

The Abingdon Kiwanian

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Meeting Tuesday Noon at Greenway Haven Party House

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Kiwanis Faces



Carl Clarke and Jack Roper



Mary Ann Thomas & host Sue Ann Morris

This Week's Program



HERE WE GO AGAIN!

This time for sure we will see the video of Kiwanis President Don Canaday telling how we all can make a difference in the life of a child. This talk is good!

Last Week



Donna Shortt of **Lifeline Services** told us about her firm's work, especially with parents. She said attentive, caring parents are the best hope of turning problem children around. Yet many parents lack the needed skills. Lifeline helps parents acquire those skills.



Royce Fox (left), a Johnson City Kiwanian and Council Scout executive, visited our club with the new Abingdon Scout executive **Matt Connors**. He succeeds **Jonathan Platt**, who left Abingdon for a new Scout position in S.C. **Jack Roper** was their host.

32 members and 4 guests gave us 36 attendance.

It's Picnic Time

The Abingdon Kiwanis Club once held regular social events, but not recently. Your Board wants to revive the fun.

Each quarter we will have a social/fun event in the month that has a fifth Tuesday.

Four regular meetings will be held in those months, and the social/fun event will take the place of one of the meetings.

September has a fifth Tuesday, and we are planning a joint picnic with the Bristol Kiwanis Club on **Tuesday, September 22**, at **Sugar Hollow Park** near John Battle High. After the meal, live entertainment is planned. **Mark your calendars now.**

Families and other guests will be welcomed. The meal will be catered and the

club will pay the meal cost for members. The cost of family and guest meals will be added to members' bills.

Bristol is our closest Kiwanis neighbor and they were our sponsor when the Abingdon club was chartered in 1942. However, being in different Kiwanis districts, the two clubs over the years have done relatively few things together.

The incoming presidents of both clubs hope to change that and this picnic will be our first joint event. Look for more details of the picnic as they are announced.



Dover: A Brave New Kiwanis World

As expected, the **Annual Capital District Convention** at Dover, DE saw **Tom Varner** of Ashland VA named **Gov-Elect** and **Don Dudey** of Reisterstown MD the new **Governor**. Varner has led Abingdon training sessions and Dudey visited us this year and spoke to our club.

The interesting stuff, though, came at training sessions. Two youthful clubs,

Dulles Area in Northern Virginia and the **D.C. Young Professionals** reported using online ad service **Craig's List** as their main recruiting tool. Many members of those clubs are not yet settled, so turnover is high, as much as 1/3 per year. These clubs find people on Craig's List who are looking for service

opportunities and invite them to attend meetings. They say it works.



Delegates at Dover Used Red Cards to Vote

