

# K-T Notes

## Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District

September 2011

### From the convention



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# Notes from the Editor

We are wrapping up a year and ready to start a new year.

I rode in the Fort Oglethorpe 2 Hill and back bike ride and did 30 miles.

I look forward to your future contributions and suggestions

More next time. The next issue will be in late August after convention. Please have submissions to me by November 17. [dwight@dwightwatt.com](mailto:dwight@dwightwatt.com) I want info from clubs and from district officers and chairs.

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## KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT OFFICES 2010-2011

### Office - Name

International President Sylvester Neal

KY-TN District Governor James Mann

KY-TN District Governor-Elect Don Ritter

KY-TN District Immediate Past Governor Glen Kleine

KY-TN District Secretary Fran Marion

### KIWANIS DEFINING STATEMENT

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

**Check the K-T Kiwanis blog at  
[http://www.ktkiwanian.org/public\\_district/index.aspx](http://www.ktkiwanian.org/public_district/index.aspx)**

## New officers elected for 2011-21012

Your new district officers are:

KY-TN District Governor Don Ritter

KY-TN District Governor-Elect Bob Brinkman

KY-TN District Vice Governor-Roger Blair

KY-TN District Immediate Past Governor James Mann

KY-TN District Secretary Fran Marion



## Fort Oglethorpe has 2 hill and Back Bike ride.

The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis sponsored the first 2 Hill and Back bike ride on September 10. It was a 62 mile ride that raised over \$40000 for the club. Plan to join us next September 17 for the 2nd annual ride..



## Paris Kiwanis Club's Annual TV Auction a success

The Paris Kiwanis Club's 56th Annual TV Auction was a success again this year. We had many great items that were donated by local businesses. The Paris Kiwanis Club appreciates all of the businesses that donate items or gift certificates to the auction. A lot of the them have donated to us over many years and support this auction greatly.

This is the club's biggest and hardest fundraiser we do. It takes dedication and many hours of hard work to make this the success it has built up to over the past years. The Paris Kiwanis club members work very hard to make sure everything is done and running smoothly each night of the auction.

The Paris Kiwanis Club would like to say, Thank You to many people and businesses: Johnny Plummer, Judy Hutson and park staff, The staff at The Citizen-Advertiser, Ken's New Market, Wal Mart, The Rock, Jerry's, Giovanni's, Scoreboard Bar and Grill, Elizabeth Gellhaus, Ruben Turner, Jeff and Michelle Vickers, Kathy Bascom and PHS Key Club Members, Bourbon Key Club Members, Logan Parsons, Keith Morris, Stephen Stephen the people that called in to bid on items and the businesses that donated all of the items. All of you make this auction the success it is and we could not do it without you. There were some businesses and/or people that donated items and gift certificates that didn't make it into the ad in the paper and we apologize for that. Here they are: J&M Liquors, Bluegrass Greetings, Cracker Barrel, Kristen West Brown, Anna Newman, DMD, Threadworks, Landworks, Frames on Main, Men at Paris Church of Christ, Ken's New Market, Martin's Sanitation(Mike Thornton), Larry's Carwash, Kitchen's Towing and Auto Repair, Shriver's Laundry, Pepsi of Lexington, USA Coke of Lexington, Ale-8 One of Winchester, Mingua Beef Jerky, Mastin's Chevron, Gladys Pelfrey and Family, Hinton Turner Funeral Home, Clean Up Shop, Bourbon Community Hospital, Giovanni's, Tractor Supply, Ageless Medical Weight Loss Center and Fantasy Hair Design. These businesses gave cash donations this year: Harry Budden, Jr, KY Farm Bureau, Wrenn Realty, Bluegrass Federal and KY Bank.

The Paris Kiwanis Club greatly appreciates each and every one of these people and businesses for their generosity and support they give the club and this auction. It is our hope that this auction continues to grow and gets better each year even in this tough economy. We hope that you watch next year's 57th Annual TV Auction!

*International Convention Pictures by Glen Kleine*





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## Paris Kiwanis Club Celebrates 65th Birthday

The Paris Kiwanis Club will be celebrating the 65th birthday on August 8, 2011. The club was chartered on August 8, 1946. The Paris Kiwanis Club has strived to do their absolute best in all that they do. They have done many wonderful projects and fundraisers over the years. The club has lost some great club members that had been a vital part of what the club was and has become today. The loss of J. Farris Adams, Comer L. Wills, Jones, Kerr, Woody Pridemore, Gene Bowen, Leo Bauer and Jeanne McCracken have left spaces that cannot be filled by others.

The club has added many great members over the years that have shown dedication and worked hard to make the club a great part of this community just like the other members did years ago. Many of you know that the Paris Kiwanis Club always does the Annual TV Auction and that is probably the only thing you know about the club. We do so much more. There are some great projects that have been done and bare the Kiwanis Club name on it throughout this community.

The club has made and delivered Thanksgiving boxes to families that are in need and can't provide it themselves, we have helped with Toys for Tots, we started Toys for Teens, Flower beds in the parking lot at 8th and Main and 8th and High, the flagpole at Legion Park, put a lift chair at the indoor pool at the YMCA, built the tennis courts at Garrard Park, provided electricity and fans at the Paris Cemetery Chapel, etc. We have had various cookouts and concessions at Ken's to raise money for our projects. We have given out donations to all types of sport teams, cheerleaders and Company C National Guard Unit from Cynthiana, KY. We are currently in the progress of building the Chris Claypool Memorial Skateboard Park. This will be our biggest project we have done in the past two years. It will serve as a great asset to our community.

