

Capital District Kiwanis

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MiniBuilder

December 2010 — January 2011 Dave Maloney, Editor

Governor's Message by Governor Tom Varner

Two ends are fast approaching - the end of the second month of the Kiwanis year and the end of 2010. It is a time to begin assessing what the District is doing, make some changes, and renew efforts to help the District to develop a long-range succession plan throughout the District.



Beginning last year, I have tried to emphasize the importance of trained leaders at all levels of Kiwanis.

Before we can offer this educational opportunity, we must have the Kiwanians

who will serve in Club and Division leadership positions. This is leadership succession. It is

one of the sections in the education.

With a succession plan, we will know who the leaders are who they will be in the future. The key to succession is

first identity and second the election of those who will be leaders. With the future leadership in place, we can go on to their education. Therefore, we must look at the immediate Club and Division leadership holes. Do you have your 2011 -

2012 Club Officers? Does your Division have its 2011 - 2012 Lieutenant Governor? If the answer is yes, thank you. If it is "no" or "I don't know" we need your help in making sure the elections take place now.

Kiwanis International has revised the Club Officer Training and the Lieutenant Governor training to include blended programs. Blended programs have a part of the material presented online and the remainder in a face-to-face classroom setting. The former has more factual, technical material, such as organization, communications and

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Capital District Kiwanian Elected to U.S. Senate by David Wilson

The Wilmington, Delaware Kiwanis Club is very proud that one its members has been elected to the United States Senate from Delaware. Chris Coons (right) is filling the seat long held by current Vice-President Joseph Biden. Chris joined the Wilmington Kiwanis Club in 2009 after participating in our annual Armed Forces Day Banquet at the Hotel DuPont. As New Castle County Executive,

Chris had always attended and presented awards to New Castle County's police, fire, and EMS service personnel on behalf of the County. In addition, the Wilmington Kiwanis Club is the only service organization in Northern Delaware to honor our police officers and firefighters.

The Wilmington Kiwanis Club has been fortunate in attracting public officials

as members. From U.S. Senator J. Caleb Boggs in the 1950's



to State Governor Russell Peterson in the 1960's and more recently State Governor Ruth Ann Minner and Wilmington City Mayor James Baker, the club has always stayed involved with the community by working

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management skills, and reporting. The in-person classroom presentation stress team building and sharing between peers. Both are essential and important to the preparation of leaders. One of the major outcomes of the latter is that our leaders meet their peers who will share the same leadership responsibilities at the same time.

The peers are very important because they have received the same information about Kiwanis - the changes that have occurred, such as clubs only need to have two meetings a month. One must be a business meeting and the other a service project. Club reporting is online now. Five years ago, we were making paper reports for each month and then an end of year summary of all activities. Just last year, Adds, Deletes, and Changes to membership were hard copy reports. At the end of last year, all membership changes are online. The result is instant update of records at Kiwanis International. It also requires the Club Secretary to insure all membership information is current and up to date. These are just two of many changes that the "old-timers" may not know about.

Your peers know these changes and some have been working on them for one or more years. For example, past secretaries have not used electronic reporting, and he/she not have the most current information. A great source of assistance with this problem is your Regional member of the Administrative and Club Operations Committee. They are experienced and are still active as Club Secretaries. Contact your Regional Committee member if you need help.

Having mentioned Kiwanis Education let me bring you up to date. PLG Ted Zapalowicz, Capital District Master Instructor has been to Kiwanis International and received his training. PG Don Dudey is Chair of the Training (Deduction) Committee. The members are PG Yvonne

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AT THE END OF
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Holley, PLG Howard Butler, and PLG Carla Morin. Carla is the member representing the Growth committees. While they may choose to be Certified Instructors, it is not a requirement. The Committee is charged with incorporating additional District information into the Kiwanis International approved materials.

Applications for instructors are being solicited. The Committee will review all applications and evaluate a ten-minute presentation from each applicant. The first session to do this is in for mid-December. Selected Kiwanis will receive their qualification training in February. Kiwanis International is in the process of finishing the Club Leadership education package and it should be ready in the February-March period. Educational sessions should be

scheduled in April and May.

