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

Remembering Betty Parrigin



Betty Parrigin died July 16, 2007, and was remembered by family and friends in a beautiful memorial service at the First Presbyterian Church on July 20. Betty may have passed from this world but her infectious smile remains with us.

Betty combined a law degree from the University of Virginia and a library degree from the University of Texas into a distinguished career in Columbia. She was the law librarian at the University of Missouri for many years and he also had her own law practice in Columbia.

She and Perry have both left their marks on our club in many ways. Betty joined our club in 1991 and served as our president in the 1997-98 club year.

Our condolences go out to Perry and the family.

Melegrito Did It His Way

David Melegrito has entertained our club with his wonderful voice before but he recently also took First Place in the Open Division at the Boone County Fair's talent show on July 27.

David says that he has entered the Talent Contest several times before but had not had the success he did this year. He sang "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" along with 15 or 16 other contestants in the preliminaries and then hit them with Sinatra's "My Way" in the finals, adding a few Melegrito flourishes, such as jumping up on a chair!

Congratulations to David.



Excellence All Around

Our July programs showcased leadership and excellence in several of our local institutions. Sherrill Gladney from the Columbia-Boone County Health department explained the extensive planning that our health officials are doing in the advent of a major pandemic – not a pleasant thought but an essential effort to minimize the effects from one. Columbia College's Dr. Brouder and Stephens College's Dr. Libby reminded us of the impressive growth and vigor



of these schools. And Dr. Bill Crist told of the recent accomplishments and the plans to take the MU Medical School into the ranks of the elite medical schools in the country.

AUGUST PROGRAMS

(Jay Self, Program Chair)

Aug. 7 – Jeanie Bentley, Development Office for Boys and Girls Town of Missouri – A Residential Care Center for Children

Aug. 14 – Mary Wilkerson, first annual 2007 Roots and Blues Festival sponsored by Boone County National Bank

Aug. 21 – Dr. Dana Fritz, Clinical Professor in Communications Science and Disorders (CSD), and director of the Robert G. Combs Language Preschool

Aug. 28 – Gina Greenplate, Dir. Easter Seals Child Development & Learning Center – 2007 recipient of Outstanding Early Childhood Professional Award – for Center Based care



Jason's Message

Summer has been in full swing...and so have our donations to worthy causes. I hope that all of you have been paying attention to the money that the Youth Services Committee has been giving away lately. It is only due to your personal efforts that we

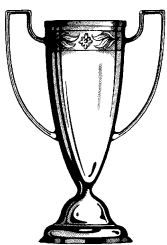
have the ability to do so.

While we are only hearing from the program directors that our monies are making a difference in the lives of young children, know that we are in fact making huge differences. When we do get the thank you letters, take a moment to come up and read them after a meeting. Many times they send photos showing the bright, smiling and happy faces that we are helping. Or better yet, do as Elliott Bentley did when he went to Coyote Hill. Take the opportunity to go and visit these fine organizations and you will know that Kiwanis has made a difference.

The Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery Reading Program has made a huge impact in those that have attended—not only the children, but equally upon the Kiwanians. Each week there is a happy dollar from the membership about the Nursery. Why Bob Piest is even going to learn Spanish! While this is in fact a specific hands-on program we have adopted, there is no reason why we could not organize a field trip to visit the other fine organizations that we sponsor. I am sure they would be delighted to have us.

So remember, when the clip boards start circulating again in the near future, give freely of your time. One can make a difference, and that one is you. Until next month, *Jason*

The "Wilkie" Award



In case you missed it, we were reminded by Dr. Wendy Libby, President of Stephens College, when she spoke to the club on July 24 that Stephens has honored long time club member "Wilkie" Wilkerson by annually awarding the H.E. Wilkerson Award for Outstanding Service to

Stephens College Admissions to a most deserving admissions person. Of course, it will be hard to top Wilkie's own service to the institution.



Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting July 11, 2007

Treasurer Metcalf reviewed financial reports up to June 30, 2007. The club budget is on track. A question was raised concerning monies spent under

honors and awards in June. The treasurer will review those items to determine if expenditures were properly allocated. As of the end of June, the club net worth was \$4,037.72.

During May, 2007 we received our allocation for Pancake Day of \$5,795.29, a Foundation budget shortfall of \$204.71. Concessions income is strong at \$10,282.64.

The Memorial Trust Fund at the end of June, including cash, was worth \$156,727.62. We are currently making distributions through the youth services committee which to date have totaled \$2,228.00 and have not yet made planned expenditures to Nora Stewart of \$4,000.

The Earl Collins Foundation has asked for \$5.00 per member. We budgeted \$350.00. We approved a motion that we pay the foundation our budgeted amount of \$350.00.

The MTF cash account stands at \$5,242.59. A motion was approved to authorize the Memorial Trust Fund committee to invest the \$5,000 in a currently owned investment instrument within our current portfolio.

Leaves of absence were approved for: Tony Novacky 22 May to 1 November, 2007, due to travel; Betty and Perry Parrigin 1 July to 31 December, 2007, due to illness; John Bozarth 1 July to 31 December, 2007, for health reasons.

The 2007-2008 Club Distinguished Award criteria were shared with the board.

Delegates and alternates to the MO-ARK district convention to be held August 9-12, 2007 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City were selected. Delegates approved were Jim Bowman, John Haralson and Jason Simmons. Alternates selected were Ray Lansford, Sally Robinson and Ernie Lee.

The 2007-2008 Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida, June 26-29, 2008.

Jim Bowman and Sally Robinson reviewed needs at the Nora Stewart Nursery. Immediate needs are for air conditioning repair and a roof replacement. We understand the air conditioner has been repaired but that the roof is still in need of repair. Leadership Columbia has also become involved with offering aid. There is a possibility that grants may be applied for.

Bowman and Robinson will meet with the Executive Director of Nora Stewart to get a better picture of activities and see if efforts for the various entities involved can be coordinated.

Sander presented a comprehensive report as to concession income by club and activity. Our club reported

income from our share of working concession at \$9,141.49. Our club donated 1,206.59 hours, equating to a “pay” rate of \$7.58 per hour. Total income for all clubs was \$23,297.93 with our club achieving the largest share.

Sander reminded us that we budgeted \$1,000 for the Hixson reward. Due to a good income situation, Sander moved that we add to the budget another \$1,000 for an additional Hixson award. Metcalf seconded. Motion approved.

President Simmons reported that our club is responsible to provide the overall coordinator for all clubs for the 2007-08 year concessions activity. That person will need to be identified soon.

Summarized by Ye Editor from the official minutes submitted by Secretary Ernie Lee.

More Fruits Of Our Labors

The Youth Services committee continued its work in July awarding club grants to worthy community organizations that help our children. On July 3, Cheryl Miller of Project Crib at Douglass High School accepted a check from Elliott Bentley and the next week Barbara Walker accepted a club check for the Fun City project.



Access Arts Director Chris Sharp received our check on July 17.

Memorial Trust Fund Update



We are making great progress this year towards our goal of raising \$25,000 for the Memorial Trust Fund. We have raised almost \$10,000 through the anniversaries and birthday contributions of each member. Some have been generous and given more than their actual years.

We now have a member who has come forward who will match dollar for dollar all contributions beginning August 1 and ending September 30, 2007 up to \$5,000. If we, the members, accept this challenge we will raise \$10,000 by the end of our Kiwanis year! I believe we are up to the challenge.

We have a few members who have said they will

give each year on their We Build fund. These are set at graduating levels and you may take as long as you need to attain the goal you set for yourself. These people are recognize in the MTF bulletin insert at our annual banquet.

