

# Capital District Kiwanis

Serving the children of the world



## MiniBuilder

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### Governor's Message by Governor Jeffrey Wolff

Every story has a beginning and an ending. With the close of one chapter in a book, a new one opens. October brings with it great excitement in the Kiwanis world as we celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and start a new year with renewed enthusiasm. We have done great things in the Capital District, but today brings the proverbial "clean slate" and the promise of an even brighter future. Each of your clubs is installing its new leadership and gearing up to make a difference in your communities

and the world as a whole.

I am honored to be serving as your District Governor for the next twelve months because I have the pleasure to serve with a team of highly dedicated volunteers who have stepped up to ensure that each of your clubs is the best that it can be. The 2011-2012 Leadership Team is comprised of your District Board of Trustees, the entire class of 21 Lt. Governors and all of our District Committee Chairpersons. They are equipped with a vastly diverse skill set and



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come from 45 different Kiwanis clubs throughout our great district.

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### Secretary Ellis Stroup Retires

Retiring with over 36 years service as Secretary/Treasurer of the Capital District Kiwanis, Ellis Stroup was honored with numerous heartfelt testimonials during the 2011 District Convention recently held in Williamsburg, VA.

For his dedicated service, Ellis also received a Life

Membership in the Capital District and was awarded the title "Capital District Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus." In addition, an annual \$5K "Ellis H. Stroup Key Club Leadership Scholarship" has been established in his



honor. (L to R) Dave Maloney (eBuilder Editor) presents Ellis with his plaque.

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campaign for children, The ELIMINATE Project, into high gear so that 60,000 mothers and babies do not need to die annually from a preventable disease like tetanus. As an organization, we will raise \$110 million dollars so that UNICEF can deliver the needed vaccines and eliminate this threat to families all over the globe. It is our mission as Kiwanians to serve the children of the world and this is a truly a project we can all stand behind and support. I encourage you to visit [www.theeliminateproject.org](http://www.theeliminateproject.org) and educate yourself on this exciting new initiative and our chance to once again make history.

You will see even more communication provided to you through multiple channels in the year ahead. The district website will be revamped so that it can serve as a true knowledge hub for all things Kiwanis in the Capital District. New and different types of education will be offered to members and officers alike, ranging from leadership skills to how to start a new Service Leadership Program club.

This will be the year that we truly analyze the needs of our existing clubs and target resources to the right places. We will build new Kiwanis clubs throughout the district so that we can fulfill our mission of "Increasing Hands for Service," and we will do this by returning to the basic premise of our organization...service to others.

Jennifer and I are so excited to be able to serve with you this year and we are looking forward to meeting many of you throughout our travels. I hope that each of you are as excited for the year ahead as we are. Together we will make a difference!

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## New Secretary's Message by Sec/Treas Tom Varner

It is the beginning of a new challenge for me: to serve the Kiwanians of the Capital District. I hope to be able to share some ideas with you each month.

I have been looking at the end of the year activities of many clubs and they are in a hurry to make sure their member list is correct. For many this means making sure that everyone pays their bills on time. What I find interesting as many send bills to their members on or after September 15 with a due date of September 30. If the mail is late in either direction, the member is out of the club.

It just occurred to me that this may be a time for some concern to see if the member

is having a hard time with the dates or what is the reason. A friend of mine is changing jobs temporarily and found that the payroll department where he is going pays at the end of the month rather than the beginning. Therefore, for the month of October he will not have the check he expected on the first. This is a classic example of someone who needs some help from a club concerned about its members and not numbers.

Now to some more news for club secretaries. First, make sure you get your September monthly reports done. Second, make sure you have completed the end of the year report parts. In addition, if you are changing secretary, help your successor learn the

ropes. Remember they will be able to access the Kiwanis One System on or after October 15, 2011.

The new Capital District Secretary/Treasurer contact information is as follows:

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## New Capital District Secretary/Treasurer Tom Varner no Stranger to the Job

With the retirement of long-time Sec/Treas Ellis Stroup, effective October 1, 2011 Governor Tom Varner will become the first new Secretary/Treasurer of the Capital District in over 36 years. At the 2011 DCON installation of officers ceremony, Kiwanis International Counselor Jane Erickson presented Tom with two pair of bulky athletic sox so that he might be better able to fill the big shoes left behind by outgoing Sec/Treas Ellis. "No one can fill Ellis' shoes, but I will use all the skills and talents I have to be the best District Secretary/Treasurer that I can

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## A Note From Tom



What a great year I had as your Governor! Much of my work this year was been done with the assistance and support of Governor Designate Jeffrey Wolff. As I retire as Governor, I look forward to working with him and all you as your new Capital District Secretary/Treasurer.

Of course, nothing is possible in the work I do for Kiwanis without the love and support of my partner, Lin. We've been together for the past 49 years. We have been through a war together - with separations and the concerns that goes with being half way around the world; however, we've also been through many happy times together and have enjoyed every minute. We've especially enjoyed all the wonderful people in Kiwanis. So, thanks, Lin, for all your support. You've made this a great year!

