



Kiwanis Club of Grundy, Virginia

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Grundy Kiwanis Plans 60th Anniversary

Plan to share this very special celebration, Feb. 10, 2007

The Kiwanis Club of Grundy was chartered on February 14, 1947. The Kiwanis Club of Williamson, WV sponsored our Grundy club. Our first charter President was Early White, and the new club's charter night was held on April 7, 1947 at the Grundy High School, which is now Appalachian School of Law. The Governor of Capital District, Mr. M. Channing Wagner, presented the charter. Charter strength of the club was 31 charter members; unfortunately none of the charter members still survive. The club had a high of 49 members in 1981-82. Through the 60 years the Kiwanis Club of Grundy has met in several locations: Stinson Hotel, Davis Hotel, Masonic Lodge, Ford Hubble Restaurant, Dixie Cafeteria, Rainbow Inn, Western Sizzlin Steak House, Buchanan General Hospital, Anchor Inn, Italian Village, and now at Food City's Community Room. The members have discussed the great need for a Kiwanis Club House; it would be wonderful to have a place to call home, to hang our banners, and our many service awards. We have donated countless hours of service to the community through the 60 years; we need to commit ourselves to establishing our very own clubhouse.

The Grundy Club helped to organize the Kiwanis Club of Haysi, and the Haysi Club was chartered February 17, 1949. We also sponsored the Grundy Key Club. Our annual Kids Day was started about 1962; the day started with a Pancake breakfast at the courthouse. As many as 1000 kids were treated to free cartoons and movies at the Lynwood Theatre, followed by free ice cream. For some kids, this was very special because they did not normally see movies or get popcorn, drinks, and ice cream. Life was certainly different in the 60s! The Grundy Kiwanis Club also sponsored a horse show for many years at the Vasant Elementary School where also the Grundy Football team played. The Key Club members spent many hours picking up rocks from the Grundy field and helping in the early 60s when the Grundy High School (as we know it today) was built.

We also sponsored a raft race for about 16 years. Jewell Coal and Coke and United Coal Company had a rivalry and many teams had rafts and competed with each other. This was a big event in Grundy and brought many people to town to watch the floats, rafts, kayaks, etc. float down the Levisa!

In the early 80s, the Kiwanis Club of Grundy started the 5 K race. We still hold the race in May and now have another fall race at the Breaks Park in the fall with Clintwood Kiwanis Club co-sponsoring. The fall race is a 5K cross country race and last year we had eight schools participating, as well as individual runners.

We also sponsored the Mountain Mission Choir in 1973 to the Kiwanis International Convention in Montreal, Canada and solicited help both in Division 8 and the entire Capital District.

These are just a few of the many special service projects and events we have participated in. We are planning a big Anniversary Dinner on February 20 at the Appalachian School of Law and will have memorabilia on our history. Please plan to be part of this very special event.

In the past 60 years, our club has seen many changes in our community. Our economy and population has seen significant changes, and now our town is in the process of great change. The one constant in our ever changing environment is our commitment to SERVICE. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. We are extremely proud of all our goals and achievements of this club over the past 60 years!

~By Jon Rife

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 - **Regular Dinner Meeting at Food City** - K Family Night with Key Club (6:00 P.M.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - **Regular Dinner Meeting at Food City** - Program - Rowena Bailey with Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House (6:00 P.M.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - **Kiwanis Club of Grundy celebrates its 60th Anniversary** - Location Appalachian School of Law (7:00 P.M.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH - **Kiwanis Annual Duck Race**

Note from President Bill Parish

One of my earlier memories is of Kid's Day in Grundy. This memory was evoked recently on a trip through where the town used to be. Kid's Day was held in the fall and was a real event in the lives of the young people in the area. There was usually a parade through town, a pancake breakfast, a free movie for the kids, and an auction of donated items on courthouse square. The crowds were great—this was a special day. The sponsor of all this activity was the Kiwanis Club. The proceeds from this auction would sponsor projects for kids by the club throughout the year.

This experience was my first connection with the Grundy Kiwanis Club. These men were donating their time to do something special for the children of our town. In a real sense these club members were heroes to the children.

Many years have passed since that first Kid's Day that I remember. I guess that memory as well as a good feeling about Kiwanians was one of the reasons that I joined the Kiwanis Club. This club represents the best in service clubs.

