



Kiwanis Kannon

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# The Kiwanis Club of Greensboro



The Kiwanis Club of Greensboro meets at noon each Thursday at the Marriott Hotel, 304 N. Greene St. Greensboro, NC  
President: Preston Allen Past President: Randy Underwood President-elect: Mo McCord  
Vice-president: Glenda Burkett Secretary/Treasurer: Liz Reinecke

January 2017

## *Walking into 2017: New shoes for a new year*

Due to the generosity of our members giving to our club's Foundation, 250 kids will be wearing new shoes as they go to school in 2017.

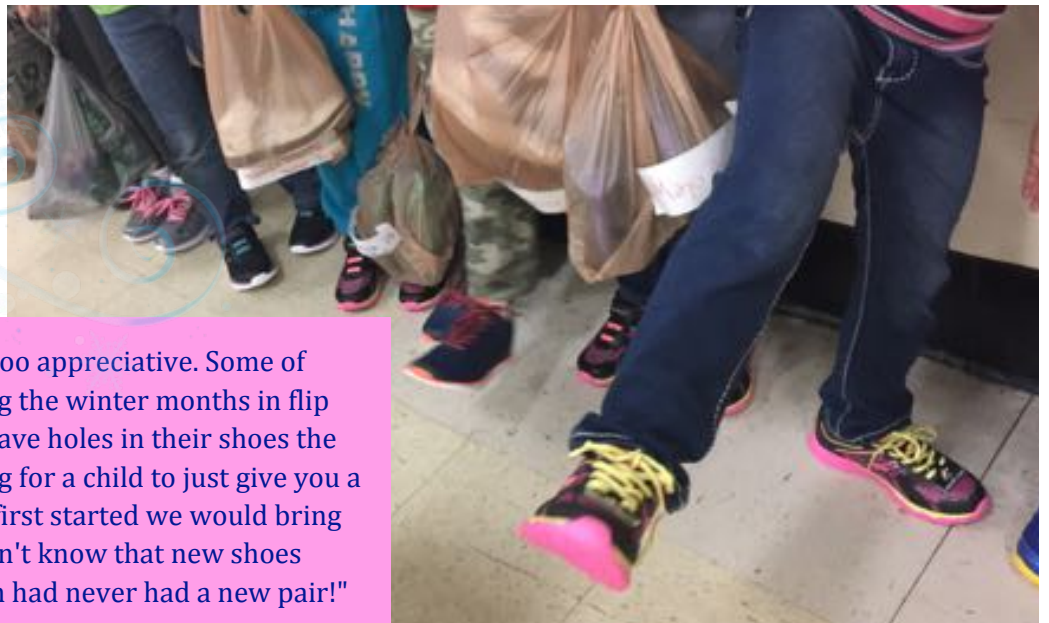
The Kiwanis shoe project started in 2006, as an idea of Dick Kern. He assigned Andrea Neese to this project when he was President, after hearing about it when he went to the International meeting. Although Andrea says "all the credit needs to go to him" for the shoe project, it would not have happened if she had not executed the idea so well for the last ten years.

When the project was discussed, it was agreed that it would serve elementary school children who are living in districts with the highest measured poverty rate. It has grown from a small number of pairs of shoes to about 250 pairs this year. As we heard from Dr. Contreras at the last meeting, the schools feed about 65% of public school children, and in the poorest districts nearly all of the children come from families living in poverty.

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*"The hugs are worth it all"*  
—Andrea Neese



Andrea says, "The children are sooooo appreciative. Some of these children come to school during the winter months in flip flops and bedroom slippers. Some have holes in their shoes the size of an orange. It's very rewarding for a child to just give you a little hug and say thanks. When we first started we would bring the shoes in boxes. The children didn't know that new shoes came in boxes because most of them had never had a new pair!"

## New shoes, cont.

This is how Andrea describes what she has to do to make this project a reality:

"We will donate about 230-240 pairs this year. Plus each school will get about 15 pairs for their "back stock" to use during the year for emergencies. It takes days and days to organize. I take the average of what we have done over the past two to three years and that is what I begin to buy in June and July. I contact the social workers in about July and remind them about the project. I take Brannock shoe size measuring devices to Bessemer Elementary School the first week of school and rely on the social worker to deliver them to Falkener when she is finished measuring her children. This year we have also added Cone Elementary to the mix. I start calling the social workers in September to encourage them to get the sizes to me. And call. And call. And call. I finally got the lists in November this year. So that means I will have about 250 pair of shoes in my living room/dining room for five months. Then, once I have the list, I make two nametags for each student. One goes on the bag of shoes for the

student and one goes in the envelope that goes to the homeroom to call the student to the cafeteria to come get the shoes. We then match the tag to the shoes. On the nametag are the child's name, the shoe size and the teacher's name. I then go to the shoes and find the child's size, put the shoes in a grocery bag and put the nametag on the bag. We used to just have the teachers send the students from the classes, but we have so many international students, we could not understand the student, so this way we simply match the nametag to the shoes. Then all the shoes will go in alphabetical order to make them easy to find.