May the supreme architect guide and protect you. May all your wishes bring you happiness and health.

## In Memoriam

### August—September 2011

John Woodfin, Richmond, Va.  
Thatcher Wood, Richmond, Va.  
James Lay, Westminster, Md.  
Samuel Nock (Past Lt. Governor), Accomack, Va.  
Harry Merrick, Washington, D.C.  
Wayne Dorman, Washington, D.C.  
Charles Dalebout, Old Town, Va.  
Susan Whitlock, Waynesboro, Va.  
Gene Paulette, Middlesex, Va.  
William Dunham, Richmond, Va.  
Ernest Ward, Northgate, D.C.  
Mark Tinsley, Shenandoah Valley, Va.  
Phillip Flowe, Capitol Hill, D.C.  
William Chatmon, Capitol Hill, D.C.  
Phillip Smith, Norfolk, Va.  
David Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.  
James Lennon, Middlesex, Va.

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be," said Tom.

This will not be Tom's first venture as either a Secretary or as Treasurer. For almost 20 years, he was the Secretary/Treasurer for the Virginia Association of Criminal Justice Educators. In that role, in addition to the normal secretarial tasks, Tom was also responsible for scheduling and arranging for the annual convention, including taking care of the its finances, registrations, program, etc.

Additionally, Tom has served as Treasurer of his church including approving and paying all bills and preparing the monthly and annual financial statements. For four years, Tom has also served as Treasurer of his Masonic Lodge.

Tom's most relevant Kiwanis secretarial experience was as Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Ashland for total of 15 years, and for the past ten years he has served as Assistant Capital District Secretary

"It's my desire to make the Capital District communications systems as user-friendly as humanly possible," said Tom. "With a lot of work and input from the membership, we can get this done.

Thanks to the Selection Committee and the District's Board of Trustees for giving me this opportunity to continue my Kiwanis service to the Capital District," he continued.

**2011 Williamsburg DCON a Success!**

(from <http://www.kiwaniscdc2011.com/>)



Above, Caren Schumacher (Convention Chair) with Jane Erickson (KI Trustee). Right, Carla Morin (Convention Vice-Chair) with luncheon speaker, W. Taylor Reveley, III, College of William & Mary President) and their entire Convention Committee wowed convention goers with a weekend of training, fellowship, great meeting facilities, and loads of fun at the 93rd Annual Capital District Kiwanis Convention held Aug 19-21, 2011 at the Williamsburg Marriott in Williamsburg, VA.



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Delegates at the 2011 Williamsburg DCON, unanimously elected past Distinguished Lt. Governor Jeffrey Wolff (a product of Kiwanis' Service Leadership Program and a 13-year member of Kiwanis) as Capital District Governor for the 2011-2012 administrative year. Jeffrey (center) is shown with his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Charlotte, flanked by KI Trustee Jane Erickson, and her husband, past Nebraska-Iowa Gov. Gus Erickson.

The 93rd Annual Kiwanis International Capital District convention ended with the nearly 500 participants left Williamsburg with a new level of inspiration and energy after three days of great Kiwanis fellowship.

Our new Governor-Designate, Jeffrey Wolff has been installed.

2010-2011 Governor Tom Varner is moving on to take his seat as the new District Secretary-Treasurer

in place of the retiring Ellis Stroup. Ellis has served our District for over 36.5 years and left his "handprints" on the Capital District Kiwanis Family and Kiwanis International as whole. Ellis will be missed, but will be close by to continue to mentor his replacement and the rest of the Capital District

leadership. We have a new District Governor-elect in Carolyn Richar of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax and a new cadre of Lieutenant Governors throughout the District.

In addition to the various first-class training sessions, our interface with Key Club, CKI and Aktion Club members, the installation of officers and much Kiwanis official business, there were some other significant accomplishments:

The ELIMINATE Project Golf tournament raised close to \$4,300 to support the joint Kiwanis International/UNICEF effort to eliminate maternal and

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Carolyn Richar of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax was elected Capital District Governor-Elect for 2011-2012 during the recently-held 2011 Williamsburg District Convention. Picture (L to R) Gov. Desig. Jeffrey Wolff, Carolyn Richar, KI Trustee Jane Erickson).

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neonatal tetanus worldwide. More donations came in during the convention and were still being tallied.

Convention goers packaged 26,500 meals to support Stop Hunger Now. The final count kept rising during the day from the 16,000 anticipated meals, to 18,000... to 21,000... to the 26,500 when disappointed workers had to

stop because they ran out of bags and boxes to put the meals in. More than \$6,600 came in over the last nine months from individuals and Kiwanis Clubs around the district to enable this effort.

Ducky Derby Ticket sales solidly bolstered the Capital District Foundation's support of the Seven Pediatric Trauma Hospitals in the Capital District.

So little time and so much good ~ but then, that's Kiwanis.

