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A Newsletter for the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport

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2026 Darrell Rice Kingsport Kiwanis Golf Tournament

Our Foundation, which is a 501(c) (3) organization, is sponsoring our annual golf tournament at The Cattails at Meadowview on October 7. The funds from this event are used to support our projects for local children and also used to support our annual grants to other non-profit organizations on projects that serve the children of Kingsport. Teams and sponsors are needed. See our webpage for team registration forms and information for sponsors.

Web Page Link for event: <https://kingsportkiwanis.org/annual-golf-tournament>

The poster features the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport logo at the top left, which includes a circular emblem with a 'K' and the text 'KIWANIS CLUB OF KINGSPORT' and 'KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL' around it, with a banner below saying '100 YEARS'. To the right of the logo, the text 'Kiwanis® CLUB OF KINGSPORT' is displayed in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'SERVING THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY'. The main headline reads 'ORGANIZE YOUR TEAM!' in large, bold letters, followed by 'BE A SPONSOR!' in a green box. Below that, it says 'SUPPORT LOCAL YOUTH. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.' A QR code is located on the right side. At the bottom left, there is a shield-shaped logo for the 'DARRELL RICE ★ KIWANIS ★ GOLF TOURNAMENT'. On the right side, the date 'OCTOBER 7, 2026' is shown next to a calendar icon, and the location 'THE CATTAILS AT MEADOWVIEW KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE' is shown next to a location pin icon. At the bottom, there are three icons with text: a group of people for '4-PERSON SCRAMBLE Team prizes, contests & more!', a golf ball for 'GREAT GOLF. GREATER IMPACT. All proceeds benefit local youth programs.', and a handshake for 'SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE Promote your business and make a difference!'.



An update regarding the Endowment Fund of Kiwanis Club of Kingsport was provided on August 14 by Dave Atkinson and Jeff Bedford. A video is available at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/IHgPLDjrZAo?si=we9xMAb4NVudDbSY>

The value as of 8/13/26 was \$341,171. The amount distributed earlier this year from the Endowment to the Foundation account was \$11,486. The distributions are taken from the earnings/gains resulting from the fund investments. The rate of return for past 12 months has been 10.5%. The investments are a mix of approximately 50% stocks/equity and 50% fixed income/bonds. Year to date contributions was \$10,515.

Total contributions over life of the fund is \$240,000. Your ideas are needed on ways that we could increase this Endowment.

Reminders: Do you have IRA Required Minimum Distributions? Please consider contributing to the Kingsport Endowment Fund before the end of the year so it can grow to provide additional income to our Foundation and allow us to help with more projects to improve the lives of the children in our community.



A work day is scheduled in the Spring and in the Fall to maintain Darrell's Dream Boundless Playground. These workdays are hosted by Friends of Warriors' Path State Park and the Park Staff and sponsored by local businesses. The 2026 Fall Day of Caring is set for Nov 14, with a rain date scheduled for Nov 21. Individual volunteers and groups from civic organizations, schools, churches, and businesses tackle the monumental tasks of pressure washing, repairing and maintaining equipment, cleaning and repairing signage

and interactive exhibits, and much more. In addition, landscaping, herb garden, rain garden, wildflower walk, creek and the entire complex's grounds are maintained. This is a great opportunity for all Kiwanians and family members to volunteer to improve this wonderful part of our state park.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Debbie Waggoner** as a new member of our club. The Kiwanis sponsor is Don Royston. Debbie is retired but is a very active volunteer in our community. She serves as president of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingsport Foundation. Debbie worked on the initial fundraising for the building that now houses the Children's Advocacy Center of Sullivan County. She chaired the renovations of the 50-year-old nativity items displayed at Church Circle. She has been involved in leadership for many local organizations including Advisory Council Salvation Army, Advisory Council Allandale Mansion, Big



Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Tri-Cities, CASA, Downtown Kingsport Association, First Presbyterian Nursery School, Kingsport Fun Fest, PetWorks, Wellmont Health System Foundation, Junior League of Kingsport, Keep Kingsport Beautiful, Kingsport Jaycees, Kingsport Leadership Programs, The Netherland Inn, The Exchange Place, and United Way of Greater Kingsport. We look forward to the future good volunteer spirit that Debbie will bring to Kiwanis.

We are also pleased to add an organizational member, Joshua Culbert, CPA, with headquarters in Elizabethton. The Kingsport branch of the organization will be represented by **Brevin Morris**. The Kiwanis sponsor member is John Campbell. Brevin Morris was born in Kingsport, Tennessee, to Lonnie Dwayne and Loren Morris and has a brother and sister. The family relocated eight times throughout his childhood, living in Kingsport, Church Hill, Las Vegas, Nevada, and finally Rogersville, Tennessee. His father pursued several different business ventures and was often self-employed, so Brevin often helped with the family businesses, whether performing administrative tasks, running a food truck, or going door-to-door as a sales agent throughout middle and high school. These experiences gave him an early introduction to entrepreneurship and small business. He graduated from Volunteer High School in 2017, where he participated in the Student Government Association, participated in competitive cheerleading, and served on the Prom Committee then graduating as Salutatorian. While attending ETSU, he worked as an assistant coach for cheerleading for one year. Brevin graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 2021 and continued his studies in preparation for the Certified Public Accountant examinations. He became a licensed CPA in 2023 while working at Blackburn, Childers & Steagall. He currently works as a manager at Joshua Culbert, CPA, in the firm's recently opened Kingsport office. Outside of work, Brevin enjoys spending time outdoors, whether hiking, running, or simply taking in the natural beauty of the region. We are excited to have Brevin as part of Kiwanis.



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September



Sep 1	Matthew Quay
Sep 3	Jan Melott
Sep 9	John Johnson
Sep 11	Chris W. McCartt
Sep 11	Jon R. Peters
Sep 13	Brent D. Mullins
Sep 15	N. W. Ladd
Sep 17	MaryLee Davis
Sep 27	Charles C. Nitschke
Sep 28	Susan G. Herron
Sep 30	Darrell Sherer

CLUB CALENDAR

(Program updates will be posted on our website (<https://kingsportkiwanis.org/upcoming-events>) and on the [Facebook page.](#))

DID YOU MISS A PAST PROGRAM?

- 8/7/26: Shirley Buchanan – Kingsport Senior Center (video link: https://youtu.be/iHcM6i_huwo?si=wIGht4P6kXwgZucv)
- 8/14/26: Coach Will Healy – ETSU Football Program (video link: https://youtu.be/sX2De_6VPWE?si=U1R39I6JDnJdEf)
- 8/21/26: Coach Joey Christian – Dobyns Bennett High School Football program (video link: <https://youtu.be/RoM4Dvj5PVs?si=s9XtDgBDMzrpBFct>)
- 8/28/26: Dr. Jeff McCord, President, Northeast State Community College (video link:)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: == INVITE A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Sep 4, 2026 (Fri) 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM EDT	Gail Campbell & Susan Lodal, 100 Years of Dobyns Bennett Band The Press Room (Food City)
Sep 11, 2026 (Fri) 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM EDT	Jason Mumpower, TN State Comptroller, State of the State The Press Room (Food City)
Sep 18, 2026 (Fri) 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM EDT	Dr. Chris Hampton, KCS Director, Kingsport City School Update The Press Room (Food City)
Sep 25, 2026 (Fri) 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM EDT	Dr. Brian Noland, President ETSU The Press Room (Food City)

