

# Message from International Trustee Stan Storey



What a pleasure it is to be a part of an organization that has members who are willing to jump in and help when needed. I've experienced this within my Kiwanis career several times during the past couple of months. Sometimes people have come to the rescue when you knew they really didn't have the time, but they did it anyway because of their desire to serve, not only their communities but also their fellow members.

And speaking of time, we all seem to need more of it. Unfortunately, our days will continue to have only 24 hours. Our modern technology was supposed to give us more free time to get more business done or to have more leisure time. That has not worked for me, as it seems I spend more time at the computer, which leaves less time to "take care of business." Maybe I'm the exception, but regardless, most of us could stand to work smarter with the use of our time. I'm definitely not a guru when it comes to time management, but I've picked up a few points through the years. This is not the place or the forum to start itemizing, but I will say that we must realize that we can't really manage time. The hands of the clock are going to continue moving on in spite of what we do. So we have to look for ways to use our time more effectively, efficiently, and profitably. We all need to set priorities so that we can use our time on a "first things first" basis.

One of the things that robs us of our time is poor planning. As Past Governor Olin Taylor told us so many times, we need to "plan

your work and work your plan." I have a rather humorous story about poor planning that space won't permit at this time, but suffice it to say that poor planning can get us into a heap of trouble and take hours from us that could be used more profitably. Another thing some of us tend to do is spend too much time pondering over a situation when we need to decide a course of action and move on. I'm not advocating that we shouldn't give thought to our actions; but, too often we think about something so long that it drags us down and we begin to feel defeated.

We should take the information available, decide which course to take, and then do it. Mistakes might occur, but generally they can be corrected without too much difficulty.

Finally, I think many of us have a tendency to want to do it all ourselves rather than ask for help or delegate responsibility to others. As I indicated above, many of our members are more than willing to help if they are asked. Don't forget such a valuable resource when you seem overwhelmed with a project, and it is affecting the efficient use of your time. So think smart and work smart so that you control your time rather than vice versa.

Remember I'm available to discuss your Kiwanis concerns and questions at any time. My telephone number is 904-256-0092 and my e-mail address is slstorey@comcast.net.

## From the District Chairs

### Apples for Teachers

By Judy Becker, District Chair, Apples for Teachers

One of Governor Mark's goals this year is to have a Kiwanis presence in every school in the Florida District. How can this be accomplished? Many Clubs sponsor Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, and K-Kids or have a Terrific Kids or BUGS Program; however, there are still many schools that we are not touching. One way to reach all schools is through the Apples for Teachers Program.

Apples for Teachers is a program to show our appreciation for our educators. Teacher Appreciation Week is the first full week of May (May 5-9) and Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday May 6, although a project can be done at any time of the year.

Some Clubs deliver apples personally to teachers in their classrooms while others have the apples placed in the teachers' mailboxes. Some stores will provide apples or give you a reduced price for them. In my Kiwanis Club, our Aktion Club polishes and places labels on each apple. Other Clubs have their K-family members escort them to the

classrooms and distribute the apples. Some Clubs give bookmarks or "thank-you" cards instead of apples. Some Clubs give "Welcome Back" packages in the fall. Some Clubs even include all school employees in their "Apples for Teachers" project.

Each public school selects a "Teacher of the Year." If your Club cannot support a program for all teachers, try to at least honor that teacher. Check with your local officials as to how to proceed.

For more information or for samples of labels, letters, cards, or bookmarks, please contact me. I would also like to hear what your Club does to show appreciation for our teachers. judy.becker@sfcc.edu or 904-782-3502



### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Florida Kiwanis Foundation is seeking an individual to facilitate obtaining corporate gifts. Working closely with a dedicated Board of Trustees, the Corporate Fundraiser will be responsible for identifying and generating corporate giving. We also seek an individual with documented experience in developing websites to develop the Foundation's website. The individual will be responsible for creating an informative and user friendly website. Interested applicants for either position should send a letter of interest and resume by April 30, 2008 to: Jack Allen, Executive Director, Florida Kiwanis Foundation, 5500 Military Trail #22-274, Jupiter, Florida 33458 or email to flakiwffoundation@aol.com

