

The Abingdon Kiwanian

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We meet at 7:00 am at the Senior Center



Your Chance to Speak Out

In a few weeks, your club will perform a formal survey of the members to find out what you like and may not like about your Kiwanis experience – and what could make it better. The Board decided to use a multiple-choice survey tool developed by Kiwanis International. However, you will have a chance to add your own personal comments.

A weekly publication of news, information and images from the Kiwanis Club of Abingdon, Virginia

This Week's Program

VHCC Begins Proffitt Era



Dr. Ron Proffitt

His predecessor came to VHCC from West Virginia, but the new President, Dr. Ron Proffitt, is a Southwest Virginia native whose career has been in this area. On July 1, Proffitt succeeded Dr.

David Wilkin, who headed the school for 15 years. Wilkin, whose tenure was widely praised, said of his successor:

"I think he's very progressive, very steady and I think he'll be good for the institution,"

Proffitt was a Dean at Southwest Community College near Richlands, and came here from Wytheville Community College, where he was Vice-President. To Proffitt, community colleges are a key to economic growth, and he recently announced a goal to get the message out to local leaders how the college can be and is willing to be an economic engine.

The Board did this at its meeting...

Starting time for breakfast meetings

When the recent vote was taken, a few comments were heard that the starting time of breakfast meetings might be moved forward to 7:30 am. The Board considered this and decided for now to leave the starting time at 7:00.

Fall membership drive

It will have to be later in the fall because Mark Eason agreed to serve as co-chair with our President. Mark's wife then was involved in a serious auto accident and he has been tied up at home as caregiver and unable to help plan the membership drive. The Board will make a final decision at its September meeting when the drive will begin and exactly what form it will take.

New member orientation

It has been several years since the club conducted a formal orientation for new members. Three have joined this year: **Amanda Bailey**, **Lisia Amburn** and **Alice Nida**. Orientation for them will be held at a dinner event on Monday, September 1. The club will buy the meal *and other members who have had no formal orientation also are invited to attend*. Just let the President know if you will be there. What will be discussed? In short, Kiwanis, this club and its activities, and what it means to be a Kiwanian.

Briefly ...

Next year's Board will have a goal-setting meeting this evening, Aug. 24, at 6 pm at the Tuscan Italian Grill.

A major new club project at E.B. Stanley Middle School is in the works. Look for details in coming weeks.



LAST WEEK—Wytheville Kiwanian **Ron Kime**, owner of the Big Walker Mountain Lookout, talked about **Dr. Thomas Walker**, the 18th century Charlottesville physician and explorer. Walker and his party set out to explore what is now SW Virginia and were gone from home about 15 months. In the process, they found the Cumberland Gap and led the way for Daniel Boone's later wagon road there.

Kiwanians Gathered in Lynchburg

The Hill City was the center of Kiwanis activities last weekend as the 92nd Annual Convention of the Capital District was held. **President Jack White** and **President-Elect Fred Keller** represented this club. White, who edits our widely-read *Abingdon Kiwanian*, presented a workshop on club newsletters. The hot topic was a proposed District dues increase.

Committee to Review Wings & Wheels

After this year's show proved more expensive and less profitable for the club, the Board named a five-person committee, headed by Treasurer George Strong, to review its scope and expenses. The other members are W&W Co-Chairs Bob Craig and Gary Crane, Director Charles Seaver and new President-Elect Ben Hamby. A report is due at the next Board meeting.

