

CENTENNIAL OF SERVICE



1923 - 2023

KIWANIS CLUB OF HENDERSON

Join us as we celebrate our 100th Year.

April 22, 2023

THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and higher idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

PROGRAM

"God Bless America"	All
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Objects of Kiwanis	Mike Brafford, Past President
Welcome	Arthur B. Falkner, President
Invocation	L. Opie Frazier, Jr., Past President
Dinner	
Introduction of Guests	Ron Rubin, Past President
Remarks	Mary Winfree, Governor, Kiwanis Carolina District
"When Kiwanis Calls"	All
"One Hundred Years of Service"	Arthur Falkner, President
Presentation of Proclamations	Eddie Ellington, Mayor Henderson Yolanda J. Feimster, Chair, Vance Co. Board of Commissioners
Closing Remarks	Danny Wilkerson, President Elect
"Boost Kiwanis" and "On Kiwanis"	Everybody sing!

**KIWANIS CLUB
of Henderson, NC**

OFFICERS

Arthur Falkner	President'
Danny Wilkerson	Vice President
Ron Rubin	Immediate Past President
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Betty White	Secretary

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PAST PRESIDENTS

1923 – The Rev. Tom Vickers
1924 – Joe C. Kittrell
1925 – The Rev. I. W. Hughes
1926 – J. Harvey Bridgers
1927 – Charles P. Tanner
1928 – J. Harry Bunn
1929 – John H. Pitts
1930 – Jasper B. Hicks
1931 – William C. Cates
1932 – Alwyn P. Barnes
1933 – Clem O. Seifert
1934 – T. Skinner Kittrell
1935 – Durward T. Dickie
1936 – James C. Gardner
1937 – Morton C. Miles
1938 – William R. Turner
1939 – Clarence C. Greene
1940 – J. Harry Bryan
1941 – Ralph E. Bruin
1942 – Elvin O. Faulkner
1943 – Alex S. Watkins
1944 – John W. Sanders
1945 – Sidney M. Crowder
1946 – Dr. Thomas W. Hunter
1947 – Joseph C. Farmer
1948 – Sidney J. Lane
1949 – T. Preston Matthews
1950 – William Y. Bryan
1951 – Dr. Walter Finch, Jr.
1952 – C. Earl Walker
1953 – James L. Briley
1954 – William D. Payne
1955 – H.B. Newman
1956 – Coy A. Beckwith

1957 – Smith H. Young
1958 – James H. Cooper
1959 – Marion B. Garrett
1960 – Junius W. Tillery
1961 – Frank E. Pinnell
1962 – Ernest W. Boyette
1963 – Charles P. Rose
1964 – I.H. Vickery, Jr.
1965 – Sidney D. Rubin
1966 – W.A. Massengale
1967 – Doan Laursen & George H. Gooch
1968 – M. Donald Gupton
1969 – Milton Walters
1970 – J. Council Pinnell
1971 – George Schertzinger
1972 – Donald C. Seifert
1973 – Spurgeon T. Ayscue
1974 – Robert A. Leggett, Jr.
1975 – Fred L. Hale
1976 – E. Braxton Poythress
1977 – Clifton S. Tippet, Jr.
1978 – Richard T. McIntyre
1979 – O.H. Freeman, Jr
1980 – Robert B. Harrison
1981 – R. Aron Creech
1982 – Albert W. Catlett
1983 – William D. Cox, Jr.
1984 – L. Opie Frazier, Jr.
1985 – John M. Richardson
1986 – G. Lin Robinson, Jr.
1987 – David M. Barnett
1988 – Charles W. Finch
1989 – John L. Norwood

1990 – Robert J. Turner, Jr.
1991 – Harry M. Hedgepeth
1992 – D. Gray Faulkner
1993 – Arthur Falkner
1994 – Bobby Tippet
1995 – R. Thomas Breedlove
1996 – Yvonne O. Lowe
1997 – Robert J. Turner, Jr.
1998 – Dewey Linville
1999 – Jack Burroughs
2000 – Raymond Stone
2001 – L. Opie Frazier, Jr.
2002 – Bobby Tippet
2003 – Ann Montgomery
2004 – Samuel Thomas Peace III
2005 – Betty White
2006 – J.H. Hamm
2007 – Grace Vickery
2008 – Mike Brafford
2009 – Dr. Richard Henderson
2010 – Ron Rubin
2011 – Karen Bush
2012 – Kathie Hamm
2013 – Mike Brafford
2014 – Arthur Falkner
2015 – Juanita Sommerville
2016 – Dr. Richard Henderson
2017 – Arthur Falkner
2018 – Danny Wilkerson
2019 – Danny Wilkerson
2020 – Ron Rubin
2021 – Ron Rubin
2022 – Arthur Falkner

KIWANIS CLUB of HENDERSON, NC Carolinas District – Division 13

Chartered April 16, 1923

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, 50 business and professional men felt the need of a unified effort to serve their fellow man in the Henderson area. They did not want another fraternal organization, and yet they wanted to friendship, fellowship and goodwill to prevail. They did not want a political body and yet wanted to encourage those qualified to vote, seek public office and if elected serve in public office, boards and commissions in a faithful, honest manner. They did not want a religious club and yet they wanted to live by the Golden Rule and to encourage churches in their Spiritual aims. They did not want a social society and yet those men would have occupied a high rung in any society ladder. We realize 100 years later that they wanted to organize a club to render unselfish service in the Henderson area, and that is exactly what they did. (From Jasper Hicks' history 4-25-73.)

