

# K-T Notes

## Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District

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# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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## Notes from the Editor

As we end 2011 and enter 2012, remember why we are Kiwanians. We are helping the children of the world one child and community at a time. This is the time of the year we do many projects with parties for kids, shopping for them and many other activities.

I hope each of you has a safe and wonderful holiday season. As we celebrate remember also that for some this is the first Christmas holiday season they are facing without loved ones and help them celebrate too.

I look forward to your future contributions and suggestions

More next time. The next issue will be in late February. Please have submissions to me by February 17. [dwight@dwightwatt.com](mailto:dwight@dwightwatt.com)  
I want info from clubs and from district officers and chairs.

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#### **KIWANIS DEFINING STATEMENT**

*"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."*

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[http://www.ktkiwanian.org/public\\_district/index.aspx](http://www.ktkiwanian.org/public_district/index.aspx)**

## From the Governor

Entering the third month of the 2011-2012 administrative year, all divisions have either held their council meetings with the governor or their meeting has been scheduled. As of this writing, through the generosity of many individual Kiwanians and Kiwanis clubs, a total of approximately \$3,300 has been donated either to (1) Eliminate to rid the world of maternal neo-natal tetanus or (2) to the Kentucky-Tennessee Foundation to provide for hearing impaired children. I want to thank each of you for your generosity. With each visit, Lucy and I have encountered good fellowship, fun and Kiwanis spirit. We were delighted to have the privilege of recognizing many Kiwanians who, year after year, demonstrate the Spirit of Kiwanis through their work in Kiwanis serving children and communities. At every Kiwanis function Lucy and I have visited we have met old and new friends, all demonstrating cordial and gracious hospitality. We thank each of you for making those visits so pleasant.

We now prepare to intensify our efforts to achieve increased service and growth in the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District. I have discussed with many of you the criteria for being distinguished members, clubs, and divisions. I have shared the fact that I want **YOU ALL TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR SUCCESS**. My intent has been to clearly tell you that every member, every club, every division can enjoy the distinction of that honor — **YOU BELIEVE IN THE KIWANIS MISSION; YOU CAN DO IT!!!** You have only to achieve the goals set forth in the criteria for distinguished, **AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH WILL HAPPEN AND GOOD SERVICE WILL GROW INTO EVEN BETTER SERVICE!!!!** Remember, the most important outcome of your success should be our service to children and communities at home and around the world. From our success there will be an even greater Kiwanis spirit in your clubs and in our district.

As you know, International President Alan Penn will visit the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District at the Midyear Conference in the Embassy Suites of Lexington, KY February 3 and 4. You and I want him to visit a K-T Kiwanis district that is serving and growing. I am looking forward to seeing you there as we share with President Alan how much we believe in our Kiwanis mission.

Don

## Fort Oglethorpe Rick Honeycutt golf tournament

The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis sponsored the the annual Rick Honeycutt golf tournament again under the successful leadership of PR Cook and David Hollis in October. Plan to participate with us next October.



## Laurel County Kiwanis Club notes

We lost our oldest member, Coy Hibbard at age 101. He will truly be missed.

Also, we took 40 children shopping for clothes and toys at K-mart on Thursday, December 8th. After we shopped, we took them to eat. One little girl, looked to be around 7 or 8, told us it was the best day of her whole life. So precious.

Suzy Osborne,

## MARYVILLE KIWANIS RING BELLS

More than forty Maryville Kiwanians received blessings by ringing bells for six days this year for the Salvation Army. Kiwanians were also joined by a dozen bells ringers from Maryville Kiwanis sponsored clubs at Heritage High School Key Club and Heritage Middle School Builders' Club. The Christmas spirit flowed in the form of rain, coins, and hot chocolate. Kiwanians love every minute, cold rain or warm sunshine, since they know the Salvation Army will put the coins to great service helping needy Tennesseans. Kiwanian Bobby Burke ensures the cold was not a problem by delivering large cups of hot chocolate to the night ringers on all six days. Salvation Army Officer/ Kiwanian Jared Martin complimented Kiwanis bells ringers for raising more red-kettle money than any of the other Knoxville area Kiwanis Clubs. This is an honor that Maryville Kiwanis has enjoyed for many years in a row. Maryville Kiwanians wish all a Merry and Blessed Christmas.



