



**Kiwanis Club of Independence
Newsletter
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Dates to Remember

- October 1, Drumm Farm Golf Tournament, 11-5; check with Don Coffman for volunteer opportunities
- October 8, Board of Directors Meeting, noon, Graceland University-Independence

Birthday

October 3, Jim Schultz

Anniversary

None this week

News about the Next Meeting

Laura Taylor, from the Toy and Miniature Museum, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting on September 30. We'll be back in the banquet room at Ophelia's.

Brag Bag

The officer installation dinner planning group did a wonderful job. The setting was colorful and the event was special.



September 30 Assignments

Pledge Leader **Sue Ridings**
Song Leader **Don Coffman**
Opening Prayer **Max Ridings**

***Have you asked someone
to visit Kiwanis?***

Installation Banquet Inspiring

by Barbara Langley

Don Coffman, outgoing president of the Independence Kiwanis Club, asked "Are you the One?" at the installation dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the Comfort Suites Hotel, Valley View Drive in Independence. This was his theme over the past year. He reflected that during his term of office that being the "one" made a great difference for a lot of children in our community.

Coffman thanked his outgoing officers and board of directors. He also commented on those Kiwanians no longer with us, Ken Taylor and Clay Snowden who were totally committed to helping the children of the community and the world. And, he stated that now someone else has to take up the slack. He said no plaques would be presented to the officers or board as a "thank you" for services, but rather an honorarium would be made to Heifer International, an organization that helps third-world countries by buying livestock for families. Coffman also thanked Joe Donald for all his time, energy, and support particularly with the newsletter and secretary reports. Donald is stepping down, but will now tackle redoing the membership directory.

Hahn's response

The response to "Are you the One?" came from incoming President Michael Hahn, who stated "Be the One" will be his theme for the upcoming year. Hahn said he plans to follow Coffman's example in an effort to make Kiwanis a visible and effective partner with those local organizations and groups that work to alleviate the suffering and develop the potential of the children in our community.

“As you have placed your confidence and trust in me, so I too place my confidence and trust in you. There are those who live and work in our community that would respond to our invitations to join us in the mission of Kiwanis, if we but just ask.

“As in most organizations there is a fundamental chicken or egg phenomenon - what comes first, membership growth or more projects reaching more children? Statistics shared at this year's international convention in Orlando, stated that most people join Kiwanis for the service and most stay because of the fellowship. I think that is very interesting. People's motivation for being in Kiwanis actually changes once they have joined. I don't suspect that changes immediately, but over time. But that change suggests a possible strategy for the Independence Kiwanis Club for the next year. Growing our club has to be a priority. Seventy-two percent of our members have been in the club less than nine years with 40 percent under three years.

“There are needs that affect the children of Independence that require that we grow if we are to be able to be of service. There is so much that can be done. We must simply do it.”

Coffman continues Kiwanis career

Coffman is continuing his Kiwanis career. He was recently elected to the position of Lt. Governor Elect for Division IV. Attending the dinner was special guest Mo-Ark Governor-Elect John Hoffman and installing the new leadership team was Lt. Gov. Byron Lee. Incoming President Hahn had a special gift for Coffman. It was a very handsome pen that Hahn had hand turned.



A Welcome to Starla and Brian Yarbrough, and Jim Schultz.



Sue Ridings, Cheryl Coffman, and Sandy Naylor finish decorating.



Thelma and Wayne Shakespeare attend the banquet.



Fred Mills and Dan Montgomery visit before dinner.



Lt. Governor Byron Lee and club president Michael Hahn get acquainted.

***“Kiwanis is a global organization
of volunteers
dedicated to changing the world
one child and one community at a time.*”**