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2016 December 3

Mark Melichar, Joe Reeves, Steve Chatman and Bob Palmer were among several Kiwanians who staffed the drop-off point at Big Lots for the Toys for Tots Bicycle Donation Drive to lend a cheer to kids this holiday season.



2016 December 1

At personal expense, Tennessee Kiwanians from Gallatin, Lebanon, Madison, Mount Juliet and Putnam County met with Kentucky-Tennessee District Governor Leigh Chagnon at Demos' Restaurant in Lebanon, Tennessee to brainstorm on how their clubs could better serve the children of Middle Tennessee. In this photo, the Club Presidents and Lt. Governor Curtis Shinsky presented the Governor with member contributions to benefit Bo's Buccaneers - a Kiwanis-Tennessee District Foundation Fund to help projects dealing with hearing-impaired young children.



2016 November 22

As part of the club's Young Children: Priority One Project headed by Committee Chair Renee Mayher, Kiwanians send greeting cards to cheer up children and their families who have to spend time at the hospital, especially during the holidays. In this photo, members Heath Waters and Bob Palmer pen their personal greetings on some of these cards.



2016 November 17

A bunch of third graders at Jere Whitson Elementary School were treated to a party by Kiwanis for raising their Math and Reading scores. They proudly display their certificates and stickers.



2016 November 13

The Key Club at Cookeville High School celebrated Halloween by collecting dollars and cents to benefit UNICEF and the Eliminate Project of the Kiwanis Family of Clubs. The Eliminate Project aims to eradicate the scourge of maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth through vaccinations. In this photo, members deposit their collections during their club meeting on November 9.



2016 November 4

One Cane Creek Elementary School student from each grade, Kindergarten through Four, who improved his or her Reading and Math scores the most during the past grading period were treated to a party by the Kiwanis Club as part of the Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) Program. It is an honor for these students as they are called out of their classroom one by one for the event.



2016 October 22

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Putnam County (like Charlie Macke, shown here) and the Cookeville High School Key Club joined together to perform maintenance work at the Kiwanis Cookeville Children's Museum as part of Kiwanis One Day - a day held each year when Kiwanis Clubs and Key Clubs from all over the world perform community service.



2016 October 11

Kiwanian Jimmy Patterson and his fellow club members sign and send cards to families whose children are undergoing treatments at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. This project is part of Kiwanis' "Young Children: Priority One" efforts.



2016 October 11

Curtis Shinsky sponsored the membership of the newest Putnam Kiwanian, Phillip David Gentry. Phillip owns a forensic fire investigation business in Cookeville.



2016 October 8

Kiwanians donated \$153 out of their personal funds to help the Putnam Education Partnership Foundation with its backpack program that feeds over 900 students in the Putnam County School System. This includes students from each elementary, middle, and high school in our school system. Students are discretely given small take-home foods that are child-friendly and require no heating or cooling appliances. These Kiwanis funds were raised through the Happy Dollar program where members donate a dollar for each "happy thought" that they want to share at the club's regular meetings.

2016 September 28

The Kiwanis Club of Putnam County recently installed its 2016-2017 officers and directors. These dedicated Kiwanians will be devoting extra time and effort to ensure that Kiwanis funds and members are focused on helping the youth of Putnam County. Shown seated from left to right are Director Larry Vickers, President Charlie Moore and President-elect Charlie Macke. Standing from left to right are Division 2 Lt. Governor Curtis Shinsky, Director Heath Waters, Immediate Past President Bob Palmer, Director Jim Fleming and Secretary Rod Pineda. Not shown in photo are Treasurer Trevor Dyer, and Directors Renee Mayher and Mark Melichar.



2016 September 28

Tays Realty & Auction recently held an online auction which raised \$7,721 to benefit the Cookeville Kiwanis Club. Donated items from local businesses and supporters were sold to provide support funding for the Kiwanis Cookeville Children's Museum and first-year scholarships for seniors from Cookeville, Monterey and Upperman High Schools, among others. Shown above, left to right: Kiwanians Jim Westmoreland & Charlie Moore, Sam Tays of Tays Realty & Auction, Kiwanians Bob Palmer and Larry Vickers, and Ted McWilliams of Tays Realty & Auction.



2016 September 7

Curtis Shinsky (first on the right) of the Kiwanis Club of Putnam County was elected as Lieutenant-Governor of Division 2 of the Kentucky-Tennessee District during the District Convention in Chattanooga last month. He succeeded Larry Vickers also of Putnam County in the position.



2016 August 10

Kiwanians and their friends and families serve in local communities and overseas on a regular basis. Courtney Throckmorton (shown in middle) shared her experience in Africa recently during a meeting of the Kiwanis Club in Lebanon, TN. Her grandfather, Putnam Kiwanian Bruce Throckmorton and Club President Medana Hemontolor showed their appreciation and pride after her talk.



2016 July 26

I wanted to thank the Kiwanis Club for their donation of "happy dollars." When I read through your letter, I couldn't help but smile because on the day I spoke at the luncheon, I wondered about the purpose of the \$1.00 per happy thought. I never dreamed about us receiving a contribution from it. So thank you for being a part of this ministry and helping us continue to reach out to those who are dealing with losses in their lives. "Happy dollars" that help put hope and smiles back into people's lives.

