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District CKI members attended their Fall Membership Rally in Front Royal, Virginia this past October.

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Governor's Message

JOHN MORRIS, 2018-19 GOVERNOR



It is my pleasure to announce that Jon Rife and his Rife Stuff team not only opened 9 clubs last year, the Capital District also had an increase in membership for the first time in many years. At the end of the past Kiwanis year, we had 13 more members district-wide than the prior year. While that is not a very large number, it is significant. Many of our clubs have been losing members steadily over the years and I encourage all of you to work hard to keep reversing that trend.

We continue to Raise the Bar. We are off to an increase again this year. Almost two-thirds of our positive growth so far this year comes from the clubs in the Southwest Region, particularly Divisions 16 and 17. The Southwest Region had 6 of the 9 clubs opened last year and it is off to a strong start this year. Thanks and congratulations go out to Jon Rife, Jeff Dotson, Jon Lentz and Lloyd Enoch.

The Capital District played a major role in the opening of the first Kiwanis Club ever in Mongolia. The Kiwanis Club of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia is a spinoff from the Kiwanis Club of Poquoson, VA. The Poquoson club started a satellite in Mongolia and the members of that satellite who lived in Mongolia decided to create their own club, expanding Kiwanis' international reach. Congratulations to Arima Marder, Terry Johnson and the other members of the Poquoson club for their efforts to expand the work of the Capital District internationally.

I have started making my official visits to the divisions around Capital District. It is exciting to meet Kiwanians in all parts of the District and to learn about the wonderful work being done for our communities and our children. The official visits are taking place at service projects, special ceremonies, and special events at individual clubs. Please contact your Lieutenant Governor to find out when and where the official visit will be in your community. If one has not yet been scheduled in your division, please encourage your Lieutenant Governor to do so and let him or her know your preference in type of event you would like for the Governor's visit.



Both from my travels around the District and from reports I have received from my lieutenant governors, I am amazed at the depth and quality of the service that this District does. In addition to the many Kiwanis branded activities, such as our wonderful Service Leadership Programs, Key Leader, Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades, we also perform a wide variety of other service. Many of our clubs read to students. Our clubs assist other organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs and the bell ringing and Angel Tree projects of the Salvation Army. Our clubs support youth baseball and their ballparks. Our clubs are involved in putting on parties for youth, such as the Waynesboro Kiwanis Club's Halloween party. Our clubs also participate in and organize Christmas and other holiday parades. As an example, Haysi put on a Christmas parade for the first time ever in that community last year. One of our newly opened clubs, the Kiwanis Club of Orange County, was recognized as having the best float for an adult, civic or business organization in the Orange Christmas parade, even though the club has been in existence only a few months.

Our clubs fill backpacks for children who would otherwise go hungry over weekends, holidays and vacations. This does not count the hundreds of thousands of dollars our clubs and their foundations contribute to other such organizations who are providing needed services for the children in our communities. In addition, the Capital District boasts one of the most unique projects in the world, the Fishing Clinic held annually at Buckroe Beach. Our District Foundation has provided significant support to the Children's Hospitals that serve our communities and awarded many scholarships for our youth. Of course, many of clubs also provide scholarships for our youth. A complete list of the outstanding service our clubs do would fill several of these columns. I am extremely proud to be the Governor of a district that does so much for our communities and our youth.

The District is in the process of adding members to our Club Support committees. These committees do not typically meet. Instead, the members serve as resources to clubs in their region. They have knowledge about the various issues that may challenge our clubs. The committees help clubs in such matters as overcoming struggles with membership, assisting in getting out the word about the wonderful things the club does in the community and brainstorming ideas for service to our communities. We would like to have at least one person from each region on each such committee. We have a particular need for members with knowledge of and experience with K-Kids Clubs and Builders Clubs. Please contact your Lieutenant Governor if you would like to know more or are interested in serving the District by being a member of one of the committees.

Thank you for all you do for Kiwanis, for our children and for the communities in the Capital District. Please have a happy and safe holiday season.



Around Capital

DONATE TODAY



THANKS TO OUR CAPITAL CHAMPIONS

PG JOHN TYNER, II, DISTRICT ADVOCATE

As we wind down this calendar year, I have many thanks to offer all of you for your efforts in community service wherever you accomplish it! Great signature projects are done by our clubs in all areas and I appreciate you considering the inclusion of Project Eliminate as one of them.