And a special note of thanks to the wonderful staff of the Williamsburg Marriott Hotel who gave us a stirring example of what can be done when good people put their hearts into their work.

Next year's Capital District Convention will be August 24-26 in Reston, Virginia.

## Maloney and Crawford Team Up to Preserve Kiwanis Club of Suburban Frederick History

The Kiwanis Club of Suburban Frederick was founded in 1972. The club's newsletter, the "Chatter", was first published in October of 1974 and has been published monthly ever since. Thanks to Charter Member Ed Crawford, every single printed edition of the Chatter from 1974 through 2003 (when the club converted to an online version of the club newsletter) has been preserved.

Club member Dave Maloney recently undertook the task of scanning all 360 editions (over 1800 individual pages) into his computer and uploading them so that the entire series can now be viewed online in .pdf format.

"Past editions of our club newsletter document many

heretofore forgotten activities, fundraisers, public services, awards, and personalities," said Maloney.

Capital District Historian John Fox stated, "Club newsletters are an important record to keep. Making them available to all is a great accomplishment. There is information stored in these pages that can be gathered for future club celebrations. If it were not for the recorded history of the Capital District, there would not have been a District History website. The Kiwanis Club of Suburban Frederick has done a wonderful job at listing its Club and District officers, as



well as documenting highlights from throughout the years. I found some great District History in the club's early newsletters. Thank you, Suburban Frederick, for that!"

You can view the archive of past club newsletters on the club's newly-designed website:

<http://www.suburbanfrederickkiwanis.org/news/archive.htm>.

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## The "Unsung Heroes" Awards: A Novel Idea for Recognizing Kiwanis Leadership

The end of a Kiwanis Administrative Year brings, and should bring, recognition of jobs well done as well as a welcome to new leadership. We offer our full support of the 2011-2012 Kiwanis Leadership Team. Division 17's Lieutenant Governor Joyce Sharon had a novel idea and coordinated that well with her club presidents. She asked them to review their year and select a club member for the "Unsung Hero's Award" to be given to a Kiwanian who demonstrated outstanding leadership and consistent service to their clubs.

The event Joyce chose to offer thanks to the awardees was her close out Division Council Meeting of the year held on September 12th at the Leisure World Clubhouse. Division 17 has a long record of well organized and productive monthly DCMs by all Lieutenant Governors. "This recognition event was exceptionally well planned and clever," said PG Bob Cressy. "It was a great idea, fun and very much appreciated by the recipients." Cressy continued

Club Kiwanians' dedication was presented by each club

president in turn, inviting their Unsung Hero up to the podium while the president cited their contributions. This ranged from

members leading special projects such as helping the first Miracle League Baseball field in Maryland get started, to club committee chairmanships, and stepping up to club officer and director leadership positions ... sometimes again and again, to SLP - Kiwanis support and coordination, and the smooth operational management of club administration.

From taking a club management position to being a supportive, involved club member who others can learn from and serve with, being an active Kiwanian pays great dividends to your club. It also pays great dividends to each individual for it is working together as a team that great service projects are born and find success. "As Kiwanians with our other non Kiwanis commitments and obligations, we know



we can't be involved in every club activity or attend every meeting. But also as Kiwanians we know we can and really must find a project or two to help make a success. We each have certain skills and often different skills from each other. It's the team approach that aids success. Each must play a part, some part." said LTG Joyce.

"When we look for Kiwanis 'suspects' (someone you think would make a good Kiwanian), to 'prospects' (a person that thinks they also would make a good Kiwanian), to becoming a Kiwanian, we look for busy people who have a little time "to change the world one child and one community at a time". After all, we look for "a person who would be good for Kiwanis and for whom Kiwanis would be good,""said Joyce.

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## Kiwanis Club of Woodbridge Hosts Key Club Officer Training

by Al Knehans (photos by Brian Bell)

The Kiwanis Club of Woodbridge, Virginia, hosted its third annual training session for incoming Key Club officers in Prince William County at Forest Park High School on Wednesday afternoon, 28 September, 2011. Attendees included members of the Key Clubs from Potomac, Brentsville, Forest Park, Garfield, Osbourn and Stonewall Jackson High Schools and the Northern Virginia Community College CKI Club, Woodbridge Campus. Also attending were

CKI LTG Stacy Whitehouse and Key Club LTG Kyle West. Highlighting the agenda was the power point presentation on "WELCOME KEY CLUBBERS and other Kiwanis Family Members"

by Rachel Villarroel, President the NVCC CKI Club. Rachel developed the very professional



presentation, which included team exercises and generated strong audience participation. She demonstrated excellent leadership and communication

skills, knowledge of the subject, and sense of humor in keeping the Key Club officers engaged. Rachel received a well-deserved round of applause for her efforts. Following pizza and soft drinks provided by Woodbridge Kiwanis SLP Chair Al Knehans, an extended question and answer session concluded the training. The event lasted nearly three hours and no one left early. Everyone agreed that it was an extremely productive session. Thanks again Rachel!