Donna Francis, Heart of the Cumberland

2016 June 18

Soap Box Derby Race day in Cookeville today saw several Kiwanians donate their time by staffing several positions along the track - play-by-play announcing, organizing, wheel changing, and shuttling cars and drivers. Larry Vickers, Jim Westmoreland and Bob Palmer (shown here) were fresh at the start of the day but cheerfully exhausted by the end of the race.



2016 June 14

Scholarship Committee Chair Larry Vickers (center) presented a symbolic check to Samantha Clark of Monterey High School (left) and Miranda Maynard of Upperman High School (right) as recipients of the club's annual college scholarship program. Each of them received \$2,500 to help cover their tuition, fees and other expenses for one year at Tennessee Technological University.



2016 June 11

Scores of bowlers descended on Bowling World to compete for prizes at the annual Kiwanis 'Pins for Kids' Bowling Tournament fund-raiser. Proceeds from the event will fund the various programs of the Kiwanis Club of Putnam County dedicated to the welfare of children.



2016 June 4

Several Kiwanians met with Cookeville Soap Box Derby officials to prepare for the race on June 18. Kiwanians will be staffing several positions at the event to assist drivers and their teams.



2016 June 2

Kiwanis awards one-year TTU scholarships to deserving Putnam County high school graduates each year since 1967. This year's awardees are Samantha Clark of Monterey High School and Miranda Maynard of Upperman High School. Miranda Maynard wrote,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I am in awe and I am so thankful for it. I look forward to representing you at Tech...It was an amazing opportunity to be interviewed by you and I will never forget it. Speaking with you is one of my favorite high school memories...I also want to thank you for all that you do in the community and globally. You truly are an amazing club and an amazing group of people.

2016 May 18

Kindergarten through Third Grade students who brought up their Math and Reading scores the most were treated to a party by Kiwanians at Cane Creek Elementary School



2016 May 16

Several third-graders were recognized for bringing up their grades in Reading and Math during the term as part of the Bring Up Grades Program at Jere Whitson Elementary School.



2016 April 29

Thirteen Cane Creek Elementary School students were treated to a pizza party by Kiwanians for achieving the biggest improvements in their math and reading scores during the most recent academic term. Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) is a Kiwanis program that recognizes scholastic achievement at the elementary level.

2016 April 28

Kiwanis recently hosted a luncheon for several ministers from the Cookeville and Putnam County Area to promote human and spiritual values in the community. Shown in the photo are: Front (left to right) - John Mayher (Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ), Jim Fox and Jeremy Gore (River Community Church), Pat Handlson (First Presbyterian Church), Matt Collins (Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ), Houston Bynum (Happy Haven), Steve Chatman (River Community Church). Back (left to right) - Darrin Corckett (VineBranch Community Church), Jimmy Thorne (River Community Church), Matt Suggs (Collegeside Church of Christ), John Nichols (Jefferson Avenue Church of Christ).



2016 April 14

American Legion Post No. 46 represented by H. Gus Rich presented a Certificate of Appreciation to President Bob Palmer who accepted it on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Putnam County. The Kiwanis Club has sponsored the participation of Putnam County youth at Tennessee Boys State for several years.



2016 April 13

District Lt. Governor Larry Vickers inducted Wayne Russell into Kiwanis on April 12 alongside new member sponsor Heath Waters and Club President Bob Palmer. Wayne Russell is a broker with First Realty Company.



2016 April 5

Kiwanians and some friends of the Museum spent Saturday tearing down and cleaning up the interior of the Kiwanis Cookeville Children's Museum to make way for major improvements. Shown in the photo are Museum Director Greg Macke, Director and Kiwanian Heath Waters, Kiwanian Wayne Russell and his family, Tech student Muzakhir Amanzholov, Kiwanians Charlie Macke and Rod Pineda, Builders Club member Braxton Stout and Kiwanian Curtis Shinsky.



2016 February 24

Interclub Coordinator Bruce Throckmorton and President Bob Palmer recently accepted awards given to the Kiwanis Club of Putnam County for being one of the best in the Kentucky-Tennessee District when visiting with other Kiwanis clubs. Using personal funds and their own time, Kiwanians regularly visit and interact with each other across the world to share ideas and best practices on how to help children and their respective communities.



2016 February 4

Thirteen students from Cane Creek Elementary School were treated to some pizza courtesy of the Bring Up Grades (B.U.G.) Program of Kiwanis. Ranging from Kindergarten to third grade, these students brought up their grades in Reading and Math by double digit percentages.



2016 January 29

Twenty third-graders who received Bring Up Grades certificates for finishing at the top of their classes or for improving their grades in English and Mathematics, partook of cupcakes and chips at Jere Whitson Elementary School.



2016 January 12

Harriet Westmoreland, with husband, Jim, at her side, was awarded a Hixson Fellowship by Lt. Governor Larry Vickers last month for her support of Kiwanis International Foundation and its Eliminate Project.