## Kiwanis Club of Clarksville Children's Christmas party

The area Kiwanis clubs hosted their yearly Christmas party for the children of Head Start on Tuesday afternoon.

For club members, it is the biggest event on the calendar, exemplifying their commitment to children while allowing the members to get somewhat child-like themselves, sitting on the floor helping to open presents, surrounded by kids trying out their new toys.

It is hard to overstate the gratitude these children showed, which was nearly matched by that of the Head Start teachers and some parents as well, who skillfully maintained a pretty good semblance of order in a room filled with the exuberance of 140 pre-schoolers.

The Kiwanis will host another 130 next week, since the party is being split into two events this year, due to the large number of children (and parents) needing a little help in making Christmas happen.

To make each event a success, the club spends two months in planning and long hours in execution.

On Monday night, about 30 club members gathered with 70 additional young helpers from the Clarksville Academy, Kenwood, Rossview and Middle College Key Clubs, as well as Fort Campbell's Club Beyond (Young Life) and Northeast High School's Beta Club.

Together, the volunteers wrapped nearly 700 presents, according to Andrew Hale, who chaired this year's party.

The event wasn't simply a handing out of gifts, however. "It's important to the members to spend time with the kids," said Hale, "and to talk to them and let them know that other people out there care."

One mother said that for many of the children, the gifts they received today might be all they get for Christmas.

Head Start substitute Kevin Kendricks was emphatic about how important the event was for the children, many of whom are special-needs children from lower-income families. He was also smiling at the joy expressed by his students. "There are no frowns here," he said, "only smiles."

The smiles were especially evident when Santa came to visit, taking time to hug each child as they lined up to say hello.

Past president Glenn Childers said the club has been hosting this particular affair for a few decades now, aided by the generosity of a number of sponsors, which this year included Legends Bank, Belk's, McReynolds, Nave and Larson, Wal-Mart, Chris's Pizza Village, Ladd & Childers Document Solutions, Dex Imaging, Queen City Disposal, and A&G Diesel.

Downtown Kiwanis president Tom Creech summed up the meaning of the day, relating something that one of the mothers had told him about her child's classmate, who had received two presents but only unwrapped one, saving the other toy for his brother to open.

"It's so meaningful to hear that," he said, "for me and for all the volunteers who work so hard on this."



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# ELIMINATE maternal/neonatal tetanus

## Downtown Kiwanis Presents Three Bicycles to Readers at Area Schools

The Downtown Kiwanis Club in three separate presentations awarded bicycles to prolific readers at three local area elementary schools. The bikes are presented to encourage reading at the elementary school level.

Bicycle Recipients were as follows:

McNabb Elementary – Fifth Grader, Brett Bundy

Morgan Elementary – First Grader, Ellee Alonso

Clark Elementary – Third Grader, Camden Marshall

The Read to Ride program is a program sponsored by the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Paducah Kentucky. Its purpose is to encourage elementary age students to take a greater interest in reading books. This program began in the 2008-09 school year and works in conjunction with the Accelerated Reader Program, a computer-based reading management and motivational system designed to challenge children to read more books. A bicycle and helmet were donated to each of the three Paducah Elementary schools and awarded to a student at mid-year and also at the end of the school year. Winners were chosen based on the student who had accumulated the most points in the Accelerated Reader Program. The Accelerated Reader program uses a weighted point based system that award points based on the reading level of the book. One of our club members suggested the project to the club after moving to the area from New Orleans. The program is modeled after one used by the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club of Metairie Louisiana (New Orleans area) which has been very successful in encouraging students to read more books. This is Paducah Kiwanis' fourth year for the program. Paducah Kiwanis gives a special thanks to Bike World of Paducah who has partnered with the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Paducah by providing the bikes and helmets at a greatly reduced price.

Downtown Kiwanis is a group of men and women dedicated to philanthropic efforts and community service. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Downtown Kiwanis raises most of its funds through an annual Christmas Auction and participation in Bar-b-Que on the River. The Club meets on Thursdays at noon at the Elks Lodge, 310 N 4th St. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.



