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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 th Ken Swayze	15 th Stephanie Bagby	16 th Rick Wood
6 th John Lampley	15 th George Hursig	20 th Rick Prudhomme
7 th Michael Edney	15 th George Stevens	24 th Jim Goodrum

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- August 19 • Club Day – awards, recognitions, installation of new members, Lunch and Learn presentation and committee reports
- August 26 • The football coaches from each high school in Henderson County will preview the upcoming season.
- September 2 • Setup of the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at First Baptist Church
- September 3 • Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at First Baptist Church, 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- September 9 • **Angie Alley** will present a program on The Healing Place
- September 16 • Club Day – awards, recognitions, installation of new members, Lunch and Learn presentation and committee reports
- September 23 • **Joanne Helppie, M.D.**, will discuss “Aging at Home.”
- September 30 • Lay Person of the Year
- October 7 • Installation of club officers and members of the Board of Directors

INVOCATION LEADERS

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| August 19 – Don Bryant | September 2 – Ken Swayze | September 16 – Dan Barber |
| August 26 – Art Smits | September 9 – Peter Voisin | September 23 – Joy Staton |

MEETING-DAY GREETERS

- August – **John Woodham** and **Dick Lewis**
- September – **Rick Wood** and **Josh Houston**
- October – **Buddy West** and **John Whitmire**



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2010

Attendance: 73 members and 6 guests.

Following the invocation by **Helen Owen, Dick “The Velvet Fog” Lewis** (right) introduced the following guests: **Leigh Mullins**, guest of today’s speaker, **Jane Claypool**; **Tommy Komara**, guest of his father, **Tom Komara**; **Bill Coulthart**, guest of **Secretary Susanne Best**; **Ann Robertson**, guest of **Don Holder**; and **Pamela Voisin**, **Peter Voisin**’s wife.



Finance and Fund-raising chair **Jerry Tanner** explained that, for various reasons, the club has lost some of its major fund-raising projects over the past several years. He emphasized that, to continue the current level of support for the projects the club sponsors and funds in Henderson County, the Foundation account must generate \$11,000 more next year over the anticipated income from current fund-raising events. Jerry noted that, historically, we have had five fund-raisers each year; however, at present, only two events continue: the golf tournament and the pancake breakfast. The sale of Autobell car-wash tickets as well as the sale of prints of downtown Hendersonville also provide additional revenue. Proceeds, however, from the annual Swing Band concert and “Dollars for Scholars” go to support the Morris Kaplan Kiwanis Scholarship Fund but not the club’s Foundation account.



The Finance and Fund-raising Committee would like to initiate two new fund-raising events in the new administrative year, beginning October 1. Jerry expressed the desire of the committee to gain feedback from club members. A survey sheet listing four possible fund-raisers – a yard sale in July, 2011; a cemetery tour in October, 2010; a spaghetti dinner in December, 2010; and a red beans and rice dinner in February, 2011 – was passed out with a request that completed forms be returned to Jerry at the close of today’s meeting.

Vice-President-Elect Marcus Jones announced that placemat advertisements for the pancake breakfast are available for \$100. **Bill Guerard** displayed pancake breakfast posters that are now available for members to distribute and post in businesses, churches and community-service organizations.

Secretary Susanne Best introduced **Bill Coulthart** (right), a member of the [Southern Lights Round and Square Dance Club](#), who extended an invitation to club members to try square dancing and become active in the organization. He noted



that his club has 174 members and is the largest square-dance club in North Carolina. Bill highlighted three reasons to try square dancing: health benefits, social benefits and “it’s just plain fun.” He invited Kiwanians to come watch members of the Southern Lights Round and Square Dance Club dance at the Whitman Center on August 21 at 7:30 p.m. and the Apple Festival on Friday, September 3, from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

In his report for the Caring Committee, **Seth Novoselsky** noted the recent death of **Doug Dunlap**’s mother, **Louise Dunlap**, and the death of former member **Don Cavins** in Boulder, CO. Seth also drew attention to this month’s issue of the *Kiwanis Magazine*, in which the road sign of the Hendersonville Club is included in a [photo montage](#) from various other clubs.

