



MiniBuilder

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Governor's Message by Governor Don Dudey

Why is membership growth so important?

I know you have been hearing membership growth for a long time and, after awhile, we start to close our ears and actions toward it. But, the bottom line is two things: continuity of our clubs and continued and/or growth in the amount of service we provide our communities.

Continuity of our clubs is paramount to you and your community. Yes, small clubs can continue doing their service work, but after a period of time, when the same members are doing everything all the time, they simply wear out. This is exactly what happened

to our Columbia, Maryland club, the officers had served 5 or 6 times and no one in the club was helping out on the projects. Eventually, they said enough is enough and folded the club. This is the last thing anyone wants of a Kiwanis club. Membership growth is critical so that we don't have this "burn out" situation in any club.

Secondly, if your club membership has stayed the same over the past 3 years or more then likely the same Kiwanians are doing the same projects and your club has not added any new projects nor has your club increased the number of service hours they perform during each year.



Again, the way to improve this situation is to increase the number of members within your club. More "hands" (Kiwanians) means more service we can provide to our communities.

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District Dues Increase By Governor Don Dudey

What? A Capital District Dues Increase?

Yes, you have heard right. The Capital District Board of Directors voted to recommend an amendment to the Capital District Bylaws to increase our annual dues effective October 1, 2010.

The Board's recommendation came after three years of analysis and discussion by previous boards and this year's board. These Boards have looked at ways to cut expenses and have taken cost-saving actions. We studied ways to improve our investment income which ultimately resulted in hiring an investment manager to properly oversee our investments. In spite of these actions, we still have had difficulty operating without using our reserves from previous years. Why? Our Capital District membership has steadily decreased from a high of 10,800 members to today's 6484 members while the cost of doing business has

steadily increased - inflation for one has been between 3-4% over the past 10 years.

This was not an easy decision by the Board. Much discussion and analysis occurred before this decision was made. We want to make sure all the Kiwanis members of the Capital District understand why and how the board reached this decision. So, over the next three months, District Trustees, with the help of the LTGs in their region, will conduct a series of seminars presenting the Board's position on this proposed Bylaw amendment. The seminar will be an open discussion, and the trustees will listen to what ideas you have regarding this proposed amendment. At our June 5, 2010, District Board meeting, your comments, ideas, and concerns will be reviewed and discussed. If an adjustment to the Board's proposal is required, we will adjust accordingly, and then present the revised Bylaw amendment to all members prior to our District Convention in August. There we will all vote on this bylaw amendment.

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There are various ways a club can work in improving their membership, and your LTG is out there to help your club work on those different ways. If you still need ideas, the District Club Growth Committee within your region has many ideas. Call Past Governor Art Riley for any help you might need. I know this committee has been actively working with many clubs and have had success with the clubs they worked with, give them a call now.

I have instituted a Membership Growth Contest during May and June. The club with the highest percentage of growth during these two months will receive a Division award. Then each Division winner will be eligible to receive the top prize of \$750 or five honorable mention prizes of \$250. Your club can use it towards anything they would like, but preferably some service project or program they are working on, like your SLP program. Your LTG can give you more specifics, if needed, on this contest. The winners will be announced at our Lynchburg VA District Convention in August.

KiwanisOne Day is April 10, 2010 and it is a great way any club can "show off" what Kiwanis is all about. I hope your club is participating in this great event - all Kiwanis clubs across the US are conducting a service project on the same day, telling everyone about Kiwanis and what service we provide to our communities. If your club can't work on April 10, then any day during the month of April will work, but we need/must tell everyone - newspapers, flyers, radio or TV- what this KiwanisOne Day is all and how Kiwanis helps their communities.

I know many clubs are actively working on membership growth so keep up the great work, and for those clubs who have not started, I encourage you to start now, it's not too late to begin growing. Again, the more "hands" (Kiwanians) we have the more service we can do for our communities. Let's all grow and celebrate our successes in Lynchburg. Yours in Service,
Don L. Dudey, Governor

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Dues Increase

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The Board hopes you take the time to attend one of these Dues Increase Seminars, listen to what we have presented, comment on our presentation and offer any suggestions. This will not be a "behind closed doors" decision for the membership to make. We want to make this process as open and constructive as possible. So look for the schedule of these seminars in your region, attend, become informed and get involved.

