

# The Abingdon Kiwanian

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We meet this noon at Greenway Haven Party House

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Last Meeting on Mar 23

We had a 5th Tuesday break because of our social event



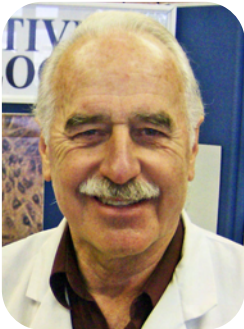
Barbara Farmer Spoke



JW Hornsby & Ralph Kidd Listened

## This Week's Program

### The economic recovery starts here at home



Dr. Keith Latham

A father-son business team will present a program about their company, **Innovative Technologies**. Based in this county, the firm has launched two new divisions in recent months.

**Dr. Keith Latham**, the founder, serves as the company's president and scientific director. He earned a PhD in molecular biology from the University of Southern California and was a post-doctoral fellow in pharmaceutical chemistry at U-Cal San Francisco before a 12-year professorial engagement at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland.

Since 1980, Dr. Latham has served as president and scientific director of four companies, while spawning inventions and commercial products in areas such as artificial intelligence, viral vaccines and new chemistries for the synthesis of pharmaceuticals.

**Eric Latham**, a graduate of Abingdon High and Virginia Tech, is the Director of Marketing and Sales for Innovative Technologies. He previously worked at the ABC news affiliate in Las Vegas and has authored two books. Eric also is a Kiwanian, having joined the evening Manassas Kiwanis club when he lived in Northern Virginia before his recent move to Abingdon.

**This program** promises an interesting inside look at a fast-growing local enterprise.



Eric Latham

## This Month's Guest Column

### A Call for Kiwanis Leaders

Fred Keller, President-Elect, Kiwanis Club of Abingdon

In just seven months, my term as the president of this club will begin. This column is an invitation for each member of the club to become actively involved in some aspect of our leadership next year.

I am concerned that we tend to rely year after year on the same people to chair committees, serve on the board of directors, hold offices in the club, recruit new members, and organize the events and activities of the club.

It is good that we have members who want to volunteer and are concerned enough to see that our club fulfills its mission to the young people of our community. However, I feel the time has come to provide each member an opportunity to serve in a real leadership position. I thus encourage all members to become more actively involved in club activities, and ask each of you to help by contributing your time and talents

for the betterment of our club and community.



Fred Keller

Please think about an area of leadership in which you would like to be actively involved next year and let me know what it is. My

goal is to have 100% participation by club members next year in activities and events. It will require the efforts of each member to achieve the success we strive for in our community. I ask you to meet the challenge of becoming more actively involved in this club.

You will be challenged and rewarded when you decide to become more than just a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abingdon.

The time for Leadership is now!

### District dues to increase?



Capital District leaders are discussing a possible dues increase to balance their budget. We have the lowest District dues in North America and they have not changed since 1996. If an increase is approved at the District Convention in August, our individual quarterly dues should not rise more than \$5.



### Saturday workday

The Abingdon and Bristol Kiwanis Clubs will join for a morning of service this Saturday at the Children's Advocacy Center near Exit 7. Chair **Monica Halsey** says there will be jobs suitable for all club members. The CAC will serve a light lunch when the work is finished.