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## DAVID COX



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As advertised, May was certainly a very busy month for our Club.

In addition to our excellent lunches - - held on May 1 and May 15 with special speaker, **Alan Swendiman, Esquire** (General Counsel of USAID) - - we also held another very successful Joe Riley Youth Leadership Awards Program on Thursday, May 8. Special thanks go to **Kathleen Asdorian, Vernon Holleman, Jane Chapman and Joe Ressa**. I will leave it to **Kathleen** to make sure that appropriate kudos are extended to all the members of the Joe Riley Committee. A project as grand and as successful as this cannot be accomplished without the assistance of a lot of our fellow Kiwanians (especially our Kiwanis school partners). This project has always held a special place in my heart because (1) it focuses on our D.C. Public School students and educates all of us as to the tremendous number of very talented and very motivated students there are in the D.C. Public School system; (2) it activates many members of our Club that don't usually participate in Club activities; and (3) it reminds all of us of the great works performed during the

life of Joe Riley. If you are a Club member who has not yet had the opportunity to participate directly in and with the Joe Riley project, please give it serious consideration for next year. I also invite your attention to the gracious letter sent to me by Joe's daughter (reprinted below).

[Although I could not personally attend this year's Program due to foreign business travel, I had the privilege of being invited to participate in the senior awards' program at McKinley Technical High School on May 28. My participation allowed me to address the juniors and seniors at McKinley Tech about Kiwanis and the Joe Riley scholarship program. When I concluded my brief remarks with an introduction of their school's third-place winner (Tuan Nguyen), along with the news that he had received a state-of-the-art laptop Dell computer as well as a \$5,000 scholarship, the student body erupted in loud applause for their classmate. It was an exhilarating experience.]

At our May 15 meeting, our Club also elected a complete slate of officers and directors for our 2008-2009 administrative year. See the special insert appearing in this issue for a complete listing.

The Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Foundation - - chaired by **Jay Pope** - - also met during the month of May and, among other things, received presentations on the financial performance of the Foundation's investments and, once again, discussed at length the future role for the Kiwanis Orthopedic Clinic once housed at Sibley Memorial Hospital, but now based, in part, at Georgetown University Hospital. I agreed to assemble and to chair a task force between 5-7 Club members along with **Victoria Bamber** and **John N. Delahay, M.D.** The mission of the Clinic task force will be to identify the pertinent issues for consideration, to engage (if need be) a consultant to assist us with identifying those issues and then to address those issues in such a way as to maximize the return on the investment by the Foundation of almost \$250,000.00 per year in the current Clinic (measured principally by value given to young people with special medical needs in D.C.).

Finally, as our last Club event in May, many of us had the opportunity to share in an "enriching the lives of the aged" outreach event of our Club by visiting with senior residents at Sarah's Circle located at 2551 17th Street, NW, Suite 103, Washington, DC. Special thanks go to **Rita Gilman, Andy Alderdice, Dick Marsh** and **Jane Chapman**, among others, in making sure that this event came off without a hitch. We had an excellent turnout of both residents and Kiwanis volunteers for this project.

As we approach our summer hiatus, we have three (3) more Club events.

Please make sure that you have on your schedule the luncheon on Thursday, June 5, at the University Club with **Aimee Seidman, MD, FACP, CMD** (the Medical Director for Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Maryland) as a speaker (this is also a Board of Directors meeting) and Thursday, June 19, at the University Club with **Chet Grey** (Director of Homeless Services for the Downtown D.C. Business Improvement District Corporation) as a speaker.

In addition, we have our venerable Pet-a-Pet project at Stone Ridge School located in Bethesda, MD at 9101 Rockville Pike (entrance is on Cedar Lane) on Saturday, June 14, 2008. Please check elsewhere in this KiGrams for the specific details of this year's Pet-a-Pet project being run by **David Jones** and **David Low**. I know that they would appreciate your helping with this event (especially since they are anticipating entertaining and feeding somewhere between 150-200 disabled children).

Our June 5 and 19 lunches and our June 14 Pet-a-Pet project will be the last formal Club activities until Thursday, September 4. If I do not get chance to see you at either the June lunches or the Pet-a-Pet project, you have my best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

## CALENDAR

- June 5**                    **Lunch at University Club and Board Meeting...Aimee Seidman MD and Marcia Goldmark, MD speaking**
- June 14**                   **Pet-a-Pet...stay tuned for More information!**
- June 12**                   **No Lunch**
- June 19**                   **Last lunch until September Chet Gray speaking**

## PET-A-PET

*Please schedule time to join our club provide a very special day for some very special children. We need your help from 11:00 AM until 3 PM. Pet-a-Pet is held at Stoneridge School, at the corner of Cedar and Rockville Pike+. Enter on Cedar. Help needed to setup area, pass out the food, walk the Animals and assist and meet the children enjoying the rides and petting zoo. At the end of the event we need to clean up the trash get the signs down. A great day to be a member of our club. Bring your family and help make it a memorable day.*

*David D. Low*



*From an earlier year....who could that be???*

## FROM JERRY PRICE

### **Children's Orthopedic Clinic**

The Orthopedic Committee continues to work to relocate the Clinic before Sibley breaks ground on its Medical Building this fall.