Yours in service, Don L. Dudey, Governor

Governor-Elect Candidate

by Ellis H. Stroup, District Secretary-Treasurer

In accordance with the Capital District Policy Statements, qualified members who have filed their intention of being a candidate for the office of Governor-elect may have their candidacy announced District wide beginning on the second Friday in January. The Kiwanis club of Tysons Corner, Virginia, supported by the clubs of Division Twenty, has presented **Jeffrey Wolff** (right) as a candidate for the office of Governor-elect of the Capital District for the 2010-2011 Administrative year.



Go To Church Sunday: United States Naval Academy

Save The Date

by Brian Wilson

All Kiwanians and their spouses are invited to attend "Go to Church Sunday" on Sunday May 23 at the Chapel at USNA at Annapolis. The service will start at 11 AM. Attendees are asked to arrive at about 10 AM in order to

arrange seating. Following the service, there will be a brunch at a location to be determined. This annual church event in beautiful surroundings has been a staple of the Kiwanis spring calendar for many years. It is also a wonderful opportunity to socialize with your fellow Kiwanians. Please save the date - more detailed information to follow.

KI Pres. Pazzolo Makes Visits Cap. Dist.

by PG Bob Cressy

February 25-28th, 2010 - Capital District Kiwanis had the great honor of hosting Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo and his wonderful family (below) for three days during our combination 50th CKI Charter Anniversary District Convention & Mid-Winter District Conference in Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington.

Maria's thirteenth birthday-a big one. We sang 'Happy Birthday' (and sang it pretty well, too!)

The Palazzolos are all very personable, and Paul has a great sense of humor with a little bit of the devil there too. He has a long history in Kiwanis having joined right after high school; yes that's right high school, at 18 years old. He became the youngest International President at 38 years of age, I am told.

Paul, First Lady Susanne, daughter Maria and son Anthony first joined the Waldorf, Maryland, Kiwanis Club for their 30th Charter Anniversary with a gala celebration on Thursday, February 25th. We also all celebrated



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Only 11 Student Slots Left for Key Leader / Key Leader for Adults in Vegas

by Nicole McDermott (CapitalKeyLeader@gmail.com)

Our spring 2010 weekend will be April 23-25, at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, in Millersville, Maryland. Registration is available online for this event and there are only 11 students slots left for this amazing program (as of 3/29/10). Please visit www.key-leader.org and click on Registration Information on the left side. Then find our event listing and click Register. Follow all prompts to register. Registration is complete only when a screen shows at the end that says something to the effect of 'Thank you for registering - registration now complete.' If you have a student or more to register, please do so as soon as possible.

Last year, many people were disappointed because we sold out and they were shut out. We do not want this to happen again this year, which is why we've been promoting registration since January. While 11 slots sounds like a lot, we anticipate a sell-out again. We will max out with 80 students plus an additional 10 students who will serve as student facilitators.

The cost to attend Key leader is \$200.00 per student if not in Key Club or Builders Club. Thanks to the Kiwanis International Foundation, the cost is \$175.00 for students in Key Club or Builders Club. Meals, lodging, t-shirt, participant manual and more are included in registration fee.

The spring Key Leader events are open to any current 8th-12th grade students (in or out of Key Club or Builders Club).

If you are attending Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas this June, you will have an opportunity to sign up and participate in a special Key

Leader for Adults session. This is a day-long event where Kiwanians can experience the Key Leader program. If you are interested in learning more about the program, this is a great way to do it. This will take place the day before International Convention starts on Wednesday, June 23, in Las Vegas, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost is \$50/attendee. For more information, see the Kiwanis International Convention registration form or call 1.800.KIWANIS and ask to speak to the convention staff to add it to your registration if you've already registered.

Key Leader is a leadership education weekend for high school students focusing on the concept of service leadership and five principles: integ-

riety, growth, respect, community and excellence. The weekend is casual and includes hands-on exercises; writing and reflection activities; cooperative, team activities; physi-



cal challenges; risk-taking opportunities and more. Students arrive between 4-6 p.m. on Friday and depart between 11 a.m.-12 noon on Sunday. All adult chaperones have undergone background checks, and the weekend is run by a professional facilitator who has successfully completed a training course on the curriculum and who brings experience working with young people.

