



# THE VIEW FROM COUNTRYSIDE

Kiwanis Club of Countryside, Clearwater

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S



So what kind of 2008/2009 year did we have? I believe that our regular fundraisers and events were more than successful and we did witness an historic 30<sup>th</sup> Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Midnight Run in terms of numbers of runners and funds raised..

Also, we did promote a brand new event, the Challenge Day and Be the Change project. Those of us who participated were treated to an awesome experience, one I am confident we will not soon forget. I believe the Countryside High School students who participated were truly transformed by the experience and learned much about themselves and their classmates...

As we wind down the 2008/2009 administrative year, we look forward to the Officer and Board Member Installation Dinner held on September 29th. This is a good time to reflect on the year that began on October 1 of the previous year and to look forward to how we will assist the new officers and Directors who will lead our Club to an even greater 2009/2010.

Dan Palmisano, President, Countryside Kiwanis Club

## CSKI INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS & WELCOMES IT'S NEWEST MEMBER

CSKI held its annual officer installation and new member installation banquet on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Oliver Garden Restaurant in Clearwater.

Serving as host for the final time President Dan Palmisano with his ever present "boom box" tape recorder led the group in a spirited rendition of God Bless America.

Following dinner Dan Palmisano addressed those in attendance about his year as President. He thanked the members for all their hard work within the community and on the many service projects we participated in including the Midnight Run. This year's run was the biggest ever with more runners and raising more the largest amount of money raised in the 30 year history of the event.

Following his remarks Dan turned the meeting over to Lt. Governor Remz, her remarks echo those of Dan's. She congratulated the club on all the hard work we had performed during the past year and hoped for an even more successful 2009 – 2010. She also spoke on what it means to be a Kiwanian.

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## SPEAKERS FOR OCT

Sep 1 Oct 6 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas - Kim Praitano

Oct 12 "The College Conqueror Workshop" Chantal Korkis

Oct 20 Author and Speaker Patricia Lieb

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov 23 Thanksgiving
- Dec Club Christmans Party
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 News Year Day

## CHALLENGE DAY 2009

Challenge Day's vision is that every child lives in a world where they feel safe, loved and celebrated and to inspire people to be the change they wish to see in the world, starting with ourselves, through compassion and service using the formula for change – NOTICE, CHOOSE, and ACT.

Challenge day has come and gone and I can say without hesitation it was one of the most moving and inspirational events I have ever participated in. I will confess that I was highly suspect of the program after all how one day change the lives of children and adults? I came away with a totally new outlook. I believe it can be done.

I could write about the details of the program and of the techniques used or of the children who felt they were the only ones caring this emotional baggage but that would miss the point of the program instead I want to talk about how two of the of the most highly motivated individuals provided an atmosphere where one felt safe and secure and that they were not alone that there was someone who cares about them as an individual.

I know this is just one day and one program but, if we had any impact on one child and their life it was truly worth it. After all this is what Kiwanis is all about.

**From the Editor Publisher:**

Recently the publisher has received a few comments on the content and form of the newsletter. In an effort to improve the newsletter the editorial staff sat down to review the comments and make changes they felt would improve the newsletter.

One of the comments received was that some of the Committee Chairs felt the work their Committees was doing was not being adequately reported. After a review of some of the past newsletters the staff agreed. In an effort to ensure the Committees are receiving adequate coverage the Chairs were sent an e-mail from the Staff seeking input to write their own articles. The articles will be reviewed and published as written. Since space is limited their stories will be limited to 250 words or less.

It was also suggested that a newsletter committee be created to assist the Staff. This was also discussed and adopted. Beginning in October forward a "proof" copy of the Chairs and Officers for their review and comments. It is realized this may delay the newsletter, however, our goal is accuracy of content and editing.

The staff also felt the newsletter needed a change in the format.

Starting with the October newsletter the calendar will no longer appear. Instead starting in October the speakers list and calendar of upcoming events and important dates has been moved to the front page.

We hope these changes will improve the newsletter and meet with our subscribers approval. We at the newsletter are always looking for ways to improve your newsletter if you have any other ideas or suggestions please e-mail them to the editor.

The Staff

**The Florida Foundation—Sustaining Membership**



Organizations such as your Florida Kiwanis Foundation require annual support in order to be vibrant and progressive. Since its inception, gifts from Kiwanians and friends such as you have been a major source of the Foundation's financial support on behalf of Key clubs, CKI clubs, Builders Clubs, and Aktion clubs, as well as the cash grants made to Kiwanian clubs and divisions for worthy service projects in the local communities.

Your Foundation invites you to become a sustaining member with an annual gift of \$25 or more. Your support is needed more

than ever. The needs continue to be great.

Sustaining members are provided a special lapel pin for their first year of giving. Thereafter, renewals are awarded with a rocker that can be added to the lapel pin to proclaim the number of years of contributions. Twenty (20) years of giving (or a like amount) elevates the member to the status of a **Robert W. Thal Lifetime Fellow** of the Florida Kiwanis Foundation.