Vice-President Jill Geis introduced **Jane Claypool** (below), a counselor with the [North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#), in Flat Rock. Jane provided an overview of the DVRS mission and the services it provides. She pointed out that the division has 77 offices throughout the state and is funded by both state and federal revenue. DVRS provides services to employers and disabled individuals seeking employment. Specifically, the services offered to employers and the disabled include on-the-job training, lifetime follow-up and trouble shooting for all employees referred by DVRS, specialist consultation on ADA¹ requirements and accommodation needs; staff development training on disability and sensitivity issues; and assistance with preparation of tax credit paperwork for employers.



Jane noted that Vocational Rehabilitation Services does not require employers to enter into contracts, and it charges no fees. Further, division staff members will come to places of business and work directly with employers. The division seeks to minimize employee turnover, reduce hiring costs and refer skilled applicants who match job requirements. Jane also noted that there are significant tax credits available to employers who employ and retain disabled workers.

¹Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Thanks to **Tony Amatangelo** for his reporting on today’s meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2010

Attendance: 82 members and 5 guests.

Rick Houston gave the invocation, and **Dick Lewis** made guest introductions: **Hoyt Bynum**, guest of **Don Holder**; and **Walter Carpenter**, scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 601 and guest of **Kim Gasperson-Justice**.

Past-President Mike Earle (right), chair of the upcoming Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, reported on preparations for the event. In particular, Mike asked that those members who plan to sponsor placemat ads contact **Marcus Jones** as soon as possible. Members were also asked to take Pancake Breakfast posters and have them displayed in appropriate places throughout Henderson County. Finally, all members were reminded to turn in ticket money.



President David White presented **Walter Carpenter** a check in the amount of \$2,211 in support of Boy Scout Troop 601. President David explained that this contribution resulted from a bequest to the club from the Elisabeth Gaupp estate. Previously, the club had received similar bequests from the estate of her husband, James Gaupp.



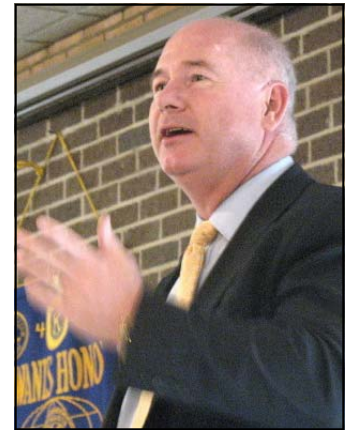
In his report for the Caring Committee, **Seth Novoselsky** mentioned a [recent Times-News article](#) about the Early College High School and its principal, **Helen Owen**; that same issue also featured an article about Kiwanian **Marvin Owings**.

In her introduction of [Superintendent David Jones](#), **Dr. Helen Owen** (right) noted that David is a native of Henderson County and since 1978 has held a number of positions within the local school system. In particular, she noted that he was the principal of Flat Rock Middle School when she was a teacher there. Helen delighted in portraying his leadership style with the following acronyms:



TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More
BIONIC – Believe it or Not, I Care
PATCH – Positive Attitude That Creates Hope
PIG – Professionalism - Integrity - Guts
(What did Helen say about “a good deal of this under his belt?”)
PRIDE – Personal Responsibility in Daily Effort
HEART – Happy Educators are Real Teachers

David Jones spoke with pride about the [Henderson County Public Schools](#) and thanked two Kiwanians, in particular, who have contributed to the success of the school system over the years: **Rick Wood**, retired teacher and coach and present member of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Molly Parkhill**, president of Blue Ridge Community College and a facilitator of the Early College High School. David pointed out that the most recent SAT scores for graduates of Henderson County high schools are above average for both North Carolina and the nation. Moreover, countywide graduation rates are also above the national average. He thanked the club for supporting Sponsored Youth clubs in local elementary and secondary schools.



Superintendent **David Jones**

He then introduced two newly appointed elementary-school principals. **Christine Smith** readily admitted that when she first learned that the position of principal at [Bruce Drysdale Elementary School](#) was open she sought that position out of her love for children and passion for challenge. She brings administrative experience to her new position, having served most recently as principal at Fletcher Elementary School. Chris noted that she regards the staff at Bruce Drysdale as the most committed group of teachers she has ever encountered.



Former HHS assistant principal **Jennifer Shelton** replaces Christine Smith as principal at [Fletcher Elementary School](#). Jennifer spoke of her experience in HCPS and remarked that she is spoiled because she has spent her entire career in this excellent school system. She further noted that she is excited about this, her first assignment as a school principal.