CHARTER MEMBERS

Dr. B.G. Allen,
S.H. Allen
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Julius T. Sadler
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Dr. R.T. Upchurch
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HENDERSON KIWANIS CLUB HISTORY

1923-1973

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT was a Methodist minister, second a lawyer and dedicated Baptist layman, third an Episcopal Rector, fourth a lawyer and distinguished Methodist layman, fifth a business man, sixth an industrialist, seventh a utility executive. This shows that our Kiwanis was grounded in religion, law, business, industry and public service. KIWANIS felt the need of a member and his competitor, rather than a member and his associate, to meet, talk over their problems, find a solution and faithfully put it into effect. The Greensboro newspaper at the time noted that then Kiwanis Governor, Governor Merrimon, determined in March that the presence of the Rotary Club of Henderson did not prevent the formation of the Kiwanis Club of Henderson.

More than 500 men have felt that we had a good thing going and have joined our ranks during those fifty years. "We Trade" was our first motto. We soon realized that "We Trade" did not really reveal the extend of our activities, hence "We Build," which cannot be measured in height, in depth or in breadth became our motto and pledge. Just how well the 500 or more men who have joined our ranks, have carried the torch and kept the faith may be answered by a brief review of our activities over the years.

UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN has been our constant charge. For them we have provided Christmas cheer, funds for school and college, doctors and medicine when illness and accident appeared. Individuals and agencies have appealed to us for children in need, and if there was any money on the till the appeal was heard. I can't find how many dollars or man hours have been devoted to the work among underprivileged, but sufficient is it to say that we gave all we had to those who need it most.

CHRISTMAS TO NEEDY FAMILIES was for years a worthwhile project. There was a Christmas during the depression when the calls were more than ever. We solicited food, clothing, toys, fruit and candy on Main Street. A truck was provided by one Kiwanian and driven by another

from the fire house to the end of the business district. The truck was soon filled with many gifts, which were distributed by us under the direction of the Salvation Army and the Welfare Department.

AT CAMP BALANCE ROCK our club, along with others, built a clubhouse and hut. This was maintained for several years as a place for scouting, camping, swimming and other activities. We held meetings there and provided an attractive place for people of this area.

MINSTRELS, for many years an annual affair, was our chief source of income. Under the leadership of Al Barnes we presented unsurpassed local talent. Music, singing and comedy were excellent. We provided an opportunity for those gifted in song and speech to prove themselves. One who stood out from the crowd, Catherine Bunn, now Mrs. John McDowell, became the toast of the town and the sweetheart of the Kiwanis. She went from here to New York. Our club sponsored her to sing a Kiwanis International in Atlantic City and at the Carolinas District Convention in Chapel Hill. Her singing won the hearts of all who heard her at both places.

DRUMS AND BUGLE CORPS was sponsored and equipped by our club. This organization won many favorable comments and furnished entertainment for many. The instruments and uniforms were donated to the Henderson High School band or other school activities.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL in Henderson began under Kiwanis sponsorship. We have seen this grow to several teams in the league and feel that much fun and benefit to many boys has been a result.

In the HENDERSON CENTENNIAL celebration, we furnished a float for the parade and provided one of the chief narrators for the pageant, which was presented several nights.

PIG CLUB expressed the special place in which our club has always held the farmer. We have met in every community of our County and have had many farmers to our meetings for special farm programs. Under the leadership of one of our members who was a farm agent at the time, we organized a pig club which distributed many top bred pigs to farm boys who in turn continued the distribution.

An AUDIOMETER was purchased and loaned to the Health Department and to the schools to be used in testing the hearing of children. We have been told that this equipment resulted in the detection of many hearing defects. Earlier treatment resulted and much good was accomplished. This audiometer was later donated by us to some branch of our school system.

BOYS CLUB was sheltered in a clubhouse in the Kings Daughter Park, built by our members personally and donated to the Boys Club. We cooperated in the operation of this club for several years.

STUDENT LOAN FUND was begun in our area with funds donated by our Club. Many loans were made to those who would not otherwise have gone to college. One loan was made to a girl which helped prepare her for a leading position in Vance County and later a position of honor and trust in the State.

PICKLE SALES, for many years our chief source of income, has been from the sale of pickles which have been donated to us by the Perfect Packed Products Company of Henderson, N.C. We are deeply grateful to them and to Sid Rubin for their continued interest and for their gifts. We feel that we have rendered the and the public a real service in bringing pickles to their door at a price they were willing to pay.

A FAIR BOOTH for several years has been operated at the local fair. In this way we have worked together and have furnished food for guests at the fair and have increased our funds for our Kiwanis activities.

SPECIAL DAYS and weeks have been observed by Kiwanis such as Kids' Day and similar events.

