Linda Canaday Dies

It is with deep sadness that we report that Linda Canaday, beloved wife of Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President-designate, died Wednesday, July 16, 2008, in Indianapolis of complications from surgery. “Linda was the most incredible woman I have ever known,” Don said of his First Lady. “Her unparalleled commitment to caring and service were an inspiration to everyone who knew her.”

“She was a wonderful mother. She was committed also to her church and her community, and I will miss her more than I can possibly say,” he added. “She put up quite a struggle, but God must have needed her more than we did.”

Kiwanis International President Dave Curry said of Linda: “Linda was a blessing to everyone she came in contact with. She always had a smile and a kind word of encouragement for every person.”

“Linda was always thinking of others,” said Kiwanis International CEO Bob Parker. “On the day before her surgery, Don delivered a large box of homemade treats for the Kiwanis staff that Linda had spent the weekend baking. That was the kind of servant leader she was. She will be missed.”

Linda Gale (Canaday) was a native of North Carolina and a former schoolteacher. She and Don met in Augusta, Georgia when she was teaching middle school and he was stationed at the U.S. Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia. The mother of one of Linda’s students was married to a friend of Don’s, who recalls “inviting myself” to the friend’s house so he could meet Linda. “Linda was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and with her husband, was associated with Kiwanis many years.”

“One thing I like about Kiwanis is that we don’t help just sick children,” she said once in an interview. “You don’t have to be poor to be needy. Through programs like BUG and Terrific Kids, we are helping children who otherwise might be overlooked.”

Linda played a vital role in every part of Don’s life but wanted to be sure that the role was complimentary, and that they brought two pairs of hands to every task, not just one. “Don and I don’t have to do everything together,” she said. “He’s president, but I’m Linda.”

Linda is survived by her husband, International President Don Canaday, six children and 17 grandchildren.

Happy Memorial Day 08

Kiwanis Brooklyn Division marches in the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Club President Role Summary

As our next year approaches it is valuable to summarize the duties of the Club President.

**Club President**

Serves as club leader by setting and implementing goals for improving the members’ club experience and increasing the impact of the club’s service in the community by adding new members to the club.

**Qualifications:** A proven leader with the ability to:

- Motivate and inspire volunteers
- Empower and influence others
- Manage time
- Build relationships with community leaders
- Facilitate club meetings
- Lead by example
- Facilitate change
- Use Microsoft Office Products Suite

**Responsibilities:**

- Establishes a vision (or implements the stated vision) for the club and motivates and inspires club members to meet that vision.
- In consultation with the Board of Directors, establishes goals for the club including membership growth and community service goals.
- Facilitates fun, educational and efficient club meetings. Ensures a quality speaker/program.
- Ensures a successful club experience by providing a New Member Orientation, surveying the members regularly (Club Excellence Tool!), and maintaining high quality standards.
- Ensures that the club is productive by leading the club to participate in a periodic Community Analysis and supporting Kiwanis branded service projects and fundraising events that are meaningful to the members and the community. Fulfills sponsorship responsibilities to Service Leadership Clubs.
- Organizes an effective Leadership Team by appointing and training effective committee chairs to focus on the club’s goals. Leads effective and efficient Board Meetings. Implements a succession plan for future leaders ensuring a seamless transition.
- Communicates regularly with club members to keep members informed about the business and activities of the club.
- Fullfills all other duties documented in the Standard Form for Club Bylaws.

**Governor**

Don Herring

I have great news for the New York District. David Curry, President of Kiwanis International will make a second visit to New York in August. He will arrive on August 19th and will stay until August 23rd. He will be staying with Marlene and I during his visit. The reason for this visit is to take part in a new club building project. We will attempt to build a new club in the Ontario Division during David’s visit.

I am told that when an International President does not have an “official visit” to a District it is most unusual to have them appear in the District, even once. This will be David’s second visit to our District this year. You will recall that his first visit was back in October when he led our 10 K walk (Walk for a Child’s Dream). At that first visit he was only able to spend one day with us as he had to be at an official visit in Ohio the day after the Walk. However on this second visit he will be with us for five days.

In addition to the new club building activity I would like to propose a District wide membership roundup. In this roundup I would like each Lt. Governor to hold a membership roundup in their Division on Tuesday evening August 20th. I would further propose that each Lt. Governor set a goal of 100% participation by each club in their Division and that each club bring at least one new member to be inducted at that meeting.

I would like to have a conference call set up where each Lt. Governor could place a call to President Dave to announce to him the number of members enrolled at each roundup. What an outstanding tribute it would be if we could have 100-200 new members in his honor. He will be taking calls at the Ontario roundup, and we will keep a running total of the members enrolled in his honor that evening. I can think of no better way to say thank you to the President for his fire leadership this year, and for coming to New York twice to help us with our Kiwanis activities.

By the time you read this article, Marlene and I will have completed all of our Governor’s visits to the Divisions. All Divisions will have hosted a visit by the Governor. Marlene and I wish to thank you all for the graciousness you exhibited during our stay in your respective Divisions. It is difficult to put into words how proud we felt to hear of your accomplishments, and how you took us into your hearts. We will fondly remember each visit, and the great feeling we had of how much Kiwanians are doing to make lives better in each of our communities.

If you have completed the Governor’s project, and/or the First Ladies project, be sure that you down load the forms and fill them out so that you may receive credit for these fine projects. I would like to see every club receive both banner patches for completing both projects. There is still much to be done on membership as I write this we have signed up 501 new members. This is a significant number but we Continued on Page 13