

The Abingdon Kiwanian

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Meeting Tuesday Noon at Greenway Haven Party House

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Kiwanis Faces



Caught you, Conrad



Two old warhorses chat

This Week's Program

Hapco, the light pole people

Did you know those decorative light poles around town are made by a local company, Hapco? And those poles are named for Abingdon?

Ray Minor, a past president and long-time member of our club, was Hapco's chief engineer until his semi-retirement. We won't tell you about Ray's specialty. He may be the nation's best at that task and may tell us about it in a later program.

For this week, Ray has invited his boss, President David Oakley, to tell us about Hapco, its products and its ties to the community. The company has played a vital role in Abingdon and Washington County for many years. Be sure to hear the President tell the company's story.



Want to see Hapco's plant? Ray Minor will lead a guided tour after today's meeting, and later upon request.

Board of Directors decides ...

Santa's 2009 Parade Will be daytime Saturday event

The annual Kiwanis Christmas Parade once more will be a daytime event, on a Saturday, with no professional floats – but in the popular one-hour format with just 60 entries first used last year.

The Board of Directors decided this at its meeting last week and delegated past President Bob Craig to meet with Town officials to determine available Saturdays.

Friday nighttime parades began several years ago when professional floats from a North Carolina firm were offered to the club for a reduced price, because they

already were in the area for Saturday parades in the Tri-Cities.



Town officials expressed concerns last year about safety at some parade locations, to which nighttime darkness contributed.

A chair is needed to oversee the parade and work with Bob Craig and George Strong.

Last Week



Your editor ran his computer OK for the Digital Hub program, but bombed when he tried to show a video.

– 37 members attended

More Board Actions

At its August 3rd meeting, the Board also decided to:

- Pay stunt pilot Johnny White \$1,000 for his two well-received performances at Wings & Wheels.
- Pursue the Bristol Kiwanis invitation for our two clubs to have a joint picnic.
- Contact Anne Rife and Jason Neal to discuss their status after leaves of absence from the club.
- Drop John Ramirez from the club's membership roll.

Capital District will convene next weekend in First State's capital

Kiwanians from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia will meet August 21-23 in Delaware's state capital, Dover, for their 91st annual convention.

The spotlight will be on Governor Tom Ganse, a frequent visitor to Abingdon and guest of our club. We will be represented at the convention by President-Elect Jack White, although other members are welcome to attend and up to three can be voting delegates. If interested, see Jack for details.

Despite the slow economy and a location near the District's northern edge, registrations are strong and more than 400 Kiwanians expected for the training sessions and other programs of this annual event.