Our latest model club to attain Legacy status was Bethesda which recently handed me their final check toward their pledge, becoming the 21st of our 27 Legacy Model Clubs. We have another six clubs working toward completion. Speaking of club donations, in October MNT received donations from 9 clubs – Annapolis, Bethesda, Ellicott City, Grafton, Great Bridge-Chesapeake, Middlesex-Saluda, Rockville, Tysons and Williamsburg, plus sundry individual donations. I'm also glad to announce that Capital continues to maintain 100% club participation in Project Eliminate as all 9 new clubs formed in Past Governor Rife's year have been credited with a donation.

Now, more than ever, we are determined to finish what we started. Mothers and babies in the remaining 14 countries, several of which are almost finished their validation, are depending on us, waiting for us to complete our pledges to we can turn promises into funding, funding into vaccines and vaccines into lives saved and futures protected. As of

November 1st, Capital needs to raise \$385k in cash and complete our \$194k in pledges to reach our \$3 million goal and be among our most effective districts in Kiwanis. Just to remind you, we have already made significant contributions by two Lead Donors (\$100k each), seven Major Donors (\$25k each), 96 Centennial Awards (\$1,500 each), over 700 Walter Zeller Fellows/Diamonds (\$1,250 each), and over \$445k from our SLP clubs at all levels.

So, what's the path to follow? You can click the DONATE button here and make your own personal donation credited to you and your club. The 50 clubs who have not yet reached a donation level of \$1,000 could replenish their original effort. Likewise for the additional 13 clubs who could, with little effort, reach a level of \$2,000. I personally thank our top 10 clubs who have together donated in excess of \$800k toward our goal.

For those of you who are able to take advantage of charitable donation tax credits, think about Project Eliminate prior to December 31st and send that check or credit card amount ASAP to KCF and feel you've done your bit. With a little bit more push, we can have a dynamic report ready for you all when we convene at our mid-year conference at Great Wolf Lodge!! Please give me a call at 301.468.2146 or email at tyner@taliesan.com.



Bethesda Treasurer Dick Ruprecht presents their Legacy check to District Advocate John Tyner.

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KEY LEADER

CHARLES MARKS, DISTRICT KEY LEADER CHAIRMAN

This past November, Capital Key Leader held an event at Camp William B. Snyder Camp Ground, Haymarket, VA. We had a great weekend, even though it started out with heavy rain, then turned cold. This was my first event as chairman, although I have attended Key Leader a number of times prior. Many thanks to Stephanie Feinberg, our Site Coordinator, for the wonderful work that she did as her first time as a site coordinator. A huge thank you to Bill Hand, for all his hard work over the last 5 years as Chairman.

Many ask "What is Key Leader?" Key Leader combines hands-on learning, group interaction and focused discussions. Over a Key Leader weekend, you'll grow as a leader and a person. You'll discover who you are. And you'll make new friends along the way.

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Many more ask "Who can attend Key Leader?" It's open to everyone – including you! Any student in grades 9-12 (8th grade for a spring event). A student does not have to be a Key Club Member. A Kiwanis Club, a church, another service club, and of course, PARENTS.

The next Key Leader is in the planning for October 2019. Stay tuned.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING REFRESHERS

KRISTA LATCHAW AND DON DUDEY, DISTRICT LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Hello Officers!! Now that you've been in your post for a few months now, we hope you are settling into your new roles and making a difference in your clubs!! The time has flown by so fast. In the hustle and bustle of the last few months, you may ask yourself – What have I forgotten?

Well, that is a very good question!! The Leadership Development and Training Department has the perfect holiday present for you!! Please see the links below to refresh your knowledge on Key Resources available to you through the Kiwanis website.

- [Club Secretary Education Link](#)
- [Club President Education Link](#)
- [Club Treasurer Education Link](#)

While you have a few minutes this holiday season, re-read the Leadership Guide, brush-up on your monthly 'to-do' list for your position, make sure your Background checks are all up-to-date, or get a jump on those dreaded IRS documents. PS - This information goes great with Grandma's chocolate chip cookies, eggnog, and a nice warm fire!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We are here to support all officers. We wish you the happiest of holidays and happy learning!



The Unorthodox Plan That Grew Our District

PLG JACK WHITE, KIWANIS CLUB OF ABINGDON

THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

Last year's Governor Jon Rife climbed the Kiwanis leadership ladder methodically. First, he led a successful rebuilding of his Grundy club in far Southwest Virginia, then served three terms as Lt. Governor. Next, he became the second District Trustee for Southwest Virginia, serving four years. Along the way, he helped numerous clubs to grow and built two new clubs, Council and Hurley, both in his own coal-mining county.



