

East Memphis Kiwanis Club

No. 123 Year Ending September 30, 2006

October 2005 Newsletter



2005 – 2006 Officers

President – John Thompson
President Elect – Sandra Zehntner
Vice President – Sunny Ross
Secretary – Pat Murphy
Treasurer – Jerry Schwartz

Board of Directors

<u>2004-2006</u>	<u>2005-2007</u>
Bob Blecken	Jim Denney
Bob Myrland	Kenny Harris
Randy Flatt	Jim McLaughlin
Elmer Follis	Ziad Ozrail

Club Meeting: Every Tuesday 12-1 pm
Board Meeting: 2nd Tuesday at 1:05 pm
Location: Holiday Inn Select
5795 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38119



JOHN THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

Mickey Ison, Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, fellow Kiwanians. The first of many times I will be saying this. I am proud to serve you as your president for the 2005-2006 year. I have some very big shoes to fill following Mickey Ison. Mickey has done an outstanding job as president. Thank you Mickey for your enthusiastic service to the Kiwanis Club of East Memphis and to the children of our community. I hope I can live up to the standards you have set.

I look forward to working with all of you over the coming months. It will be a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better. We have some wonderful projects on which we are working. From our Key Clubs to our Adopt-a-School, the pancake supper, MIFA meals, Hole-in-one shootout, Youth Villages, reading programs, interclubs: we have so much going on and with your help and the help of our new members we could have even more things to do for our community!! It's going to be an exciting year!!

John Thompson



(Fall arrived on September 22, 2005...but it sure doesn't feel like it!)

OCTOBER PROGRAMS – Kiwanis Guest Speakers – Co-Chairmen James DeRossitt and Josh Shipley

September 27th – We will not meet at the Holiday Inn Select on Tuesday, September 27th. Instead we will meet with all Memphis area Kiwanians at the Mid-South Fair on Wednesday, September 28th. Plan to be there. Free parking, free food and free entrance to the Fair! Be there!!

October 4th - John Walt, former missionary in Iraq, will speak about his experience in Iraq.

October 11th - Bill Gibbons, Shelby County District Attorney General, will speak about juvenile crime.

October 18th – To be announced

October 25th – Mike Pelech, CFO of the Memphis City Zoo

UPCOMING EVENTS –

Monday, September 26, 2005, we will participate in COMEC (Commission on Missing and Exploited Children) at the Mid-South Fair helping obtain identification cards for kids, with pictures and ID information – Barbara Tucker is Kiwanian in charge of this project.

Tuesday, October 4, 2005, new officers and directors will be installed by our new Lieutenant Governor Chuck Strong of the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Following is a list of the officers and directors to be installed:

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Past President 2004-2005 – Mickey Ison

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KIWANIAN SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH BILL MULLEN



Bill has been a Kiwanian for 36 years, having joined the Downtown Club in 1969, and the Poplar-Ridgeway (now East Memphis) Kiwanis Club in 1997. He is a past Secretary/Treasurer of the Downtown Club.

Bill was born on a farm in Haywood County, Tennessee (Brownsville.) After high school, he left the farm and came to Memphis where he was employed in a grocery store. Then, in 1951, he went on active duty with the Memphis Army National Guard, and was the first group called overseas to go into combat in Korea. He served in the Field Artillery as a Medic until the end of 1952, when he caught shrapnel in his knee. He was in the hospital for about a year and a half, part of the time in Osaka and part of the time in Fort Benning, Georgia Army base.

After leaving the hospital Bill moved to Memphis and became a Lineman Helper for MLG&W. He then became a Journeyman Lineman at MLG&W, where he served for 10 years. At age 31, he enrolled at Memphis State University and continued serving as a Lineman, while attending school at night. In a period of six years, he earned a bachelor's degree with a major in Accounting and his master's degree in Accounting and Finance. He then obtained his license to practice as a CPA.

Subsequently, he became Secretary/Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for MLG&W. He is known for having had his pole climbing spikes bronzed and mounted and kept on the wall over his office desk, after he became the CFO for MLG&W.

After serving MLG&W for 25 years, Bill retired and joined Loomis Salyes Investment firm. At one point, he moved to Washington, DC to consolidate the Memphis and Washington DC offices of Loomis Salyes. In 1997 he came back to Memphis and opened the Memphis office for Pacific Income Advisors, where he worked for seven years. He retired from that endeavor two years ago.

Bill still deals with stock options and trades three hours a day with the assistance of three employees. He says he thoroughly enjoys dealing with options. In this regard, he was one of the first, if not the first, to sell options in this country. He started doing this when he was trying to enhance MLG&W's earnings from investments when he was their CFO.

When he was asked about his biggest accomplishment in business, Bill answered that it was developing and becoming the largest Options Manager in the country, having had \$10,000,000,000 (yes, that's 10 billion) under management, at one time.

His response to another question – "To what do you attribute the success you have attained," his answer was: "A lot of hard work, and a lot of support from my wife, Hilda." The answer given when asked what he meant by a lot of hard work was "Being at Beale St and Walnut for MLG&W at 7:30 am, working until 5:30 pm, going to Memphis State from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, and then studying from 9:30 pm until 2:00 am, five days a week, for six years." I would say that's a good example of hard work!

Bill met his wife, Hilda at Chickasaw Country Club, where she had invited him to a sorority dance in 1953. They were married two years later, so they celebrated 50 years of marriage, this past March. They have three grown children - Lisa is a middle school teacher in Dallas, and Jeffrey teaches karate and the Marshall arts at the University of Memphis, and Jennifer is a homemaker. The Mullens have seven grandchildren, five girls and two boys, who refer to them as "Poppa and Mimi."

