

from the Governor's Gavel

By Dave Liddell



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It hardly seems possible, but I am in the final few months of my Governorship. You notice I did not say year, because there is no such thing as a Governor, Lt. Governor or President's year. I know we say "the year I was . . .", but all the years blend together as Kiwanis years!!

As I begin to reflect on this past year, I think, what am I doing? The year is only partially through, and there is much to be done. We'll be in Nashville shortly to celebrate what happened in 2007-08 and remember the beginning 8 months of this year. Donna has made her plans for 2009-10, her training for the Lt. Governors has taken place and the CLE meetings are here.

Wow!!!! There are a few things we need to work on during the remainder of this Kiwanis year. The economy has hit many of our members, and it has hit the Florida District of Kiwanis. The economy will recover and I'm sure Kiwanis will rebound. But we need to respond to the call of our communities, and then our District will again respond to touch and make a difference in people's lives.

I been reading a book titled "The Shack." It is an intriguing book. It is a spiritual book (go figure) and talks about someone looking at things with different eyes. IF WE COULD SEE OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE EYES OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE, WOULD WE DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY? I know that seeing things through another person's eyes, allows me to reevaluate my priorities, my concepts and my work ethic. What part of your community is being neglected because we are looking through our own eyes?

Let us REACH OUT into the community, so that others can REACH UP!!!

OPERATION JUMP START

Our 2008-09 year end is drawing near, but it is not yet over and it is time to gear up for 2009-10. That is why I and Florida Kiwanis is unveiling "OPERATION JUMP START."

"OPERATION JUMP START" will encourage Kiwanis Clubs to recruit a minimum of one new member per month for the months of June, July, August and September. Every club that processes at least one new member in each of our remaining 4 months in 2008-09 will receive a banner patch. The only "catch" is one new member add form and payment must be submitted to Kiwanis International each month, with a copy of the form and copy of the check sent to:

Operation Jump Start, Florida District of Kiwanis International, 5545 Benchmark Lane, Sanford FL 32772-8116

Clubs submitting at least 1 new member add form and payment each month for June, July and August will receive special recognition at the District Convention in Orlando, August 27-30, 2009, but to receive the banner patch you must also submit a new member form and payment in September, too.

"OPERATION JUMP START" will create exciting momentum to help set the pace for Governor-Elect Donna and the 2009-10 leadership team of District, Division and Club leaders. Let's 'jump to it.' We'll be glad we did.

Sincerely,
Governor Dave

Governor-Elect's Message

See you in Nashville!

Last month I talked about how great it was to be a Kiwanian and some of the benefits of membership, especially in regards to leadership development. I hope your summer plans include attending Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, June 25-28, 2009. In addition to the fun and fellowship of attending an International Convention and meeting and making new friends from around the world, a number of workshops have been planned to "increase your effectiveness as a leader and learn how to take your club, division and our district from good to great". There will be special tracks for elected district and club officers and workshops and forums dedicated to help improve your club. You'll want to check out workshops such as: Working with Volunteers, Club Meetings with Impact, High Impact Leadership, Empowering Others to Invite, Marketing Your Club and Succession

Planning. But that's not all! I know that every Kiwanian is interested (or should be interested) in growth since more hands mean more service. Together Achieving Growth (TAG) workshops will help you learn how to build new clubs and improve your own club. Achieving Club Excellence, Innovative Membership Ideas and Membership Best Practices workshops will be of benefit to all clubs. And, of course, there will be workshops focusing on service. Doesn't this sound inviting? So, pack up that cowboy hat and those boots and meet me in Nashville. I wonder if we'll see Dolly Parton.



Donna Parton