For more information, please contact Capital District Key Leader Chair Nicole McDermott at CapitalKeyLeader@gmail.com or 703.917.8877. Search Capital District Key Leader on Facebook and become a fan! Visit www.youtube.com/CapitalKeyLeader and watch live student testimonials about the quality of the program.

THERE ARE ONLY 11 SLOTS LEFT FOR THIS AMAZING PROGRAM.

Roanoke Member Bill Overstreet Awarded French Legion of Honor

by Bill Runyon and Dave Maloney with content from Roanoke Times



This past December 8th, Kiwanian William B. Overstreet (above) was recognized by the French nation for his daring defense of the French homeland during WWII. In a moving ceremony in front of family, friends, fellow veterans and appreciative countrymen, French Ambassador Pierre Vimont named Overstreet "Chevalier" of the Legion of Honor, an award created in 1802 by Napoleon to acknowledge services rendered to France by persons of merit.



Bedford Co., VA (12-8-2009)- Tuesday at Bedford's National D-Day Memorial, a special ceremony got underway that was decades in the making. Roanoker Bill Overstreet was awarded the "Legion of

Honor" by the French Ambassador to the United States for his help saving France during World War II (above).

Calling Roanoker Bill Overstreet a "legend," France's ambassador to the United States on Tuesday pinned a Legion of Honor medal ~ the Gallic nation's highest distinction ~ on the 88-year-old during a ceremony at the National D-Day Memorial.

The former World War II fighter pilot's exploits, including his flying beneath the arches of the Eiffel Tower (above) while chasing a German aircraft, exemplify the kind of "true heroism and willing sacrifice" the Legion of Honor was created to exalt, Ambassador Pierre Vimont told the crowd that had gathered for the ceremony.

"Today we are honoring a true hero, a legend indeed," Vimont said. He added that the Legion of Honor, established by Napoleon in 1802, is "the sign of my country's exceptional recognition of Captain Overstreet's heroic contribution to the liberation of France."

Overstreet was a young man when he joined the U.S. Army Air Forces' 357th Fighter Group, headquartered in Leiston, England. As a pilot of a P-51C Mustang that he dubbed the "Berlin Express," (above right) he flew more than 100 missions dur-

ing the war, was shot down three times and was captured once but escaped.



"All the years I've known him, we've been trying to get Bill to write a book," said longtime friend Lloyd Ramsey, a retired Army major general. "He won't do it."

Overstreet, known for his modesty, shyly accepted the title of "Chevalier" in the Legion of Honor, along with the congratulations of many of his friends. "If I said 'thank you,' it wouldn't be enough," he said, but then added, "What more than 'thank you' do you need?"

Though Overstreet's flights were "some of the most heroic actions that we have ever heard of," Vimont said, the one the Roanoker is perhaps best known for was his pass beneath the arches of the Eiffel Tower in Paris while in pursuit of a German Messerschmitt Bf 109G.

Overstreet was hot on the tail of the Messerschmitt when his German foe, attempting to lure him into the sights of German anti-aircraft gunners

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**BILL OVERSTREET
RECOGNIZED BY
FRENCH NATION
FOR WWII DARING**

Overstreet (cont'd from page 5)

on the ground, sped beneath the Eiffel Tower (right), Vimont recounted. "But you are not afraid of anything," he said, looking at Overstreet. "This breathtaking maneuver is not enough to stop you from following right behind the enemy plane."

After the two fighter planes sped away from the tower, Overstreet shot the Messerschmitt down, Vimont said. He added that he hoped Overstreet would "finally get to Paris and France under different



Challenge Day: Kiwanian Gets Involved with Anti-Bullying Campaign

by Joe R. Brake

Two teachers from Marnier Middle School, Cape Henlopen School District, Milton, Delaware watched the Oprah Winfrey television show one day and were inspired by an anti-bully initiative called Challenge Day. Teachers Dana Orton and Tricia Collins researched, marketed, fundraised and contacted community volunteers for assistance concerning the establishment of a Challenge Day program for their 7th thru 9th graders. As a member of the Rehoboth Beach Kiwanis Club and an SLP Advisor, I offered my volunteer services with the fundraising, marketing, researching and participation. We raised over five thousand dollars, recruited one hundred

volunteers consisting of students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and non-profit organizations.