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Oak Ridge Kiwanis supported The Holiday Bureau by collecting and moving toys.

The Oak Ridge Kiwanis Club supported The Holiday Bureau by collecting toys at the Enrichment Federal Credit Union, by moving toys on Dec 6, and by providing a gift check. The following photo was taken after Dec 6 Toy Placement at The Holiday Bureau.



## MARYVILLE KIWANIS 17TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Eight Hundred hungry friends of Maryville Kiwanis gathered Saturday, November 12th, at Maryville High School Cafeteria to eat some yummy pancakes and help the youth of Blount County. Sixty-five Maryville Kiwanians supported by Key Clubbers from Maryville and Heritage High Schools as well as Builders' Clubbers from Heritage, Maryville, and Eagleton Middle Schools hosted the event in "Royal Style." International House of Pancakes continued its over the top support by providing pancake batter, sausage, and many other smaller items to ensure most of the funds raised go to support Kiwanis youth programs. Maryville Kiwanis President Regina Jennings congratulated Pancake Committee Chairman Howard Kerr and his team for a job "Well Done". The Pancake Breakfast raises close to \$17,000 each year to support Blount County's Imagination Library and many other Maryville Kiwanis Youth Projects. These funds come from pancake tickets sales and generous contributions from over forty sponsors. Kiwanis Treasurer and "Head Pancake Chef Steve Frana" was quoted as saying, "I relish the challenge of ensuring we never back up the line for lack of pancakes. I love this job as much as I love OUR KIDS." Head pancake "dripper", Kiwanian Bobby Burke, competed with Chef Steve Frana to see who could flip the most pancakes. Attendees had no idea such ferocious competition was going on in the kitchen. That's what it's like to be a Kiwanian.

## Press Secretary that Announced Death of President Became K-T Division 9 Lt. Governor By Glen Kleine

The Kentucky-Tennessee District office is attempting to put together a list of all the Lt. Governors that have served in each of the divisions. I was looking at the composite list and was surprised to learn that the Division 9 Lt. Governor in 1980-1982 and again in 1993-1994 was Malcolm "Mac" Kilduff from the Kiwanis Club of Beattyville, KY.

Chances are good that the name "Mac" Kilduff is a name that doesn't immediately come to mind. But I'll bet if I tell you a bit about Mac's background - you will remember seeing him - but not necessarily as a Kiwanian. Of course, you would need to have been a teenager or older in 1963 if you are to remember the instant when you first saw Mac.

It was November 22, 1963. That date, in itself, should be a tip off. It is rather like saying December 7, 1941, or September 11, 2001. The location was Dallas, Texas, and then President John F. Kennedy was travelling through downtown Dallas near the Texas Book Depository when shots rang out and both President Kennedy and Texas Governor John Connally were hit by an assassin's bullet.

Since this was a major campaign visit, Press Secretary Pierre Salinger would normally have been working with the press on this event. However, in this case Salinger was heading to Japan to start working on a visit JFK was going to take in February 1964 as the first American president to visit Japan since World War II. Taking Salinger's place on the Dallas trip was Assistant Press Secretary Malcolm "Mac" Kilduff. ([http://whitehousetapes.net/clips/1963\\_1122\\_salinger1/](http://whitehousetapes.net/clips/1963_1122_salinger1/))

When shots rang out from the Texas School Book Depository, Mac and reporters representing the associated press and united press international were riding in the third car, the press car, of the motorcade. The motorcade rushed to the Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. It was there that Mac organized a press room to give updates on the condition of President Kennedy.

Ultimately Mac was the White House spokesman who gave a shocked world the first official word that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated. <http://whitehousetapes.net/clip/pierre-salinger-oliver-hallet-oliver-hallet-and-pierre-salinger>

"President John F. Kennedy died at approximately 1 p.m. Central Standard Time today here in Dallas," the young assistant press secretary told a shocked gathering of reporters. "He died of a gunshot wound in the brain."

A short time earlier, Kilduff broke the news to Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird.

## District Website

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[dwight@dwightwatt.com](mailto:dwright@dwightwatt.com) about club, division and district events