When the time came for Jon to consider a run for District Governor, he knew that membership growth would be his goal. So he analyzed how he might accomplish it. The numbers were bleak. In the past 25± years—despite the efforts of many governors and other dedicated growth leaders — district membership had fallen from more than 10,000 to 4,363, and the number of clubs from 357 to 140.

Jon always has been a hands-on leader, both in Kiwanis and the large appliance and furniture store in Grundy that Jon's family built and he still operates. From his years as Lt. Governor and later as Trustee, Jon knew his Division 17 like the back of his hand, and he knew the other two SW Virginia divisions (15 and 16) fairly well.

He also thought about distances. There's a reason why Jon's home area, now Div. 17, never before in our District's history had one of its own elected Governor. The accompanying map tells the story. Grundy is tucked in a corner of Virginia just a few miles from the coal mining regions of Kentucky and West Virginia.

Jon knew all too well that the center of district activity was along its eastern coast — from Baltimore to Norfolk. And the two Capital District growth chairs lived in Williamsburg, 400 miles from Grundy.

He decided that his growth plan should be focused on the three divisions in the SW Virginia Region, 15, 16 and 17 — with a strong emphasis on his own Div. 17.

In a spirited 2016 election, Jon was chosen Governor-Elect. He soon decided that he would lead his own growth team and rely strongly on the District's Lt. Governors for help. However, the focus would be on the three SW Virginia Lt. Governors: Lloyd Enoch of Roanoke (Div 15); Dr. John Lentz of Abingdon (Div 16) and Jeff Dotson of Wise (Div. 17).

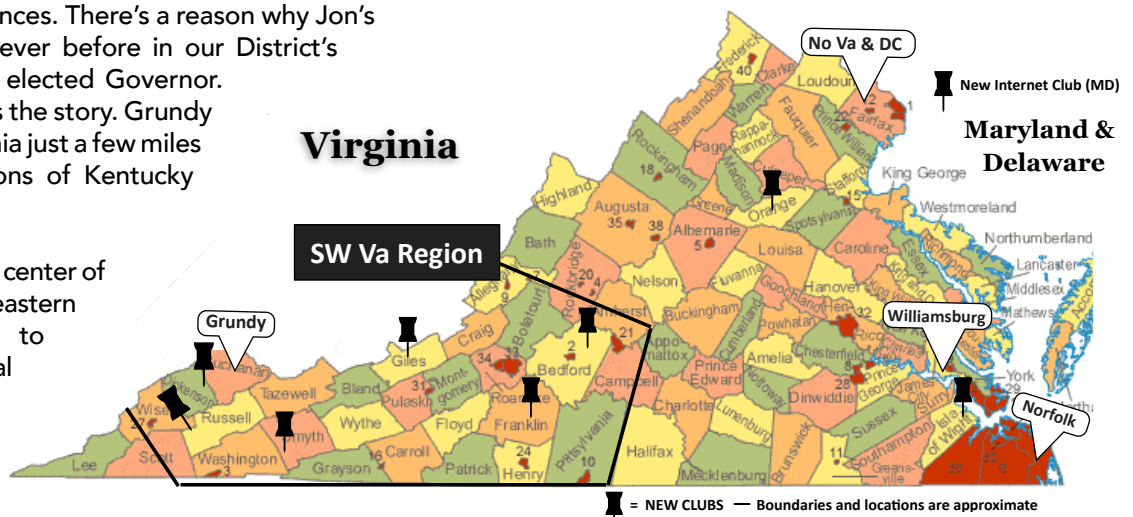
Dotson was to be Jon's right-hand man and he personally picked Dotson to lead the 2017-18 Lt. Governor's Class. Dotson did not disappoint. Within two months after the Kiwanis year began, with help from his Governor, Dotson had chartered their first club in the adjoining towns of St. Paul and Castlewood.



At its charter night in April, the new club had 25 members and a \$5,000 gift from the personal foundation of two local business leaders to begin its work.

Jon's original plan was to ask each of the District's six regions to charter one new club each plus another for good measure. But SW Virginia was off to a strong start and attention increasingly focused there.

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LET'S KEEP THE DISTRICT GROWING

Every membership-based organization knows that, to remain healthy and (yes) to survive, it must constantly recruit new members. That means new members for the local groups it already has (in Kiwanis, our clubs), and adding new local groups (in our case, new Kiwanis clubs).

But which is more important — helping existing clubs grow or building new ones? This question can divide our leaders.

