

K-T Notes

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HAYWARD MINTON – 50 YEARS OF KIWANIS SERVICE

By Don Ritter, Bowling Green Kiwanis Bulletin Editor

It was 1960 when Bowling Green Kiwanis Secretary **Les Powell** inducted **Hayward Minton** into Kiwanis. Hayward, – seen here with Bowling Green Kiwanis president, **Debbie Hays** – was the owner of Minton Motors, which meant he worked on cars and trucks, pumped gasoline and did all of those things that service station operators do. He often says his shop is located “On the other side of the tracks.” Things were different in those days, and when Hayward joined Kiwanis, he had to change into a suit and tie before going to club meetings. Hayward hit the ground running and never looked back. He is one of that small and honored group of Kiwanians who was inducted and attended every meeting from the very beginning, gaining a well deserved reputation by eventually becoming a 50-year Legion of Honor member earning 50 years of perfect attendance. Hayward didn’t take any chances either. He added to his perfect attendance by working at more Kiwanis projects that anyone reading this (including Hayward) will be able to determine. If there was something going on connected with Kiwanis, Hayward was there. To this day, it makes no difference what the Kiwanis project is, Hayward and his wife, Margaret, show up with that old truck, ready to work. We won’t list all the awards with which his Kiwanis club has honored him, but they are numerous. We will tell you he was Kiwanian of the Year in 1975 because of his two years of work as director of the Kiwanis fireworks. Of all the new members he sponsored, he is best known for “**Old Green**.” “**Old Green**” is a 1973 Dodge truck owned by Hayward’s business. He began using it to haul everything imaginable that was needed for Kiwanis projects. Bowling Green Kiwanis has come to love that old truck and has adopted that truck as one of its “own honorary members.” When Hayward once announced he might sell it, Kiwanians talked him out of it. After he announced at one meeting that it had died – which distressed Bowling Kiwanians – Hayward had a private memorial service for that truck (above) at which only Hayward, Margaret, and the camera guy were in attendance. A few days later “**Old Green**” was miraculously resurrected by Hayward’s son, Robert. At the next Kiwanis meeting Hayward reported to the club, paraphrasing Mark Twain, “The news of Old Green’s demise has been greatly exaggerated.” Robert had found the problem, and Old Green had been resurrected. Bowling Green Kiwanians were so happy they gathered together for a group picture (left) with that beloved truck. Now Hayward doesn’t think he will be observing 100 years as a Kiwanian. And we don’t know if “**Old Green**” will observe 50 years as an adopted honorary Kiwanian, but if it does, Bowling Green Kiwanians will be there to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations, Hayward, on 50 years of great, unselfish service to Kiwanis, to children and to your community; and don’t stop now, you have only just begun.



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Notes from the Editor

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. Many clubs did service projects of meals for people during the holiday and some are in this issue. Christmas is now approaching and clubs everywhere will be doing lots of service projects for the holiday season. Make sure your club gets the recognition in the next issue by sending me the stories by 1/15/2011 (Dwight@dwrightwatt.com) and pictures to get in the January issue of K-T Notes. Also post the information on the district blog at http://www.ktkiwanian.org/public_district/index.aspx



Picture of me assembling a Daisy Red Ryder

It is a wonderful time of the year we are in a wonderful time to share the spirit of Kiwanis and to help the many people needing our help.

I look forward to your future contributions and suggestions

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and that next year is the best year yet in our lives (Kiwanis and individual).

More next time.

Dwight Watt

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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."

Alexander speaks to Lebanon Kiwanis

The Lebanon Kiwanis Club was visited by a special guest yesterday, US Senator and former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander. He provided some great information about what is happening in the Senate. The picture on the front page of the Lebanon Democrat (along with a story) includes Senator Alexander, Club President Ken Cloward, and President-elect J.B. Owens.