Patients of the Kiwanis Clinic will be seen at Georgetown University Hospital. It is anticipated that the first clinic will be conducted at Georgetown in July. This will provide great convenience for the physicians and patients. We are currently in the process of completing a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgetown University Hospital.

The Clinic offices and physical therapy space will be located to a medical building in the neighborhood. Dick Jergens is searching for space on behalf of the Orthopedic Committee. Dick is looking for a space approximately 600-800 square feet to accommodate the offices and physical therapy space of the Clinic. The offices need to be relocated by October 1, 2008.

#### CLUB ELECTIONS RESULTS

Officers and Board of Trustees for the 08-09 year are:

President	Kathleen Asdorian
President-Elect	Vernon Holleman
Vice President	Harvey Jacobs

Board of Trustees---2008-2010

Brian Egger  
Steve McDonnell  
Jamie Thornberry  
Mark Zaidan

In addition, Cindy Crist will serve one additional year.

Jottings from Jane

Please note new address for Kirstin Lebert;

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Sarah's Circle attendees: Betty Mack, Dick Marsh, Dick Juergens, Kathleen Asdorian, Rita Gillman, David Cox, Andy Alderdice and Jamie Thornberry



#### JOE RILEY

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Kiwanis, DC Joe Riley Awards Banquet was held at the National Press Club. The National Press Club was a new and very exciting venue for the event and was richly enjoyed by all attendees who had the opportunity, many for the first time, to enjoy all the architecture, ambience and classic photographs of the historic Washington, DC notables who have graced this venue with their presence. Our thanks to Cindy Crist who recommended the site for the event.

Thanks also go to our sponsors, Morgan Stanley, Suntrust, Washington Post and the Holleman Companies.

Fr. Raymond Kemp from the Woodstock Institute at Georgetown University, a long-time member of our club, offered the Invocation. Michelle Rhee, Chancellor of the Washington, DC Public School System, was the principal speaker and did an outstanding job in her address to the students, parents, club members and guests in attendance. Traci Hughes, Executive Director of Communications for the Metropolitan Police Department addressed the students as the opening speaker. Ms. Hughes was herself a Kiwanis scholarship award winner when a high school senior in Denver, Colorado.

We had close to 100% participation from the Washington, DC high schools. The Color Guard from Bell Multicultural High School opened the luncheon in fine fashion. It was the first appearance by this Color Guard, under the direction of Commander Morrison. The decision was made to include a Color Guard from different schools each year in an effort to insure that each high school with an R.O.T.C. program be given the opportunity to participate. In past years, Dunbar has also done an outstanding job of performing this service.

The following college-bound seniors were awarded laptops: The scholarship winners were:

\$10,000 Raymond Barnett, H.D. Woodson SHS  
\$7,500 Delonte Moore, Eastern SHS  
\$5,000 Tuan Anh Nguyen McKinley Tech HS

The scholarship award for each student will be sent directly to the college or university selected by each graduate. The Club extends its sincerest thanks to Jane Chapman who is the backbone of this entire event, Vernon Holleman, III, School Partner Chair, and Joe Ressa, Luncheon Co-Chair, and the dedicated members who annually advise the Joe Riley committee. Thanks also to the School Partners who work so diligently to keep the high schools on track. Last, but by no means least, the committee thanks the judges who gave generously of their time to read the many essays submitted by the students,

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May 12,2008

Mr. David H. Cox, President  
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Dear David:

I am writing this letter one day before, what would have been, my dad's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is hard to believe that he has been gone 12 years but, thanks to all the wonderful members of Kiwanis, his memory, and wonderful reputation, lives on. I keep thinking it will get easier without him as time passes but it just seems to get harder. There are so many times that, with my kids now age (almost) 14, 12 and I think, "What would my dad suggest?" It sure is not the same as having him here for guidance or, that often need hug.

I would really appreciate it if you would convey to the club just how much this award in Dad's memory means to me. Words really cannot adequately describe my feelings. I remember many, many years ago, someone asked me to make a few impromptu comments about my dad. It was easy. I said, "He is the most amazing man I have ever met and he just happens to be my dad."

When we were evaluating the candidates for the award just given out, there was one thing • that stood out for me with several of the applicants. All of the kids were active in numerous organizations and boasted impressive resumes. What set the winners apart for me this year was the fact that they saw a need and THEN filled that need. That is Joe Riley through and through.

My dad's memory, and reputation live on through Kiwanis - thank you from the bottom of my heart for that.

Fondly,

Mickie Riley Levenson

FROM RITA GILLMAN

Our club members enjoyed joining the residents of Sarah's Circle for our annually sponsored luncheon on Thursday, May 29th. This event, which was begun about 15 years ago, was once held by the Grist Mill in Rock Creek Park. Fighting the weather conditions forced the group to meet indoors and we were cordially invited to come to Sarah's Circle. Over the years our Kiwanis Club installed a patio at the home, performed sing-a-longs, transported residents to the Sweetheart luncheon and has watched as all have benefited from this special relationship. Again this year we provided lunch, music by our special accordionist (thanks to Sidney Seidenman), and of course "The Price is Right,"

conducted by our own Dick and Joan Marsh. We were pleased to have 14 members and spouses in attendance.