We were told about a Kiwanis District on the Pacific coast that literally divided into two opposing groups. One group said faltering clubs should be allowed to die and new clubs built to take their place. The other said many if not most faltering clubs can be saved and helped to grow, and equal efforts should be made to save existing clubs and build new ones.

Last year's Capital District Governor Jon Rife hung his hat squarely on the "new clubs" peg and pursued that goal with a laser-like focus. As the article to your left reports, this effort paid off spectacularly with nine new clubs chartered and about 25 years of membership losses ended.

But how to keep the momentum going after the current year? Governor John Morris already has a team in place and a plan that he hopes will do just that. This article, thus, will concentrate on the years to follow, beginning with David Lurie's governorship in 2019-20.

Jon gave us an interview about his thoughts on maintaining the district's growth efforts under John Morris' successors.

First, Organization

For his year as governor, Jon had a fairly typical organization, he relied a lot on his Lt. Governors, especially those in the SW Virginia Region (where most of last year's growth occurred).

Future governors may not have the time or be inclined to spend as much time on the ground with their troops as Jon did. For this reason, growth committees or other groups most likely will be needed. And Jon thinks they should extend from the District level down to the clubs. In short, membership growth should remain a top District priority with the support groups this effort will need.

Second, Training

More important to Jon is training for the growth leaders. He pointed out that few Kiwanians in the Capital District now have actual experience building new clubs. Why is this so?

Before the past year, only one or two new clubs were built most years (and in some recent years none). And when new club building moved into high gear last year, six of the new clubs were in the SW Virginia Region — meaning only three were built in the other five Regions.

As a result, the bench of experienced club builders in most of the District is thin. "We need to train these leaders, and it should be first-class, similar to what we did in Roanoke last year," Jon said. He brought in top people from Kiwanis International, including the KI president, for a day long training session — the first of its kind in memory. And the effort appears to have paid off.

"We need to get our guidance from the best people Kiwanis has to offer," Jon said. "And the presentations at these conferences should be video recorded for use in our regions, divisions and clubs."

Third, Use the District Trustees

Jon views the six District Trustees as our most under-utilized asset. When this position was created, the majority thought the Trustees should not become a new layer of leadership. They were going to serve on the District Board. Otherwise, they would only get involved at the request of the Governor. "These are some of our best and most experienced leaders," Jon said, "and I've become convinced we are not using them as much as we should."

The District has six Trustees, one for each Region, and they serve three-year terms. One idea that Jon put forward is to have three of the six Trustees lead a District-wide new club building team, including coaching those clubs in their early years. The other three Trustees would lead a team to help existing clubs grow — including trying to save faltering clubs. "Whether it's done this way, or we ask the Trustees to oversee growth efforts in their individual Regions, they must be leaders in our future membership growth efforts," Jon said.

There you have it: Three big ideas for future growth from the person who made it happen last year in the Capital District.

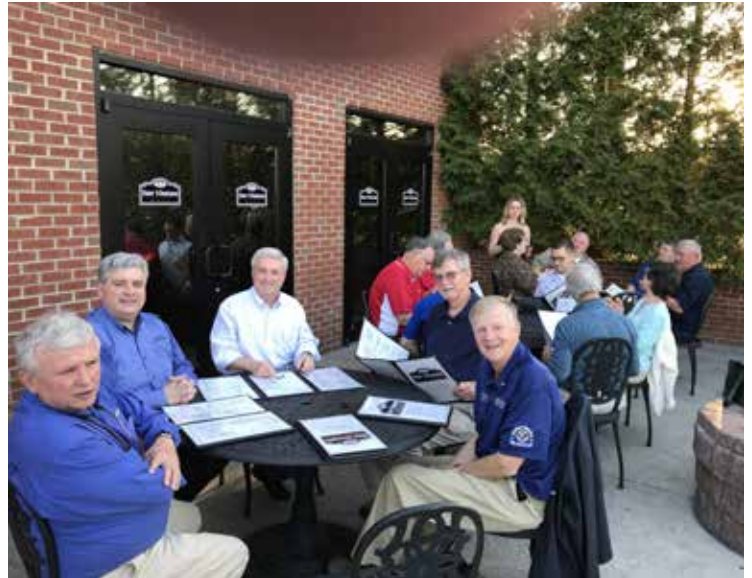
THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX (CONTINUED)

By year's end, with effective work by SW Virginia's Lt. Governors, their Divisions each had chartered two new clubs, for an unprecedented total of six. However, growth was not confined there and the Heart of Virginia, Mason-Dixon and SE Virginia Regions each chartered a new club — for grand total of nine.

