



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.

February, 2008

January Division Council Meeting

We had a great Division Council meeting and Governor's visit last month. Thirty Kiwanians representing 11 of our 13 clubs attended. Only Norwood and Foothills were absent. In addition, Gov. David Olinger and Lt. Governor, Bob Wendt of Division 4 were present.

Announcements and discussion included the Annual Club Gift of \$5.00 per member to the Kiwanis International Foundation, the upcoming Key Leader events, the Mid-Year Conference and CLE training.

The only action item was a report and recommendation from the ad hoc committee appointed at the last Division Council meeting, with Jan Larson as chair, to address the funding of our Division. The committee recommended that each club be asked to donate \$2.00 per member to help offset the operating expenses for Division 5. The recommendation was accepted and approved unanimously, effective immediately.

Gov. David, presiding over the remainder of the meeting, asked each club to share their best service project and fund raiser, and their newest service project and fund raiser. Judging from the comments and discussion, Division 5 clubs are alive and active.

Governor's Official Visit

Eighty-five people attended Gov. David and First Lady Betty Olinger's official visit to Division 5. Following a delicious meal served by Damon's, five students for Wears Valley Ranch, a Christian home for children, entertained the group with singing accompanied by guitar music. Before leaving the stage, each student gave a personal testimony which was uplifting and appreciated by attendees.

Gov. David outlined the K-T District goals and encouraged our Division to aim high and work toward those goals. 1) At least 13% net membership gain, 2) Increase service hours by 10%, 3) Increase number of Service Leadership Organizations, 4) Increase convention attendance and 5) Emphasize Kiwanis education such as CLE.

You missed a great meeting if you weren't there.

Key Leader - March 29-30

Don't forget to recruit students for the Key Leader session March 29-30 at Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend. If you need more information, contact Leslie Grossman Frederick at (865) 470-7221 or email at LeslieAnn@LeslieGrossman.com. We should have several high school students involved in this event.

Annual Club Gift to Kiwanis International Foundation

Don't forget to make your contribution of \$5.00 per member to the Kiwanis International Foundation. It is needed for scholarships and projects throughout Kiwanis. As your Lt. Gov., I urge each club make this contribution in the next two to three months. At this time, only one club has contributed.

Mid-Year Conference - February 22-23, Lexington, Ky

Be sure your club is represented at the Mid-Year Conference. This is an opportunity to participate in forums, share ideas that work, and enjoy great fellowship.

CLE Training at Mid-Year Conference

All incoming presidents and secretaries should plan to participate in CLE prior to taking office October 1,

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

2008. If you want your club to grow, function efficiently and have the tools and knowledge to lead, encourage your president-elect and secretary-elect to get involved in a CLE session. The training at Mid-Year Conference is the first of two opportunities for the coming year.

Distinguished Club

Review the criteria for a Distinguished Club in the 2007-2008 Kiwanis year. With a little interest and effort, every club can be Distinguished. Make that commitment for your club.

Division Finances

As stated in the notes from the Division Council meeting, the Division voted unanimously to ask each club to contribute \$2.00 per member to help offset some of the operating expenses of the Division, including helping the Lt. Governor with the expenses incurred in his/her official duties.

Names for Governor-Elect in 2008-2009

Please identify a candidate in your club for Lt. Governor and send me their contact information.

Membership Growth

Has your club had a net membership 5% this year? Judging from the current membership report from Kiwanis International, we have a lot of work to do. Our Division is currently looking at a **net loss of 29 members**. Only three clubs have a net membership gain. Remember; TEAM ASK "Together Everyone Accomplishes More." All we have to do is "Actively Seek Kiwanians." We can achieve a 12 percent net membership gain if we all ask people to visit our clubs and become involved.

February and March Considerations:

- Make your Annual Club Gift of \$5.00 per member to the Kiwanis International Foundation?
- Determine to achieve a net membership gain of at least 6 percent by the end of March, the first half.
- Personally contact members who have not been attending your meetings.
- Send your contribution of \$2.00 per member to Division 5. Make your check payable to Kiwanis Div. 5 and send to Ralph Harness, 4504 Crestfield Rd, Knoxville, TN 37921.
- Review progress toward being a Distinguished Club this year.
- Follow up on 1st Lady Betty's Diversity in Reading project.
- Elect two delegates and two alternates to represent your club at the International Convention.
- Pay club dues to Kiwanis International by March 31 if your club's anniversary date is January, February, March or April.
- Set your Annual Club meeting date and appoint your nominating committee.

Calendar of Events.

February 22-23, 2008	District Mid-year Conference, Double Tree Guest Suites, Lexington, KY
March 28-29, 2008	Key Leader - Camp Wesley Woods, Townsend, TN
April 14, 2008	Division Election / Division Council Meeting
May 6, 2008	Division Prayer Dinner with Don Canaday, International President-Elect as our speaker
May 15, 2008	Annual Club Meeting / Elections completed
June 25-28	Kiwanis International Convention - Orlando, FL
August 8-10, 2008	90th KY-TN District Convention, Meadowview Marriott, Kingsport, TN

I want to thank all of you for your support to this point and for the work you are doing in your clubs to support children and improve our communities.

Serving Children,

Bob Palmer, Lt. Governor