We were SPONSORS of the Oxford Kiwanis Club. This group was operating as the Oxford Businessmen's Club. We had a difficult time showing advantages of Kiwanis over their local organization. Once we succeeded, they accepted Kiwanis and have been of much service to the Oxford Community. We sponsored the Key Club and Keyette Club in the local school. We are proud of these young boys and girls. They have helped us in many ways, such as pickle sales and fair booth operations. We have never called on them without receiving a quick and ready response.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S CLINIC has been co-sponsored by Kiwanis for many years. Our members have contributed time and advice in this work. We have donated more than \$3,000 to this clinic, and it is a continuing project and our top priority.

Not one dollar of the funds collected from the public has ever been used for club operations and expense. Every penny collected from the public has been given away to some worthy cause, which is as it should be and as it will ever remain.

During these fifty years we have had 51 men hold the office of President. No president died or had a serious illness during his term; only one was transferred to another place during his term. One president said he developed an ulcer because of the program committee keeping him in the dark about programs, especially ladies' night and special occasions. One president married during his term. As he started to preside the night before the wedding, the bride and her attendants entered the room. The bride, accompanied by Joe Kittrell, marched up to Parson Hughes who began the marriage service. He came to the place where he asked if any one knew any reason why they should not be in Holy wedlock to speak or else forever after hold his peace, the groom spoke up. When Parson Hughes asked him to state his reason, he said, "She promised to marry me tomorrow." The ceremony came to an end when Kiwanians presented toe happy couple many gifts.

For many years we met on Friday night, but it was changed to Tuesday because Friday interfered with many people going out of town. We have held our meetings in the Parish House of the Episcopal Church, an Old Baptist Church building on Chestnut Street, a store building near the Henderson Furniture Company, the Croatan Club quarters over a drug store, the Newman Building on Raleigh Road and Henderson Motel.

We have furnished Kiwanis with an international committee chairman, a zone chairman, three international committee members, many district committee chairmen and members, five lieutenant governors and two governors. Among our many distinguished speakers are a North Carolina Governor, lieutenant governor, a U.S. Senator, members of Congress, two international presidents, most of the District governors, a

cabinet member, North Carolina member of Council of State, Superior Court Judge and a Chief Justice of North Carolina.

INCORPORATION of our club was in 1952. The objects listed were to furnish members social intercourse and mental improvement, to foster plans to increase moral, mental and physical wellbeing of the members. Donations would be made to religious, educational and charitable or civic organizations. This charter was amended in 1967 to include the six wonderful objects of the Kiwanis.

Our FINANCES have not been a very serious problem except for our third and seventh years. The third year required a special assessment on two occasions, and the seventh president had to borrow money on his own accord to go to the international convention. Thanks to our members we can repeat what Herb Henning so often has said to District Conventions: "Our bills are paid and we have money in the bank."

Our LADIES deserve a large vote of thanks for their help and understanding. Without them Kiwanis would not be the club it is; in fact it probably would not even be. High on the list is Helen K. Barnes who has played for us so long and helped us in so many ways.

100% ATTENDANCE each year is attained by an average of about 20 members. We have one member with 35 years, and one with 42 years perfect attendance.

PAST PRESIDENTS for many years presented a gift to the club. One member gave a set of china with the Kiwanis emblem on it. The past president also used to feed the one hundred percenters.

As we come to the end of the first half of the first century of service we acknowledge that we are big boys now, that the glitter of Kiwanis must give way to the service of Kiwanis, that the promises we made must become the action we have taken, that the hopes we had must be the record we rest on. As we begin the second half of the first century of unselfish service, I wish to use the old Irish blessing: "May the road rise to meet you, May the wind always blow gently at your back, May the sun shine warmly in your face, May the rain drops fall softly on your face, and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand." (Jasper B. Hicks, 4-25-73)

1973-1998

In the January, 1998, meetings of the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Henderson, funds were appropriated to enable Key Clubbers from Northern and Southern Vance High Schools to attend the Key Club Convention in Raleigh. Another request from the Carolinas District Governor for funds for the Iodine Deficiency Disorder Program was met with an additional pledge of \$2000.00. Letters of appreciation were read for support of "Reading is Fundamental," The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, and the Crippled Children's Program. Support of the "Friends of Youth" was acknowledged. Funds were also given to support the Ronald McDonald House, a regional shelter for displaced children located in Durham.

In one month of Henderson Kiwanis activity, seven worthy causes were either acknowledged or supported. The history of Kiwanians in the Henderson Club continues to unfold. So it is on April 16, 1998. So it has been since April 16, 1923, when the club was organized, as an early unit of Kiwanis International which had begun in Detroit just eight years earlier, in 1915. The history of the Club is a story of men and women (now) over a seventy-five year span giving countless hours to peanut, azalea and funnel cake sales and numerous other fund raisers to support children-in-need; and volunteering their time directly to organize, direct and advise activities and events for the betterment of children.

Kiwanians of Henderson regularly meet on Tuesday evenings for food, fellowship, and informational and entertaining programs. The officers and Board of Directors are elected annually to lead the Club and to execute the aims and objectives set forth by the membership. Over the third quarter of its first century of "We Build," Club membership at Henderson has declined somewhat in proportion to membership in civic clubs across the nation. But a will to serve, a desire to help, and an attitude of caring is as strong as ever.