Meantime, Dotson also was working to build up the 10 existing clubs of his Div. 17. By year's end, those clubs had gained 19 members. Add the 43 members of its new clubs and Div.17 grew last year by an unheard-of 62 members. And this year's latest report shows that Div. 17, with Dotson still its leader, still is growing.

Writing in the last Capital Kiwanian, Jon did not try to take credit for last year's success. He emphasized that it was an effort by the entire "Rife Stuff" team. However, the record clearly shows that Jon's strategy of concentrating his efforts close to home base, where the clubs and communities are more familiar and the travel distances shorter, paid off handsomely. The 2017-18 year in the Capital District most likely will be remembered for two things: (i) the first Governor from the District's western-most Division in the mountains of SW Virginia, and (ii) this Governor's unorthodox membership plan that resulted in record growth for the District (at least in modern memory).

Sometimes thinking outside the box pays big dividends.



“CONGRATULATIONS to Jon Rife and his Rife Stuff Team as well as to Missy and Scott [Zimmerman] as our 2017-2018 Formula Chairs. As a District we finished +13, our first net growth in years!”

- Governor John Morris



Service Showcase



Division 1

Kiwanis club of Far East wrapped over 50 Christmas gifts for Deanwood Rehabilitation & Wellness Center.



Division 2

Kiwanis Club of Tysons members prepared a meal and holiday cookies for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House of Northern Virginia. They also gathered that weekend to lay wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery with Wreathes Across America.



Division 12

The cool, misty rain provided ideal conditions for a dozen members of the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg to help get the Grove Community Garden looking inviting again as part of their annual Kiwanis One-Day Project. Those who attended came away with a lot more than they anticipated when they first arrived: not only did they have the satisfaction of another excellent community service project, but they also harvested a variety of vegetables and flowers to take home, as well as a plethora of gardening knowledge and local lore from the Garden's director Rob Till!

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Utilizing Social Media



COURTNEY RILEY, DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS CO-CHAIRPERSON

Social interaction, whether it be face-to-face or online, is the foundation of Kiwanis International. Our clubs are built upon establishing relationships with members and the community. While most clubs have the face-to-face interaction down pretty well, some are still unsure of the online world. However, if you hope to gain influence and trust in your community, your club should have an active online presence. What is the best way to do that? Social media.

Over the years, social media has changed the way people consume and share information. With hundreds of platforms out there, it can be hard to navigate this online world. Once your club is a social media master, you will gain influence, establish trust, and become a leader in your community. It's time to get started!

FIND YOUR CHANNEL

It was mentioned that there are hundreds of social media platforms out there. If you are just getting started on social media, don't try to tackle every channel! Find the one that your members are active on, and start there. Trying to keep up with changes on each platform can be time-consuming and make them more difficult to master.

DETERMINE HOW YOUR CLUB WILL UTILIZE THE ONLINE WORLD

Start by assigning someone to manage your page. This person should have a general idea of how to navigate your chosen social media platform; they will be responsible for updating the page multiple times throughout the week, responding to questions/comments from visitors of your page, and determining the best times to share information about your club. They should also encourage members to follow your Kiwanis page and connect with other Kiwanis members.

SHARE YOUR BEST CONTENT

This part is two-fold because your club should be creating content, and your members should be sharing content related to your club. A few ideas for the Kiwanis clubs include: meeting information, community news, photos from service projects, links to your clubs website, updates on fundraising or special projects, posts from the community, posts from Kiwanis International, invitations to club meetings, polls/questions for the community. A few ideas for Kiwanis members can include: checking in at club meetings, sharing photos of Kiwanis activities, inviting friends to club events/to like the page, commenting, and sharing updates from the Kiwanis International page and your club page.



As you can see, getting started is the easy part, but maintaining a strong online presence and navigating the changing platforms can prove to be difficult. Don't be afraid to seek help from marketing experts like Proximo. Starting out with a little bit of training from someone who knows the social media world can make a huge difference in how successful your club can be online.



Family Ties

Updates from our Kiwanis Family Governors

Key Club CHRIS BRATCHER, GOVERNOR

Capital District Kiwanis,

Capital District Key Club finished their second to last board meeting of the year in the second week of November leading up to our District Convention in Baltimore, Maryland from March 15 to March 17. During that same weekend, we held our second Key Leader for the year in Haymarket, Virginia. All of our lieutenant governors are now planning for their winter elections where their divisions will elect their lieutenant governor for the 2019-2020 school year so feel free to tell your Key Club members to run for this position.