Once we have all the shoes bagged and ready at my house, I ask for volunteers at the club meeting. Once the day picked by the school arrives I take the bagged shoes in my van. Our club volunteers and I unload and go to a classroom or the cafeteria, and then have the best fun giving each child their new pair of shoes. This year this was in mid-December, so just in time for Christmas and the 2017 winter months.

I have a budget of about \$2,500 each year, funded by the Kiwanis Foundation, which is now called the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Some years it will be a little less, and some years may be a little more. I buy the shoes from Ross and KMart. I try to watch for KMart to run their back-to-school sale when they are buy one pair and get one pair for \$1.00.

If you volunteer for this program once, you will come back again and again. The children are great and very appreciative. We also give them a pair of new socks with their shoes and they are very excited. It's really a good feeling to put a smile on their faces...especially the little ones. The hugs are worth it all."



For Andrea Neese, the yearly shoe project begins in June and ends with the distribution of shoes in December.

# Our January Programs



**January 5, 2017**

**Dr. Arthur D. Anastopoulos**  
Professor, Human Development  
and Family Studies  
UNCG School of Health and  
Human Sciences

**Treating ADHD in children and  
college students**

*Introduction:* Miriam Bradley  
*Invocation:* Andrea Neese  
*Guests:* Roland Langford  
*Courtesy:* Bill Shaw  
*House:* Curtis Laughlin, Tom  
McClure, Churchill Brown, Randy  
Uzzell

*Reception:* Graham Pritchard, Kenton  
Kreager, Woody Deyton, Jim Baker  
*50/50:* Dick Kern, Danny Barden

Arthur Anastopoulos is an expert in the research and treatment options for ADHD in children and adults and, in addition to his duties at UNCG, is the Director of an ADHD clinic. He teaches to the graduate level in the School of Health and Human Sciences. An active researcher, Dr. Anastopoulos has been an investigator on numerous research grants, has authored 3 books and more than 70 articles on ADHD.

**January 12, 2017**

**Dr. Andrew C. Brod**  
Senior Research Fellow  
Center for Business and Economic  
Research  
UNCG Bryan School of Business  
and Economics

**Economic Update and Impact of the  
Trump Administration**

*Introduction:* Bob Borden  
*Invocation:* Mack Conway  
*Guests:* Wayne Ford  
*Courtesy:* Monica Vaughan  
*House:* Bill Britt, Woody Deyton,  
Allison Fuqua, Dave Kinne

*Reception:* Graham Pritchard, Kenton  
Kreager, Woody Deyton, Stacey  
Kyser  
*50/50:* Dixon Johnston, Woody  
Deyton

Dr. Brod has worked at UNCG in the business and economics field since 1989. He is a founder member of CBER since its inception in 1999. He is an expert in industrial and environmental economics, and has a long association with the economy in the Triad. He is married to Karen Friedman Brod, has two sons, and is a past President of Greensboro's Temple Emanuel.

**January 19, 2017**

**Dennis Quaintance**  
CEO, Quaintance-Weaver  
Restaurants and Hotels

**Employee Ownership**

*Introduction:* Bob Borden  
*Invocation:* Bill Roach  
*Guests:* Tom Smith  
*Courtesy:* Andrea Neese  
*House:* Lenny Guyes, Clyde Taylor,  
Max Sharpe, Alan Atwell  
*Reception:* Graham Pritchard, Kenton  
Kreager, Woody Deyton, Marykay

*Abuzuaiter*  
*50/50:* John Clark, Greg Williams

Dennis Quaintance began his hospitality career at age 15 in Montana. He quickly moved into management and moved to Greensboro in his 20s to help a friend open a restaurant, Franklin's Off Friendly. In 1988 he teamed up with Mike Weaver to form Quaintance-Weaver, which today owns Lucky 32, the O'Henry Hotel, the Proximity Hotel, and their associated restaurants. He is married to Nancy King, and has twin children.

