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'Tis the Season

As a child, Christmas was my favorite occasion. It was the 60's and our living room was decorated with the ever-stylish silver tree with the rotating color wheel! My mother and father would prepare for the relatives to arrive, imbibe in spirits and laughter, while we cousins made our own fun! The most advanced electronic device back then was our portable, 85-pound, color Television with antlers, providing improved viewing clarity. Quite advanced for the times.



The home was modestly small, filled with light and cheer. Life was simpler then as we waited for Santa to make a personal appearance at our family's home. One night, while patiently looking out the window, my cousins and I noticed that Santa was squeezing himself out from the front driver's door of a station wagon vehicle. Wait! Where's the sleigh and reindeer? Could it be? The cousins all ran into the kitchen to alert the adults that "Santa was coming!" Honestly, we didn't care if he arrived on a motorcycle or donkey! Santa was IN THE HOUSE!



During those days, your Christmas gifts were not the priority; it was, which cousins would we visit and, how many relatives would gather?

At our December 18th Kiwanis meeting, we invited 20+ children from the Boys & Girls Club, Aberdeen satellite location. You may recall mention by Fallon Brewington CEO of the Boys & Girls Club, one of our recent speakers. Sandy Donovan interviewed local young kids before carefully selecting reading books and Legos for the kids! Sam Walker has secured Paul Murphy to accompany us on the piano. And guess who has agreed to arrive as Santa and another Board Member as our Elf!!!!???? A major coup by all!

On December 6th, Sandy Donovan and I will drive up to the North Moore Family Resource Center to deliver 26+ coats, hats, socks, gloves, donated to this group through the work of our Kiwanis members and of course, Kathryn Doddridge, who leads this coat drive every year. These clothing items will be available to less fortunate families at the Hope Academy Santa's Workshop!

This Holiday Season is a time to reflect on all the wonderful things we do for children. We reflect on family traditions, and this Season's true meaning of giving and joy. Although our families may be far and wide, or who may have since moved on to other pastures, we continue to bring happiness to other families who will create new memories and traditions.

Thank you to all of our members who bring so much happiness and joy to others!

PEACE & JOY TO ALL, Joanne Conrad

The Future and Health of Our Kiwanis Club and Our Family Clubs

December Birthdays

Joseph Thompson	12/02
Kacey Johnston	12/08
John Monroe	12/14
William Stewart	12/17
Gregg Allen	12/21
David Bruton	12/31



Yes, Curtis was wearing four different shirts during his presentation. We were glad he stopped peeling off layers.

Thank you for the gracious welcome given to Michelle Crews and Dawn Vang from McDeeds Creek, and for the gracious welcome to Lily Tanner, Haley Sager, Jackson Martinez and Cindy Carr from O'Neal High School on November 20th.



I hope you could tell by the excitement in Michelle's voice how enthused the children are at the K Kids Club at McDeeds Creek. It has been a lot of fun getting this club started and participating in their activities. We should expect a sizeable number of the members to join us for our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 14. If anyone wants to join us at our K Kids Club meetings, please contact me.



Also, I hope you were as impressed by Lily Tanner as I am. Her pursuit of clean water for all through the Thirst Project is to be commended. Thank you for your support of her dream of clean water for all.



Thanks to president-elect Janet Galloway and board member Brain Criswell for their contributions. We hold our club's health and future in our own hands. With members like Janet and Brian energizing the group for the betterment of our club, I feel like we are doing the right things.



Finally, thanks for giving me a minute to report on the health of the clubs in our division. If you have family, friends, co-workers or if you know other volunteers in Raeford and Hoke County or Laurinburg and Scotland County that might make good Kiwanians please contact me. Both clubs could use our help gaining new members.

-Curtis Richie

Kiwanis Raffle for the Children

\$100 per ticket

Proceeds benefit Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills children and youth programs

1st Prize \$5,000

2nd Prize \$2,000

3rd & 4th Prize \$1,000 each

5th & 6th Prize \$500 each

Drawing on 12/11/19 no need to be present to win.

*If you have raffle tickets that you are not selling or buying please turn them in ASAP, we have others interested in buying them.

Builders Club West Pine Middle School



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November Pictures



Kiwanis' Ladies Night



Another Kiwanis' Ladies Night in the books! Thank you, Judson Theatre Company, for bringing such amazing talent and shows to the Sandhills.

Upcoming Kiwanis Events

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| 12/11/19 | Raffle Drawing |
| 12/18/19 | Children's Program |
| 02/15/20 | Flapjack Fundraiser |
| 02/26/20 | Builder's Cup Award |

Presentation Schedule

- 12/04/19 Presidential Address – Main Dining Room
- 12/11/19 Kiwanis Raffle – Conference Center
- 12/18/19 Children’s Christmas Program – Main Dining Room
- 11/25/19 NO Meeting – Christmas
- 01/01/20 NO Meeting – New Year’s Day

****Meetings at Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club, 1010 Midland Road, Southern Pines****



I thought I could get a picture of most of the Board of Directors... hmmm.



Board of Directors

Jason Burgin

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Brian Criswell

Sandy Donovan

Lyn Hankins

Stacy Lebak

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President.....Joanne Conrad

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Secretary.....Kathryn Doddridge

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one child and one community at a time.