Hello, to my Kiwanis family in the KT District! It’s hard to believe my first month is behind me already! What a great month it has been! During my visits and Governor’s dinners this month I have been able to meet new friends, revisit others, and get a glimpse of what is going on with clubs in their communities as they help kids through Kiwanis. I even had a chance to spend some great time with our Key Club members at their Fall Conference in Pigeon Forge!

I want you all to know we have a wonderful team to support your clubs in the KT District! Your lieutenant governors are second to none. Governor-Elect Kendra, Vice-Governor Dave, and the staff at the KT District office are all ready to jump in and help you in any way they can! We are also blessed with the best group of committee chairs that I have ever been involved with. I am truly thankful.

My goals for this year are few and simple:

1) Training- I would like to have 75% of all club officers completely trained by the Mid-year conference in February
2) Membership- open five new clubs in the District, and just as important, have each club bring in five new members
3) New Member Orientation- Tell them who we are, how we got there, and what we have to offer them
4) Listen to new member ideas- They have fresh and great ideas! The younger members are in touch with social media and often know more about what new member prospects are looking for

My challenge to each of you this year is to keep an open mind; embrace change while still holding on to great traditions. Promote Kiwanis in your community and support your clubs with your unique talents. ◆

Be proud to be a Kiwanian!

Russ
NINE THOUSAND AND MORE
Roger Larsen

Nine Thousand!! Nine Thousand area children have been given an opportunity to compete scholastically thanks to the 501(c)3 Tellico Village Computer Users Club’s TAP program.

TAP – Technology Access Program of the thousand member Computer Users Club has been providing computer systems, free of charge, to local families who could not otherwise afford one. To date, over six thousand complete systems have been provided.

At the recent Kiwanis District Conference in Gatlinburg, TN, a participant noted “Sounds too good to be true”. More on how Kiwanis can be a part of this success in a moment...

Ten years ago TAP was formed when founders recognized that without a home computer it is difficult for children to thrive academically. Research necessary for homework assignments, student creative endeavors and communication with other students and teachers were difficult – a significant disadvantage in today’s educational environment.

The solution was at hand – local families who had upgraded their computer systems wanted to keep replaced equipment out of landfills; companies that had replaced equipment needed a way to dispose of it without additional expense.

TAP, a Microsoft Certified Refurbisher, accepts these components, upgrades the equipment to meet performance standards, installs a current Windows Operating System together with supporting Utilities and productivity software, assembles them into complete, powerful systems and donates those systems to qualified families.

The underlying financial benefits for businesses and individuals donating equipment are attractive. Business equipment that has been depreciated retains a fair residual commercial value. Donating equipment to a 501(c)3 organization permits writing off that value for taxes. Personal equipment that has been donated and, receipted, can be taken as a tax deduction.

What about the cost of the refurbishing, upgrading?

All TAP “employees” are volunteers; there are no salary costs.
1. Microsoft provides a substantial Operating System copy discount for certified refurbishers when equipment is designated for charitable purposes.
2. Where necessary, components are purchased and costs are covered by the host Computer Users Club and grants from United Way, Walmart and others.
3. Obsolete equipment is disposed of in an ecologically sound, no-cost way.
4. Free Utilities, Productivity Systems compatible with Microsoft applications are installed.
NINE THOUSAND AND MORE

Eligibility?

TAP – The only requirement is that there is no operable computer in the home and that a referral is provided by a 501c3 organization or school.

Broadband Access – Most Internet Service Providers have a discounted “hardship” access program – often qualification for this program is simply answered by this question: “Is there a recipient enrolled in the Federal School Lunch Program?”

Why a Kiwanis / TAP partnership? Kiwanis and TAP share a common focus on children. TAP has, to a large extent, satisfied the need for computer systems among eligible families in the immediate Knoxville counties. The Kiwanian Club structure can, however, provide an opportunity to extend the reach of this program to families well beyond those counties. TAP invites Kiwanis Clubs to consider a “Club Project” - partnering with TAP to get these systems into the hands of qualified families in your area where they can make a big difference. ◆

For further information, Contact Warren Sanders, (865) 332-5313

“Too good to be true??? No, not at all!

Systems Given, Children Impacted

For more information see TVCUC.ORG

TVCUC – A 501(c)3 Corporation
PADUCAH KIWANIS AND THE FEEDING CENTER
Kelly Davis

We were so excited to receive these photos today from Rosemary Baxter with Hands of Grace Missions. These are children from the Feeding Center in Aranjuez, Nicaragua. Lisa Sugg won our door prize several months ago and made a donation with the money! At the time of the donation, ground had not been broken. Now, the Center is built, and the children are sending us their thanks. Wow! Thank you Lisa! #KidsNeedKiwanis
FROM THE EDITOR
Don Ritter

Annie Catron is the immediate past president of the Kiwanis Club of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She is one of our up and coming KT Kiwanians. I hope you enjoy reading about her as much as I enjoyed writing about her.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON
ANNIE CATRON

Letha is her name but most folks call her Annie (which is a name she approves). Annie Catron’s story illustrates once more the importance of inviting people to join Kiwanis. You will read about that later in this piece, but note how important it was to Annie and to her community for her to have accepted an invitation to become a Kiwanian.