A recent compilation by William D. Cox, continuous treasurer of the Club since 1983, listed fifty-nine projects which the Club supported with cash donations. All but seven of these contributions went directly to support programs and activities to make life better for children.

In his account of the first fifty years of service to the community by Kiwanis Club of Henderson, Mr. Kiwanian, Jasper B. Hicks, wrote a thrilling story of how the Club was organized by civic, religious, professional and business leaders in 1923. They wanted "friendship, fellowship, and good will to prevail." They wanted to organize a club to render unselfish service in the Henderson area, and that is exactly what they did.

According to Hicks, the Club from its beginning supported underprivileged children, needy families during the austere years of the Depression, Camp Balance Rock, Little League Baseball, and the Henderson High School Drum and Bugle Corps. The Club worked closely with the County Health Department to provide audiometers to help diagnose hearing difficulties and to sponsor the Crippled Children Clinics. A Key Club was begun in the Henderson High School in the 1940s and reorganized in 1952.

On April 25, 1973, the Kiwanis Club of Henderson celebrated "Fifty Years of Service." A gala event was staged at the Henderson Country Club. Spurgeon Ayscue was president of the club. Vick Vickery, a past president, past Lieutenant Governor, and past Governor of the Carolinas District was the toastmaster. The club was comprised of forty-seven members. Jasper Hicks concluded his account of "Fifty Years of Service" with a challenge: "that the glitter of Kiwanis give way to service, that promises made become action, and the hopes become the record we rest on." As members and guests concluded a memorable evening, they approached the future with confidence, hope and resolve to extend and improve services to children in need.

Eleven of the forty-seven members of 1973 continue their Kiwanis service in 1998, as the club celebrates its seventy-fifth year of food, fellowship and service. They are: Ernie Boyette, Bill Cox, Aron Creech, Gray Faulkner, Opie Frazier, Wilson Hoyle, John Norwood, Council Pinnell, Donald Seifert, Vick Vickery and Earl Walker.

The twenty-five year span from 1973 to 1998 can well be characterized as years of increased activity and funds, broadened services and support of children in need, and continued dedication to the Kiwanis ideal of "enduring friendships, altruistic service, and building a better community." The inclusion of women as members was feared and

resisted as a stimulus for "hanky panky" until 1992. What nonsense! Today five have become members; Yvonne Lowe was the first female to become a member. Betty White, Cynthia Ratliff, Nancy Wilson and Dr. Betty Wallace soon followed, five all together. Yvonne Lowe served as president in 1995-96. Another, Betty White, currently serves ably as secretary of the Club. Also, the Lieutenant Governor for the Thirteenth Division, ours, in 1998 is Caroline Johnson, past president of the Tobaccoland Club in Durham. President Arthur Falkner was at the helm in 1992 when women were first inducted as members. Earlier in the 80s, Kiwanis International approved the eligibility of women for membership.

Over the most recent quarter century within Kiwanis itself, eight members have served the Division, District and International. Robert Leggett, the club joker but also one of its leaders, served as treasurer of the Kiwanis International Foundation. Two current members, Dewey Linville and Harold Lail, served as lieutenant governor of their divisions before transferring to the Henderson club. Robert Leggett, Aron Creech, Raymond Stone and Arthur Falkner have led Division 12, now 13, as lieutenant governors of the Carolinas District.

The real work of the Club is done through its fund-raising projects. The annual azalea sale is usually held on the first Saturday in April, frequently a cold, rainy or icy day, orchestrated by Mr. Azalea himself, Kiwanian Richard McIntyre. The 1997 sale was the best yet, netting the club \$3076.

In 1986, the Club opened a booth in front of Opie Frazier's Frazco office for the sale of funnel cakes and snow-cones at the September street fair called Colorfest. Again, 1997 was its best year of return. The Club raised \$2034, a one-day activity. Bill Warren and "engineer" Bill Massengale were instrumental in getting this project started.

The most profitable activity, and the most work, has been the annual peanut sale. Did it begin in 1980 or 1982? Dick McIntyre remembers an icy, snowy Sunday afternoon in his basement when Kiwanians "turned to" to pour peanuts from big bags to little bags, to hand-tie them with string, and to sort them in various lots for sale. "If you don't sell them, eat 'em," was the charge. Over the last ten years, 1988-1997, net peanut sales have ranged from \$3695 to \$5472 per year, totaling

\$46,000 for the decade. Robert Turner and Arthur Falkner consistently top the charts as peanut vendors.

Club members are not above begging for a cause. McIntyre begged a peanut distributor for a broken bag of peanuts (something less than a hundred-ten pound sack), put them behind the seat of the hauling truck, and felt good about his quest until he realized the total weight including its broken-bag cargo, tipped the scales for net weight.

Over the past ten years records of the Treasurer indicated net profits of \$11,180 from Colorfest and \$16,820 from azalea sales. From peanuts, funnel cakes and azaleas, Kiwanians earned \$75,000 over the most recent ten-year period, \$75,000 for the betterment of life for children. Estimating an earlier fifteen-year round of fundraising (1973-1988) to approximate another \$75,000 from pickle sales, Golden Belt Fair food sales, minstrel shows and for some of that time, peanuts, azaleas and funnel cakes amasses a total of \$150,000 garnered for the Activity Fund and disbursed for predominantly children's causes over the past quarter century. Not bad, not bad at all.