Hilda is involved in the community, having served as President of the Duration Club, and other activities. She worked for the Board of Education in Special Education for 33 years.

Bill played golf regularly with the same group for about 35 years, something he really enjoyed. Once, the group flew in one of the member's private airplane to a golf trip in the Dominican Republic, along with their wives, which was a memorable occasion for Bill and Hilda.

Bill has not been able to attend many of the Kiwanis meetings, lately, due to some health issues. However, he remains a loyal Kiwanian, and as he puts it, "Kiwanis is a fantastic organization because of so many nice people."

So this is Bill Mullen, a long-time and faithful Kiwanian, and a great guy!

ACTIVITIES



Kiwanians enjoying lunch at the September 13th meeting.



Brenda Lee (left), from InSouth Financial Services, our speaker for September 29th, with Candy Fowler, Program Chair for September.



Guest Nick Decosimo draws the winning ticket in the weekly raffle for children's charities...while Sarkis Kish looks on, and Allan Ribitzes.



Bob Myrland presents East Memphis Kiwanis treasurer Jim Denney another sponsorship check for the Hole-in-One Golf Shootout.



September 20 was East Memphis Kiwanis “Former Presidents Day”, and former club presidents were honored for their service. Many former East Memphis Kiwanis presidents were present. From left: Mo Parker, Jerry Kirkscey, Randy Flatt, Charles Duff, Pat Murphy, Barbara Tucker, Murray Ellis, Ellis Dear, Frank Davis, Howard Golwen.



Kiwanian Mickey Ison, with his colleague Nick Decosimo, Managing Principal Decosimo firm wide.

REPORT OF THE PAST YEAR

OCTOBER 1, 2004 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

BY MICKEY ISON, PAST PRESIDENT

This was a good year for us. The following is a recap of some things we did in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Lead Kiwanian</u>
October 2004	Participated in Reef Golf Tournament – benefiting Richland Elementary School	John Thompson
October 2004	Updated our Kiwanis Club roster	Mickey Ison
October 2004	Obtained new style badges / system for all Kiwanians	Mickey Ison
October 2004	Established our Mission Statement	Mickey Ison
November 2004	Club members attended a Grizzlies game together	Jerry Kirksey
November 2004	Established Kiwanian Spotlight of the month for our newsletter.	
December 2004	Held special Christmas luncheon with entertainment and invitation to Kiwanian spouses	Frank Davis
December 2004	Made significant donations of toys to Porter Leath	Frank Davis
February 2005	Elected two honorary Kiwanians – Ellis Dear, our long-time Secretary, who retired, and Sharon McNary, Principal, Richland Elementary School.	
February 2005	Attended Kiwanis Mid-Winter District Conference	John Thompson & Mickey Ison
February 2005	Participated in Girl Scout Cookies Sales Program	Barbara Tucker
March 2005	Purchased Kiwanis hats for all members to recognize us at fund-raising and other events.	Mickey Ison
March 2005	Collected tons of books under the Reading Priority One Program	Sunny Ross

April 2005	Merger of Poplar-Ridgeway Club With former East Memphis Kiwanis Club and changed of our name to East Memphis Kiwanis Club.	
April 2005	Held Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast jointly with the Downtown Kiwanis Club to raise funds for charity	Jim McLaughlin & Charles Duff
April 2005	Added new board member, Jim McLaughlin and new club secretary, Pat Murphy	Mickey Ison
May 2005	Attended a Redbirds Baseball Game.	
June 2005	Participated in Youth Villages Fishing Rodeo – set up Kwianis pavilion and cooked hamburgers and hotdogs and sold them and other food and drinks to raise money for Youth Villages.	Kenny Harris
June 2005	Attended a tour of Fed Ex Institute of Technology	Josh Shipley
July 2005	Established the first Kiwanis Club website in the Memphis area, www.eastmemphiskiwanis.com with pictures of members, roster, newsletter and activities with pictures.	James DeRossitt
July 2005	Attended International Kiwanis Convention In Hawaii	Mickey Ison
August 2005	\$1,000,000 Golf Hole-in-One Shootout – raised a record \$15,000 for Hope House	Frank Davis & Bob Myrland
August 2005	Attended District meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana	Murray Ellis
August 2005	Awarded Perfect Attendance tabs to members, including one of 50 years to Murray Ellis	Mickey Ison
September 2005	Participated in COMEC – Commission on Missing and Exploited Children at the Mid-South Fair – helping kids get identification cards.	Barbara Tucker
September 2005	Held Past Presidents Day honoring all Past Presidents of our club	Mickey Ison
September 2005	Attended Mid-South Fair Meeting with all other Kiwanis Clubs of the area	
Various	Participated in Terrific Kids Program at Richland Elementary School.	John Thompson

Various	Selected Richland Elementary as Adopt a School Recipient	John Thompson
Various	Participated in Meals on Wheels program, delivering meals to shut-ins	Charles Duff & Murry Ellis
Various	Sponsored 4 Key Clubs in the area	Pat Murphy
Various	Received extensive publicity, including pictures in the media about our fund raising activities	Marti Ash
Various	Participated in several inter-club meetings throughout the year	Elmer Follis
Various	Increased our net membership from 33 members to 44 members during the year	All



Outgoing East Memphis Kiwanis President Mickey Ison rings the bell one last time...