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**July 2, 2009**

**Lt. Governor Malcolm Sprinkle Visits Kingsport Club**

<p><b>Upcoming Programs:</b></p> <p><b>July 3, 2009</b> – Global Affairs, Lt. General Fred McCorkle, USMC (retired)</p> <p><b>July 10, 2009</b> – National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Brian Boyd, Senior Service Hydrologist/Meteorologist, National Weather Service</p> <p><b>July 17, 2009</b> – Global Warming, Dr. David Pond</p>	 <p>Lt. Governor Malcolm Sprinkle Division 7</p>	<p>By Jim Cornell</p> <p>At the May 29th meeting, Lt. Governor Malcolm Sprinkle gave the club an update on major events occurring in Division 7, the District, and International. Locally, the Bristol Club has recruited about 35 residents of Piney Flats to organize a new Kiwanis Club to serve their community of just over 5,000 residents. The prospective members will meet on June 8th for a pre-organizational session.</p>
<p><b>July 24, 2009</b> – King College Medical Programs, Dr Greg Jordan, President of King College</p> <p><b>July 31, 2009</b> – MV Maersk Alabama Piracy, John McKinley</p> <p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <p><b>Reserve the Date:</b></p> <p><b>August 7 – 9, 2009</b> – Kentucky Tennessee District Convention, Lexington, KY.</p> <p><b>September 17, 2009</b> – Kiwanis Night, Meadowview, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>The recent visit of Kiwanis International President, Don Canaday, went very well. After traveling to 20 nations and 20 states this year, Canaday found time to visit with five area different clubs and help with the formation of the Piney Flats club. Malcolm thanked the Kingsport club for sending 19 members to the Bristol Prayer Breakfast. Total attendance to hear Don's message was about 160. Don has agreed to remain as Growth Chair for Kiwanis International for 2 years after his term as President has ended. This continuity and emphasis on club growth will be very helpful to all clubs. Don has a real passion for the Kiwanis story of service to children.</p> <p>In Division 7, Kiwanis has agreed to let all Lt. Governors serve a 2 year term. This will enable the Lt. Governors to follow through on new programs and initiatives they have begun implementing. A one year term is too short for some projects.</p> <p>The Kentucky-Tennessee District is planning to reorganize into regions with groups of clubs within a region. Kingsport would fall into Region 6 with a total of 37 clubs. A trustee will head each region. The Lt. Governors would continue to head the divisions, but much of their authority would move to the trustees. Malcolm felt this would be bad for smaller clubs and smaller divisions, but he expects this to pass in some form.</p> <p>Kiwanis International is looking at several different types of Kiwanis memberships to make it easier to recruit new members. The corporate membership is already available where appropriate. In this membership, the company that pays for an employee to belong to Kiwanis is the actual member. If the company relocates the designated employee, they can assign another employee to take his place without having to pay an additional new member fee. President Don said new membership types based on the Kiwanis studies are likely to be proposed at a future International Convention. The driving force behind these studies is a drop in Kiwanis membership over the past 15 years. Only in April did the membership level turn positive.</p> <p>Malcolm had high praise for the Kingsport club and its leadership. He asked the club to support John Crawford as he becomes Lt Governor.</p>	

## Kiwanis Night – An Evening to Enjoy and Remember



*Members and guest socialize before last year's event.*

By Jim Cornell

*Thursday, September 17, 2009, Meadowview Conference Resort and Convention Center, Reception begins at 6:30 pm.* Calling all Kiwanians and guests! Kiwanis Night is almost here! A night of good food, fellowship, awards, and laughter, Kiwanis Night will be held at Meadowview on Thursday, September 17th, with a reception beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

All Kingsport Kiwanians pay an amount each quarter toward the cost of attending Kiwanis Night. The amount one pays entitles him to bring a guest! So please do!!!

The featured entertainer this year is Ed Kilbourne, singer, storyteller and folk-theologian from Rock Hill, South Carolina.

This popular artist is known for his collections of moving music, clever humor, and insightful monologues. He combines acoustic guitar, keyboards and singing with a story-telling style that has been compared to that of Garrison Keillor, the radio humorist from *Lake Wobegon*.

Ed grew up in China, Korea and Japan, where his parents served as missionaries. After finishing his college and seminary degrees in Kentucky, he began

his career in Atlanta, Georgia as a United Methodist minister.

As his gifts for teaching and performing became more widely known, he began to tour the country as a musician and spiritual resource person. Over the last 20 years, Ed has become nationally recognized and appreciated for his ability to combine music and spiritual teaching in worship and concert settings. For more information on the Kiwanis Night featured entertainer, visit [www.edkilbourne.com](http://www.edkilbourne.com) (The Grateful Ed).