The Club's Operating Fund and Activity Fund are completely separate. Expenses of meals, travel, office supplies and administration are defrayed by the Operating Fund. Some years have been lean, others quite plump. End-of-year balances have widely varied from \$51 in '997 to \$3098 in 1993, with \$908 the mid-point. Dues for 1997-98 are \$150 per quarter.

The Activity Fund from which all community service projects are funded has been consistently more laden with end-of-the-year balances, from a low of \$1106 in 1987 to a high of \$11,316 in 1995, with \$4400 the middle of the range.

Except for a three-year stint as treasurer from 1980-1983 by Lin Robinson, Bill Cox has served continuously since 1967 as well as serving as Treasurer of the Club. Indeed, Bill Cox resumed the treasurer's post upon completion of his term as president in '82-83. No doubt the Club's pianist, Anne Cox, has done much of the financial bookkeeping for husband, Bill. Thanks to both of you, Anne and Bill.

The job of secretary is the crucial task that keeps Kiwanis functioning smoothly and efficiently. Not only does the secretary keep minutes of meetings but also a record of actions by the Board of Directors. The secretary is the liaison between the local Club and District and International Offices, regularly making reports of membership and activities. Kudos to all who have served, especially Betty White. Current members who have also served as secretary are Jack Burroughs and Art Falkner.

The formation of the Henderson Club in 1923 was sponsored by the Durham Kiwanis Club. In turn the Henderson Club has sponsored new clubs in Oxford, Louisburg, Wake Forest, Warrenton, South Granville and the Golden K in Henderson. When Vance County and Henderson City Schools were merged, the Key Club of Henderson High School became the Northern Vance High School Key Club. During Art Falkner's term as President in 1992-93, the Key Club of Southern Vance High School was organized. Both Clubs are functioning well, members attend meetings of the "Mother" Club, assist with projects and participate in District and International functions. Richard McIntyre, Jr., one of the inimitable Azalea King, Dick McIntyre, served a term as Key Club Lieutenant Governor.

Kiwanians are loyal and dedicated but a few stand tall: Earl Walker for fifty-plus years of perfect attendance; the club's choral leader Robert Turner who throws himself fully into every project and who has served two terms as President; Vick Vickery, the boy wonder of Kiwanis now a bit hoary atop, who frequently challenges the Club as one who has been there; Bob Leggett, witty, wise, focused and generous with his time, talent and means; Fred Hale, "If you don't know, just ask Fred," long-time secretary he was. Already mentioned were Bill Cox, treasurer, and Betty White, secretary.

The Club's quest for good food has led it across town and back again. Since 1975, the Club has met in the Holiday Inn, the Charcoal Hearth Restaurant, the Hereford House, the Silo, and in two separate intervals the Golden Corral. Currently, the Club is meeting at the Henderson Country Club. Members continue to hunger for better meals.

Over the years Kiwanians have been earnest in this dedication to the uplift of children. But among the members themselves, there have been many light moments. Some of them: Bill Stark frying fish at Kerr Lake outings; Brannock Newman and Earl Walker going from Henderson to Seattle for the International Convention, but Earl Walker coming back with \$100 of his \$200 grant from the Club; Leggett, Norwood, Stone and Faulkner jawing about Carolina, Duke, State and Wake Forest athletics; "Carolina, be mindful, our day will come;" end-of-term steak dinners served by Gray Faulkner; Ladies Nights, Christmas parties, thunderstorms and cookouts; treks to baseball games to see the Carolina Mudcats and Durham Bulls; and peaches directly from the trees at the Stone Farm.

A down right funny and nearly expectation that the President and another member go to District and International meetings on a generous grant of \$75 to \$200 was finally overcome in 1988 with a clever fund raiser within the Club. Put a dollar in the basket and hold a ticket for the weekly drawing. The winner gets half of the take. The Club's travel fund gets the other half. As much as \$750 annually is raised to support the President's goings and comings. Buddy Finch, take a bow. You were the President that year.

Each President can look back with pride upon his or her year at the helm. Art Falkner in 1992-93 brought women into the Club. Gray Faulkner, in 1991-92, started the at-the-fair Program for Handicapped Children; President Faulkner also completed the term of Harry Hedgepeth when illness forced him to resign. Robert Turner, President, Jack Burroughs, secretary, and the Club itself were given Carolinas District Distinguished Recognitions in 1989.

Either Aron Creech or Bill Cox was President (1980 or 82) when the sale of peanuts became the Club's top fundraiser; funnel cakes came along in 1985, Jack Richardson as President led the way; and sales of azaleas – come rain, shine or snow – became an excellent fundraiser when the Club "purchased" that activity from the Woodland Garden Club in 1988.

A year earlier the Woodland Garden Club had an auspicious beginning sale of 2536 plants. Dick McIntyre convinced his wife, Vivian, that Kiwanians could better do the heavy work. A small annual royalty is paid

for that concession. Take another bow, Buddy Finch, you were President when the Kiwanis sale of azaleas began.

