

The Abingdon Kiwanian

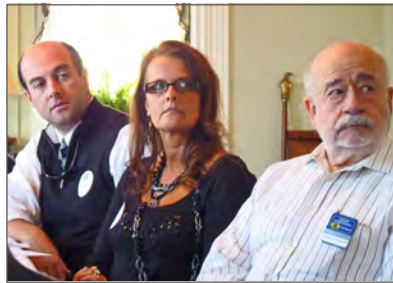
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We meet at 7 am at the Senior Center

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Guests
Last
Week



Will Davis, Pam Mullins came with Charles



Tom brought grandson Daniel

Last Week's Program

This is past, speaker says



The Marketing/PR Director of Bristol's **Rhythm & Roots Reunion** gave us an impassioned presentation last week about her organization and the weekend music festival it presents each September – to increasingly large crowds of fans who jam the Twin City's downtown for the event.

Charlene Tipton Baker said that, as a young girl, she would cross out the word "Live" on a picture of the famed Bristol sign and insert "Leave" (see above). She said downtown then was awash in empty buildings and the future looked bleak.



Mickey won the 50-50 drawing, then hugged the speaker as he showed off his winnings.

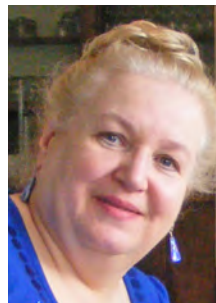
However, she said, the stars have aligned and Bristol today is a vibrant and exciting place to live. She gives some credit to Rhythm & Roots, whose 2010 music festival drew 45,000 people – compared to 1,000 for the first festival held 10 years ago.

While the downtown now is filled for Rhythm & Roots, Baker said studies are underway of how to accommodate even more fans. She mentioned a possible second outdoor music stage and having multiple sessions in venues that now host one. >>

Club has a new President-Elect

Tickle Steps Aside

Pres-Elect Kathy Tickle told President Fred Keller she has accepted a new nursing position whose work schedule will not allow her to serve as a club officer and board member. However, she remains a member and attended last week's meeting.



Tickle

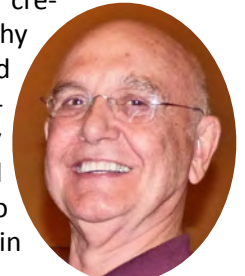
As President-Elect, Tickle was to have led the club for the 2011-12 year.

She came to Abingdon as Director of Nursing for

Johnson Memorial Hospital, but had to resign when a mold infection, acquired in the old JMH building, caused her to be incapacitated for a year.

Hamby Is Elevated

Vice-President Ben Hamby was asked by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created when Kathy Tickle resigned as President-Elect. Hamby accepted and now is in line to lead the club in the coming year.



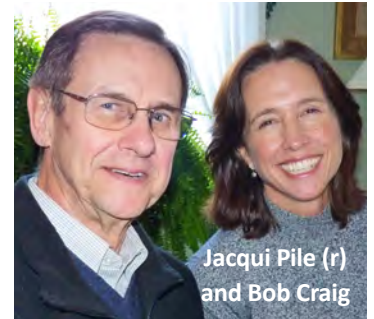
Hamby

The Board is seeking a member to take Hamby's place as club Vice-President. That person is responsible for meeting programs, and will be in line to serve as President in two years. Interested? See President Keller or any Board member.

Hamby, of Bristol, for years was an Allstate Insurance agent in Abingdon. His daughter now runs the Allstate agency and Hamby has his own mortgage brokerage firm.

New Member is Fitness Instructor

Jacqui Pile was installed last week as our newest member. Sponsored by Past President **Bob Craig**, Jacqui is a fitness and yoga instructor at the Coomes Center and the mother of three children. She and her husband, Ed, an Alpha Natural Resources executive, moved to Abingdon five years ago from Northern Virginia.



Jacqui Pile (r) and Bob Craig

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Baker was a last-minute substitute for **R&R Director Leah Ross**, who was engaged in negotiations the Bristol Herald Courier reported only that morning. The goal is to

combine the successful R&R organization with **Birthplace of Country Music**, whose efforts to build a Cultural Heritage Center in an old downtown building have been stymied by slow fund-raising.