## Inter Clubs, Make Ups and Guests - A Call to Action

By Jim Cornell

With summer vacations and days on the lake approaching, Kingsport and Cosmo Kiwanis clubs need your help! Both clubs have to pay for a minimum number of meals whether or not that number of members is in attendance. For the Kingsport club, the minimum is 65; and for Cosmos, it is 20! Both clubs are running close to their minimum and occasionally dropping below.

Club members who miss a Friday meeting can attend the Cosmo meeting on Tuesday the same week or soon after. Attending a Cosmo meeting counts as a make-up toward perfect attendance. All one has to do is show up at Cosmo on a Tuesday and sign the register. The Cosmo secretary will send the list of Kingsport Kiwanians who attend to Lee at the end of each month and she does likewise.

If 4 or more Kingsport members attend a Cosmo meeting, it counts as an interclub! The club gets points on the monthly report for the number of interclub meetings attended. For the next two months, Kingsport Kiwanis is encouraging an interclub at each Tuesday Cosmo meeting to help them meet their 20 meal minimum! Members may also join the Interclub Committee as they travel to visit a neighboring Kiwanis Club.



*John Hale with his guest, his lovely wife Gail.*

Other make-ups include attending a committee meeting, a board meeting, or participating in a Kiwanis Work Day.

Since attendance is usually lower in the summer, it is an excellent time to invite a guest to Kiwanis! Guest meals count toward the 65 minimum. It is also an excellent way to let guests sample the Kiwanis Experience of Service and Fellowship! Summertime is a great time to earn a make-up, visit another club through an interclub, or bring a guest!

## Boys and Girls Committees Presents Awards to Area Students



*Madison Williams selected as Kennedy Elementary's Outstanding Student.*

The Kiwanis Club of Kingsport has a long standing tradition of honoring students at area schools for citizenship, academic performance, and sportsmanship. The following students received awards at their schools:

- Alice Xiang – Scholarship Award – Dobyns-Bennett High School
- Travis Hunter Hart – Sportsmanship Award – Sullivan North High School
- Calab Walker – Sportsmanship Award – Sullivan South High School
- Payton Miller – Science Award – Ross N. Robinson Middle School
- Peter Alley – Science Award – John Sevier Middle School
- Jacob Williams – Science Award – John Sevier Middle School
- Isabel Banales – Citizenship Award – Jackson Elementary School
- Jordan Goodwin – Citizenship Award – Jefferson Elementary School
- Warren Ehrenfried – Citizenship Award – Jefferson Elementary School
- Brooke Mohr – Math Award – Johnson Elementary School
- Hannah Burgess - Math Award – Johnson Elementary School
- Jennifer Garland - Math Award – Johnson Elementary School
- Grayson Marshall – Citizenship Award - Johnson Elementary School
- Melody Ellis - Citizenship Award - Johnson Elementary School
- Madison Williams – Outstanding Student – Kennedy Elementary School
- Kristen Hutchins – Citizenship Award – Roosevelt Elementary School
- Brandon Hernandez - Citizenship Award – Roosevelt Elementary School
- Jay Velasco – Scholarship & Citizenship – St. Dominic's School

Each school selects the type of award and the recipient based on criteria they've set. Some of the awards date back to the 1950's. The presentations are made by members of the Boys and Girls Committee. This year's presentations were coordinated by committee member Bill Sade.

Two of the elementary schools, Lincoln and Washington, choose to no longer recognize a single individual.

Any Kiwanis club member who ever doubts the value of the awards should consider what committee member Jerry Johnson believes about the awards. Jerry says the long standing program is great publicity for Kiwanis. He says, "I think this may have a long range effect on the future membership when these generations get to be adults. I personally am a Kiwanis member because I received an award from the Elizabethton Kiwanis Club in 1955."

In addition, Roger Mowen says he joined Kiwanis because he was a Key Club member in high school. Kiwanis Club programs for children and youth definitely have an impact, whether it is influencing a future Kiwanis member or helping a child to have a better life.