Every President could and should be mentioned. Each gave devotion, time and sense of mission. Seventeen current members have served as President, dating back to Earl Walker in 1952. No club is better than its leader. The list of Presidents may be found in the Program. The Club owes to each one of them an immense debt of gratitude.

Honors for service do come to members and to the Club. Kiwanis International honors members and clubs with distinguished recognitions and Legions of Merit. The Henderson Club, itself, annually salutes "Kiwanian of the Year." This award goes to a Kiwanian, who through his/her leadership within the Club or without the Club brings favorable attention, extraordinary achievement and superb success to the Club's many endeavors. Recent recipients include Opie Frazier, Robert Turner (twice), Raymond Stone, Arthur Falkner (twice), Yvonne Lowe (twice) and Betty White.

And what about tonight, the Seventy-fifth Anniversary event? President Linville put together a fine committee, chaired by Don Seifert, to make this evening memorable but also challenging for the years ahead. Hats off to President Dewey and Chairman Don.

But Kiwanis is not for glory, laud and honor to its members and leaders. Kiwanis is for service to the community, primarily through effort and aid for children. The entire Club gets involved. From Bike-a-thons to Key Clubs, from fishing tournaments for kids to summer baseball for youth, from Special Olympics to Terrific Kids, the list of activities and financial support on behalf of children is long and impressive. Kiwanis International is attempting to wipe out worldwide Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD). The Henderson Club has contributed and pledged \$10,000 to that cause alone.

Eleven Hixson Fellows have been recognized for their magnanimous (\$1,000) contributions to the Kiwanis Foundation for its global attack in youth illnesses and problems. They are: Earl and Mildred Walker; Vick and Grace Vickery; Bob and Sybil Leggett; Jack E. Burroughs; D. Grey Faulkner; Art Falkner; Betty White and Robert Turner.

“Young Children – Priority One” is far more than a slogan. It is a call to action.

Projects and Donations

Key Clubs (Northern and Southern Vance)
Drug Alert
ACTS – food for needy
Boys and Girls Homes of NC
The Giving Tree
A single pair of shoes
Franklin-Vance-Warren
Opportunity, Inc.
Outbased Education
Terrific Kids
Crippled Children
“Reading is Fundamental”
Eye Glasses for Needy Children
Christmas for Children
Hugh O’Brian Scholarship

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
Summer Baseball for youth
Fishing Tournaments
Kiwanis Scholarships
Friends of Youth
Ronald McDonald
Prenatal Care
The Caring Corner
Iodine Deficiency Disorder
Project Graduation
Immunization Project
Special Olympics
Clothing Closet
Coalition to Prevent Adolescent Pregnancies

And more! One hundred dollars here, a hundred dollars there, positive response to calls for help for children. That’s Kiwanis.

How young is the Kiwanis Club of Henderson? It is as young as the latest call for help, be it time, advice, muscle or money. It is as young and as bright with opportunity as visiting Key Clubbers exude. It is as young as daybreak on Azalea Sale Day. It is as full of youth and vigor as twelve year olds running the bases of a baseball diamond on a warm, summer evening.

Kiwanians do not think of age. Kiwanians brim with hope of a better tomorrow because the preparation and sale of a single bag of peanuts can make a difference in a young life.

How shall the Kiwanis Club of Henderson celebrate the end of the third quarter of a century of food, fellowship and service? Have a party. Cut a cake. Propose a toast, of course. Kiwanians of 1998 can also and will pay tribute to the 600 or so men and women, leaders in Vance County, living and dead, who came together weekly and worked daily for children – Priority Number One. One such shining example is Bob Harrison, science teacher, the voice of Vance County, Club President, humanitarian par excellence, Why not a living memorial to a young at heart, noble community servant, one of us, the Robert B Harrison Scholarship at Vance Granville Community College, a continuing, perpetual, annual service to youth?

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Raymond Stone
April 21, 1998

1998-2023

In writing for the seventy-fifth anniversary, Raymond Stone ended with the following:

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As we look back on the last twenty-five years of the Kiwanis Club of Henderson, it is amazing to see the changes – both good and bad – that have transformed our world, country and community. Through it all, the Kiwanis Club of Henderson has maintained its focus on finding opportunities to improve life for children in the Henderson area. The Kiwanis have continued to lead by supporting programs in our community that focus on bettering the lives of children.

Over the past quarter century, the Club has supported a variety of efforts throughout Henderson and Vance County. Some of the projects that we have championed over the past twenty-five years include:

- Vance County Health Department
- Christmas for Needy Children
- Vance Co. elementary schools' Terrific Kids Program
- Community Concert Series
- Kiwanis Junior Baseball Team
- March of Dimes
- College Scholarships for five county High Schools
- Key Club Sponsorship at county High Schools
- Salvation Army Programs
- Vance Granville Community College Endowment Fund
- Book Bag Donation for elementary schools
- Dictionary Program for all 3rd grade classes
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys and Girls Club of Henderson
- H. Leslie Memorial Library

The Kiwanis have also extended a helping hand to others fighting to help children. The Kiwanis have long supported the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, typically held at Vance-Granville Community College's main campus. The March of Dimes is a national voluntary agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

In July 2005, Louis Figueroa was walking the circumference of the lower 48 states to bring awareness for the National Association to Protect Children and to the continued problem of sexually abused children. Kiwanis clubs across the country followed Figueroa by car along his journey. Upon reaching the Vance County area, Figueroa discovered that he was down to \$17 and no lodging, with a long way to go to return to Tucson, Arizona. When the call went out, the Kiwanis of Henderson provided Figueroa with food, a hotel room and funds to continue his amazing journey.

