



Kiwanis Club of Grundy, Virginia

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Grundy Kiwanis Celebrates 60th Anniversary



On February 20, the Kiwanis Club of Grundy celebrated 60 years of service! A banquet was held at The Appalachian School of Law. Many special guests and members/spouses attended. Our immediate past governor of Capital District Yvonne Holly traveled from Virginia Beach, Circle K president Krista Docer from Emory and Henry College, and Jack White, Trustee

of Southwest Virginia from Abingdon also attended. We were also honored to have with us, Jim Childress, who was president in 1963. Several past presidents, officers, and members from Clintwood, Haysi, Wise, Abingdon, and Council Clubs enjoyed a wonderful meal and special entertainment.

The Kiwanis Club of Grundy was chartered in 1947 by the Kiwanis Club of Williamson; then Grundy chartered the Haysi Club in 1949, and then Grundy and McClure River chartered the Kiwanis Club of Council.



Mountain Mission School Choir presented a medley of songs for our dinner entertainment. Special thanks to Patty and Ernie Hertzog for arranging this musical treat!

President Bill Parish presented immediate past president Bill Neeley with a special award of appreciation for a commendable year of service as president and closed his remarks with a trip down memory lane, including memories of Kids Day and Pancake Breakfast, horse shows at the old Vansant School playground, and Raft Race in the 80's!

Special thanks to Mutter Insurance Agency, Rife's TV and Furniture, and TruPoint Bank of sponsoring this event.

~By Jon Rife

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH - **Regular Dinner Meeting at Food City** - Program - John Bock with the Army Corp of Engineers (6:00 P.M.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH - **Regular Dinner Meeting at Food City** - Program - Rowena Bailey with Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House (6:00 P.M.)

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



Note from President Bill Parish

How do we measure success? I feel that by most measures of success our Grundy Kiwanis Club is heading for a successful year. Attendance at club meetings, while not what it should be, is up. We are beginning to function with club committees. We held a very successful 60th anniversary celebration. We are continuing to attract new members to our club. We are achieving good scores on our club reports.

We have reached the six-month mark in our club year. We are halfway to the point where I can be a past president. Good things are happening. Our committees are working on worthwhile projects that will enrich our community. Let me call your attention to some of them. Please note: this list is not exhaustive and our committees are trying to come up with new and exciting projects all the time. The "Read Around the World" project is striving to place books in the hands of pre-kindergarten to third grade students, and will be completed this month. "Government Day" is being planned for this spring and will involve all county high schools. The "Special Field Day" is a spring project and is seeking to involve more schools this year. Our Spiritual Aims Committee is planning a new project, a National Day of Prayer Dinner, co-sponsored by the Grundy Kiwanis Club and the County Ministerial Association.

The Community Services Committee is meeting to plan a new initiative in community service for the club. This committee will be reporting to us on this very soon. Our Key Club Committee is continuing to work with the Key Club and we plan to work jointly with the Key Club in the "Relay for Life" event again this year.

As I indicated earlier, the above list is not complete. Our work is varied and is focused to help the community. I am proud of the work we are doing. I am proud to be a Kiwanian and a member of the Grundy Kiwanis Club. Finally, I am proud to be your president.

Let's make the next six months count!

Yours in service,

Bill



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Greetings from your Lieutenant Governor

By Jon Rife

Plans are now finalized for our Spring Conference, March 30, 31! Last year we traveled to Mountain Lake for a wonderful meeting for Division 2, 3, and 8. This year Division 8 hosts the SWVA Spring Conference and I promise you it'll be impressive.

The conference begins with a banquet Friday, March 30, at Martha Washington Inn. After that we'll attend a play, Blithe Spirit, at the Barter. On Saturday, after a breakfast at the Martha, we journey to the Southwest Virginia Higher Ed Center for our training sessions. Governor Bob Cressy, Art Riley, and Yvonne Holley will join us, plus seminar leaders from other divisions. Since our division is hosting, we need to show our strength in Kiwanis and PLAN TO ATTEND!! If you wish to stay at The Martha, ask for the special room rate for "Kiwanis Block."

Thanks to all who attended and worked to bring about our special 60th Anniversary Banquet. We were so very fortunate to have Mountain Mission Choir perform. Patty and Ernie, thanks for your efforts!!

We are now five months into our administrative year' now may be a good time to take stock and spend some time asking some critical questions. Membership is a priority issue for all Kiwanis Clubs as we are spiraling downwards nationwide. Our Grundy membership is now at 32, down from 37 just one year ago. We always need to ASK—always sell Kiwanis. People need to be ASKED to be members!

Another concern is the Key Club. Do we have Kiwanians willing to meet with the Key Club at Grundy High School? We need enthusiastic members with new ideas! Our motto is "Serving the Children of the World" and what better place than to serve the children of Buchanan County. We have also talked about chartering a Builder Club at Riverview elementary School. We have many wonderful ideas; we just need members to make it all happen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A WONDERFUL Spring Conference march 30,31st in Abingdon. See you there!

Programs for March 2007

By Priscilla Johnson, March Program Chair

March 6th---Army Corp of Engineers, John Bock, Grundy Town Project Manager. He will be discussing the upcoming project downtown.

March 13th---Committee Meeting.

March 20th---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 fund-raising activities being planned in conjunction with the Key Club.

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

Annual Duck Race Will Take Place July 4, 2007

By Curtis R. Mullins, Sr.

The Grundy Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring the third annual Grundy Kiwanis Duck Race this summer on the 4th of July. In the past two years, this event has become a much anticipated event in the Grundy area with a large number of individuals watching the race. This event has become the largest single fund raising event for our club and the sky is the limit for its future success. We have sold over 1,200 ducks each year and it is quite a sight to see that many yellow ducks navigating the waters of the Levisa River. We have a goal this year of selling 1,500 ducks. The Kiwanis Club with its emphasis on youth has donated 1/2 the proceeds of the first two races to the Discovery Tour 2006 of the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts recently toured the Western United States during the month of July 2006 and they are eagerly planning their next trip for 2009. This year, our club will again make a 50% donation to the Discovery Tour 2009.

Sources, close to the duck race, have informed me that they are negotiating a deal with Donald Duck, Daffy Duck and Daisy Duck. The Duck Race Committee felt that their participation would only add to the festive mood of the day. If they accept, Donald will be the official starter, Daffy will float with his friends down the river and Daisy Duck will be the official judge at the finish line. Anyone who would like to purchase a duck ticket can do so by contacting a member of the Grundy Kiwanis Club or Rife's TV and Appliance. Your duck will cost you a donation of \$5.00 and the proceeds will be put to good use. A good incentive to buy a Duck???? Well, 1st place is \$500.00, 2nd place is \$250.00, 3rd place \$150.00 and 4th place is \$100.00. Everyone wins when they help the Grundy Kiwanis Club and the youth of our county.

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