I plan to send out my Mid-Year Report to my district in mid-December. We are also preparing to hold Key Club's International Convention in Baltimore, Maryland in the summer of 2019 for around 1,000 Key Clubbers from 34 districts. As a whole, we are starting to wrap up as student leaders for this service year as we soon turn our positions over to new officers in March.

Yours in Service,



Christopher Bratcher

CKI JOSE LEONCIO, GOVERNOR

Greetings Kiwanis Family!

I am excited to share with all of you the most recent membership numbers for CKI! As of 12/5, we have 487 dues paid members with 18 paid clubs. We are trending ahead of last year's number. At this time last year, we were at 400 members with 15 dues paid clubs. I am determined that as a district we will have a positive growth this year! I ask that all of you reach out to your CKI and ask them if they have a Spring Recruitment plan in place. See if they need help with funding any materials needed for their spring membership drive. For those clubs who have already seen a membership increase, encourage them to go further and recruit more. I am a firm believer that there is always one more person that can be recruited into CKI. With an increase of our membership, we will have an increase of our impact.



The holiday season is one of the most active and impactful ones for our Kiwanis Family. It is so heartwarming to see the increase in partnership between Kiwanis Clubs and their SLPs. Please continue to invite your SLPs to all your service events and meetings! This is where we make those long lasting connections.

Lastly, I want to cordially invite you to CKI's 59th Annual District Convention at Virginia Crossings & Conference Center in Glen Allen, VA on February 22-24. If you cannot make it the whole weekend, we have special prices for meals and one-night lodging! Our DCON is full of exciting events like club awards, workshops, a large scale service project, and elections of the 2019-2020 District Board. This is our largest event of the year and you surely do not want to miss it! Here is the registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/CDCKI19>

Happy holidays!



Jose Leoncio

Beyond the Call

DONALD CARLE WELLS, KIWANIS CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA

BY KAITLYN BLUME, VICE-PRESIDENT, KIWANIS CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA

Kiwanian Donald Carle Wells was born July 23, 1922 to Charles Shelley and Marie Virginia Wells. A commissioned officer in the United States Navy, Wells is no stranger to service. In addition to his military service, Don has given over six decades worth of service to the Alexandria community.



He was the PTA President of Maury Elementary School in 1961; volunteered for the Special Olympics; Alexandria District Chairman for the National Capital Area Boy Scouts of America from 1969-1971; Salvation Army Chairman of the Advisory Board in Alexandria; President of the Alexandria Bar Association; Dean, Elder, Chair of the Congregation and Trustee for First Christian Church of Alexandria; and long-time member and past President of the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria.

Now 96 years old, members of the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria sat down with Wells to have him reflect not only on his service to the community but his 60 years of perfect attendance as a Kiwanian. Here is our interview with Don Wells:

Where did you grow up?

I was born on July 23, 1922 in Cambridge, MD on the Choptank River but in 1937, our family relocated to Bethany, West Virginia.

Do you recall when you first became aware of Kiwanis?

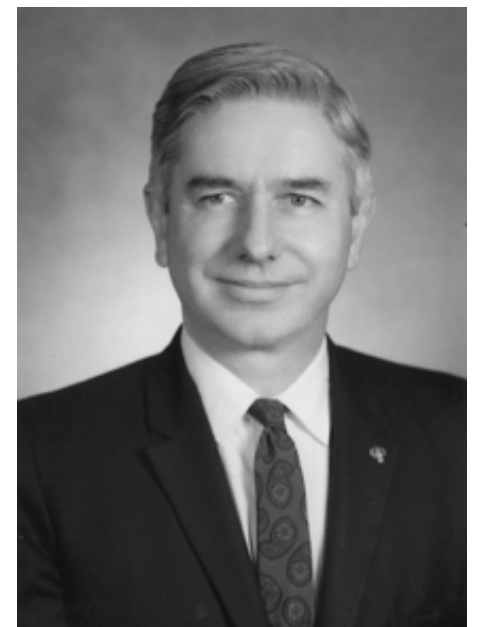
My wife, Eleanor, and I moved to Alexandria in 1951 where I joined Davis and Ruffner Law Firm, a company that managed the settlement of house purchases. I joined Kiwanis on May 8, 1958 as a way to become more involved with the "movers and shakers" of Alexandria.

Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only club, but the wives of many Kiwanians played a significant role. How was your wife involved in that organization?