In 2005, the Club answered the call to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Henderson Kiwanis Club donated funds to the local Salvation Army to help the victims of the hurricane that devastated the Gulf Coast.

In 2006, the Club donated dictionaries for all third graders, supported the Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home, provided five scholarships for high school graduates, and supported the Outward Bound kids at the Eckerd Camp for troubled youth, including providing baseball outings at TriCounty Stadium for those same kids.

In the same year, The Club also supported the United Way, the Salvation Army, the March of Dimes, Project Christmas for needy children in four schools, the Jr. Baseball Kiwanis Team, the health department's Children Priority One program for children birth-5 years, and the H. Leslie Perry Library. The club also sponsored Terrific Kids in five elementary schools and sponsored Key Clubs at Northern Vance and Southern Vance high schools, provided book bags for needy kids in four schools, and responded to other requests through the year for children in special need.

The Kiwanis Club of Henderson for many years entertained some of the youth from Camp E Ten Etu with an outing to a baseball game. The Mud Cats game is a special treat away from the camp environment and a privilege the children earned with their counselors at the camp.

In June 2008, the Kiwanis Club of Henderson donated 500 DVDs to the Vance County Health Department to be used to teach the proper use of child safety seats. The DVDs were distributed to mothers of newborns in Vance County. Entitled "Happy Traveling," the DVD provided instruction on how to properly install and use a child car seat with infants and children of all ages and weights.

Later that year, the Club donated school supplies and dictionaries to the Vance County Learning Center, a non-profit organization in operation to help at-risk children in the community do better in school. In November 2008, the Club of Henderson provided funds to the Vance County branch of the Boys and Girls Club of North Central North Carolina. At the time, Vance County had three Boys and Girls Club locations at E. M. Rollins Elementary, Eaton Johnson Middle School, and L. B. Yancey Elementary.

During the summer of 2010, the Henderson Kiwanis Club sponsored a five-week golf clinic for 24 members of the Boys & Girls Club at the Kerr Lake Country Club. Hilda Garrett of Kerr Lake Country Club provided instruction in driving and putting with youth alternating between the driving range and the putting green. Ronald Rubin of the Henderson Kiwanis Club assisted in planning and implementing the clinic.

The Henderson Kiwanis Club presented 28 gifts collected through the Kiwanis One Day Project to the Maria Parham Medical Center in May 2011. The project was a part of an effort by Kiwanis Club members all over the world. The gifts purchased by the local branch of the civic organization were given out to pediatric patients at the medical center.

In 2014, the Kiwanis of Henderson sponsored student-ambassadors at Eaton-Johnson Middle School to become members of the Builders Club of the Kiwanis Club of America. The club, which had more than 46,000 adolescent members nationwide, provided the students opportunities to develop leadership skills and raise their level of community

involvement. The students also took turns attending Henderson Kiwanis Club meetings.

In 2016, the Club held a raffle fundraiser for a golf cart give-away. The winner of the golf cart was Jimmy Barrier of Henderson. The drawing was held July 19 at the Golden Corral restaurant in Henderson. Henderson Mayor Eddie Ellington was on hand to draw the winning ticket. The donation of the golf cart to the club allowed every penny of the funds collected to be used for the children of the community.

In 2019, the Club partnered with Vance County Public School Foundation, Mako Medical Labs, Prim Residential and Development, Maria Parham Health to support the Student Spotlight program. The Student Spotlight program is designed to recognize students who go above and beyond normal routines during the school day to support their teachers and fellow students in their schools. The students selected work hard, have good character, are kind to their fellow students and try their best in school. The Student Spotlight recipients and their parents visit Washington, D.C. and are honored at a local banquet.

Since the opening of the Farmers Market in Henderson, the Kiwanis Club, a sponsor of the Durham-based Farmer Foodshare program, has collected donations to buy food from local farmers at the Market give it to ACTS to feed the hungry.

In 2022, the Club was able to sponsor the newly formed Key Club at Henderson Collegiate school. Working with Ms. Theresa O'Donnell and an initial group of six interested students, Henderson Collegiate was able to complete the approval process with about 30 members. The Club eagerly supported this project, as it represents the first Key Club in Vance County in over a decade.

A new program, spearheaded by Roger Griesinger, is helping elementary children regain reading skills after two years of interruption from COVID. The Kiwanis donated two sets of books to each of the third-grade classrooms in all six elementary schools in Vance County. The Club worked with the Vance County Board of Education to select

books that were integrated into the schools' language arts curriculum for the year.

The Club has been able to fund these projects throughout the last quarter century through the dedication and hard work of its members in various fund-raising efforts. The Club worked with the local Key Clubs to sell snow cones and funnel cakes at Henderson Colorfest and the annual Show, Shine, Shag & Dine show in downtown Henderson. The Kiwanis also partnered with 220 Seafood Restaurant over the years to put on a fish fry to raise funds.