**January 26, 2017**

**Deborah Moy**  
Attorney

**Overcoming Adversity**

*Introduction:* Bill Walke  
*Invocation:* Allison Fuqua  
*Guests:* Wayne Ford  
*Courtesy:* Brenda Fox  
*House:* Walt Sowinski, Robert Bell,  
Miriam Bradley, Jim Armstrong  
*Reception:* Graham Pritchard, Kenton  
Kreager, Woody Deyton  
*50/50:* Robert Gretton, Jane Whichard

Deborah Moy will tell how she overcame extreme adversity when brutally attacked and left for dead in a Greensboro apartment in 2008. With immense courage, Deborah has overcome her injuries both to body and mind, and through perseverance achieved her law degree from Elon University this year. She aspires to practice disability law with a focus on veterans.



# News and Views

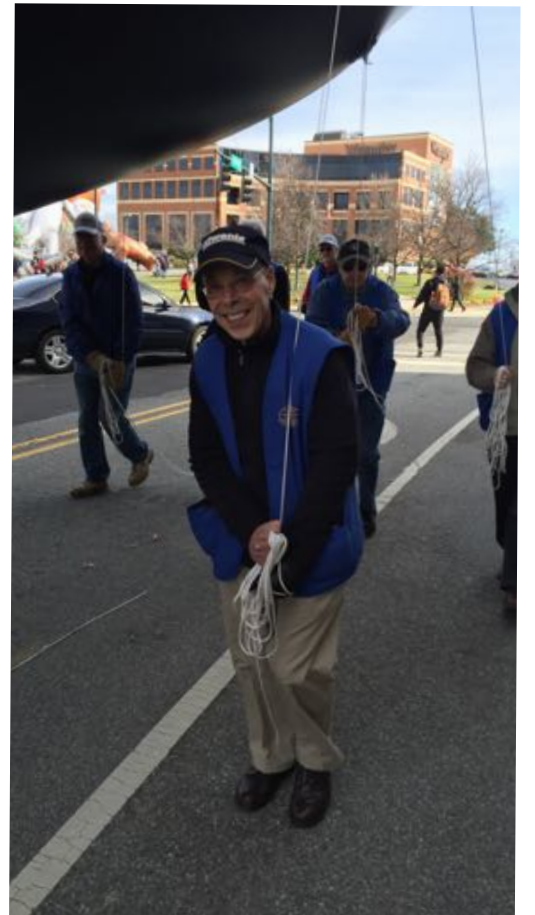
## 2016 Holiday Parade

The 2016 Greensboro Holiday Parade was held on Dec. 3 on a fine, but brisk day. This year's giant helium-filled penguin was a much more manageable size than last year, when we held the enormous Grinch balloon. With not too much wind and the smaller inflatable, our Kiwanis volunteers were able to wrangle our balloon with the best of them! Walking in the parade this year were the following members:

Curtis Laughlin	Sheila Cauthen
Robert Gretton	Herb Oliver
Bob Sevier	Hugh Black
Bill Shaw	Randy Underwood
Jim Armstrong	Tom Smith
Bill Crawford	Clark Raney
Roland Langford	Woody Deyton

Also accompanying the parade goers were several family members and Key Clubbers from Page and Grimsley. A big thank you goes once more to Bill Crawford for organizing everything, including the doughnuts, biscuits, and coffee (sausage courtesy of Andrea Neese).





# Cake Pops, Golf Balls, Clothespins and Russian Tea

What do these things have in common? They're all items made and sold by members of the Grimsley Key Club to raise money for Kiwanis. At right, Katherine Marsh (in the grey hoodie) and Karen Chen wait on a customer at Grimsley's winter fair. Katherine and fellow senior Irene Knoepfel made the cake pops, while Key Club members pitched in on decorating the golf balls and assembling the clothespin clips.



## Bell Ringing

Thanks again to Roland Langford for organizing the bell ringing schedule, and to our many volunteers, once again including Page and Grimsley Key Clubs.



## 50/50 Winners

Our lucky 50/50 winners in December were Marikay Abuzaiter and Cantey Alexander.

# President's Message

As the year turns, it is a time to reflect on what we have achieved and to ponder how we can make things even better in the year ahead.

I have only been your President since October, with Randy Underwood doing a fantastic job as President through September. I look back with pride in our Club as we complete the end of this 1st quarter of our Kiwanis year, where we did much for the kids in our community. I would like to briefly list these contributions and give recognition to those members who spearheaded this effort.

*Our signature project, College Night*, was organized by David Belk. This project was initiated by Alan Kivett 40 years ago. He is missed by all of us. Through our partnership with the Guilford County School District, this project brought over 4,000 juniors and seniors and parents together with representatives from hundreds of colleges, universities, service academies and technical schools. Many of our club members were present to assist with questions and directions.

We saw the opening of our *"Kiwanis Kids Play Yard"* in the Ole Asheboro neighborhood thanks to your generous Foundation contributions.