## First Book Makes a Difference



*Reggie Martin and Gail Preslar make a presentation on First Book.*



*Frank DeNobriga (center) challenges Kiwanis members to make a donation with his \$200 matching gift.*

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<p>The program on June 26 was a presentation by the Club's own Gail Preslar and Reggie Martin, members of First Book-Greater Kingsport. Gail began the presentation by thanking the Club for contributing \$8,250 to First Book-Greater Kingsport since 2005. The Club's generosity has provided more than 3,500 new books to Kingsport area children from low-income families.</p> <p>First Book is a national organization with a single mission, "Giving children in need the opportunity to read and own their first new books." First Book began in 1992. Since then, the national non-profit organization has provided more than 60 million new books to children in need across America.</p> <p>Over 60% of low-income families in America have no books at home for their children to read. Low-income neighborhoods, on average, have only one book for every 300 children. This compares to middle-income neighborhoods that have, on average, 13 books for every child. The number of books in the home has been shown to be the only consistent factor related to reading scores of school-aged children. The goal of First Book is to end the cycle of illiteracy in America by increasing the number of books available to children in need. Studies show that for every child who grows up reading, their children will also be readers.</p> <p>First Book has won many national awards for its methods and efficiency of delivering books to children in need. First Book uses three distribution channels: Local Advisory Boards, The First Book Marketplace, and the First Book National Book Bank.</p>	<p>First Book-Greater Kingsport is a Local Advisory Board which started in late 2004. It is made up entirely of volunteers and currently has six members of the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport on its Board – Gail Preslar, Everett Bond, Jim Dickert, Jim Finney, Dan Jordan and Reggie Martin. The Local Advisory Board raises funds and selects local groups and Title I schools to receive grants. To date, First Book-Greater Kingsport has raised more than \$59,000 and provided more than 33,000 new books to the children of Greater Kingsport and Sullivan County. Current Recipient Groups include Boys &amp; Girls Club of Kingsport, Girls, Inc. of Kingsport, Kingsport City Schools Homeless Education Program, Kingsport City Schools Family Resource Center, Brookside Elementary, Valley Pike Elementary, and Emmett Elementary. In addition, 8,500 books have been distributed via The Santa Train to children in Appalachia.</p> <p>First Book's collaboration with major publishers of children's books allows the recipient groups of First Book-Greater Kingsport to purchase new books at an average cost of \$2.00 per book, which is a fraction of retail prices.</p> <p>At the conclusion of Gail's presentation, Frank DeNobriga, Sr. commented on the value of the work First Book-Greater Kingsport is doing in the community. Frank then challenged the Club members present to "pass the hat" and collect a donation for the organization. He said he would match the first \$200 collected. A total donation of \$542 was collected, including Frank's matching gift.</p> <p>For more information about First Book, visit the website at <a href="http://www.firstbook.org">http://www.firstbook.org</a>.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kiwanis Congratulations</b></p> <p>To Blaine Dick, grandson of Dick Blair, for being selected to receive one of the KY-TN District scholarships. Blaine graduated with honors in the top ten of his class from Sullivan South High School. He is currently majoring in biochemistry East Tennessee State University where he has been on the Dean's List for three of four semesters. Blaine's future plans include attending medical school at the Quillen College of Medicine. He is currently shadowing Dr. Pat Riggins with Appalachian Orthopedics.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kiwanis Concerns</b></p> <p>Continue to pray for John Crawford as he recuperates from a pancreatic attack.</p> <p>Malcolm Dunn, Mr. Sunshine from Cosmo Kiwanis, is recovering from heart surgery.</p> <p>Please welcome Norris Sneed back as he returns from leave of absence.</p> <p>Sissy Smith has been granted a six months leave of absence.</p>
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**Retention – As Important as Recruiting New Members?**

<p>According to the Kiwanis International magazine, retaining members is essential to any membership growth plan. In order to show a net growth, any club needs to keep more members than they have leave. Consider the following eight tips from the <i>Kiwanis</i> magazine. Consult pages 26 – 31 of the June 2009 issue for more details.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep it interesting.</li> <li>2. Keep it fun.</li> <li>3. Keep it friendly.</li> <li>4. Keep the spirit alive.</li> <li>5. Keep it flexible.</li> <li>6. Keep showing gratitude.</li> <li>7. Keep them coming back.</li> <li>8. Keep members informed.</li> </ol>
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## **Announcements**

### **Planning a visit to Cosmopolitan Kiwanis Club for a make-up?**

Cosmo will be meeting at **Shoney's** on **July 7<sup>th</sup>** and **July 14<sup>th</sup>** NOT Quality Inn.

Invite questions about Kiwanis by wearing your membership pin, a golf shirt (\$20) or a golf cap (\$6).  
Inquire at the secretary's table.

Be sure to attend other Kiwanis Club meetings when you are out of town.

It not only counts as a make-up, but you may pick up some new ideas.

A club locator is available on the Kiwanis International website – [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org).

Remember to sign-in and record your service hours at each weekly meeting.

<http://www.kingsportkiwanis.org>

**Meetings: Friday Noon at Quality Inn, Kingsport, TN**

**Celebrating our 85<sup>th</sup> year!**

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