Initially known as the Ki-Wives, close to 30-40 women met monthly for luncheon meetings at the Christ Church on King Street. My wife, Eleanor, also attended. They organized many small fundraisers to support the work of their husbands and the work of Kiwanis at-large. They made clothes for dolls the Salvation Army was giving out at Christmas, they furnished a room at Guest House, a local Alexandria non-profit, and they collected gym bags and filled them with personal articles for children of incarcerated parents.

What are some of the projects you remember most after you joined?

The most humorous project was the Duck Dash. Yellow, rubber duckies with unique numbers written on their bottoms, were sold to individuals as a fundraiser. The prize was a donated new car. The duckies were dropped into Cameron Run off Eisenhower Avenue and very slowly, they flowed over the rocks and retaining wall type dams. The day of the event was during a drought so the duckies had to be pushed over the dams with sticks. As each ducky passed over the lower dams, great cheers went up. Several hours were spent but eventually a winner was announced!



You were the club's 56th President in 1972-73, what was the highlight of your tenure?

I attended the Annual International Convention in Montreal, Canada with Eleanor and Peck & Barbara Davis. I enjoyed it so much that we all attended the 1977 International Convention in Dallas, TX, where my oldest brother Chuck and his wife Virginia lived as well as the 1991 International Convention in Baltimore, MD.

You have achieved a goal that very few reach, perfect attendance for over 60 years. What inspired you to achieve this?

I've always been a person who attempts to squeeze the most out of life. I participated in many Kiwanis committees and wanted to challenge myself to achieve perfect attendance. I knew this meant attending other Kiwanis chapters, either locally or while on vacation, plus attending Board meetings.

Do you have any stories from your efforts to achieve perfect attendance?

A big help in attending lots of other chapter meetings was Kiwanian Charlie Pearson who owned and piloted a small, 4-seater plane. In one day, Charlie, myself, and 2 other Kiwanians flew to a breakfast meeting in Myrtle Beach, a lunch meeting at another site, an afternoon meeting and the Alexandria Chapter Board meeting. Four meetings in 1 day!

In what club committees and events did you participate during your Kiwanis career?

I was the chairman of the spiritual aims committee meaning I was responsible for the annual seasonal message, blessings at all weekly meetings and special events. I was also responsible for sending sympathy cards on behalf of the club.



You were the Skipper of the S.E.S 145 Kiwanian. Describe how that came about and about your involvement.

I worked with a Navy gentleman who located available boats on Little Creek in Maryland, to help start a Sea Scouts Chapter in Alexandria. A boat was picked out and a man named Joel was able to get the Woodrow Wilson Bridge builders to bring the boat up on the barge that was used to transport materials for the bridge. A Sea Scout leader from Baltimore moved to Alexandria and became the Skipper. He trained the Scouts and, on the S.E.S. 145 Kiwanian, took them on trips down the Potomac on to the Inner Harbor and almost to Delaware.

Around Veteran's Day each year, you participate in a seminar at the Sandberg Middle School on your experiences in World War II. How did that begin and for how long?

Sandburg Middle School on Fort Hunt Road has invited me to an event each year where the students ask questions of visiting war veterans. I was present when his troop transport ship, the U.S.S. Barnett, delivered soldiers to Utah Beach during D-Day. The Barnett dropped off the soldiers, pulled back, waited, then moved back in to pick-up wounded. The most frequently asked question by the students is, "Did you kill anyone?"

What has been the most satisfying experience with Kiwanis?

Definitely the Salvation Army bus project. Henry Clark bought the bus for the Salvation Army, but it was in Georgia. Henry was able to get the Pepsi plane to fly 8 people to Georgia. They were, Kiwanians Peck Davis, Henry Clark, myself and others, plus Marshall Cleary, the Head of Alexandria Salvation Army. They arrived in Georgia where they got the bus and took turns driving the bus back. I had never driven a bus before so they let me drive for 8-10 minutes.



Capital Record



Ribbon Cutting

Featured on the cover of the October/November issue, the Merchant Park Playground Ribbon Cutting/Dedication Ceremony was held November 17. The Honorable Derrick Wood, Mayor of Dumfries, and two Council members were in attendance to dedicate the playground that was built by the Kiwanis Club of Woodbridge and their sponsored Key Club.