From 1988 to 2019, the Club held the Spring Azalea Sale in various parking lots in Henderson. Each spring the Kiwanis Club hosted a two-day plant sale. Members of the Woodland Club assisted the local club with the sale by offering customers helpful information for planting, color coordination, and explanations on different varieties of the plants. The very first year, the garden club sought to sell a few azaleas. They were overwhelmed by the community's response. Because of the resounding popularity, the Kiwanis Club stepped up to run the event as the Garden Club continued to help with the azaleas.

The Club also hosts the annual Kiwanis Golf Tournament at the Kerr Lake Country Club, with over fifty businesses and individuals supporting our efforts through hole sponsorships and promotional item donations.

The Club has also made efforts to recognize and cherish the memory of their own members. Among the Vance-Granville Community College's Endowment Fund scholarships, two are named to commemorate Kiwanians: Robert B. Harrison/Henderson Kiwanis Club and Henderson Kiwanis Club/Robert J. Turner.

In 2014, the Kiwanis Club of Henderson completed funding of a scholarship endowed at the college in memory of longtime club member Robert J. Turner. Following Turner's death in 2007, the club began making contributions to the college's endowment fund to honor his years of service. Turner served the organization as president and as chairman of many committees. He was active in numerous Kiwanis projects and had perfect club attendance for 43 years. Turner was also a World War II veteran, pilot and crop duster.

In October 2007, the Club's annual "Kiwanian of the Year" award was bestowed on Robert J. Turner Jr. and changed the name of the annual award's name to the Robert J. Turner Jr. Award for his ever-present inspiration as a friend and mentor and his outstanding efforts to and for the club over the many years of his service and membership.

The Kiwanis Club of Henderson has been recognized throughout the community for its service to Vance County. In 2007 and 2008, the Vance County Schools honored the Kiwanis Club of Henderson with a plaque and the designation of "Champion of Education" for their partnership with local public schools.

In 2015, at the 77th Annual Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting and Banquet, Vance County Schools presented its Shining Moment in Education Award to the Kiwanis Club of Henderson for their work and contributions to the county's students. "They show support to all 10 elementary schools in our county," said Marylaura McKoon, principal of E.O. Young Elementary. "They support all the third graders in our district with brand new dictionaries. They also offer us monetary gifts so that we can go out and buy for our children so they will have Santa Claus on Christmas Day."

In 2018, The Community Supporter of the Year was presented to Ron Rubin of the Kiwanis Club for his "efforts" running the Donation Station at the Farmers Market. Rubin's efforts result in the donation of about 4,000 pounds of produce each year to local organizations including Area Christians Together in Service (ACTS).

The Kiwanis Club of Henderson has also provided support and leadership to the International Kiwanis Club and the Kiwanis Carolina District and Division 13. In fact, three members have served as Lieutenant Governors for the Carolina District: Art Falkner (2000-2001), Ron Rubin (2013-2014), and Michael Brafford (2014-2015).

Two Kiwanians have been recognized over the last twenty-five years with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, presented by the governor of North Carolina to people who have made extraordinary contributions to the state and their communities.

In 2018, the honor was given to Opie Frazier for his involvement with the community as a businessman, a faithful member of his church, a member of the Kiwanis and through service on several boards – including the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees, for whom he is the college's longest serving trustee with 41 years to his credit.

In 2021, Kiwanian Donald Seifert was also awarded with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. This was a well-deserved recognition of Seifert's numerous contributions to the community. He also served for many years on the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees, holding the position of chairman from 2003-12.

As we begin the journey into our second century of service, the Kiwanis of Henderson thank everyone for joining us at our Centennial Celebration. We take a moment to reflect on the service and dedication of the hundreds of Kiwanians from our community who have preceded us. The Kiwanis Club of Henderson has a remarkable history of assistance to the children of Vance County and a proud legacy of service to our community. Looking forward, the Club will continue its efforts to recruit new members so that we may continue our traditions and work in Vance County. May we continue to be guided by the call to Work and Build. On Kiwanis, on Kiwanis - there is work to do!

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

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When Kiwanis Calls
(Tune: "Bohemia Hall")

When Kiwanis calls, When Kiwanis calls,
Let ev'ry one stand up. (stand up)
When Kiwanis calls, When Kiwanis calls,
Let each one raise a cup.
When we gather 'round the table,
As long as we are able,
We'll pledge to thee our loyalty
When Kiwanis calls!

Boost Kiwanis
(Tune: "On Wisconsin," key of G)

Boost Kiwanis, Boost Kiwanis,
Boost it every day.
Boost Kiwanis and our home town;
Boost it every way.
Boost Kiwanis, Boost Kiwanis,
Boost, and never stop.
Boost, Members, Boost, and we will be on top.

On Kiwanis
(Tune: "On Wisconsin," key of G)

On Kiwanis, on Kiwanis. There is work to do,
Building for our God and Country,
Home and children too.
Onward in Kiwanis ever
We in service skilled,
Each day or daily task is, Work and Build.

A special thank-you to David G. Cole and the Youth Choir of First Baptist Church of Henderson for their musical assistance!