

# The Abingdon Kiwanian

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We meet at 7:00 this morning at the Senior Center

A weekly publication of news, information and images from the Kiwanis Club of Abingdon, Virginia

Last  
Week

32/68 members  
attended plus  
2 guests



French had two guests, both of them Moores



Jim and Conrad Won!

## This Week's Program

### A Constitutional Dilemma

*If national security is threatened, should citizen rights be abridged?*

Retired Judge Charles B. Flannagan II explored this broad issue with the help of another retired Circuit Judge, Wayne Bell, in a nine-hour course this fall for the College for Older Adults.

This week, Judge Flannagan will present a program about one of the most controversial incidents covered by the COA course:

### The Internment of Japanese American Citizens During World War II.

Before retiring, Flannagan was a widely respected judge of the Washington County Circuit Court. Since then, he and Judge Bell have taught a series of law-related courses for the COA that have been given high marks by their students. Many have returned, semester after semester.

The issues to be discussed are from today's headlines. Don't miss this timely program.

## We Give Our Support



Last week, we presented \$1,000 to the **Boy Scout** council for its youth work. Here, President Jack White and local scout executive **Matt Connors**, a club member, display the check.

It was also announced that the club gave **Friends of Santa** \$1,000 and authorized club members who adopted needy families to spend \$1,120 for their gifts.

## Meet the New Member

### Ralph Kidd Is Minister and Growth Specialist

**Ralph Kidd** remembers coming to Abingdon earlier in his career as a United Methodist minister and thinking this would be a nice town in which to live and work.

As lead minister since July at **Pleasant View United Methodist Church**, he has fulfilled that wish – and is thriving in his new job. The church has a membership of 750 and its average weekly attendance of 400 is the largest of all Virginia churches in the Holston Conference. This includes every United Methodist church from Bristol to Radford.

And Ralph is pleased that since his arrival in July, the congregation has added 33 new members, compared to three in all of the preceding year.

Significant to us is the fact that Ralph is a former Kiwanian who

served as President of the Narrows Kiwanis Club in 1993-94 when he was a minister in that Giles County town.

Ralph, who lives with his wife on Briarwood Lane off Porterfield Highway, was sponsored for club membership by David Scyphers,

Ralph's hobby is the restoration of antique trucks and he plans to enter a truck he now is restoring in the 2010 Wings and Wheels.

Oh, yes, at a lunch meeting with our President last week, Ralph agreed to help lead the membership drive this club plans to conduct next spring.



### Bob Raines Dies, Was Kiwanian, School Superintendent and E&H Professor

**Dr. B. G. Raines** died early Friday, December 18. He had been paralyzed since an accidental fall from a horse on his farm in 2004.

A native of Dickenson County, he was Superintendent of Public Schools in Washington County, then

for 19 years, Professor of Mathematics and Education at Emory & Henry. He retired there in 2000.

Bob was an active member of this club until his accident, then was made an Honorary Member. The funeral is at 3 on Tuesday at E&H.