On a more personal note, I want to wish every Kiwanian a happy holiday season. It matters not what your belief, as Kiwanians we embrace the religious and ethnic groups from many countries. Each has special days to celebrate landmarks. Let us all honor one another and work to be one people.

Of course, my fervent prayer would be for "Peace on Earth." Having experienced combat, separation, and seeing wounded and dead comrades from many countries, I know the problems the lack of peace can cause to the individual, family, and country. So, in whatever form you petition your supreme being, please ask that peace would come on earth.

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with its elected officials.

Just a week before the election I was able to talk to Chris about our club's decision to adopt one of his suggestions - to add Paramedics to our quarterly awards meetings. He was very happy about it and told me to make sure he attended the first meeting with the Paramedics.

It was a surprise that last Wednesday, I found myself, our club's Community Services Chairman, Lee Derr, New Castle County's Police Chief Col. Michael McGowan, and Senator Chris Coons at the County Public Safety Building shaking hands and handing police officers the Wilmington Kiwanis Police Officer of the Quarter certificates.

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In Memoriam**December 2010**

Donald Bowers, Ashland, Va.

Michael Johnson, Harbor Front, Va.

November 2010

Chester Starkey, Richmond, Va.

Clarence Barnes, Pikesville, Md.

John Bryant, Smithfield, Va.

Attrill Sydnor, Capitol Hill, D.C.

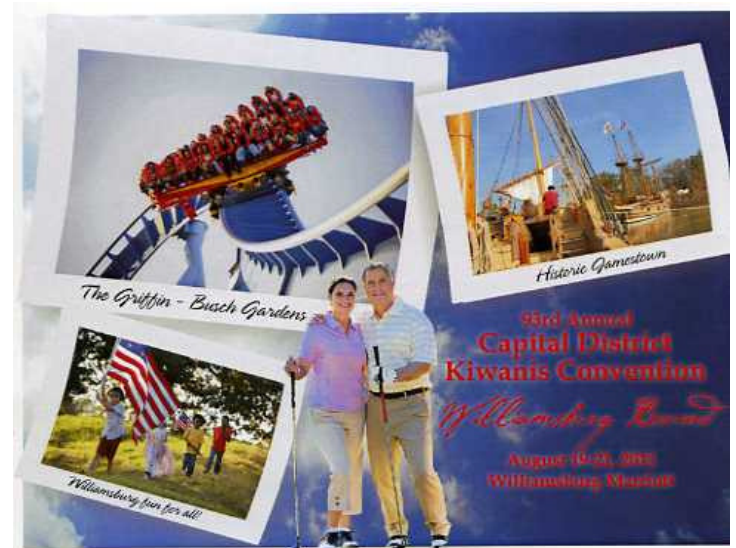
Nelson Walter, Calvert County, Md.

Robert Umberger, Wythe County, Va.

Gustav Kruger, Washington, D.C.

Raymond Baker, Washington, D.C.

Herbert Wickre, Colonial Capital, Va.



Governor’s Schedule

Here is Gov. Tom’s Schedule for December 2010 through April 2011

December 4	HOV Governors Visit	Hanover County, VA
December 11	Kiwanis International Innovate Briefing	Washington DC
December 15	Arlington Holiday Luncheon	Arlington VA
December 18	Instructor Selection	Henrico County, VA
Dec 27 – Jan 3	(Vacation with Family)	Smoky Mountains
January 14	Division 17 Official Visit	Leisure World
January 15	NOVA Midwinter	Manassas VA
January 22	DelMarVa Midwinter	?
January 27-30	Governor’s Council	Indianapolis
February 5	District Board	Fredericksburg
Februarys 5	Lieutenant Governor Council	Fredericksburg
Februarys 11	Dr John Button	Hampton Roads
February 12	HR Midwinter	Old Dominion University
February 12	Dr. John Button	Division 4
February 18-10	CKI DCON	Crystal City
February 19	Instructor Training	Crystal City
Februarys 26	HOV Midwinter	Richmond
March 5	Potomac Midwinter	?
March 12	Mason Dixon Midwinter	Columbia
March 25-27	Key Club DCON	Crystal City
April 2	Presidential Midwinter	Blue ridge CC
April 9	SWV Midwinter	?
April 15-17	Key Leader	Jamestown
April 29- May 1	Lieutenant Governor Conference	?

