

K-T Notes

Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District

September 2012



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Notes from the Editor

Hope you have had a good Kiwanis year. K-T Kiwanians have been involved in many projects and serving on the state to international level

This the last issue I am editor. I have served the last 2 and half years. I look forward to serving in another position in the future. I have served the Kiwanis in Georgia as webmaster/technology chair in the past and serve as webmaster for the Swainsboro (Georgia) and Ft Oglethorpe clubs.

Picture of me is riding 17 miles in the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis 2 Hill and Back bike ride earlier this month.

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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."

**Check the K-T Kiwanis blog at
http://www.ktkiwanian.org/public_district/index.aspx**

During this, the 2011-2012 administrative year, I have urged you to be distinguished, because distinguished members, clubs and divisions result in more members to provide more service for more children and communities. **Thank you for responding so enthusiastically to my challenge!!**

I want to send a special thanks to Lieutenant Governor Bill Alsup and Lieutenant Governor Designate Darlene Baxter in Division 11. As a result of their leadership and hard work a new Kiwanis club has been organized and will soon be chartered in Lewis County, Tennessee.

The membership report received from Kiwanis International at the end of August revealed some exciting information and shows how much hard work has been done by all of you. That report showed that the Kentucky-Tennessee District had 5,011 members!! That is 78 more members than we had on October 1. Further, a summary Kiwanis International membership report disclosed that of the 62 districts worldwide, the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis was in 19th place and was one of 21 districts experiencing positive grow trends. How motivating it was to read that report.

In spite of all our positive gains, we absolutely must continue recruiting new members in September; this is especially important for us, and here is why. An unofficial report to me reveals that our district has lost 35-40 members as membership rolls are adjusted in preparation for the 2012-2013 administrative year. We do not yet know how many folks are joining Kiwanis in September.

The number of new members you recruit and report by September 28 is crucial if we are to maintain and improve our standing as number 19 in the world. You can do it!!! If each of us asks one person to join Kiwanis, I am convinced that the district can continue positive growth and that we will give Governor Bob Brinkmann a great platform from which he can lead us.

Just one more thing. Remember, **to receive credit for being distinguished, your reports must be appropriately signed by club officers as indicated on the forms and they must be submitted before October 30** to Fran Marion and Vivian Heaton at 1035 Strader Drive in Lexington, KY 40405 (or faxed to the K-T office at this number: 859-422-2259).

Whatever happens, know how appreciative I am for all you have done to make this such a fun and memorable year for Lucy and me. We have enjoyed every Kiwanis club and every Kiwanis event and function we visited. My only regret is that we were unable to visit more of you than we did. Good luck to you and good luck to Governor Bob Brinkmann who did so much for us this year. Let 's do the same for him next year.

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ELIMINATE by Sue Fleschner

The Kentucky Tennessee District is joining forces with Kiwanis members across the globe in an effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT), a painful disease that kills one baby every nine minutes, or 160 newborns each day. Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus is a global campaign that will save and protect the lives of millions of mothers and their future babies. The disease is typically contracted through unhygienic childbirth practices. The goal of the project is to eliminate this swift, painful and highly preventable disease by vaccinating women of childbearing age, which will not only protect the mothers, but also their future babies.

As the world's largest single donor, Kiwanis International is raising US\$110 million by 2015 for the project, which will ultimately protect at least 61 million women and their future babies who are at risk of this deadly disease. Or more information about the project and MNT, check out theeliminateproject.org.

ELIMINATE energy continues to be strong in the KT district. We started strong and early with the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green as one of the first Model Clubs committed to prior to the campaign's official kick-off in Geneva the summer of 2011. The Kiwanis Club of Cheatham County followed shortly by being the first 100K legacy club in the world. Since then we have had an additional club commit to the Model Club challenge – the Kiwanis Club of Hilldale. We are proud of the leadership example these clubs have set for the district!! As a district, our goal is \$ 2,414, 675. As of August 16, we have already raised gifts and pledges of \$ 321,560, which saves and protects a minimum of 178, 644.

In future KT News, we will continue to feature the efforts of clubs throughout the district. If you have a story to share, would like more information about the campaign, or are interested in having an ELIMINATE program at your club. Please contact Sue Fleschner, our KT District ELIMINATE Coordinator at 270-791-0443 or suefleschner@insightbb.com. We are working diligently to achieve our goal of having club coordinators identified in every club! If your club already has an individual identified to lead the ELIMINATE efforts, let Sue know! She can help ensure that you have all of the information you need from campaign brochures to pledge forms to fundraising ideas!

Thanks to everyone for their on-going support of this remarkable project – a chance for Kiwanians to change the world – again!

Shelbyville club ELIMINATE project

Kentucky-Tennessee district governor-elect Bob Brinkman donates to The Eliminate Project at the Walking Horse Show in Shelbyville, TN.

The Shelbyville Kiwanis Club had a food booth at the show and members of the Cascade Key Club volunteered with the Kiwanians.



