



## MiniBuilder

June - July 2010 Dave Maloney, Editor

### Governor's Message by Governor Don Dudey

The Capital District recently lost a wonderful Kiwanian, Warren Kane. Warren died from pancreatic cancer after only a short illness. Trustee Brian Bell wrote some lovely sentiments regarding Warren:

*"Warren was truly a wonderful Kiwanian who gave his all to Arlington Kiwanis Club and our Capital District. He served in many leadership positions following his term as District Governor, including Finance Committee Chair, Foundation Trustee, YCPO Committee, and so much more. Warren and Dale were a team, beloved by all for their dedication, commitment, charm and grace. They represent the best in our Capital District."*

I could not have said it better. Thanks, Brian, for the remembrance. Many Kiwanians within the Capital District attended Warren's funeral last week to lend support for Dale and her family. I encourage all of those within the Capital District to keep Dale and her family in your prayers.

Again, I would like to talk about our Dues Increase Bylaw Amendment that the District Board is proposing.

I hope you have had a chance to attend one of the many Dues Increase Seminars being conducted by your District Trustee. If you have not, I have been presenting portions of those presentations in my monthly column here in the eBuilder.

Last month I talked about what you were getting from your \$16 District dues. This month I would like to explain the various considerations the Board is confronted with in developing and using the District budget.

As you might know, expenses everywhere have been increasing either by inflation or otherwise even though our revenue has been decreasing. Our revenue comes from member dues and the district membership has decrease each year since 1997 for a total loss of 2,462 members or \$39,392. This amount of loss could have kept us from being where we are today if our membership could only have remained stable during these 13 years.

Our district budget has



been fund driven rather than requirement driven meaning we can only give each category of the budget a specific dollar amount rather than what they would need to do their responsibilities. One major area that is restricted is the number

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### Past Gov. Warren Kane

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Past Capital District Governor, Warren Kane, 75. Acknowledged by all as a dedicated and consummate Kiwanian, he will be sorely missed.

Our condolences go out to his wife of 51 years, Dale, his family, and the Arlington Club, of which Warren was a member.



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of visits a LTG conducts with their respective clubs. We can only reimburse their travel expense at \$.40/mile whereas the IRS allows \$.58/mile allowance, and we can only cover 2 visits per year rather than the 4 or more visits they need to do their job.

Another major area is that we cannot fund the District Committees to the level that they require to conduct their committee responsibilities. They are only given a portion of the dollars that they actually need to make their committee function like they are intended to do.

Another major area that the Board needed to consider was the compensation that the District Secretary/Treasurer and the eBuilder editor receive. We are truly blessed to have Ellis Stroup as our District Secretary/ Treasurer. He has been in this position for 35 great years and has not demanded compensation equal to the responsibility and duties he performs. Currently the District is paying Ellis \$20,000 per year, but when Ellis decides to "step down" from this position, to replace both his expertise and secretary and treasurer responsibilities will require a major change in the compensation paid to the replacement of this position. The District is currently developing a succession plan for this position but the level of compensation will be a major factor in finding a competent person for this position. The editor for the District eBuilder compensation is only \$6,000 and we are really blessed to have David Maloney performed these duties also. He is an unsung hero as he takes what everyone writes and then edits it to be acceptable for print. Again, to replace David will place the District in the same position as the District Secretary, Treasurer - hard to find an individual for the level of compensation that position is currently being paid.

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The above are just some of the considerations the District Board has to consider in developing a budget each year and then conducting the business of the District during each administrative year.

There is a way in which the District could operate without a dues increase being suggested above.

That is - if each club increased their membership this coming year by 14 members, the District budget would have the revenue to operate without requiring a dues increase. Now, I know this is not feasible by any means, but it stresses the point that increasing club membership is vital for the continued success of the Capital District. If our district membership continues to decrease, then this budgetary problem will only get worse in the future. We need to increase our clubs' memberships now. This is really every club's responsibility-not to be left to just a few clubs. All 179 clubs need to show positive growth this year and for the next several years. I have instituted a Membership Growth Contest which has been communicate to your earlier. I hope your club has endorsed the idea of grow-

ing your membership. Your LTG can be a very helpful player in your club growth process. LTGs have various tools, ideas and resources to help your club grow. If you have not asked your LTG for assistance, please do so as soon as possible.

We have four months until the end of this administrative year. That is ample time to recruit several new members for your club. As you know, in order to be a distinguished club, your club must have a positive growth for the year. If you want your club president and/or secretary to be distinguished, they must bring in two new members to the club along with a few other requirements. So, have your club secretary check the Kiwanis One Management System and see how your club is performing in this area.

But membership growth just for the sake of increased numbers is not what this all is about. Yes, we use numbers to measure a club's size, but the real benefit for club growth is that with more members your club benefits in two great ways.

You have more "hands" to do the various service projects your club conducts in your community. More

members will allow you to do a better job with the service projects you are doing now, but it also allows you to try to add new additional service projects for your community.

