

East Memphis Kiwanis Club

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February 2006 Newsletter



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

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President – John Thompson
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Treasurer – Jerry Schwartz
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JOHN THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

Mickey Ison, Newsletter Editor

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow East Memphis Kiwanians,

It's hard to believe another month has passed. How are you doing with your Kiwanis resolutions? February is upon us and we have a few things going on this month. Elmer Follis is planning another Interclub which I personally will make plans on attending. We also have another TERRIFIC Kids program on February 24th. But there are also our on-going projects where you can deliver meals (see Murray Ellis) or read at Hope House (see Jim McLaughlin). Planning has begun for this year's Pancake breakfast and you can see Jim McLaughlin if you would like to help out with that. Sandra Zehntner and I will be attending the District MidWinter Conference in Baton Rouge. If there is anything in particular you would like us to get information on, let either one of us know. We have a special day on our February 14th meeting. Valentine's Day. We hope that we will see some special guests on that day!! I'd like to send out a special note to Frank Braden: Welcome home and welcome back!! It's great to see you!! We missed you!!

See you on Tuesdays,

Sincerely,

John Thompson



Frank Braden was back and attended our January 18th meeting and is feeling much better now. Frank suffered a mini stroke on Christmas Eve and spent a few days in the hospital.

Welcome back Frank!



FEBRUARY PROGRAMS – Kiwanis Guest Speakers – Chairmen

February 07 – Bill Hildebrandt, CEO of the American Red Cross, Mid-South Chapter

February 14 – Mr. Robert H. Buckman, CEO of Bulab Holdings, Inc.

February 21 – Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell

February 28 – Mr. Marvin Stockwell, Jr., Director of Public Relations for the Church Health Center

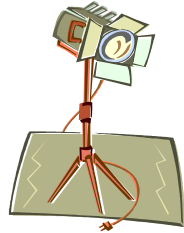
UPCOMING EVENTS –

Valentine's Day Luncheon invite your spouse or guest

Board Meeting after regular meeting, Tuesday February 14th @ 1:05 p.m.



Here's hoping you remember to get that special candy and card for the love of your life!



KIWANIAN SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH JERRY KIRKSCEY



Jerry Kirkscey was born in Houston, Texas and moved to Memphis with his family when he was yet just a baby. Several of his family members have tried to find out the derivation of the Kirkscey name, but have been unable to do so. He did find out that the name was originally Kirksey, but some family member in Alabama stuck in a “c” to make it read Kirkscey, some time ago. Some claim it might be Scottish, yet others think it might be German. Since “kirk” means church in Scottish, some have thought it might mean “Church by the Sea.” At any rate, as Jerry puts it, “it’s just me.”

When Jerry and his family came here, they moved to Collierville. However, he attended Idlewild and Fairview Elementary Schools and Central High School. He graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, with a degree in Electrical Engineering and also an MBA, all over a six year period. After college, he joined McDonald-Douglas Aircraft in St Louis as an Engineer, working on Phantom F-4 fighter planes and also in the Gemini Space Program.

After McDonald-Douglas, he joined Price Waterhouse, CPAs, just as computers were beginning to be heavily used in public accounting, as he had a good background as an engineer in computers. He worked in their Management Advisory Division as a consultant. He also worked with audit teams on very large client companies with huge computer needs.

Jerry attended Washington University in St Louis at night to get his accounting degree after which he sat for the CPA examination and passed all four parts at one sitting.

An interesting story Jerry told me concerning his audit days with Price Waterhouse is that when he was a new staff member, the Partner In Charge called him into his huge, spacious office and said “Jerry, I understand you are going to be working on our client, Pet, Incorporated.” Jerry acknowledged this, and then the partner asked him if he knew how much they charged this client for audit fees. Jerry said he didn’t, whereupon the partner said, “Over a million dollars a year....so if you make a mistake, don’t come back to work!” Needless to say, he did come back and actually worked for PW for six years.

He wanted to get back to the Memphis area, so after PW, he came to work for Schering-Plough, as Manager of Sales & Marketing Systems, for 8 years. After that he joined Allen & O’Hara as Vice President of Information Services. After 6 years there, he joined ATS Telephone Systems as Director of

Information Services. Then he joined Heavy Machines, Inc., where he is now as Vice President and Controller.

Jerry met his wife, Beverly, a native of St Louis, while she was teaching. She has a degree from the University of Missouri. She has worked for Presbyterian Day School for several years, having once taught there, and now is Director of Auxiliary Programs and Services. They got married between the time he was employed by McDonald-Douglas and Price Waterhouse.

They have two children. Their daughter, Elizabeth lives in Hollywood, California and works in movie production, having worked on such productions as “Rainmaker”, “Syriana” “The Rock”, “The Shadow”, and others. Their son, Jonathon, is a cellist with The Memphis Symphony.

Jerry plays the clarinet in the River City Concert Band, and is also president of the organization. He has always had an interest in music and played in both his high school and college bands.

When asked if he ever met anyone famous, he said he met Elvis a long time ago, when Elvis came over to Central High School one day on his motorcycle with Natalie Wood on the back seat. Jerry said he was a very friendly fellow.

Jerry’s main hobby is music, although he plays tennis and likes to fish. He is also an avid Kiwanian, having served as president of our club in 2001, as well as being a founding member of the Poplar-Ridgeway Kiwanis Club (now the East Memphis Kiwanis Club.)

Jerry Kirkscey is an interesting guy. Tell him you read all about him in this newsletter, and that you didn’t realize what a diverse background he has. We are glad Jerry is a fellow Kiwanian!



ACTIVITIES



Robert Hanousky from Financial Counselors of America was our speaker for our January 17th meeting. Robert spoke on Debt Counseling and Avoiding Bankruptcy.



From left, members of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, Bill Boyd, Mike Cooper, Marilyn Prigmore, Harold Dickson and Gary Lasik met with us for an Interclub.



From left, John Thompson, President, Robert Hanousky (speaker) and Jerry Schwartz, Treasurer and Speaker Chairman for January.



East Memphis Kiwanis President John Thompson, Judge Robert Benham, and Frank Davis, East Memphis Kiwanis Program Chair for January 3.



Judge Robert Benham speaks to East Memphis Kiwanis