Here is some tidbit information from the Paris Kiwanis Club History that I am going to share with you. Some other things that you might not have known about the club. On August 12, 1946, the Paris Kiwanis Club held its first meeting at the Baldwin Hotel. Presiding the initial meeting was Charlie Gibson of the Georgetown Club. Thus began a civic club which would change in membership over the years, but whose members would never change in their enthusiasm to make sure "everybody works". Paul Brannon was the first President and the club initially had 40 members. In 1950, the Paris Club started building the Christmas floats for the Chamber of Commerce parade. After winning first prize for eight years, the club decided to withdraw from competition and in 1961 built the Santa Claus float with Saint Nick riding on top.

In 1956, President Comer L. Wills, who was also a charter member, helped start the first major fund-raising project-the Kiwanis Radio Auction. Local merchants donated items that were sold over the radio to spirited bidders calling phones manned by volunteers. Money raised from the auction is used only for projects in the local area. In 1977, the club began having the auction on cable television as well as radio. The Paris Cable TV office and member John Bryant put in many hours of work and enabled the club to generate thousands of dollars more than it had in the past years. In 1979, the Kiwanis Club and the Cable TV Office began a Toys for Tots program where donated toys and food were delivered to many needy families in Paris and all over Bourbon County on Christmas Eve.

The Paris Kiwanis Club might be a small club, but it is also a mighty club. The members provide the same community minded service and focus on the youth and the hard work that the past members have done throughout the years. This club has seen some hard times but it has never lost their focus on what is the most important reason they are a club=the children of the world and this community. I am proud to say, "I am a Kiwanian" and I know that the other members are also proud to say it. Check out our page on Facebook!

Happy Birthday to the Paris Kiwanis Club!

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## Paris Kiwanis Chris Claypool Memorial Skateboard Park by RONALD ERNST

JULY 26, 2011 - Members of the Kiwanis Club and a handful of invited guests met Tuesday night in the Commissioner Chambers as Jeremy Cupp presented computer models and concept art of the forthcoming Chris Claypool Memorial Skateboard Park. Cupp, a Skatepark Specialist on behalf of Hardcore Shotcrete Skateparks, Inc., introduced the blueprints and a short 3D video of the 6,080 sq. ft. project that will reside in Legion Park.

While the actual construction has yet to begin, the Kiwanis members and guests, including owners of the DeckAwood Skateshop, were able to ask questions concerning the time, materials and cost that will go into Hardcore's assembly and fabrication of Paris' first skateboard park. The goal of building the park in the original time frame has unfortunately been long overdue, mainly because of a shortage in funding and labor. This meeting was a way to convene with sponsors and volunteers and to hopefully finalize the necessary details to get the project underway.

The engineered estimated cost for the park was \$169,000. The overall expense could be reduced however, if the materials and labor were provided locally. While the total sum is much greater than anticipated, Cupp discussed additional ways to provide funding. Local donations and contracting could cut costs dramatically. Also considered are national grants, in which Hardcore would match up to 100 percent.

Hardcore is a company that has been in business since 2001, and has built several skateparks, including nearby Louisville. The Paris design is number 9,152. The skatepark's dedication is to the memory of Christopher "Wallace" Claypool because he was a hero to many, and one of the community's most loyal skateboard enthusiasts. Upon examination into the features included in this state-of-the-art design, it is clear the park will be an area that Chris, or any other skater could enjoy, and take pride in. Many traditional features like grind rails, a half bowl and staircase set are apparent in the concept design, as well as more lavish features such as a dog ear bank ramp, skittle pad, flower box and hubba ledge. The tallest ramp exceeds 4 feet. The design incorporates a variety of objects for every skater's skill set, be it street or vert skateboarding. Not only functional, Hardcore has designed a great *looking* park, too. Cosmetic features such as brick stamping, colored concrete and natural landscaping outline the design.

The Kiwanis Club also discussed a "snake run," or concrete path, that would lead to the walkway that currently exists throughout Legion Park. Cupp acknowledged the area while viewing the planned site, stating, "It's a great location. It's near a playground, which is perfect for a skatepark."

The focus for the Chris Claypool Memorial Skateboard Park now becomes establishing the contract with Hardcore, which is expected to be done by the end of August. When the time comes to build, the Kiwanis Club and volunteers will need all the assistance they can get. This is a huge project that can have a tremendously positive impact on the City of Paris. With the right help and enough support by sponsors or donations, this "dream project" can become a reality in as little as 90 days.





## Richmond Kiwanis Grandparents Day

**Kiwanis participants assisting in providing information about the [Kiwanis/UNICEF project to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus](#).** Included in photo are (l. to r.): **Alina Strand**, KT District Division 9 Lt. Governor from Berea Kentucky, **Marina Bagnoli**, Berea Community HS Key Club Secretary, **Chloe Atwater**, Berea Community HS Key Club President, **Madelaine Berry**, KY-TN Division 9 Lt. Governor, from Model High School in Richmond, and **Joey Rister**, Berea Community HS Key Club member.

**To see the entire Grandparents event web page go to:**

<http://www.richmondkiwanis.info/2011%20News/Oct2011/Grandparents.html>



## District Website

<http://www.ktkiwanian.org>

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