

East Memphis Kiwanis Club

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September 2005 Newsletter



Club Meeting – Every Tuesday 12-1 pm
Board Meeting 2nd Tuesday at 1:05 pm
Location: Holiday Inn Select
5795 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38119

2004 – 2005 Officers

President – Mickey Ison
President Elect – John Thompson
Vice President – Sandra Zehntner
Secretary – Pat Murphy
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Past President 2003-2004 – Frank Davis

Board of Directors

<u>2004-2006</u>	<u>2003-2005</u>
Bob Blecken	Randy Flatt
Bob Myrland	Elmer Follis
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Amy Thornton	Jerry Schwartz



MICKEY ISON, PRESIDENT

Editor: Sylvia Jones

FROM THE PRESIDENT

OK, by the time you receive this it will have been about eleven months since I signed on as your president. Time is running out for me!! Pretty soon John Thompson will be taking over and “running the show.” In the meantime, we have much work to do in order for us to meet our goal of having 50 members in our club.

Here’s a status report on our membership:

Balance	October 1, 2004	30
Merger	February 15, 2005	8
New Members obtained	Oct, 2004 – Aug , 2005	11
Terminated members	Oct, 2004 – Aug , 2005	<6>
Balance	August 31, 2005	43

All we need is seven more members and we have a whole month left. In addition, Joe Pipkin attended a meeting in August and is seriously considering membership at this writing.

Please help me meet our goal.

Mickey Ison

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
August 26-28 th	Fri / Sat / Sun	Varies	* 3 rd Annual Hole In One Million Dollar Golf Shootout
September 13 th	Tuesday	1:05 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting

*The recipient of this event is Hope House, a non-profit organization that provides day care and respite services to aids-infected and aids-affected children and their families in the Memphis area.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS – Kiwanis Guest Speakers –

September 6th - Ashley Harper, Program Associate, Hands of Memphis

Ms. Harper is a Memphis native who returned to Memphis after 3+ years teaching English in Lima, Peru with her husband and 2 children. She became affiliated with Hands on Memphis, while volunteering as a Spanish interpreter at St. Jude. She decided she liked the work that HOM does and decided to join them. She will elaborate on Hands on Memphis (HOM), who they are and what they do.

September 13th – David McDonald (our own Kiwanian) Yea, David.

September 20th – Brenda Lea, Senior Investment Executive, INSOUTH Financial Services

Brenda has been a member of our INSOUTH team for 20+ years. She has been involved in all aspects of investments. She currently heads up their Investment Department in Brownsville. Topic of discussion: Estate Planning

September 27th – No meeting because of the joint meeting with all Memphis area Kiwanians at the Mid-South Fair on Wednesday, September 28th. Plan to be there. Free parking, and free entrance to the Fair! Be there!!

KIWANIAN SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



MARTI ASH

Marti Ash is a very interesting and diversified lady. She is a Broker and Realtor with Coldwell Banker/Hoffman Properties. She was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and moved to Memphis when she was a year and a half old. Marti's Dad, Joseph J. Baker, was an executive with ESSO (Standard Oil of New Jersey), and moved the family to Memphis at that time.

Marti attended St Ann Catholic School and Sacred Heart. She was an outstanding high school student, winning several scholarships, including a National ESSO Academic Scholarship, a Junior Achievement Award, Best Prepared Speech for the Dale Carnegie Course, and others. Marti was a busy and smart student, and very involved in a lot of activities in high school and college. She won a scholarship to attend Memphis State University where she obtained a BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) with a degree in Advertising.

After college, Marti says all her friends were getting married, so she did too. She married a guy who took her to her high school prom. They have three children. Son Scott is married to Irene and lives in Sydney, Australia with their son. Scott is a consultant for large companies in the integration of software. Daughter, Melanie is married to Allen and they have three children. She is Office Manager for a Realtor in Jackson, MS. Her youngest daughter, Laura Mitchell is married to Shawn and they live in Memphis with their two children.

She has two brothers and two sisters. One brother lives in Memphis, and one brother and sister live in California, and another sister lives in North Carolina.