It was one of the best meetings we have had in recent memory!!!! A link to the Lebanon Democrat website will allow you to see the picture and the story. The news lags about one day behind on their website, so you should be able to view it tomorrow at the following link:

<http://www.lebanondemocrat.com/alexander-expects-bipartisan-agreement-on-energy-spending-cms-9275>

Kiwanis Club of Overton County receives Annual Service Award

The Kiwanis Club of Overton County, TN was recently presented with the Annual Service Award from the Overton County Resource Development Committee at their Agriculture/Industry Appreciation Day. The award was presented to a new civic organization for outstanding service to the youth of Overton County. Pictured with the award are from left to right, starting at the bottom: Jean Ann Mayberry, Barbara Staggs, Sunny Ridings, Dr. L.G. Puckett IV, Chad Richardson, Phil Marshall & James Scarlett. The Overton County club now has the B.U.G.S. program in all 4th grade classes in their county.

Blue Grass Kiwanis Club 55th Annual Pancake Day

The Blue Grass Kiwanis Club, Lexington, KY (Ted R Osborn Past International President '75-'76 & Charter Member) held its 55th Annual Pancake Day on November 4, 2010. The proceeds from our Pancake Day will fund most of our projects for the year. Average net proceeds is \$10,000 after serving around 1,000 locals pancakes, sausage, juice, milk/soft drink/coffee. Major service projects include; Shoe Project – annually for underprivileged elementary children (~500 children) in the Fayette County School System to help make sure our children have sturdy shoes for winter, Books For Children a program that supplies books to needy children which supports the idea that every child deserves the opportunity to own a brand new shiny book of their very own, The Center for Courageous Kids (A world class medical camping facility in the rolling hills of Scottsville, Kentucky providing a cost-free, safe, and fun camping experience for seriously ill and disabled children and their families.) and our Clubs For Kids program (Members collect used golf equipment from the local golf community and reconditions them for use by underprivileged kids in our community. Each year hundreds of children are provided with equipment. The committee estimated that it worked about 230 man-hours a year to solicit and recondition the equipment. Each set of clubs is customized to the height of the kid. Clubs for the First Tee classes are also provided as well as many middle schools and high schools in central and eastern Kentucky)

Division Reports

Division 4—Terry Boyes

We had a very good turnout along with spirited and lively discussion for our first of four scheduled division council meetings held in Madisonville. Many thanks to all the good folks from Crossville, Madisonville, Oak Ridge, Spring City, Sweetwater, Tellico Village...and especially to our Governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee District, Mr, Jim Mann for attending the meeting. It was great seeing everybody and sharing thoughts and ideas about club growth and retention, service projects, leadership training, fund-raisers and a host of other topics. Many thanks to Lisa McClung for helping to organize the event and Bob Wendt for helping to arrange the meeting room. If any of you need a strong back for heavy lifting, call on Bob....but I've got to warn you, he needs close supervision!

Division 3

The Division 3 Governor's Banquet was held on November 16 at Lee University in Cleveland Tennessee with all clubs represented. Governor Jim Mann spoke was the main speaker. Pictures by Dwight Watt are at <http://dwightwatt.shutterfly.com/16765>

New Key Club in Bardstown

Congratulations to the Bardstown Kiwanis Club in forming a new Key Club at Bardstown High School!

Wes Parrish is president of Bardstown Kiwanis. Mike Brooks is the Kiwanis Advisor for the new club. Heidi Ahem is the Faculty Advisor at Bardstown High School.

Passing of George H. Harding, 1984-'85 Governor, Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District

It is with great regret that the Kentucky- Tennessee District, Kiwanis International announces the death of George H. Harding, Kentucky-Tennessee District Governor 1984-1985. Past Governor and close friend Eddie Callis writes as follows:

George H. Harding died this morning at Elmcroft Assisted Living Facility. He was 88 years of age. He is survived by his two sons, Henry and Jim Harding of Lebanon. Visitation with the family will be on Thursday from 2-4 and from 6-8 at Partlow Funeral Home. Additional visitation with the family will be on Friday from 2-6 at First United Methodist Church, 415 West Main Street, Lebanon, TN. A memorial service will be held at the church at 7:00 p.m on Friday with private burial on Saturday morning.