Her mother was a bookkeeper, and her father was a career soldier with the United States Army. However, he injured his back while working on a tank, and as a result received a medical discharge before he could serve 20 years.

Annie was born at Fort Campbell. The family lived at Erlangen, Germany, for two years where her dad was assigned to Ferris Barracks. They moved to Hopkinsville when Annie was six years old. In those years the family also followed him to Fort Knox for one of his assignments. Following his discharge from active duty her father went into the limousine business, and now her parents are both retired.

Annie has two sisters, and she is the middle child. Asked about life as a middle child she said she learned how to compromise. One sister is an assistant manager at Walmart and the other sister is a beautician. They are both married but there are no nieces or nephews yet. However, there are several friends who have children who call her “Aunt Annie”.

Beginning school at Fort Knox, Annie entered the second half of her first year in elementary school in the Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where she completed her elementary school education. Although she did not play in the school band program, during the fourth, fifth and sixth grades Annie did learn to play the trumpet in her church band. With a little help she taught herself to play. In the sixth grade she joined the school chorus. She continued her love of singing in her high school chorus. Unless she only moved her lips (which we doubt very much), Annie must have a wonderful singing voice to be approved for singing in a choral group that won at least two national championships (one was in Florida and the other was in Chicago).

It was in elementary school that Annie discovered her love of writing. There is ample evidence that suggests she must have been a good student but if you need further
proof, we will tell you we found it. She was in the National Beta Club and she was president of the National Honor Society.

As a young child Annie acquired the desire to serve her community. She had very wise parents who took her to the Salvation Army church and through that experience she became involved with the Angel Tree project. She was also involved with various Rape Crisis groups. With those early experiences she would find Kiwanis to be the right organization for her and yet, nobody had asked her to join.

Here is a person with a sense of humor. Trying to find something dramatic in her life to tell you about, this interviewer came up short. All we could learn was that she is in excellent health. Since we didn’t discuss traffic violations we couldn’t even find out about any traffic tickets. She did admit to a couple of fender benders, and she did admit to spending time in jail once when she was a participant in Leadership Kentucky.

If it hadn’t been for biology which didn’t agree with her, she might have been a doctor. Her experience with biology convinced her to change her major and she graduated from Lindsey Wilson College with a degree in Journalism. That degree led her back to Hopkinsville and a job with HAM broadcasting. In that job she was responsible for covering community functions including Hopkinsville Kiwanis Club meetings. For seven years she helped the club with public relations for the Soap Box Derby. It took seven years but finally, at a Soap Box Derby banquet a Kiwanian asked her why she wasn’t in Kiwanis. Her response (you know it already, don’t you)? “Nobody ever asked me!” He said, “Well, now you have been asked.” That was 2008 and she accepted the invitation. In 2012 Annie was elected to the Kiwanis board and in 2017-2018 she served as club president.

After serving as a successful club president, at the convention Annie met several persuasive KT District people who influenced her and convinced her to be involved with the KT District. Again, she was asked, and she accepted the responsibility of serving for three years as KT Public Relations chair. In that position she wants to help Kiwanians learn how to be involved and to work with local media. She has already made a very impressive workshop presentation covering that topic.

Our advice to you, the reader, is this. Take a good look at this picture of Annie Catron. We think she is a Kiwanian on the move who you are going to hear more about in the near future, and when you hear about her, we want you to know who to look for.◆
The Kiwanis Club of Richmond joined with eight other sponsors to support a day for the children of Madison County called Kid’s Fest. There were a variety of games, five major performances, three inflatables, a petting zoo, hands-on creatives, a playground, and dress-up characters to entertain the children. See photos of some of the major activities.
The Kiwanis Club of Lexington (Kentucky) will present a $5000 donation check to the Shoulder to Shoulder Global (STSG) program at its weekly meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2018. This was the 11th year that the Kiwanis Club of Lexington has donated to STSG, providing $55,000 to the program.

The Shoulder to Shoulder Global program was started in 2002 at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Tom Young, Professor of Pediatrics, led the first brigade to Ecuador with a small group of six committed participants who wanted to make a difference. He wanted to provide quality health care for people who needed it. Today, in 2018, the program has grown to four separate brigades totaling more than 160 participants who have traveled to Ecuador four times a year. Over the years, this program has developed and built a primary care health center in Carlos Ruiz Burneo (CRB), a very poor community on the outskirts of Santo Domingo. In addition to health care, the program also provides physical and speech therapy, nutrition, hygiene and drug prevention.