Marti is single, and when I asked her for any funny incidents in her life she told me about the time she dated the Pro at Colonial Country Club one night. She said they went to the Golf Putt-Putt Course, and she scored 9 "holes-in-one" out of 18 and beat her date.....she never heard from him again.

Marti is very artistic and at one time sang in the church choir at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. In college she was in charge of All-Sing for all four years. She and her grown children all have paintings hanging on their walls in their homes of pictures she has painted in oil and water color of landscapes and portraits. She also has a passel of blue ribbons for her ceramic work she has created.

Marti has a lot of energy and is very competitive. As she puts it, she "has to win" in whatever she is working on. However, she is quick to say that she does not like to be an "out front" person, preferring rather to make things happen behind the scenes.

When asked what she likes about our Kiwanis Club, she said that at our meetings she enjoys the hugs we give each other....and enjoys us wonderful Kiwanians!!!

Her hobby has been travel as she has visited China, Japan, Turkey, Greece, Europe, Ireland, England, and Israel. She hopes to travel to Egypt in October, where she will join her son and his wife for a visit.

Marti has done an outstanding job for our Club as our Public Relations Chairman. We have gotten so much publicity this year since she accepted this non-paying job! The next time you see her, tell her what a great job she is doing for the Club.

So, this is Marti Ash.....an outstanding lady, competitor and the best Public Relations Chairman we have ever had!!!

ACTIVITIES



Ginger Morgan and Dr. Bob Egerman, both of the Memphis Humane Society, spoke to East Memphis Kiwanis about the Memphis Humane Society's past, present, and future.



Kiwanian David McDonald gives us a closer look at Copper, the abused dog who found a new home through the Memphis Humane Society.



Sandra Zehntner (East Memphis Kiwanis Vice President and Treasurer of the Memphis Humane Society) with Dr. Bob Egerman and Ginger Morgan.



Allan Bowden explains how the weekly raffle for children's charities works.



Ginger Morgan helps Allan by drawing the winning ticket.



East Memphis Kiwanian Randy Flatt (center) poses with Bill Boyd (left) and Mike Carpenter (right), Both of Downtown Kiwanis Club.



Senator Mark Norris, member of the Tennessee Senate and a Memphis attorney, was our speaker at the August 9 meeting of East Memphis Kiwanis. Senator Norris discussed his experiences and role as a legislator, and expressed his support for the creation of an independent ethics body that is empowered to enforce ethical standards for Tennessee elected officials.



From left: Sandra Zehntner, East Memphis Kiwanis Vice President and program chair for August; Senator Mark Norris; and John Bone, East Memphis Kiwanis program chair for August.



Sandra Zehntner with her colleague Bill Bradley, the newest member of East Memphis Kiwanis!



East Memphis Kiwanian John Thompson describes his recent trip to Poland, accompanying his son who played soccer there; John's trip included a meeting with the U.S. ambassador to Poland!



Our speaker was Joe Birch, anchor of WMC-TV's Action News 5. Birch spoke of his career in the news business, his rise through the ranks as a journalist, and his philosophy of success that he shares with young people he meets. He also discussed his commitment to objectivity and fairness in his reporting, drawing upon past experiences in his career to illustrate the importance of reporting all sides of a story.



Joe Birch, anchor of WMC-TV's Action New 5, with East Memphis Kiwanis Vice President Sandra Zehntner, and East Memphis Kiwanis President Mickey Ison.



East Memphis Kiwanian Murray Ellis gives a report on the Kiwanis District Convention he recently attended in Lafayette, Louisiana on behalf of our club.



East Memphis Kiwanis President Mickey Ison presents Frank Davis (chairman of the Hole-in-One Committee) with a set of golf clubs that will be a prize in the Hole-in-One Golf Shootout.



East Memphis Kiwanian Marti Ash presents East Memphis Kiwanis President Mickey Ison with a \$1000 sponsorship check for the Hole-in-One Golf Shootout.



Cindy, our Holiday Inn Select server, wins the prize.



Elmer Follis examines his raffle ticket while Bob Blecken and Josh Shipley enjoy lunch.