In addition we received donations from fifteen local businesses, and support from the University of Delaware and Delaware Department of Edu-

cation. The Challenge Day program focused on getting young students to communicate with each others about their problems and existing societal issues. The program is monitored and presented by a professional organization from California called Chal-

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In Memoriam

March 2010

Paul J. Miller (past Lt. Governor), Wilmington, De.
Charles Kiesel, Accomack, Va.
Norbert Murtaugh
Richard Lankford, Georgetown Club

February 2009

Henry Alley, Virginia Beach Combers, Va.
George Barber, Jr., Arlington, Va.
Herbert Newton, Norfolk, Va.
Carroll Palmer, Pungo, Va.
Alvin M. Bryant, Hampton, Va.
William Roney (Past Lt. Governor), Hagerstown, Md.

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allenge Day (challengeday.org). This is a one-day event for 100 students and volunteers. Mariner Middle School scheduled three days for their 7th and 8th students and a day for 9th grade students from Cape Henlopen High School. The first anti-bullying programming was conducted in the Spring 2009, the second program was conducted in December 2009, the next Challenge Day project is scheduled for September 2010. Since the conception of the anti-bullying initiative, there has been a reduction in school suspensions, teacher referrals, less student fighting in school and good improvement with academic grading. The Cape Henlopen School District Superintendent George Stone supports this anti-bullying program for the middle and high schools.

2010 Teenager of the Year: Deadline June 1st

by Roger Diehl

To all club Presidents in Capital District. Have you received the 2010 Teenager of the Year form? If not....it is not too late. Deadline for submitting applications is June 1st.

Also as a reminder each Division is expected to nominate a candidate so that we can have a balanced number of applications for judging in June. If you have any questions please contact Roger Diehl TOY chair at rogerdiehl@comcast.net or phone at 410-984-7815.



TEENAGER OF THE
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Snapshots



(Above) On Wednesday, March 17th the **Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy** hosted its annual Scout Night in its new venue, the Mount Airy Fire Hall. Guest Scouts and Leaders represented the following troops: Girl Scout Troop 514; Boy Scout Troop 460; Girl Scout Troop 5018; and Daisy Troop 2330. Troop 460 Eagle Scout Zachary Dowell (pictured) presented Glee Butts (Youth Services Chair) with a framed certificate as a "thank you" for Mt. Airy Kiwanis's donation to his Eagle Project, a Monarch Butterfly Waystation. The troop also gave a multimedia presentation as a thank you for all the past projects to which we have contributed.



(Above) On March 17-19, 2010, the **Kiwanis Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula** hosted 32 high school soccer teams to raise money in the fight against breast cancer. The 11th edition of the Christine Garvey Memorial Soccer Tournament raised more than \$10,890 which will be donated to Susan G Komen for the Cure. Accepting the trophy in the girls varsity division are representatives from Jamestown High School.



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Rehoboth K-Kids Bake Sale Fundraiser for Kids in Haiti by Rosemary Cummings



Thanks to all who baked and bought the goodies to remember the needy in Haiti. All the K-Kids from both Rehoboth ES and BGC worked together to help sell and serve the baked items. Lunchtime visitors Mr. Cliff, Ms Hope, and Ms. Stephanie from the Rehoboth Boys and Girls Club at Epworth Church also made purchases. The K-Kids ran out of baked good early in the second period. Lesson

The Rehoboth K-Kids Bake Sale, snowed out in February, was held during lunch March 23 in the school cafeteria. The K-Kids brought in home-made cupcakes and cookies for the fundraiser. K-Kids from both the Rehoboth School and the Boys and Girls Club sold the items during their lunch periods. The Bake Sale raised \$100 for the UNICEF - Haiti Fund.

learned: Bake more goodies next time. One nice observation was the many students who gave donations for the project instead of buying something. This first fundraising project was very successful for the K-Kids and they plan to have another Bake Sale, along with a Desserts for Needy Kids food collection project