUES!!!!!!

Remember earlier in the year I wrote an article like the one below that challenged us to buy more food coupons. Well, we did enough to cut our dues with some confidence by \$20 per year, or, \$10 for semi-annual billing you will soon receive in the mail.

As most of you know, we are told there will be a new Kroger's Store built in the new Town Creek Development. Once that opens in the next year, we will have a greater opportunity to use Kroger coupons more than ever before. I have asked John Holmes to help us be ready for this situation to leverage it further for our club's benefit and for the benefit of the community. We may try to market the concept that "X" percent of our income will go directly to a given charitable organization or cause, thus making it possible to sell to our friends and neighbors.

Let's be thinking about getting behind this income generator even more in the future. Read below to remind yourself how higher participation leverages the results! Thank you for your support on this program,

Scott Mathot.

PROPOSAL FOR KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS

If we can generate \$5,000 by selling more grocery certificates, we could decide to do:

1. Eliminate our local dues to the club which amount to \$80 per year per person.
2. Or, increase our budget to Service Projects accordingly by about 25% (\$5,000 in addition to \$20,750 net amount used for our four service committees).
3. Or, some combination like 50/50.

What is involved? In order to generate \$5,000 we need to buy (or sell) \$100,000 of Kroger/Food City grocery certificates. Sounds like a lot but, if each club member would buy about \$125 per month for groceries from one or both of these stores, we can do something special with the earnings.

It needs to become a habit, a commitment. We have to eat and shop somewhere. I'll bet we all consume way more than the implied \$1,600 of food per year per member. To put it further in perspective, it is better at generating money to the club than about 1.5 Pancake Breakfasts, which are critical to our ability to fund our service projects.

LET'S GET BEHIND A NEW WAY TO MAKE MONEY FOR THE CLUB

...and maybe do more for the community!

...and maybe reduce our dues!



Some fun at the park!

The club picnic at Fort Loudoun Park was a great success. Members and spouses had a great day.

DON'T FORGET YOUR "OMBUDSMAN"

Got an idea how we can become a better club, build our membership, retain our members, and better serve our community? We want to hear from you! Even if it's a criticism, your thoughts and ideas are important to us. We can't improve if you don't tell us what you think.

As you know, every club member is invited to attend board meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month. Members can use this forum to voice opinions about any subject or just "listen in". However, we recognize that often times members don't have the time to attend or simply just don't want to attend...but they do want to be heard! In these cases, have a chat with your Ombudsman. The Ombudsman is always the club's Vice President. If he or she is not available, contact the President-elect. You can do this informally and with full confidentiality. The Ombudsman will then bring your thoughts and ideas to the board for discussion or simply just voice your opinion on matters of concern. Confidentiality will be strictly honored, if requested and your identity will never be revealed. What's most important to us are your thoughts and feelings about the club and how we can improve.

So there you have it. Got some thoughts, ideas, or suggestions? Let's hear from you!

Terry Boyes

The Objects of Kiwanis Club International

- ⇒ Sometimes it's useful to remind ourselves of our objectives as Kiwanians. Here is the official list of six:
- ⇒ To give primacy to the human & spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- ⇒ To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- ⇒ To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- ⇒ To develop, by precept & example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- ⇒ To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- ⇒ To cooperate in creating & maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Submitted by Bob Kryter

A LITTLE ARTSY FRENCH HUMOR

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre Museum. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings, and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no *Monet* to buy *Degas* to make the *Van Gogh*."

See if you have *De Gaulle* to pass this on to someone else. I did because I figured I had nothing *Toulouse*!!

Who says Kiwanians don't have any fun?

Don Klein

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 4 Wallin W. (Woody) King
 Sep 6 Wilbert E. (Bud) Burger
 Sep 8 Scott C. Mathot
 Sep 27 James L. Nicholson

GREETERS SCHEDULE

(Be available by 11:00AM please)
 September Phil Farris and Terry Boyes
 October Dave Miller and Larry Williams

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

THE TELLICO PARKWAY LITTER PICK-UP SCHEDULE

September 16-30, 2007 Phil Carnock*
 Fred Wicht
 Wayne Zarnecki
 Phil Farris

MEETING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

DATE	TIME	HOST	SPEAKER	TOPIC
September 4	12:00 PM	Business Meeting		
September 18	12:00 PM	Bill Foss	Ed Harper	Blount Memorial Hospital
September 18	1:15 PM	Board Meeting		
October 2	12:00 PM	Ron Potter	TBD	Appalachian Bear Rescue Center
October 16	12:00 PM	Colin Hollingsworth	Red Waller Principal, Steeke School	Improving Steeke's Performance
October 16	1:15 PM	Board Meeting		