



Kiwanis

Division 5 Newsletter

Kentucky-Tennessee District



Governor: David Olinger

Lt. Gov.: Bob Palmer

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

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Club Incorporation

Some clubs have indicated that they are not incorporated. If your club is not incorporated, I suggest you strongly consider incorporating and contact Kiwanis International to learn how to proceed. I copied the following from the Kiwanis website:

Division Goals

- 12% Net Membership Gain - Minimum
- 10% Increase in service hours over last year
- Rebuild two small clubs
- Have fun as we meet and serve

Reason for incorporating. When a club is unincorporated, anyone holding a claim against the club can proceed against the assets of the individual member if the club has insufficient funds to meet its obligations. **When a club incorporates any creditors have recourse only to the funds or property of the incorporated club, and cannot proceed against the individual members of the club.** Actually, incorporation constitutes an inexpensive form of insurance.

Reading for Diversity - First Lady, Betty's Initiative

Only a very few clubs have indicated that they have started or are carrying out a "Reading for Diversity" project. This is an initiative of our First Lady, Betty Olinger. If you need more information, please let me know.

Election Reports

Three clubs still have not submitted their Election Reports on line. These were due by June 1. If your club has not submitted the Election Report, please do so within the next week. It is important that our incoming Lt. Governor, as well as the District and International Offices have this information to prepare for the new Kiwanis year.

Submission of Reports in a Timely Manner

Almost all of our clubs are submitting their monthly reports by the 10th of the following month. I congratulate you for your promptness and thank you for the effort to be timely. If your club is one that isn't submitting your reports on time, please make a concerted effort to join the ranks of those who do.

Kiwanis International Annual Club Gift of \$5.00 per Member

The accompanying Annual Club Gift report shows clubs who have and who have not made this contribution. Your club earns 10 points toward becoming a Distinguished Club by making the full contribution based on your September 30, 2007 membership. A couple of clubs are short by only a few dollars. You may want to send in the difference to get your credit for the Annual Club Gift.

Division 5 Contribution of \$2.00 per Member

Please remember that the Division Council at its January meeting voted unanimously to support this asking from each club. The purpose is to help support the work of the Division and to help keep down the cost to members, of our two major functions of the year; the Governor's Visit and the Prayer Dinner. Had we not been able to use Division discretionary funds to cover some of the costs, these two functions would have been much costlier to members attending. We are also trying to get into a position where the Lt. Governors can be reimbursed for more of their expenses in the future. It is too much to expect a Lt. Governor to pay for as much of the cost he/she encumbers in the course of carrying out Division responsibilities.

Updated Club Report

An accompanying report summarizes the current statistics for each club as well as progress toward becoming a Distinguished Club.

Alcoa Kiwanis - Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic in Blount County

Don't forget that the Kiwanis clubs of Blount County are needing volunteers to help with this large and beneficial project to be conducted July 12-13, 2008. Note that it is for people with no insurance and unemployed. They need both professional and non-professional volunteers. Professional needs include dentists, hygienists, ophthalmic technicians, MDs, and optometrists. Also needed are Licensed/Certified RNs, CNAs, LPNs, EMTs and or paramedics. At least 150 non-professional volunteers are needed to help with logistics, etc. If your club can help, please contact Pat Marshall, phone 865-984-2551 or e-mail: susykew@ourstudio.net or Herk Holbert, phone 865-548-2639 or e-mail: herkless@bellsouth.net. You will truly receive a wonderful blessing seeing this first hand and being involved with making it work.

Distinguished Club

Several clubs have excellent potential to become a Distinguished Club this year. Continue monitoring your club's progress toward being a Distinguished Club this Kiwanis year. We would like to be the Division in which every club is a Distinguished Club. Your club can be Distinguished. The accompanying report shows the progress of each club.

Membership Growth

Membership numbers are still haunting us. Our Division has an excellent record so far this year in about every aspect of our operations except for membership. Let's make a concerted effort to have a net gain in membership by the end of the year. Challenge your members to invite prospective members to your club meetings. Resolve that your club will have a net membership gain by the end of this year.

June and July Considerations:

- Review your Leadership Guide for June and July
- Be sure your incoming President and Secretary attend a CLE training session.
- Personally contact members who have not been attending your meetings.
- Make your \$2.00 per member contribution to the Division, make your check payable to Kiwanis Div. 5 and send to Ralph Harness, 4504 Crestfield Rd, Knoxville, TN 37921.
- Consider and plan a membership drive or membership growth function.
- Elect your three delegates to the District Convention in Kingsport and encourage members to attend.

Calendar of Events.

June 25-28	Kiwanis International Convention - Orlando, FL
August 8-10, 2008	90th KY-TN District Convention, Meadowview Marriott, Kingsport, TN

Thanks to all of you for your support and for the good work you are doing in your clubs to support children and improve our communities. We are changing the world one child and one community at a time!

Serving Children,

Bob Palmer, Lt. Governor