



Kiwanis News

October, 2009

A monthly newsletter for the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis

Birthdays

Larry Paulette Oct. 8
Tiffani Claussen Oct. 26

Club Anniversaries

Cory Ross Oct. '05
Rob McCormick Oct. '05
Debby Gossett Oct. '06
Sarah Collins Oct. '08
Larry Paulette Oct. '08

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 6 • 1 p.m.
Following Regular Meeting

Club Officers

Kari Walden President
(417) 334-4455
James Little President-Elect
(417) 334-4084
Pam Druffel Treasurer
(417) 334-4355, ext. 4183
Cory Ross Secretary
(417) 334-4355, ext. 4052

Board Members

Lynne Campbell ('10)
Danny Fullington ('10)
Jeff Gerken ('10)
Rob Dixon ('11)
Doug Lay ('11)
Jennifer York ('11)

**One Can Make
A Difference!**

A new Kiwanis year

October marks the start of another Kiwanis year. The 2008-2009 year was a great one and I want to say thank you to Roger Frieze for all his hard work as our President!! Our board recently met to do some brainstorming about the upcoming year and I am very excited about what is in store for our club. We're going to try to shake things up a bit and have a few meetings at different times, add more non-meeting events, and work on a focus project for our club.

The first change will be our place of meeting. Mazzio's Italian Eatery, 1167 E Hwy 76, is excited to have us join them for our regular noon meetings. More information will follow about the specifics of this change, but I think it will be a good alternative to Lone Star and hopefully we'll have heat all winter!

I would like to challenge each of you to think of a way to make our club more active in the community, to encourage our existing members to become more active in our club and to recruit new members that can make our club grow stronger. If you have an idea, share it with the club so we can all work together to make it happen. I think 2009-2010 will be another great year and I look forward to serving our community with each of you.

Kari

Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis Club 2009-10 Coordinators

Annual Banquet/Social Events Officers
Member Support Officers
Mid-Winter Conference Pam Druffel
New Members Kari Walden
Pancake Breakfast Roger Frieze
Public Relations Rob Dixon
Sheriff Danny Fullington
Website James Little
Young Children Priority One T.B.A.

How well do you know....

LYNNE CAMPBELL



Occupation: Supervisor at White River Valley Electric Cooperative

Joined Kiwanis: January 15, 2007

Family: Daughter, Jordan, a senior at Branson High School and Son, Jared, a freshman at Branson High School

Hobbies: Having fun with friends

Interesting Info: Moved to Branson in 1969, my parents purchased a motel where the round about is currently at

Why did you join Kiwanis?: I was looking for an organization to serve our community & with Amy Rosier's guidance, I was led to Kiwanis

Something You May Not Have Known Is... My first car was a 1974 Vega. Needless to say, it was not a keeper.

How well do you know....

BILL MECKE



Occupation: Retired

Joined Kiwanis: Charter Member of the Branson Tri-Lakes Kiwanis

Family: Wife of 51 years, Pat and 3 sons

Hobbies: All Water Sports - Surfing, Hiking & Exploring

Interesting Info: Old enough to have been waited on by Sam Walton and MacDonald Brothers.

Why did you join Kiwanis?: To serve youth.

Something You May Not Have Known Is... I was once on a date with the 1st Playboy Playmate.

How well do you know....

ROB DIXON



Occupation: Hollister Area Chamber
of Commerce Director

Joined Kiwanis: July, 2008

Family: Melanie - wife; Eddie - son

Hobbies: Fishing & hunting, reading biographies and American history books

Interesting Info: Sushi is my favorite food, and one of my dogs, Elby Jay, is named after a President. I'm currently working on a masters degree from Missouri State University in public administration.

Why did you join Kiwanis?: I heard about it from other Kiwanians, and they encouraged me to join. Actually, it was more of a constant badgering (bordering on stalking) rather than encouragement, but I'm really glad they did it. The camaraderie and fun we have at meetings is one of my favorite things about our club. Our club does some great things in our community, and I'm glad to have a small role in that.

Something You May Not Have Known Is... I have been in all four hemispheres of the world at the same time.

How well do you know....

AMY ROSIER



Occupation: Goddess of all Electricity

Joined Kiwanis: At Birth

Family: Fiancé – Tony and lots of cats. Watch for details coming soon about an ever expanding family. Also I like to visit my 2nd family in Belize....or Alfonse.....

Hobbies: Running, Visiting Belize, Swimming, Eating Red Meat When No One Is Around, Biking

Interesting Info: There is a website with a countdown to my wedding day.

Why did you join Kiwanis?: To change the world, one child and one community at a time.

Something You May Not Have Known Is... I am a frequent guest to the Big House as you know it.

Annual Banquet

Our Annual Banquet was held on Friday, September 18th at Stonebridge. We inducted new members and installed our new officers for the year. Here are some photos.



Dale & Pam Druffel



Cory & Martha Ross



Tara & James Little



Heather & Lanny Higginbottom



Jennifer & Charlie Cone



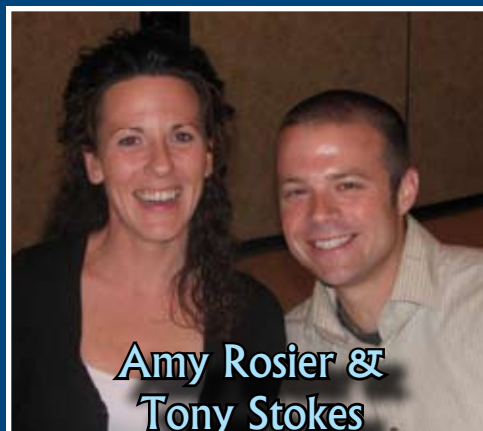
Danny & Amanda Fullington



Mitch & Kari Walden



Jeff Gerken & Rob Dixon



Amy Rosier & Tony Stokes



Beverly & Troy Massey



Doug Lay & Lynne Campbell

Annual Banquet



Troy Massey & David Green



David was presented a cake for his birthday



Amy discusses what is going on in Kiwanis



Amy recognizes Doug as a new member



Amy presents Roger with a gift



Kari addresses the group



2009-2010 Officer:

Cory Ross (Secretary), James Little (President-Elect), Kari Walden (President) and Pam Druffel (Treasurer)