New members bring in new ideas and suggestion for your club. It also provides a reservoir of new potential leaders for your club. If, like many of our clubs, your club is small, repeating leadership roles is necessary but can sometimes be detrimental to the health of a club. I have seen two clubs fold recently because no one was willing to step up into the leadership roles of the club. Having new members can help keep this from happening. Once the new member has been in the club a year or two, they should be able to step up into any one of the various leadership roles of a club

So, new members to a club are very important. Let's all get busy asking others to join our great organization and getting involved with the service programs we provide our communities. Again, if your club needs help in this endeavor, your LTG, District Trustee or even myself can be of assistance, if asked. Let's all help grow the membership of the Capital District now.

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## Gov-Elect Tom's Message by Gov-Elect Tom Varner

As I begin this month's article, I, like many Capital District Kiwanians,



have a big empty spot in my life. The passing of Past Governor Warren Kane on Thursday night causes it. I am glad that I got to visit with him a week before his death while in Manassas. Nevertheless, our friendship ended way too early.

### COMMITMENT

Good things can come out of adversary relationships. Lin and I first met Warren and Dale when we were both running for Governor in 2003. We shared so many times together during that campaign. Warren and Dale stayed at our house and we in theirs. We traveled together throughout the District looking for votes. Warren won but we both were winners in that we had new friends.

In the past seven, all too short years, we have continued to share each other's lives and special occasions. Dale and Warren always had four friends when they were at our house. Our two Cotons -Diesel and Mia had friends who would let them

sit with them and pay attention to them.

Beyond any personal loss, the Capital District has lost a great leader and champion. Warren was always involved with the service and fund raising projects in the Kiwanis Club of Arlington. He was involved in Division 20 and in the District. I had just appointed him to serve as our District Representative to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Warren was looking forward to doing another great job for Kiwanis and the kids. The weekend he was, supposed to go for training was the weekend that he was scheduled for tests that would show the seriousness of his illness.

Warren was committed to Kiwanis. We all will miss his friendly greetings and hard work.

### EDUCATION

At several functions I attended recently, I frequently heard that Kiwanis has to change. I would like to offer a different approach to this theme. First, I do not believe that we need to change to make grow Kiwanis. Is this heresy? I do not believe it is. Why? Not everyone needs to change. There are many new forms of clubs

and ways to do things in Kiwanis.

Change is great for revitalizing clubs and building new ones. However, it is not necessary for the traditional club that is growing, raising money, doing service, and sponsoring Service Leadership Programs. They are doing Kiwanis.

I suggest everyone in Kiwanis needs to have two things, tolerance and acceptance. It may not be your thing, but if it works do not change it. Accept that there are many ways to serve the children of the world. Be tolerant of those who want to who want to try something new.

Sometimes zero tolerance is a good thing. I do not think any of us wants a whole lot of tolerance in the manufacture and inspection of airplanes we are about to fly on. Nevertheless, in Kiwanis we are talking about social engineering. There are many ways to accomplish the same goal - serving the children of the world. Let us practice acceptance and tolerance.

### SERVICE LEADERSHIP

Everyone above the club level must practice Servant Leadership in order to in-

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sure that our clubs are the best they can be. We need to activate our club support committees so that every club has access to the best ideas the District can offer. There are many vacancies on these committees and some that have 100% regional membership do not have 100% participation.

We need Kiwanians who are committed and who can be accepting and tolerant of new ideas. We need Kiwanians who will take the opportunity to learn. They can attend training/education sessions. They can participate in teleconference and exchange ideas with other committee members throughout the District. They can observe and learn from clubs and Kiwanians who are achieving at a height level.

Are there Capital District Kiwanians out there who can do the job? Will they step forward? Will you submit their names so the leadership can approach them about serving? Are there people who want to serve the clubs in their regions? Are their Kiwanians who want to be Servant Leads? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, please contact me at [thomas.varner@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.varner@comcast.net).

## Call to District Convention by Sec.-Treas. Ellis

In accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Capital District Kiwanis International, official notice is hereby given that the Ninety Second Annual Convention of the Capital District will be held in Lynchburg, Virginia at the Holiday Inn, August 20-22, 2010.

Each chartered club in good standing in the Capital District shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, two of whom shall be the President and President-elect. Each chartered club at the time of selection of delegates may choose one alternate for each delegate. Delegates and alternates must be active, privileged, or senior members in good standing in the clubs which they represent. In the event a chartered club does not have a delegate to represent it at a District Convention, it may designate one Past Lieutenant Governor, with that person's concurrence, who

is an active member of a club of the same Division, to serve as its delegate to any District Convention.

Financial indebtedness to the Capital District and Kiwanis International must be cleared before club delegates may be seated in the house-of-delegates at the convention.

Attention is called to the fact that the house-of-delegates will be convened on Saturday afternoon, August 21, 2010 to handle routine business such as amendments, resolutions, etc. A second delegate session will be held on Sunday morning, August 22, 2010 at which time the election of officers will be conducted.

Forms for use in certifying the Election of Delegates and Alternates to this convention have been mailed to each club secretary of record.

