

Hats and Hugs – A Tribute to and Legacy for Nancy Liddell

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When Governor Dave asked me to be part of his team a little less than a year ago, he gave me options as to how to serve. When he mentioned that Nancy could use some help promoting her project, I didn't need to know more, anything for Nancy! Why did I feel that way? A couple of years ago I won in a Caring Corner silent auction scrapbook assembly from Nancy. I gave her a huge box of pictures, programs and other mementos from the year I served as CKI Governor and Nancy went above and beyond to make the most beautiful not one... but two-and-a-half huge scrapbooks to literally preserve the memories of that special time. Nancy could have said no, the job was too large, that I needed to narrow it down, but she didn't and that was just one example of the kind of person she was. I didn't get to know her as well as I would have liked, and I was really looking forward to paying her back for this kindness during the year. When we lost Nancy very suddenly not long ago, her project became rallying point for all of us as Kiwanis

Family Members to help her leave an even greater legacy, and of course to support Governor Dave.

So what is this project? As many of you know it is Hats and Hugs. Said simply: Hats for kids fighting cancer – Hugs for kids in distressed situations.

How do you participate locally? Donate children's-size hats and other head coverings anywhere you can reach kids with cancer – your local children's oncology ward, support groups, cancer support organizations, to the family down the street. As for the "hugs" you simply collect new or very gently used plush animals and hug them – to pass on the love of a Kiwanian – then connect with emergency personnel such as police officers, firefighters, domestic violence shelters, etc. to donate in your local area. If you would like, I can provide you with a template for tags you can attach to the hats and the "hugs" to share with the community that these gifts are donated by Kiwanis. I would also like to keep track of the progress of the project and collect pictures throughout the year so we can know what kind of an impact we have made. Please contact me at maggiemunther@hotmail.com or 954-224-2825 for the Kiwanis tags and to let me know what you have done.



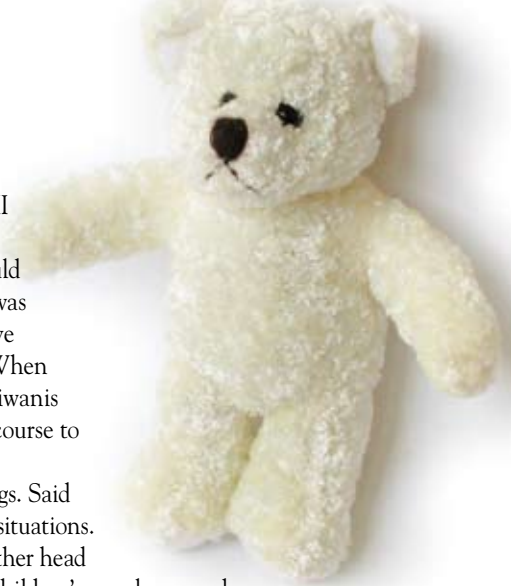
CKI Governor Kadie Hayward Hugs a bear during a project at the CKI Leadership Training Conference.

As you can imagine, one of Nancy's many talents was scrapbooking. It was something she could do at home and something that MS couldn't take away from her. She also enjoyed quilting, making other crafts and handmade items. She was a very caring person and loved children. She volunteered reading to children and teaching them to

make holiday crafts for their parents at several preschools. She was concerned about the 'underdog' and less fortunate, always willing to offer assistance. She helped students through college and was a very strong family-oriented person. She loved her family history (part Native American - Cherokee) and always willing to be there for her family, friends and those in need.

Governor Dave says, "I wish everyone could have personally known her and they would love her as much as I do and did."

This is a project that can be done as easily by an Aktion Club as a K-Kids Club and all across the family. Kiwanians, CKI members and Key Clubbers have already taken up the call. I look forward to hearing from YOU next!



Treasurer's Message

"Non-Dues Revenue" & The Caring Corner

I am honored that you have chosen me to serve as your District Treasurer for 2008-2009. I will work hard to ensure that the finances of the Florida District are properly managed and administered.

As we begin this new journey together, we must focus on ways to raise revenues that are not dues driven, "Non-Dues Revenue." I am asking everyone in the Florida District to reach out to corporate America and ask companies to sponsor our District Convention next year in Orlando. There are many companies that would pay high prices to have an opportunity to market themselves to our members, companies like ATT, Florida Power & Light, Publix, and Allstate. There are also companies, which have displays at our International Convention each year, that need to be invited to participate as well.

This is a golden opportunity for us to raise revenue to possibly delay a dues increase in the future. If you have a suggestion as to who I can contact, please email me at tramiccio@aol.com.

My wife Carol is excited and geared up for the Caring Corner. We are asking each club to donate a gift basket for this year's silent auction. We will continue to collect hand-crafted items as well, however, no used clothing or flea market items. Only hand-made items! We appreciate all of you who loyally contribute each year and are looking forward to working with each and everyone one of you who give your time and energy to the Caring Corner.



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