Kiwanis clubs can opt to have 100% of their membership by sustaining members by sending in a roster along with a check from their charitable account.

**MEET YOUR KIWANIS FAMILY—CKI**

Circle K International (CKI) is the largest collegiate community service, leadership development and friendship organization in the world. With more than 11,000 members in 17 nations, CKI is making a positive impact on the world every day.

Circle K clubs are organized and sponsored by a Kiwanis club on a college or university campus. CKI is a self-governing organization and elects its own officers, conducts its own meetings and determines its own service activities.

CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to meet other college students around the world. Projects such as the Six Cents Initiative, CKI's International fundraiser that aims to provide water to the 2.2 billion children worldwide who lack safe drinking water, bring CKI members together to make a difference in the world.

For more information, contact [Circle K International](#).

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She then called for our newest member, John Carver, who with the assistance of Dan Palmisano and Frank Ward, inducted him into the Kiwanis Family. While they "pinned" John she spoke to him and all in attendance about the ideals, responsibilities and goal and what it means to be a member of the Kiwanis Family.

After the installation Lt. Gov. Remz turned attention to the news officer and Board of Directors. During the induction she stressed the importance of each position and how it was the responsibility of the officer to lead the club in a

manner that would assure its continued success. Addressing the Board she charged them to work with and the elected officers so the CSKI will continue to enjoy success. She then introduced the new officers and Board of Directors.

- President—Chuck Winscott
- Vice President—Tom DuLaney
- Secretary—Bill Greer
- Treasurer—Dale Thompson

Board of Directors

Marion Spangler, Wilbert Vans Scoik, Frank War, Stuart Harris, Dave Lindeman, Jan Gordon

## THE SPEAKERS CORNER

**SEPT 1:** Our speaker was Randy Campbell and David Mbiad from Hear We Are. These are two fathers whose children were born two (2) days apart both are profoundly deaf. David has worked for his families barbershop in Dunedin for the past 14 years along side his father and grandfather. Randy is the youth minister and Director and Educator at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church in Palm Harbor. Both children have Cochlear implants and are currently learning to sign. Signing is the third most language in use today only English and Spanish are more popular. These two fathers working with other family members and other organizations have established an organization call "Hear We Are" This Group is dedicated to the hearing challenged children of Pinellas County. Visit their Web site for more information [www.hearweare.org](http://www.hearweare.org).



**SEPT 8:** Representative Peter Nehr, Florida Representative District 48 stopped by and updated the club on the happenings in Tallahassee and how the legislative process is suppose to work and how it really works. Following his comments he took questions from the our members.

**Sep 15:** The topic is one that reaches everyone in some way taxes. Our speaker Tom Bunevich, writer, sports promoter, collector and tax advisor spoke to the group on the tax code and gave a few tips on how to prepare next year tax return

**Sep 22:** Are you having or do you know someone who is having trouble sleeping. Our speaker can help. Lance Clark is a Registered Respiratory Therapist and a Registered Polysomnographic, Sleep Study, Technician. He spoke on some of the causes of sleep apnea and some of the ways this condition can be corrected.

## News from the Committees

**Community Service** - Elmer reminds everyone that on the last Saturday of the month his committees meets at the Chick Fliet at Enterprise and 19, Across the street from Pest Smart, to clean the street of litter. Come on out for some fresh air and a FREE cup of coffee. See Elmer for the details **KEEP CLEARWATER CLEAN**

**Human & Spiritual Values:** Frank Ward wants to remind everybody of the need for food donations for the food pantry. In these troubled economic times the need is every increasing.

**Watch this space and for information on holiday donations**

**Public Relations** - **SPEAKERS NEEDED** Tom Dulaney is always looking for speakers. If you have an area of interest or know or a topic that may be of interested to the club contact Tom.

**Finance and Fund Raising**— The holiday's are fast approaching and that means gourmet nuts. Mr. Nut, Bill Greer, is in the process of getting the information for this years sell and will have the information soon.

**Sponsored Youth**— School is in and that means Key Club and Builders Clubs are back in— Stuart and his Committee are looking into other youth programs the details will be forth coming in next months newsletter

**YCPO** - CALL ALL Readers—Head Start is back and that means Marion will need readers. So clean off your glasses and get ready to read.

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**Serving the Children of the World**



## What Countryside Kiwanis is all about

**Who We Are :** Countryside-Clearwater Kiwanis Club is part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of service-minded men and women volunteers who respond to the unique needs of their communities. Our mission is to serve the children of our local communities and the world.

**What We Do:** The Club meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at 7:30AM -8:30AM at Eve's Restaurant, 3150 Tampa Rd., Woodlands Square Oldsmar, where we have fun, have some club announcements relevant to our mission, hear informative speakers and enjoy good food. Several times yearly, we raise money through fundraisers to fund the many children's charities and projects the club supports.

**Why we do it:** We are a group of concerned men and women who want to make a difference in the lives of today's kids and young people. Through Kiwanis membership, friendships are built, leadership skills are developed and business contacts are made. And, we help make our communities a better place to live, work and raise a family.

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