The STSG program has grown to provide clinical and preventative services in three different locations in Ecuador, which serve as sites for these UK-led brigades. Partnerships have been established with the Tsachilas people, a traditional indigenous group from the Santo Domingo area who live in small isolated rural communities outside the city limits. STSG is making a difference in the world and the Kiwanis Club of Lexington is proud to be their partner.
Glasgow Kiwanians were involved in a Kiwanis One Day at the local YMCA on October 20 as they provided decorations for their Halloween Extravaganza. Two Kiwanians, Scott Keerley and Bill Whitaker, are seen working on what must have been a scary stopping place for children who visited the Extravaganza.
The Kiwanis Reading Rodeo sponsored by the Clarksville Kiwanis Club is an event that raises funds used to buy books to third and fifth grade students. This project represents a $10,000 investment each year. The money raised from the Reading Rodeo serves over 3,000 children each year, and over the years more than 100,000 books have been given away as part of the club’s children’s literacy project.

This year Clarksville Kiwanis hosted author Chris Grabenstein (seen in this picture) from New York City. Mr. Grabenstein entertained and inspired 3,000 third grade students seen in this picture. They were excited as each of them received a copy of *Escape* from his library. The students will read the book and do related projects assigned by their teachers.
MARYVILLE CLUB INTERCLUBS WITH AKTION CLUB
Pete Davis

The Volunteer State Aktion Club which is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Maryville met on October 18. Maryville Kiwanians Linda and Bob Ullom, Howard Kerr, and Pete Davis joined them for an Interclub.

Howard spoke to the group about honey bees, their importance in our lives and safety issues. Photos of the presentation seen here are on the Maryville Kiwanis website Service Leadership Programs page. See http://www.maryvillekiwanis.org/service-leadership-programs.html Special thanks to Howard Kerr for a great and informative program for this special group of Kiwanians.
An atheist was walking alone through the woods and proclaimed: “What majestic trees! “What powerful rivers!” “What beautiful animals!”

As he was walking alongside the river, he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7-foot grizzly charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He looked over his shoulder again and the bear was even closer. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw that the bear was right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him. At that instant the atheist cried out, “Oh my God!”

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky: “You deny my existence for all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?”

The atheist looked directly into the light and said, “It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps you could make the BEAR a Christian”?

“Very well,” said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed.

The bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

“Lord Bless this food, which I am about to receive, from thy bounty, through you our Lord, Amen.”
Welcome New Members

Alcoa
Jamey Blair
Caroline Fontinell
Cheryl Gamble
Judith McGhee
Susan Mills
Nancy Noel
Karen Roe
Myshele Sullivan
Marlene Wolak

Athens
Tara Crisp
Walter Payne

Beattyville
Jeff Cornett

Blue Grass
Joseph Martin

Bowling Green
Matt Jones
Whitney Kinslow
McKinze Willard

Copperhill
Sharon Giani

Corbin
Sara Davis

Danville
Scottie Collier
Amanda England
Kennedy Konshak
Christie May
Nick Wade

East Brainerd, Chattanooga
Susan Distefano

Elizabethton
Rachael Shultz

Erwin
Stanley Webster

Giles County
Blaise Winterburn

Hardin County
Kala Lynne Booth
Gwendolyn Hodges
Terry Owens
Larry Woosley

Hazard
Jamie Dykes
Breanna Gross

Hilldale. Clarksville
Amy Orton
Gale Smith
Darlene Thomas

Hopkinsville
India Chandler Ladd

Jenkins
Richard Blizzard

Knoxville
Judy Newcomb

Lawrenceburg, TN
Tasha Beckman
Vicki Englehardt

Louisville
Hillary Ladig

Madison, TN
Shawn Johnson

Madisonville, TN
Nick Brakebill

Madisonville, KY
Sara Caplin Kenady

Mount Sterling
Patrick Manning
Jeff Perkins
Emilee Sexton
William Whitaker

Mt. Juliet
Nate Burden

Murfreesboro
Daniel Finchum

Nashville
Caitlin Grenier
Kent Russell

Ooltewah-Collegedale
Steve Darmody
Howard Karst

Paducah
Penrod Cappock
Karen Purvis

Paintsville
Kristi Bailey

Paris
Raquel Edwards
Kim Kiser
Erin Morton
Susan Toups
Jan Wagoner
Cissie West

Pikeville
Eric Adkins
Roger Collier

Pineville
Brian Good

Salyersville
Darlene Risner
Judy Vanhoose

Sevierville
Sara Rivera

Shelbyville, KY
John Leeper
Erika Williams

Spring City
Julia Rutledge

Spring Hill & Thompson's Station
Salena Garza
Monica Maday

Springfield
Glenn Beatty
Charles Clark
Olivia Donesky
Robert Fowler
Renee Harrington
Donna Morton

