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Last Week



Table talk during lunch before the program



Swede told us how to grow

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This Week's Program

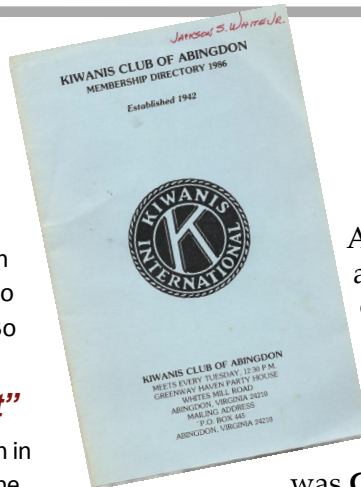
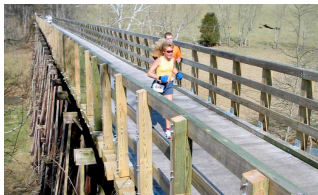
Good or Great?

Dr. Tom Graves, Asst. Supt. of our public schools, is a five-time All American in track and field. From his Chicago hometown, he came to Auburn as a scholarship athlete and there got to know the likes of Charles Barkley and Bo Jackson. He will talk to us about:



"The Difference Between Good & Great"

Dr. Graves, a 15-year public school administrator, has been in Abingdon for four years. He says he loves the town and the area, and still keeps in shape by running 10 miles per day, 60 miles per week, on the Virginia Creeper Trail. His Kiwanis talk will emphasize the good/great difference in athletes, but will carry that theme into other aspects of life.



Old Directory Gives a Glimpse of Our Club in the Mid-1980s

A 1986 Membership Directory uncovered at a member's home shows a club not too different from today – except for people.

The numbers have barely changed. We had **72 members** back then, and now have 70. (However, five years ago we had 90.) Like today, the meeting place

was **Greenway Haven Party House**, but we

met at 12:30 pm. We then had six officers and seven rather than six directors. In 1986, **Capital District Division 8** included a **Saltville** club (now defunct) and **Marion** (very much alive, but now in the New River Valley's Division 3). **Otherwise:**

- **Ramsey White** was the President and **Sam Neese** the 2nd VP; both still are members. But 1st VP was the **Rev. William Gregg**, now an Episcopal Bishop in Charlotte. Of the three remaining officers, one has died, one moved away and one resigned. Of the seven directors, only **David Hutton** and **John Lentz** remain. Four have died and **Bob Vinyard** retired to South Carolina
 - In 1986, **Mickey Tyler** was Lt. Governor of Division 8. Of course, Mickey remains an active member of our club.
 - Just like today, we sponsored the **Abingdon and Patrick Henry High Key Clubs**, the **Christmas Parade** and a smaller **Plumb Alley Day**. But we also sponsored a **Little League Team**, **Historic Abingdon Plaques** for businesses, a **Prayer Breakfast** and a **Travel and Adventure Series** at Barter Theatre.
 - Finally, of the 72 members in 1986, only 14 remain. The rest have died, moved away, or otherwise left the club.
- What does this mean?** No Kiwanis Club is static and we must constantly add new members and evaluate our projects to be sure they meet current needs of children and the community.

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The Bristol Kiwanis Interclub included President-Elect Tommy Curtain (red shirt). He and our President-Elect Jack White have discussed the possibility of joint projects or events next year. Bristol is Abingdon's closest Kiwanis neighbor, but in a different District, and the two clubs have seldom done more than visit each other's meetings.

Attendance: For Swede Nyberg's program, we had **36 members and 8 guests**, including Bristol's interclub group.

Swede said: To help develop new Kiwanis leaders, in elections he always votes for the youngest candidate.

The Search Is On for a Vice-President and six Directors. Our new By-Laws restructured the Board and two members will be elected this year for three-year terms, two more for two years, and two for one year. Want to serve? See Bob Craig, search committee chair.

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