George was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Lebanon, TN. He served as Club President in 1952 and District Lt. Governor in 1956 and 1957. He served as District Secretary-Treasurer for 13 years and was elected to the office of District Governor for the year 1984-85. George was active in many community and civic activities in Lebanon including local and regional library boards, the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Expressions of condolence can be sent to Henry Harding at 218, South Tarver Avenue, Lebanon, TN 37087 or to Jim Harding, 206 West Hill Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Downtown Kiwanis Announces 72nd Annual Christmas Auction

Since 1939 the Kiwanis Club of Paducah has hosted an Annual Charity Christmas Auction benefiting the youth of our community. All proceeds from the auction will go to such charities such as Helping Hands, St. Nicholas Clinic, the Downtown Kiwanis scholarship program, Paducah Day Nursery and the West Kentucky Easter Seal Center .

This year's auction will be held on December 7, 2010 at the Rolling Hills Country Club. A silent auction begins at 6:30 P.M. with a live auction following at 7:30 and lasting about two hours. Hors D'Oeuvres are complimentary with a cash bar. As in previous years, admission is **free and open to the public**. This is a well attended event; last year we mailed out 500 invitations and raised nearly \$20,000 for the community.

The auction features a variety of auction items ranging from smaller silent auction items to larger items such as condominium rentals, sporting event tickets and sports memorabilia.

Downtown Kiwanis is a group of men and women dedicated to philanthropic efforts (focusing on children's charities) and community service. The club 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.

For more information on Downtown Kiwanis, contact club president Billy Miller 519.3095 or Chuck Williamson at 441.0825.or chuck.williamson@jpenergy.com

Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis hosts Rick Honeycutt Golf tournament

On October 26 the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis hosted the annual Rick Honeycutt Golf Tournament. The tournament raises money for Heartland Ranch and for other activities of the Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis. PR Cook was in charge of the event and we had a large number of teams and proceeds to share. (photos by Dwight Watt)



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

Laurel County Kiwanis Club

The Laurel County Kiwanis Club, London, KY, will be taking 32 local needy children shopping for clothes and toys. We will also provide lunch. The date is 12-8-10 at K-Mart, London, KY. This is something we do every year and every year we are blessed.

Nashville Kiwanis with Salvation Army

The Nashville Kiwanis Club won The Salvation Army's "Kettle Cup" for the fifth year in a row. We rang up almost \$5,000 at our kettles this Christmas, where 50% of what was Collected through Kiwanian efforts downtown. In other words, the Nashville Kiwanis Club has earned the distinction of collecting more kettle collections than any other single organization in our community...year after year. They pretty much OWN the annual gold Kettle Cup trophy!!!



Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis prepare Thanksgiving for Housing Authority

The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis served Thanksgiving dinner for 134 people in the Housing Authority on November 22. The Kiwanis have been serving this annual dinner under the direction of Chris McKeever. The residents were very Thankful for the dinner which included turkeys prepared by the culinary class at the high school and the Key Club provided assistance. The meal included turkey and all the trimmings. Door prizes were given away also



Pikeville Kiwanis Thanksgiving

Pikeville Kiwanis bought food and assembled 55 baskets for thanksgiving dinner. We met Saturday morning at ten and had our baskets ready for delivery at noon. then we were on the road for a couple of hours delivery to needy families.



Hazard Kiwanis Christmas Cottage

The Hazard Kiwanis Group gave out Hot Apple Cider, cookies and candy treat bags to everyone on Saturday after the Christmas Parade. Included in the Group Photo are the K-Kids leaders Jessica Campbell and Amy Calhoun along with a few of the K-Kid members. The K-Kids are elementary age school kids who are a part of the Kiwanis Family Service Organization. The kids decorated their own float and rode in the parade too. Both Groups are collecting new and like new toys for their Annual Toys for Tots Give A Way.



Paris Kiwanis Club Delivered Thanksgiving Boxes



On Tuesday, November 23, 2010, Paris Kiwanis Club members fixed up boxes of food and delivered to families in the community. The club got the names from both Paris High School and Bourbon County High School guidance counselors. The club fixed up and delivered 8 boxes this year. Paris Kiwanis Club Members bought in ten non perishable items and the club bought turkeys to go into these boxes. The Bourbon County and Paris High School Key Clubs also collected food and bought a turkey to go in these boxes. The Paris Kiwanis Club would like to say, "Thank You" to both Key clubs for their great work and participation for this project.