Welcome to Kiwanis

Dr. Kristen Vincent, Greater Millsboro

Happy Anniversary

December

Marion	1922
Towson-Timonium	1928
Westminster	1931
Clintwood	1937
Chincoteague	1946
Loch Raven	1950
Hampden-Midtown	1952
Virginia Beach.....	1954
Northwest Washington	1955
Severna Park.....	1955
La Plata	2002

January

Portsmouth	1920
Lynchburg	1920
Norton	1921
Radford.....	1923
Dover.....	1935
Bridgeville	1939
Bethesda	1945
Eastern Branch	1948
Suburban Frederick	1972
Northern Neck-Kilmarnock.....	1989
Grafton	1991
Downtown Hampton	2009

Mark Your Calendars!

2019 MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

March 8-10, 2019
Great Wolf Lodge
Williamsburg, VA

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

2019 DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 23-25, 2019
Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk
Waterfront Hotel
Portsmouth, VA

COVER

Creating Miracles Through Service

The Christmas Holiday season is kicked off annually in Williamsburg with Grand Illumination Weekend. The Chamber and Tourism Alliance sponsors a parade that is attended by thousands of residents and visitors alike. This year's theme was Miracle on DOG (Duke of Gloucester) Street, and participants were to create a float that demonstrated a miracle. The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg came up with "Creating Miracles Through Service", created our paver cross streets of Kiwanis Way and Miracle Street (real street signs), then had directional signs for some of the organizations that the club creates miracles for through their service and support. Kiwanis won first place in the Civic Organization category!



Charter Night

Kiwanis Club of Orange County held their Charter Night. Officers of the new club are: President Melissa Conley; Secretary Clysta Walters; Treasurer Charles Cifizzari. Gov. Morris and Immediate Past Governor Rife were in attendance.

Eye on KI

News from Kiwanis International



PLAN YOUR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TRIP

REGISTER

The 2019 Kiwanis International convention will take place June 27-30, 2019 at the Walt Disney World® Resort in Florida, USA.

Registration fees

- o US\$300 until April 5
- o US\$350 until May 17
- o US\$400 on site
- o US\$150 single-day registration

BOOK YOUR HOTEL

[Book your room](#) at official resort hotels.

Consult the convention schedule.

The Disney Magical Express is a free shuttle available to travel to and from the airport. There will be complimentary shuttles between properties during the convention.

VOLUNTEER

Consider volunteering for the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee. Sergeants-at-arms play an important role by providing logistical assistance and support at all sessions, forums and events. They enjoy a behind-the-scenes role — with plenty of time left over to enjoy other convention activities. Make sure to indicate your wish to be a sergeant-at-arms on your registration form.

Kiwanians from the host district can volunteer with the Host Committee. Members put their regional knowledge to use, performing tasks such as advising Kiwanians about things to do locally and in surrounding areas, staffing the registration desk and more. Members are asked to perform a minimum of three volunteer hours.

NOTE: The Sergeant-At-Arms Committee is separate from the convention Host Committee.

BUDGET FOR THE CONVENTION

Make a place in your club's budget so you can send two club representatives to the 2019 Kiwanis International convention. Delegates need to fill out the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates to the Kiwanis International convention.

As required by the Kiwanis International Bylaws, the funds for sending club delegates come from a club's administrative budget. When you calculate the budget for the convention, here are the costs you should consider covering for two people:

- Registration fee and select ticketed events
- Travel
- Hotel accommodations
- Per diem

If your club needs some guidance with budgeting, a template for a club budget is available in the treasurer section of the Leadership Guide.

We hope you'll take the opportunity to send club delegates to the convention. They'll vote on issues shaping the future of Kiwanis. And they'll return better equipped to help your club serve your community. After all, representation at Kiwanis International convention is more than just a line item in your club's budget. It's your club's voice.



CHILDREN IN NORTH CAROLINA THANK KIWANIS

Nearly 15 adult and youth clubs worked together this past October to help children displaced from their North Carolina homes by Hurricane Florence. The clubs used more than US\$30,000 in disaster grant money from the Kiwanis Children’s Fund, the Carolinas District and other sources to buy new coats, blankets, food and cleaning supplies. About a dozen boxes of supplies were taken to kids at a Lumberton, North Carolina, elementary school. Social workers will work with the clubs to get more kids the supplies they need.

SERVICE SHOWCASE (CONTINUED)



Division 14

Virginia Beach Kiwanis members worked with the Cox SCA, Key Club, and several other Honor Societies on a major project where the students prepared 1,620 sandwich/meal bags for the needy--in 24 minutes and 17 seconds! Kiwanis provided all the bread for the sandwiches and the projects was entirely managed by the students.

LET'S MEET WHERE IT'S MAGIC.



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