

The Abingdon Kiwanian

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Meeting Tuesday Noon at Greenway Haven Party House

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Last Week

31 members and 4 guests were present. We have 53 regular and 14 senior members.



Speaker Ty Stanley & CKI's Richard Aylor



Most Senior Member, Cliff

Board of Directors

The September Meeting, a week late because of Labor Day, saw several important decisions made – besides the 2+2 Meeting Plan (see separate item).

- **Boys and Girls Club Partnership** – The director of the Abingdon B&GC program will be invited to speak and outline ways our club can do hands-on work with their young people, most of whom are considered to be at-risk kids.
- **December Christmas Party** – This will be our next quarterly fun/social event. The club also will organize an effort to provide Christmas help for local children and families in need of seasonal aid.
- **Legion of Honor Awards** – We will reintroduce this program that honors members who have more than 25 years of Kiwanis service. Watch for details.
- **Kiwanis Interclub Visits** – These will begin again with a Nov. 1 visit to Haysi for that club's 60th Anniversary Dinner. Four Board members will make the trip. Others are welcomed; see Jack White.

New Member Prospects



Conners

- **Matt Conners**, the new local Scout executive who succeeded former member Jonathan Platt.
- **Pylynn Virankabutra**, an E&H graduate student who is a close friend of CKI Co-President Richard Aylor.

Both have requested membership application forms and said they want to join.



John Lentz took today's pictures

No Meeting Today. Instead, the club will have its first quarterly social/fun event this evening, a 5:30 **Family Picnic** with the **Bristol Kiwanis Club** at Sugar Hollow Park. Early figures indicated almost 50 people from the Abingdon club will attend, including a group from our CKI club at Emory & Henry College. Bristol's number was a bit smaller, but total attendance was expected to be close to 90.

The new 2+2 Meeting Plan was given a favorable reception last week. Jack White, presiding in Gary Crane's absence, explained that the Board has proposed holding two lunch and two breakfast meetings each month – to give present and former members who cannot attend noon meetings a chance to be active in Kiwanis. No negative comments were made during the question period and, in earlier one-on-one conversations, almost all members contacted favored trying the new plan. One more opportunity for public comments will be offered at the regular meeting next week, September 29. The Board then will decide whether to give the 2+2 plan a six-month trial, or proceed with the Club Satellite that was approved earlier. It would provide a similar alternative meeting option, but only for members of the smaller Satellite group.



John Elliott has rejoined the club and he immediately volunteered to head the **Christmas Parade Committee**. John works as a private consultant for groups and governments applying for grants. He lives on Oak Hill Street in north Abingdon and is active in the Overmountain Men reenactors. John's late grandfather, H. Milton Elliott, was our club's first secretary in 1942 and 1943.