This was the second year the club has done this project. It is a very heartwarming, joyful and meaningful experience for each of us that are involved. The holidays are a time to remember the ones that are less fortunate and cannot provide all the necessities for their families.

The Paris Kiwanis Club members are thankful that they get to do this for the families of our community and to show them that there are people out there that do care.

BOWLING GREEN KIWANIS LIFESKILLS RUN FOR AUTISM

When you look at these pictures, the person to whom you want to pay attention is the young man in the middle, our hero – 11 year-old Dylan Beckham. The guy and gal on the left with Dylan are Governor-Elect Don Ritter and Lucy. Brian Packard can be seen on the right with Dylan and Katie Chance as he addresses the crowd. Being cheered at the finish line by a crowd of well-wishers, Don was feeling pretty good about just completing a four-mile run for the 2010 Lifeskills Run for Autism, a run implemented to help raise money for the Kelly Autism Program in Bowling Green. Lucy had just completed the one-mile walk.

Before we tell you about Dylan we must tell you about the Kelly Autism Program and the Lifeskills Run for Autism which is supported by the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green. The mission of the Kelly Autism Program is to provide an education and a social and supportive environment so that adolescents and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder can achieve their potential as independent, productive and active community citizens.

On October 16, 2010 the Kiwanis Club of Bowling Green joined Lifeskills in sponsoring this, the third annual race in which there were 478 participants. The Bowling Green Hotrods Baseball Team management made available the Bowling Green Baseball Park as a place to start and end the race and as a place to hold related festivities and the ceremonies that followed the race. One hundred percent of the proceeds raised through this event (approximately \$25,000) are donated to the Kelly Autism Program. A large contingent of Kiwanians volunteered to fulfill various tasks and/or to run in the race.

Now we want to tell you about our hero. Dylan Beckham volunteered to be on the 2009 Lifeskills Run for Autism committee and was encouraged to head up the one mile walk for the 2010 race. Dylan, a sixth grader at Plano Elementary School, had witnessed one of his friends, a friend with autism, being teased and bullied because of his autism, and he took it upon himself to defend his friend. With that circumstance, he decided someone should help spread autism awareness and educate others to stop bullying, especially those who had autism – and he took on the job! In that process Dylan decided to lead a campaign to raise money to decrease bullying and to increase autism awareness.

Dylan inspired and gained the support of his fellow elementary students, coaches, teachers and parents. He raised donations through a charity softball game, his Little League team, a golf scramble, a jewelry party, his youth basketball team, and several individuals who heard about his campaign, just to mention a few. The local school districts caught the fever and they pitched in to help. Dylan set \$30,000 as his goal, and with the help of these groups, he was off to a good start raising \$10,000.

Brian Packard, Bill Hall, Matt Idlett, Vince Perriello, and Brad Schneider are Bowling Green Kiwanians who joined the committee to plan the first Run for Autism. Mark Elliot, representing Lifeskills, also served on the committee. Dylan's mom contacted Brian about Dylan's plan to stop bullying, telling Brian what Dylan had done so far, and he was invited to join the planning committee for the 2010 Lifeskills Run for Autism.

As we said at the beginning, Dylan Beckham is our hero. It is anticipated that his goal of \$30,000 will have been met and he has already decided to be involved in the 2011 Race for Autism. He has set an ambitious goal for that race – \$60,000. Observing all he has done, we are proud to have met this young man who exhibits a maturity and selflessness far beyond what we might expect of an 11-year old elementary student. The Kiwanis mission is to serve the children of the world. Dylan is doing just that, and his efforts have made him stand tall in our eyes. With what he has done, it is difficult to think of him as a child. Let us all stand up and honor this young man who has already done so much for so many – and he isn't finished yet!



District Website

<http://www.ktkiwanian.org>

HOW TO BUILD A SUCCESSFUL CLUB

By Tom Mattingly

Did you ever think that building a successful Kiwanis club is really a matter of customer service?