Kiwanis Club of Fort Oglethorpe 2 Hill and Back Bike Ride

On September 15 the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis had their second annual 2 Hill and Back bike ride. Fun was had by all and we raised a good bit for projects for children in our community. Plan to ride with us next year



Downtown Kiwanis Presents Dental Kits to Paducah Day Nursery Students

On August 8, 2012, The Downtown Kiwanis Club presented each child attending Paducah Day Nursery with a dental hygiene kit. This amounted to some 130 kits. Several members of Kiwanis were on hand to help distribute the kits.

Paducah Day Nursery is a childcare center serving McCracken County. The center has a maximum capacity of 146 children from Infant to School-age.

Richmond Kiwanis Auction

Key Club members from Madison Central High School and Model High School assist at the annual Kiwanis auction to raise funds for children's projects.

Rev. Robert Blythe, Richmond Kiwanian and City Commissioner, takes a turn as auctioneer at the 2011 Fundraiser for Children.



Richmond Kiwanians Take Kids Bowling

Kidz Konnection Klub Bowling at Galaxy Sponsored by Kiwanis on Saturday, January 14 Kiwanians sponsored the bowling fees and provide pizza and drinks for the children. The Richmond Kiwanians who assisted in this event were: Keeley Gadd, Charlie Johnson, Glen Kleine, Jennifer Napier, Joan Kleine, and St. Claire Skepple. These Kiwanians helped the kids to bowl and served pizza and drinks to the kids.



EUGENE P. PRICE KIWANIS PARK

In 2007, Jim Wozniak—then president of the Kiwanis Club of Erwin, TN—went to the International Kiwanis convention where he attended a workshop in building parks as a local community project. Then, back in Erwin, the mother of an autistic child explained to Jim that playground equipment in many community parks was not accessible to the handicapped. Moved by her comments, Wozniak set out to convince the Kiwanis Club of Erwin that there was a need and that the club could meet that need.

Some five years later, on Saturday, July 17, 2012, the finished Eugene P. Price Kiwanis Park was opened and dedicated in Erwin. On hand were community officials and many Kiwanians, including Don Ritter, Governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis International, and his lovely wife Lucy.

The park project took five years, from idea to completion, and it was a very tough, but rewarding five years. First, it was necessary to convince the Kiwanians themselves that they really could handle a project this big in the town of only 6000 citizens. By 2009, the club was convinced, and the Erwin Kiwanis Community Services Foundation was formed so that donations would be tax deductible under the IRS' 501(c)(3) statute. Property was acquired beside Erwin's popular Linear Walking Trail and the site was prepared and landscaped. Play equipment, in addition to a gazebo to accommodate watchful parents, was purchased and erected.

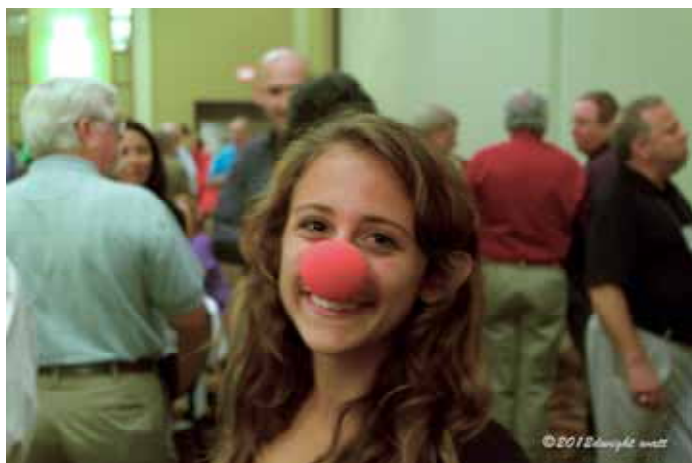
The park project subsequently came under the leadership of Jim Long, chairman of the Kiwanis Club's Community Services Committee when Wozniak's career took him away from the local area. Long organized weekly Kiwanis work parties and coordinated the efforts of Erwin Kiwanis club members as they put together the play equipment for special needs children. Because of his devotion and enthusiasm to this and other projects Long was awarded the Governor's Spirit of Kiwanis Award which was presented to him by Governor Ritter during the park dedication.

This project could never have happened without generous and hardworking Kiwanians putting in many hours of labor and their own donations. Even then, the park wouldn't exist without the contributions and cooperation of the community. Businesses and individuals gave supplies, equipment, expertise, and services.. Current Kiwanis President Richard Booth said he, "didn't realize at first how important such contributions would be, or how generous the community would be."

As noted on a bronze plaque in the park, the Eugene P. Price Kiwanis Park is named after the late Gene Price, a popular and much beloved Kiwanian. He was a member of the Erwin club from 1948 to 2007 and served as president and secretary of the club. He was also the Governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis International in 1979. Most of all—he was an outstanding Kiwanian, educator, and civic leader.



Convention Pictures





A banner for the "ELIMINATE" campaign. The word "ELIMINATE" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the text "maternal/neonatal tetanus" is written in smaller, black letters. To the right, the Kiwanis logo (a circle with a 'K') and the word "Kiwanis" are visible. Below the text, there is a photograph of two hands shaking.