West Liberty
Diane Phipps

Williamstown
Sherry Cucchiara
On October 18 Governor Russ visited Division 14 and 17 in Clarksville, Tennessee. Price Hopson L-R KY-TN Governor Russ Williamson, Lt. Gov. Dave Fernandez, Clarksville President Price Hopson donates to K-T Foundation in Governor Williamson's honor at Division 14 & 17 Governor's Banquet in Hopkinsville on October 18, 2018.
Ruby K Award

Honor Kiwanians who invite five or more new members during their Kiwanis career with a Ruby K Award, free of charge. Ruby K pins recognize members for inviting new members — from five to 100 people. (Further Ruby K awards are given for multiples of 25 over 100.) The award is cumulative, so previous recipients are eligible for a new Ruby K when they invite additional members.

For application see site below.

https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/awards-and-recognition/ruby-k-application

MARYVILLE ASSISTS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS
Pete Davis

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of East Tennessee received two donations during the Maryville Kiwanis Club weekly meeting on September 4. In the top picture Kiwanian Ed Harmon, a longtime supporter, presented a $2000 personal donation which was received by CEO Brent Waugh. In the bottom picture Mr. Waugh also accepted a $1000 donation from Maryville Kiwanis President Candy Daugherty.
YOUR DISTRICT SECRETARY’S CORNER

Your first report for the new year (October) needs to be finished and on the club dashboard by November 10. Reports are to be filed by the 10th of each month.

In Accordance with Club Bylaws – Article 8.2 – By October 15, the board is to adopt separate budgets for both Administrative and Service Accounts. If this was not done, please do so at the next board meeting.

Your club treasurer should report at each club board meeting the income, expenses and bank balances for the month.

Send pictures and information about your service projects to the District Office.

The 2018-2019 District Directory was published at the end of October. You can find information about committee chairs and district contest rules in this issue. Email the office if you did not receive a copy (ktdistrict@kyntkiwanis.org)

Fran

A FRANKFORT INTERCLUB
Chuck Fletcher

One of the goals of the Kiwanis Club of Frankfort (Kentucky) is to increase our interclub activity for 2018-2019. This picture shows some of our members on an Interclub to the Kiwanis Club of The Bluegrass. In attendance were Randall Thomas, Lucille Troutman, Fran Marion (a Bluegrass member), Fred Troutman, and Chuck Fletcher.
Janet Meyer, (right) was presented the Jackson Taylor Education in Agriculture Award by Jennifer Napier, the Kiwanis Club of Richmond (Kentucky) Treasurer. Jennifer is also the President of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

Janet, the Berea College Assistant Farm Manager, is in charge of the college gardens and greenhouse and in this capacity works with Berea College agriculture students. She was also presented the Lifetime Support of Agriculture Award at the annual Farm-City Banquet held at the Madison County Extension Center. The award was posthumously named after Jack Taylor, a former farm manager both at Berea College and at Eastern Kentucky University. He also served for many years as a Kentucky county extension agent and was a 50 year member of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond.
WHAT IS A CLUB AUDIT?

Every year a club must do a club audit per the Kiwanis club bylaws.

KIWANIS CLUB BYLAWS: ARTICLE 8. FUNDS AND ACCOUNTING

8.3 The club’s financial records will be examined annually by either (a) a qualified accounting firm not affiliated with any club member; or (b) a standing financial review committee, as provided in club policy. The club’s accounting records will be available for inspection by the accounting firm or the committee and, upon request, by the president or board. A written report of the annual financial examination shall be submitted to the board.

MANDATORY CLUB POLICIES

F. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

To perform its annual financial examination as stated in Bylaws Section 8.3, this club: [check one of the following].
1. ____Hires a qualified accounting firm not affiliated with any club member; or 2. ____Has a standing financial review committee composed of two or more qualified* club members, excluding any board members. Selection of the members will be determined by vote of the [check one] ____ club board or _____ club membership. Committee members’ terms shall be for one year each, October 1 – September 30. It is recommended that no person serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. Note: An annual examination of financial records should include, but not be limited to, bank reconciliations, income, disbursements, budgets, balance sheets and income and expense statements for both the administrative and service accounts, budgets, and any other financial records or reports of the club. *Qualified club members are those in good standing with the club who have financial or accounting experience.

Careful!

Make sure you are using the correct logo. See branding guide on Kiwanis.org
Congratulations
Don & Janet