The *"Kannon,"* our monthly newsletter, was handed off from Sue Ireland to Robert and Linda Gretton who did not miss a beat, and have brought us a fresh look. I want to say a big thank you to Sue for performing this extremely important job for over a decade.

*Dictionary distribution* to over 1,000 third graders in our elementary schools is such a worthwhile project. This was headed up by Marvin Baugh and John Clark. I'm sure Marvin is glad to get his space back.

Each year our club *"Rings the Bell"* for the Salvation Army. Thank you to Roland Langford who again led this effort. His use of a new online scheduling system, as well as accommodating those more comfortable with a classic scheduling method, has insured success again this year.

Our club's participation in the annual *Downtown Greensboro Christmas Parade* would not be the same without our leader, Bill Crawford.

Our *Greensboro Kiwanis Foundation Campaign* does not just happen. It takes a special person who likes asking people for money, and we have the perfect person in Ross Cox. His passion for our mission to help kids is demonstrated as he pursues every last dollar.

To Andrea Neese, who is featured in our lead article about the *Shoe Drive* this month, what can we say but thank you! I can only imagine what you will do with all that extra room in your house now that all the shoes for those hundreds of kids have been delivered. Awesome!

We enjoyed and learned from a wonderful variety of *speakers*, thanks to Mack Arrington, Troy Knauss and Bob Sevier. Great job!

*Behind the scenes*, much goes on. Thank you, Doug Swanson for developing the budget and monitoring and analyzing our monthly financials. Thank you, John Bayersdorfer, Bob White and Mandy Ward for helping prospective visitors become members and working to develop ways to attract new members. In addition, thank you to our Board of Directors for their time and sage advice on the various matters of our club.

We could not do all that we do as a very involved and active club without each and every one of you, our members. The same is also true of our administrative staff, led ably as always by Liz Reinecke.

Now, as we look ahead to 2017, let's all enjoy each other's fellowship while we learn from the great speakers being brought to us by Bob Borden, Vance Barron and Jim Exum along with Miriam Bradley and Bill Walke.

The New Year is bound to present its usual array of challenges and opportunities for this club. As noted by Dr. Contreras, our new public schools superintendent, many children in Greensboro live in poverty. As we *look for new projects and continue with existing ones*, let us think how we can address the needs of these children and all children in our community, and how we can serve Kiwanis International in the broader role of helping kids in the world.

I wish everyone a *joyous and healthy New Year*, and thank you for allowing me the honor of being your President.

—Preston Allen

## In Memorium

Allan Cannon died Nov. 22 at the age of 90, a week before his birthday. He joined Kiwanis June 1, 1957 in another town where he worked for Burlington Industries. He joined our club July 18, 1985, and served the Greensboro Kiwanis well as Assistant Secretary. After his wife died, he moved to Friends Home and left Kiwanis after 59 years.

## 2017 Project Proposals Needed

It's time to begin looking for new major projects for 2017. If you have an idea for a project that meets a community need in line with Kiwanis goals, please contact Projects Committee chairman Barry Smith at [bsmith1707@aol.com](mailto:bsmith1707@aol.com). The committee will have its first meeting in late January and they hope to have plenty of proposals to begin evaluating.

## January Birthdays



2 Churchill Brown	18 Cathy Brooks
2 Swanson Poer	19 Mark Dixon
7 Edward Bauman	25 Preston Allen
12 Dick Kern	31 Earl Alberson
17 Ted Crichton	

Belated good wishes to Sir Robert Bell, whose birthday was December 16! We use the 2016-17 membership directory to access our information, so, everyone, please check to make sure your birthday is accurately listed.

# Membership Moment

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The start of a new year is always a time of reflection and making resolutions. I share with you a letter we received from Tom Ward, who joined Kiwanis in January of 1976 and is still an active member:

*"I have enjoyed a life of good fortune, 85 years, and there are cornerstones of rewards. One of these is KIWANIS. Long-term relationships, friendships, institutions, and family are at the core of fulfilling experiences as the senior years move on. KIWANIS endures, it is value driven, it offers substance that works for personal satisfaction yesterday, today, and tomorrow.*

*Why? It is a global commitment to help children worldwide and locally and one child at a time. This translates into disease eradication, to school books and shoes, and countless items of goodwill committed to every community that says we Kiwanians stand before you to make your life better.*

*The long friendships made with those of similar interests are priceless. I have especially enjoyed asking others to think of joining as well as my interest in inviting challenging speakers."*

Thank you, Tom, for your perspective and service for so many years. To all our members, will you make a resolution this New Year to invite prospective members to our Thursday meetings? Start now, it only takes a heartfelt invitation...

–John Bayersdorfer  
Membership Chair

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Linda Gretton

