

Kiwanis

NEWSLETTER

April 15, 2008

MEMBER NEWS

The Kiwanis Club of Pitt County Professionals has had a number of changes in membership and the lives of our members this year.

Phyllis Flye, known far and wide in the area for her work on behalf of public radio, public television, and charitable organizations, is a welcome new addition to our group. Welcome, Phyllis!!

We have also lost a couple members this year – Tony Moore has left to devote time as President of the Winterville Kiwanis organization and to run for the State Senate (good luck, Tony!). Emily Miller, our previous club treasurer, has moved with her family to Kentucky to be nearer family and pursue other career opportunities – we wish you the best of everything, Emily!

Kent Martin, well-known for his work with Big Brothers and Sisters in the area, as well as with the Red Cross, is undergoing medical treatments here and in Florida; our thoughts and prayers are with Kent. Kent continues to donate his time to our organization's activities when possible!

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

The Pitt County Professionals Chapter always has a great variety of interesting speakers addressing our group in our weekly 7 a.m. meetings! So far this year we have had speakers from the March of Dimes, Pitt County Parks and Recreation, Shepherd's Helpers, and NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness), among others.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Where should we begin – this has been a very busy year for us!

On February 7th, our club participated in the Aktion Club auction, bidding up to \$400 for artwork! In January and February we spent a great deal of time in preparation for our annual Kiwanis Stew fundraiser on February 26th, and it was a huge success, with 362 quarts sold! With all members participating, our club was able to raise over \$2,000 from this activity (minus overhead) for charitable contributions this year!

On March 14th we donated, and handed out, Kiwanis dictionaries to all third-graders at Northwest Elementary School – a truly rewarding activity! We also held a dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on March 14th. Participating in the March Madness Challenge for Children on March 20th, our club raised \$182.36 for the effort!

April has been another full month for club activities! Many of our members volunteered during the Kiwanis One Day blood drive effort on April 5th, which was a resounding success. April 10th our members worked at the WNCT Radiothon for the Children's Miracle Network, taking phone donations of nearly \$3,000 during our two hour volunteer period. On April 17th, the Pitt County Professionals Kiwanis Club gave out Terrific Kids and B.U.G. awards at Northwest Elementary School. April 24th will see our chapter volunteering at the Senior Shuffleboard games for Pitt County.

Upcoming service projects: May 10th we will be volunteering at the Challenger Little League for Children games, and we are volunteering for bid-spotter positions in the Drew Steele Golf Children's Classic annual auction on June 1st. Other activities are being planned and will all be included in the next newsletter! With the nice weather come even more opportunities for volunteering our time and efforts around the county!

BOARD ACTION

The board met April 18th at McAlister's. Because of the small size of our club, there is a question regarding whether we actually need 10 board members. A copy of the bylaws will be brought to the next weekly meeting on April 22nd, which is our monthly business meeting, for a discussion of how many board members we need (and, if less, how we proceed with changing the bylaws and solidifying our slate of board members).

We will be participating in the Challenger Little League activities on May 10th. The board is looking into how we might be able to find a financial/sponsoring partner to sponsor trophies for the games.

The board voted to sponsor 1 member from Aktion club for the trip to the Aktion Club Convention in September, for a sponsorship cost of \$150 (covers registration, food, and lodging). The board had already approved financial sponsorship for one high school student to attend the Key Leaders camp, which is being held this weekend, April 20th/21st.

Following previous discussions regarding how we might be able to build on our Kiwanis Stew Sale successes, the board agreed that we will hold the next stew sale on Saturday, November 1st ([mark your calendars now!](#)), and that we will need to begin the solicitations, planning, and organization for this in June. Beginning in June will allow us the time to maximize food donations, line up publicity for, find some free accommodation, and establish more pre-sales.

Board meetings for the remainder of the Kiwanis year will be held May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 15th, and September 12th at McAlister's Deli on Greenville Blvd, from 1230p – 130p. (second Friday of each month except August).

INTERCLUBS

News on this to be announced soon!

MEMBERS/OFFICERS

Jay Briley
Jim Cox
Louis G. Clark, Jr.
Lewis Cahoon
Karen Voytecki
Kent Martin
Kim Rogers
Mary Hall
Peter Martin
Phyllis Flye
Roger Robertson
Ron Sessoms
Devie Shevlin
Todd Siebels
Warner Wells

Karen Voytecki, President
Mary Hall, Secretary
Kim Rogers, Treasurer
Jim Cox, President-Elect

CLUB CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
APRIL 2008	1 Wkly meeting, 7a, K&W	2	3	4	5 Kiwanis One Day Blood Drive	6
7	8 Wkly meeting, 7a, K&W	9	10 WNCT Radiothon - Children's Miracle Network	11	12	13
14	15 Wkly meeting, 7a, K&W	16	17 NW Elementary - Terrific Kids, B.U.G. Awards	18 Board Meeting - 1230p - 130p McAlister's	19	20
21	22 Mo'ly business meeting, 7a, K&W	23	24 Senior Shuffleboard Games	25	26	27
28	29 Wkly meeting, 7a, K&W	30			May 3 Challenger Little League	

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