

from the Governor's Gavel

By Dave Liddell



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Several years ago, Nancy and I accepted the responsibilities of my being the Lt. Governor in Division 10. It was one of the greatest experiences of my Kiwanis life.

Then I got to chair a few District committees and had several Governors say, "Your time will come." We thought they were being nice, saying the thing you may want to hear. In reality, I never wanted to be Governor nor did I ever believe I would have the opportunity.

Then the chance came and Nancy and I looked for reasons not to do it, but with every excuse there was a reason to look at the possibilities. Three years ago, I asked for your vote as Treasurer. Now I have had the experience of two years working with two outstanding Governors and having the advice of several other remarkable leaders of the Florida District.

On July 23, Nancy woke up with pains in her stomach area. We called the emergency unit and they had to climb on our bed to get Nancy to the ambulance, because she was unable to move. After a couple of hours, I read her eyes (years of being a minister) and I called my family to be with me. As the family arrived, it became more apparent that Nancy was not going to survive (ruptured colon had spread disease through her body). With our blood family present and Mark and Sharon Taylor arriving, I was surrounded with love and support and I felt blessed.

The next few days were amazing, 375 people at Nancy's viewing and over 400 people at her service. International President Don Canady came to be with me (after suffering the same experience just seven days earlier), as well as, numerous Kiwanians from around the state.

When I was elected Governor-designate, I guess now its Governor, in Jacksonville, I dedicated myself to making this year in honor of my soul-mate, my love Nancy.

I'm going to ask you to REACH OUT to others, so they can REACH UP.

Also, NEVER FORGET TO TELL THE SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM, GIVE THEM A HUG.

I'm writing this with tears in my eyes and my heart, so forgive me, but I wanted you all to know how much NANCY AND I LOVE YOU.

Governor Dave



Nancy M. Liddell
1949-2008

Governor-Elect's Message

As the balmy days of summer turn toward the cool of autumn, we begin a new year in Kiwanis. The prelude to this Kiwanis year was not only filled with the balmy days of summer, but with soggy days as we experienced a convention filled with the unpredictability of Tropical Storm Fay. It was truly a convention that will be remembered and talked about for years to come. For me, it was a convention filled with excitement and lasting memories.

My most treasured memory of convention will always be from the House of Delegate Session when a sea of mainly orange clad delegates and viewers rose to their feet, gave a rousing ovation, and began to cheer after my name was placed in nomination for Governor-Elect. I cannot adequately convey the overwhelming positive feelings I experienced. I am humbled, honored, and yes, excited for all your support.

Last year, in my first message, I told you that I was excited. I was excited to be your District Treasurer. This year, I continue to be excited as I begin to serve you as your Governor Elect. During the first week of November, I will be at Kiwanis headquarters in Indianapolis attending Governor Elect Training with President Elect Paul Palazzolo. Paul has asked that I delay making any appointments until after that training. As I continue my preparations for the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year, I welcome your input. Let me know if you are interested in serving on the leadership team as a Committee Chair, member of a district committee, CLE trainer, etc. I also, welcome your input on any K Family item.

Again, thank you for all you do for Kiwanis. Let's all spread excitement about Kiwanis!



Donna Parton