Think about it.

Who are your customers?

Your club membership is your customer.

Your speaker is your customer.

Your community is your customer.

How does a successful club deal with each of these groups?

It's a real challenge.

How do Kiwanis clubs, your Kiwanis club, even, separate themselves from the pack, step out, and make a difference in their communities?

What does your membership get out of your meetings and projects? Are meetings enjoyable? Do they start and end on time?

Does the speaker have something to say that is relevant to the membership? Are there a variety of speakers, representing the wealth of things going on in your community? Do speakers want to come to your club?

What's in it for the speaker? Do they get to meaningfully interact with the membership? Is there a tangible thank-you? What does each week's speaker learn about your club and what it does in the community? Are questions encouraged? Are speakers asked to come back as guests and offered the chance to be members?

How does your club position itself in the community? Are there media member(s) in your club who can help publicize what your club does?

It's all about the elusive search for continued excellence, summed up by something said at the Clarksville convention.

Great clubs do what good clubs don't (or won't).

"Excellence is a game of inches, or millimeters," the writers of a book called "In Search of Excellence," say. "No one act, per se, is clinching. But a thousand things, a thousand thousand things, each done a tiny bit better, add up to memorable responsiveness and distinction."

Remember what Yogi Berra once said, or is reported to have said: "You can see a lot by observing."

Take time to cast a critical eye on the things your club does and examine how they affect your "customers," however you define them. Your club will be the better for it.

Note from Governor James Mann

Fellow Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanians:

Let me first thank you for allowing me to serve you this year as your Governor. When I tell non-Kiwanians that I am the Governor this year for the Kentucky-Tennessee District of Kiwanis International, I am usually asked several questions. First, what is Kiwanis? Next, what is the Kentucky-Tennessee District? And finally, exactly what is your job; what are your duties?

I answer the first question by using the Kiwanis Defining Statement: "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time". Then I try to describe our District and remember to include a piece of Virginia and a piece of Georgia.

Finally, I get to the hard question: What are your duties? Many of you probably ask the same question. My job is primarily that of service to and for you. The work of changing the world one child and one community at a time is always accomplished at the local or club level through you, our club members. One of my jobs is to ensure that you and your club have full access to the wealth of resources that Kiwanis International provides. By working through our Lieutenant Governors, I intend to become better acquainted with each of our clubs, to learn the great things you are doing in your community for children, and the challenges you face. By staying in contact we strengthen our Kiwanis effort at the Club level, the Division level, the District level, and ultimately at the International level.

Another of my jobs is to challenge each of you, individually, and each club to become better than you ever believed you could be, as you provide service to the children of your communities and the world through our Kiwanis organization. As I visit each of our Divisions, I hope to meet many of you and learn more about your clubs. I challenge each of you to become a "Great" Kiwanian and each of our clubs to become a "Great" Kiwanis Club. You will hear more about what I mean by "Great" when you attend a Divisional Governor's Visit. If you are not able to attend this meeting, I will discuss the concept of "Great" in future Governor's messages.

I want to end this first message by highlighting our Kentucky-Tennessee District Key Clubs. Dottie and I were fortunate to spend Saturday, October 17, with over four hundred fifty enthusiastic Key Clubbers at Dollywood. We salute the dedicated group of adult advisors, led by Steve Phillips, who work at the District level with our Key Club Officers and Board Members, along with the excellent faculty advisors at our many high schools, and our outstanding youth leadership.

If you are sponsoring one or more Key Clubs, thank you. I would ask that, this year, you plan some joint events for your club and your Key Club. Make the event fun, a joint project - don't just ask the Key Club members to join you in one of your projects. Involve the parents of the Key Club members. You just might find some prospective Kiwanis members among your Key Club parents. If your club does not sponsor a Key Club, I must ask, why not? The Key Club organization gives high school students great opportunities to develop their leadership skills and further develop their understanding of the concept of "servant leadership".

What a great opportunity we have to partner with tomorrow's leaders in working together to "change the world one child and one community at a time"!

What are you doing to serve children today?