This February we celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. Make plans now to attend on February 20th at the Appalachian School of Law to help us honor this club and its achievements in Grundy for the past 60 years.

Yours in service,

Bill



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Greetings from your Lieutenant Governor

By Jon Rife

We're planning several exciting events this spring. Our Grundy Kiwanis Club has planned a special anniversary celebration for Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm at the Appalachian School of Law. This will be a member/guest event so plan on attending this special night as the Grundy club celebrates its **60th Anniversary!!** We have invited all the Division 8 clubs; Grundy's past presidents, Trustee Jack White. We are looking forward to a wonderful, fun-filled night. Another exciting and educational event is the meeting for the Capital District Board in Abingdon, February 7 and 8th. Division 8 hosts this meeting in Abingdon at the Jubilee House. I have details for any Kiwanians who wish to attend.

One of the most important events of this year takes place on March 30,31st. The SWVA Spring Conference which includes Division 8, 3, and 2 will meet in Abingdon for a fun and exciting weekend. The banquet will be Friday at the Martha Washington Inn, followed by a play at Barter Theatre. Workshops and remarks by our Kiwanis Capital District officials will be on Saturday. Mark this date in your calendar because **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!**

I have been burning up the roads this January-I have visited all ten clubs to promote our coming events and make announcements. I formulated an Action Plan tailored for each club with their strengths and potential goals. I also discussed my goals as Lt. Governor as the clubs move towards even higher achievement. All clubs should strive towards attaining Distinguished Club for 2006-2007. I discussed the Five Standing Committees; all clubs report on these on the monthly club reports. A calendar of upcoming Division 8 events also was distributed. As I visited with our other clubs, I always get new ideals and am amazed by all the service work being done. Thanks for all the fellowship, plus the excellent meals!!

I want to mention two service projects: the Grundy Kiwanis Club helped gather items for native children in Afghanistan. These items included gloves, coats, sweatshirts, and vitamins. The boxes were sent to a United States military office who will distribute to children in need. The items were donated by Kiwanis members, a local church, and others. The items have been shipped with much hope and prayer for the children and our troops. Members of the McClure Kiwanis Club along with Red Onion State Prison employees volunteered to help the Dickenson County Food Bank. They added a shed to the building for food items.

Also, remember the word "ASK", **Always Sell Kiwanis**; be so excited about Kiwanis as you do your service activities. You never know when you'll interest someone in joining!! We always need new members.

Programs for February 2007

By Ricky Owens, February Program Chair

February 6th---Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House located in Johnson City, TN. Rowena Bailey, Executive Director will be with us to give an overview of general information as well as opportunities for fundraising activities being planned in conjunction with the Key Club.

February 13th---Committee Meeting for "Read Around the World" and 60th Anniversary Celebration

February 20th---60th Anniversary Celebration at the Appalachia School of Law. Area clubs have been invited to join us for the celebration of the Grundy Club's 60th Anniversary. Members are also asked to bring books for the "Read Around the World" program. Remember the books should be age-appropriate for Pre-K to 3rd grade.

February 27th---Committee Meetings and reporting of committee activities.

"Read Around the World" Program set for February

By Ernie Hertzog

Remember how you felt listening to a storybook in someone's lap? Bring that joy to a child you know; sit down and read a book together. Studies have shown that the only measure that correlates significantly with reading scores is the number of books in the home.

Between February 1st and 26th, the **Kiwanis Club of Grundy** and the **Grundy Senior High School Key Club** will embark on an exciting journey to celebrate the joys of reading with children, the "**Read Around the World**" program. Kiwanians will be collecting books for **pre-kindergarteners through third graders**. Individuals that believe in the value of teaching our children to read and learning to love reading are asked to donate books for the reading levels mentioned above. Books being donated must be in good shape or new. Books are being collected at the Buchanan County Public Library, New Hope Christian Church, Rife's T.V., Grundy Church of Christ, Buchanan First Presbyterian Church, Mountain Mission School (educational building), and (Your Church's Name Here).

February 26th is the final day to donate books. All donated books will then be issued in March to our local children. For further information you may contact Ricky Owens, Ryan Mullins, Ernie Hertzog or any Kiwanian Member.

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