OUR TWO CAPITAL WEEKENDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#1 - APRIL 15-17, 2011

JAMESTOWN 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

#2 - MAY 13-15, 2011

ARLINGTON ECHO OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CENTER MILLERSVILLE,

Get Ready for Key Leader 2011 by Nicole McDermott



Key Leader is Kiwanis's values-centered, weekend leadership education program for high school students. There will be TWO Key Leader weekends in the Capital District in 2011, and I hope your club is

committed to sponsoring at least one student to the event closest to you. Our two

Capital weekends are as follows:

#1 - April 15-17, 2011
Jamestown 4-H Educational Center
Williamsburg, Virginia
Site Coordinator: Yvonne Holley (Kiwanis Club of

Virginia Beach, Virginia)

#2 - May 13-15, 2011
Arlington Echo Outdoor Educational Center
Millersville, Maryland
Site Coordinator: Corey Goggin (Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner/McLean, Virginia)

Spring Key Leader events are open to any 8th-12th grade students (in or out

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Key Leader (cont'd from page 4)

of Key Club or Builders Club). Once again, our goal for each event will be 60 students plus an additional 8-10 student facilitators.

We encourage Kiwanis Clubs to ensure Key Leader in their 2010-11 budgets. It is \$200/student (or \$175/student if the student is a member of

possible. It is recommended that Kiwanis Clubs begin identifying students NOW (by the end of December at the latest) so that part is already done once the registration website is available.

Key Leader is a leadership education weekend for high school students focusing on the concept of

noon on Sunday. All adult chaperones have undergone background checks, and the weekend is run by a professional facilitator who has successfully completed a training course on the curriculum and who brings experience working with young people.

If you are interested in serving on the Key Leader District Committee and helping to promote Key Leader around the District and in your own area, please contact District Chair Nicole McDermott (Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner/McLean, Virginia) at 703.829.5481. We are currently looking for representatives from the following regions particularly: DelMarVa, Heart of Virginia, Mason Dixon, Presidential, and Southwest Virginia.



Key Club or Builders Club). For such a small amount of money, Kiwanis can truly make a difference in a young adult's life.

Registration will open in January 2011. We anticipate selling out both events as we did in 2008 and 2009. For this reason, it will be very important to register students as soon as

service leadership and five principles: integrity, growth, respect, community and excellence. The weekend is casual and includes hands-on exercises; writing and reflection activities; cooperative, team activities; physical challenges and more. Students arrive between 4-6 p.m. on Friday and depart between 11 a.m.-12

For more information about Key Leader, please visit

www.youtube.com/CapitalKeyLeader and watch live student testimonials about the quality of the program. The students featured on our YouTube Channel are all Capital District "kids." Also, search Capital District Key Leader on Facebook and like it or visit key-leader.org.

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Important Change to Kiwanis Alcohol Policy

by Mike Rind, Capital District Risk Manager

Significant extension of the Kiwanis policy regarding insurance coverage for the sale of alcohol

For many years, Kiwanis International's policy was that if Kiwanians or clubs sold alcohol at their fundraisers or other events, the General Liability insurance would not cover anything that happened at an event where such sales took place. Last year, this policy was changed to provide very limited coverage in such cases, so long as appropriate licenses were obtained and no alcohol was served to people below the state's age limit. A total of \$5,000,000 in coverage was available

for all of the United States and Canada, in the hope that clubs would act responsibly in this respect.

After a year of this new policy, the results are in - Kiwanians appear to have been very responsible in implementing this new policy. The proof is that we have experienced no new claims due to the change in the alcohol policy. As a result, the new General Liability insurance policy has been changed again, to provide \$36,000,000 in coverage for clubs and Kiwanians throughout the U.S. and Canada in such cases. This means, for instance, that the cost of alcohol can be included in the cost of tickets to

Kiwanis events, and clubs may ask for "donations" to cover the cost of alcohol without losing their insurance coverage. Of course, clubs must still meet state licensing requirements and no alcohol may be served to minors. In addition, clubs and Kiwanians must continue to adhere strictly to Kiwanis's guidelines for adults interacting with youth. Further information will be provided in the General Liability Insurance Package which will be sent to Club Secretaries in early November. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Rind, Capital District Risk Manager at 410 294 9423.