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On April 10, 2020, for Kiwanis One Day, members of the **Kiwanis Club of LaPlata, LaPlata High School Key Club, Milton Somers Builders Club** and



various members of their families, joined forces to do some sprucing up and clean up work at Gilbert Run, a local park.

### Cap. Dist. Announces TWO Key Weekends by Nicole McDermott

Key Leader is Kiwanis's values-centered, weekend leadership education program for high school students. We are so excited to announce TWO Key Leader weekends for 2011:

#### #1 - April 15-17, 2011

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center

Williamsburg, Virginia

Site Coordinator: Yvonne Holley (Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach, Virginia)

#### #2 - May 13-15, 2011

Arlington Echo Outdoor Educational Center

Millersville, Maryland

Site Coordinator: Corey Goggin (Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner/McLean, Virginia)

Spring Key Leader events are open to any 8th-12th grade students (in or out of Key Club or Builders Club). Once again, our goal for each event will be 60 students plus an additional 8-10 student facilitators.

Because our 2008 and 2009 events were so successful, we look forward to repeated success in the spring of 2011, times two! We encourage Kiwanis Clubs to put Key Leader in their budgets now to ensure sponsorship of students to this incredible program. It is \$200/student (or \$175/student if the student is a member of Key Club or Builders Club). For



such a small amount of money, Kiwanis can truly make a difference in a young adult's life. Please plan to send at least one student to the event most geographically convenient to your club.

For more information please contact District Chair Nicole McDermott (Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner/McLean, Virginia) at 703.829.5481.

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## In Memoriam

### May 2010

Warren Kane (Past Governor), Arlington, Va.  
John Goodlove, Middlesex, Va.  
Brendel Johnston, Williamsburg, Va.  
Rochie McQueen, Northwest Washington, D.C.  
Stanley Arnold, Greater Ocean Pines, Md.  
Howard Zerbst, Roanoke, Va.

### April 2009

Andrew Bachman (Past LTG), Warwick, Va.  
Chapman S. Gibson, Portsmouth, Va.  
Ronald Balding, Va. Beach Combers, Va.  
C. Bachtell, Richmond, Va.  
Richard Langford, Georgetown, De.  
Gene Matthis, Abingdon, Va.  
Atlee Kepler, Hagerstown, Md.  
Bruce C. West, Marion, Va.

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### Hello from CKI by Ryan White

For those of you who don't know, CKI (Circle K International) is a collegiate service organization, sponsored by Kiwanis, that supports the development of college students through three tenets: Service, Leadership, and Fellowship. The VCU chapter, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club



of Richmond, meets every Wednesday night during the school year at 7:00 p.m. in the University student commons. We would love to have some of you come and visit our club next year and join in with us on the

many projects that we participate in.

The CKI Club at Virginia Commonwealth University had its most successful year to date this past year. With over 50 members we completed over 1,000 total service hours, working with various organizations such as the SPCA, Churchill Activities and Tutoring, Children's Museum of Richmond, and several other organizations. The club has also managed to raise almost \$200 for the UNICEF Six Cents Initiative, which provides oral rehydration packets to those in need in third world countries. Not only was the club successful within VCU, but within the District as well. This past year the club was

home to the District Governor and at District Convention took home six awards. This coming year the club will be home to the Lieutenant Governor for the Division and will also be sending a candidate for International President to the International Convention.

On behalf of the entire club I would like to thank all of you for the support you give to our club. Without Kiwanis support, many of us would not be the people we are today. The opportunities that we are given every day to change our communities and develop our leadership skills are priceless and not something that can be learned in the classroom. Again I would like to thank all of you for your support, and I hope to see you at a CKI meeting next year.

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Recently the **Poquoson Kiwanis Club of Poquoson** teamed with **Poquoson City Employees, Poquoson High School Key Club Members and local Boy Scouts** to clean up Messick Park for Poquoson Pride Day. Volunteers picked up nearly a ton of trash and debris, spread mulch in the play area and leveled several low spots. In all 37 volunteers participated in this community effort. The Poquoson Kiwanis Club chose the Poquoson Pride Day to as their Kiwanis One Day. Each year in April, Kiwanians around the world join together for one day of global community service.





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## Kiwanis Clubs of Div. 13: Kiwanis One Day

The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 13 had another successful Kiwanis One Day Project. This is the second year that the clubs have worked together on a Division wide project for One Day. Almost 50 members from nine clubs gathered on April 10 at the Boys & Girls Club-Peninsula Unit to work on a variety of projects. We weeded, trimmed and mulched the front exterior of the building. We cleaned, primed and painted almost 200 cubbies. We also painted an entire gymnasium! Newport News Councilwoman, Madeline McMillan, stopped by during the morning to thank us for all of our hard work. We also had a picnic lunch after

to celebrate our accomplishments. This particular Boys & Girls Club serves almost 1200 children per week and our clubs in Division 13 truly exemplified the One Day motto, "One more helping hand...one more life touched."