STARTING A NEW KIWANIS CLUB IN BREVARD



Your Board of Directors has recently voted to support the reestablishment of a Kiwanis club in Brevard. To do this, we need your help.

Please share the names of people you know who live or work in Transylvania County. These people will be invited to a preview session of a Kiwanis club in Brevard.

We do **not** get credit for new members; we simply want to share the rewards of Kiwanis membership with our neighbors.

We **do**, however, earn points toward a Distinguished Club award if we are successful in restarting the Brevard club.

Please forward any names, addresses and phone numbers you have to [Lt. Gov. Ken Perkins](#).

And, as a new school year begins, a few thoughts about education . . .

Education: A debt due from present to future generations

– George Peabody (1795-1869)

Education has in America's whole history been the major hope for improving the individual and society.

– Gunnar Myrdal (1898-1987)

The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.

– Robert Maynard Hutchins (1899-1977)

What we want is to see is the child in pursuit of knowledge and not knowledge in pursuit of the child.

– George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

– Will Durant (1885-1981)

Common abbreviations used in this newsletter:

BRCC • Blue Ridge Community College
EHHS • East Henderson High School
HHS • Hendersonville High School
NHHS • North Henderson High School
WHHS • West Henderson High School

INTERCLUB OPPORTUNITIES*

Black Mountain – Christmount Assembly, Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.

Forest City – First Presbyterian Church, Mondays, 12:00 p.m.

Rutherfordton – Rutherfordton Club House, Thursdays (except 5th Thursday), 6:30 p.m.

Tryon – Congregational Church, Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.

*Contact **Bill Guerard** at [693-9855](tel:693-9855) for additional information

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Representatives from the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services with **President David White** (center): **Leigh Mullins** (left), business relations representative from the Asheville (NC) office, and **Jane Claypool** (right), a counselor from the Flat Rock office.



President **David White** (above, left) presents a final bequest check from the Gaupp estate for \$2,211 to Boy Scout Troop 601 scoutmaster **Walter Carpenter**.



Henderson County Public Schools superintendent **David Jones** (above and far right) opens the August 12th program with encouraging data on achievement of college-bound students. He concluded his remarks by introducing two seasoned principals (below) who were reassigned for the 2010-2011 school year.



L-R: New Fletcher Elem. School principal **Jennifer Shelton**; new Bruce Drysdale Elem. School principal **Christine Smith**; new Henderson County Public Schools superintendent **David Jones**; and Early College High School principal **Helen Owen**.



Newly named Fletcher Elementary School principal **Jennifer Shelton** (right) answers a question from *Times-News* advertising executive and newly named club newsletter reporter and good friend, **Heather Staton**.

CLUB CLIPS



Retired Balfour Elementary School principal **Corum Smith** (standing) beams as he reminds the club how **David Jones**, a local boy from Edneyville, worked his way up through the system – from teacher, then principal – to become the first school superintendent born and raised in Henderson County.



Don Holder had just introduced the two visitors at his table, **Ann Robertson** and **Hoyt Bynum**, when he noted, however, that **Chat Jones'** perfect-attendance record of 38 years is still far less than **Jim Gaupp's** record of 50 years... but only because **Chat's** not been around long enough yet!



Bear Smith relates a story about former local Kiwanian and philanthropist **Jim Gaupp**. Jim had been a member of the Columbus (OH) club for more than 30 years and had been its president as well as a lieutenant governor. During the winter he would often visit his daughter in Newport Beach (CA), where Bear lived and had first met Jim. Unbeknownst to Bear, though, Jim had moved to Hendersonville in the 1980s and, when Bear appeared one Thursday in 1994 for a makeup meeting, guess who greeted him at the door! What a small world, says Bear. (Jim died a few years ago, had been a Kiwanian for 52 years.)



Michelle Mullinax, club historian **Chat Jones'** daughter, points out that, although her father today can recall all manner of dates, names and club trivia, he would sometimes forget to pick his daughter up from dance class!



Cover: 14th-century [Trakai Island Castle](#) near Vilnius, Lithuania.
Photo: Paul Alexander



Picture from the "Welcome to our town" page (p. 44) of the August 2010 issue of *Kiwanis Magazine*. Hendersonville is shown bottom, center. See our [newsletter for April 13, 2010](#), for a more detailed picture.