The levels are as follows:

Assistant Builder: \$1,000 to \$2,499

Associate Builder: \$2,500 to \$4,999

Builder: \$5,000 to \$9,999

Master Builder: \$10,000 and above

Legacy Society: Members who have put the MTF in their will.

If you would like to add the MTF to your will and have not done so already our own Chad Caraker has offered to do this for any member free of charge. He will not do a complete will, just add the MTF to an existing will.

We have had a slower than expected start with our partnership with Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery School but we are making a difference there. Cheryl Howard, the new director, has made amazing improvements in her short time with Nora Stewart. We have purchased an oval Kiwanis rug for the older children’s classroom and Ivan Sander and Ernest Hilderbrand made some beautiful book displays for the two classrooms. Ivan is in the process of making a cabinet and shelves for the office. We hope to use the remainder of the \$5,000 budgeted for Nora Stewart on curriculum and continuing education for the teachers.

We are making a difference in children’s lives. Keep up the good work and contributions to the Memorial Trust Fund.

Sally Robinson, Chairperson, MTF



Interclub At Moberly

Carolyn Young, Ed Andler, George Burgin and Don Rowland had an interclub meeting with the Moberly Kiwanis club on July 11. They learned that the Moberly club had high praise for the Kiwanis International Terrific Kids program which they were involved with. The Moberly club also reported on a basketball tourney that they put on as a fund raising project, earning \$3,400 the last time. Don and the others suggest that our Finance and Fund Raising Committee get more particulars for future consideration.

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August Birthdays:

Aug. 8 – James Powell
Aug. 9 – John Yonker
Aug. 11 – Bill Reilly
Aug. 13 – John Maynard
Aug. 16 – Bob Parks
Aug. 16 – Bob Smith
Aug. 23 – Gary Smith
Aug. 26 – Otto Steinhaus
Aug. 30 – Bill Crawford

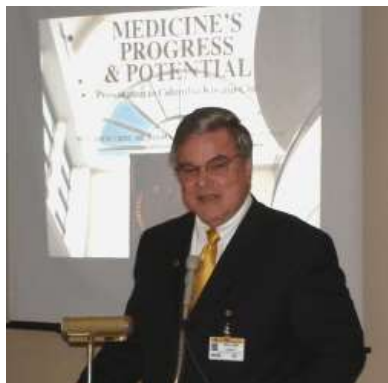


August Anniversaries:

Aug. 4 – Eric & Allyson Cunningham
Aug. 6 – Walker & Doris Allen
Aug. 8 – Ed & Kakie Love Maynard
Aug. 17 – John & Linda Maynard
Aug. 18 – Francis & Clara Pike
Aug. 18 – Gary & Carol Smith
Aug. 20 – David & Joan Stine



We are nearing the end of yet another club year. So mark your calendar now for the 2007-2008 Installation Banquet September 25. More details in the next newsletter.



*Dr. William Crist,
Dean, MU School of
Medicine*



More On Our Musical Heritage

Music has been a common theme for our club throughout its history. Bill "Singing Cowboy" Crawford and David "Sinatra" Melegrito are recent examples but the Singing Cowboy has also provided the following recollections of earlier club musical exploits. For over twenty years, Professor Franklin B. Launer, director of music at Christian (now Columbia) College was our music chairman. Other music academics and vocal talents included E. F. VanBuskirk, Herbert Gould, Rogers Whitmore, Irwin Umlauf, Jack Blaylock, and our own Perry Parrigin and Bill Crawford.

Music wasn't limited to our own meetings—members used to travel out and spread the sound. In the mid-1940s the club had a traveling Men's Quartet consisting of Herbert Gould, Walter Baird, Bill Crawford, and Ramey Whitney. They traveled as far as the Missouri-Iowa line.

And we weren't limited to voice either. As late as the 1960s the club had a traveling band that included Roy Willey, Leon Smith, Cecil Elder (trumpet), Jack Murphy (trombone), Bill Crawford (trombone) and others. As Bill Crawford recalls "We sounded pretty good most of the time!"

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