

# The Abingdon Kiwanian

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We meet at noon at Greenway Haven

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Matt Won



Breakfast Line

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

## Last week

### Reference

"My guess is (it will be) about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference library in search."

– Craig Silerstein, Director of Technology, Google, Inc.

**County Library Director Charlotte Parsons** talked about new media and other changes in library science. But, she added, an irreplaceable service that all county libraries provide is helping residents find information they need and do things that must be done online, such as applying for certain jobs and unemployment benefits.



Parsons used screen photos and drawings to show improvements now planned and underway at the Glade Spring and Damascus branch libraries. She then talked about the need to replace the overtaxed main library building in Abingdon, once the current program of upgrading the branches is finished.

Finally, she thanked our club for sponsoring the Summer Reading Program that serves 1,000 young people each year. Studies, she said, have proved that children who do not read over the summer have lower reading skills when school reopens.

## This Week's Program

## We will learn about Bristol's wildly popular music weekend

**Rhythm & Roots Reunion** in Bristol just passed its 10th anniversary with a record-breaking weekend of crowds,



Crowds at an R&R event this year

traditional music and good times. The business and tax coffers of the Twin City also benefitted from this outpouring of love for the music that Bristol introduced to the nation.

Our guest speaker will be **Leah Ross**, Director of R&R's sponsoring organization. Abingdon for years has been the area's principal festival town. But, with Rhythm & Roots, Bristol seems to have a winner that is eclipsing all other events in the area for its crowds – except, of course, race weekends at the Bristol Motor Speedway.

## Two-DVD training set now available for club use

**Last June**, our club played a leading role in the highly successful **Club Leader Training** program held at the SW Virginia Higher Education Center. Eleven leaders from this club were



among the 50+ from Divisions 3 and 8 who attended. **Rhonda Vrell, Area Director of Kiwanis International** was the main presenter and her six individual programs were highly rated.

Verell's entire presentation was video recorded by **Kampton Clay** of this club. Last week, fully edited DVDs were delivered for distribution by the Lt. Governors to all 18 clubs of the Divisions.

**Sets have two DVDs**, each with three of Vrell's 30-minute programs. The disks are indexed so individual segments can be used as short training programs. We will have our own set.

### What program topics are on the two disks?

- 1- Organizing and running a club
- 2- Planning and holding good meetings
- 3- Key Clubs, Builders Club & CKI Clubs
- 4- Service and fund-raising projects
- 5- Membership growth and retention
- 6- Communication/club & community



Past Pres. received a thank-you and held it high