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Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club Helps Food Pantry

As usual at the end of the selling at noon, the generous farmers and vendors donated hundreds of pounds of fresh produce to both UCM's Food Pantry and to Mondloch House, a shelter for families run by New Hope Housing. The **Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club** sends volunteers every week from May through November to help UCM collect and receive this vital fresh food source. Again this year, UCM hosted a free luncheon in the library for the vendors and volunteers at the end of the season's market, and Christine Fiske, UCM's Volunteer Coordinator, expressed the deep appreciation UCM has for this great service to the hungry families in our community. Above, Pam Beggan (on left), Rich Keil, and MVKC Farmers' Market Program Coordinator for MVKC Joanne Malkin holding boxes of some of the 600 pounds on average of fine fresh produce that will soon be transported to UCM and then distributed to its needy clients.



Light Your Inner Fire

by Sylvester "Syl" Neal, President, Kiwanis International

It's no secret that I have a vision of a Kiwanis that is stronger than it is today. I see

a Kiwanis family that is stronger in membership, stronger in leadership and, most importantly, stronger in service. And I'm here to tell you that my pledge as

president is to give my all, to do what I can to lead this organization in the right

direction-toward strength, stability and success.



And I have ideas on how to get it done.

Being a former fire chief, I know about fires. In the past, I trained, studied and worked hard to extinguish those flames. Today, you and I set out

to light the fire for Kiwanis. I've given this year a theme, the "Kiwanis Year of the Fire."

As chief, I'm going to help you build your own fire, and together, we'll ignite the flame for others until we have a raging bonfire. We have what it takes-that burning passion within each of us to make a difference.

All I ask of each of you is a personal commitment to help improve your club and grow Kiwanis to meet our goals.

Thanks for fueling the fire.

Sylvester "Syl" Neal
President
Kiwanis International

Kiwanis Announces Project Eliminate by Kandra Sejas, KI

With The ELIMINATE Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of 60,000 innocent babies and 30,000 mothers each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating - tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth by 2015, 129 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take \$110 million - and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Kiwanis and UNICEF joined forces to tackle iodine deficiency disorders,

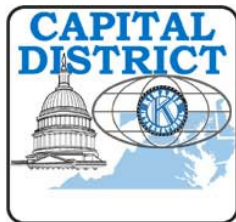
ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



achieving one of the most significant public health successes of the 20th century. Now, they are eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth. And in doing so, the project will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families. Check out the Kiwanis International website for more information.

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Dale Larson Kiwanis Division 20 Service Leadership Programs Night by Bruce Malkin

Recently several hundred young leaders of Kiwanis school clubs met for the annual Dale Larson Kiwanis Division 20 Service Leadership Programs Night hosted by the **Kiwanis Club of Tyson's Corner/McLean** at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax. The Mount Vernon area was well represented by contingents from West Potomac High School Key Club led by Faculty Adviser Suzette Henry, Mount Vernon High School led by principal Nardos King, South County Secondary School led by Faculty Adviser Judy Cummings, Stratford Landing Elementary School K-Kids Club led by Parent Leader Kate Penn, NOVA Community College (Alexandria campus) CKI Club with 2 members, and the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club with 4 members, including Bruce Malkin, Joanne Malkin, Lee Palmer, and Barbara Callahan. The program consisted of speakers from all school level clubs, and Mount Vernon was honored to have been represented by the President of the K-Kids Club at Stratford Landing Elementary, 10-year old, fifth grader Jena Elshami, who gave a beautiful presentation of what her club is doing to improve the community through Kiwanis service. Tom Varner, the Capital District Governor, Marvin Crawford, the Division 20 Lt.-Gov., and other student leaders were also speakers on the program.



MVKC Past President Bruce Malkin and MVKC Co-Secretary Joanne Malkin with West Potomac HS Key Clubbers and Faculty Adviser, Suzette Henry, seated at far right