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Speaker: Jennifer Cobanov: *Getting To Know The Macedonian Ministry*



The local TV news programs would have us believe that today's young people are a hedonistic, narcissistic, iPod carrying, text messaging, tricked out car driving, group whose primary interest is the next weekend's party/movie plans. It is therefore refreshing when we find that there are still dedicated young people out there like Ms. Jennifer Cobanov, who informed the club members about the outstanding work being done by the Knotts Family Agency and the Macedonian Ministry.

The Knotts Family Agency is a foster care type program for young girls on the fringe of our society. Most of them have been abused, are pregnant or have recently delivered, and are behaviorally impaired. Presently there are two homes in the San Bernardino area housing six girls in each house and supervised by two onsite adults. In some instances the girls care for their children at the houses, but for those not prepared for motherhood, the babies go to foster parents. But, clearly these young girls needed more than just the temporary shelter. Most were school dropouts. All had impaired life skill and coping issues.

Fast forward to a chance airport encounter between Pastor Hyveth Williams and Gwen Knotts. A casual conversation between strangers quickly evolved into a realization that a mutual needs could be addressed. Pastor Williams via volunteers at the Campus Hill Church could provide tutoring, life and health education, and child care training, while the Knotts Home residents would provide the opportunity for Christian outreach. Volunteers, like Ms. Cobanov, were recruited to meet with the girls each Thursday for tutoring to help with GED qualification. The program was launched in January, 2003 and at one point served 18 young girls (13-18 years old), but recently one of the houses had to close and only 12 girls are participating. Jennifer emphasized how important it is to have the weekly one on one mentoring with the girls. They need the stability of interacting with the same caring person each week. Once each month an outing is planned to expose the girls to arts and entertainment. This, then is the Macedonian Ministry, so named from the passage in ACTS 16:9, "Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia asking him to come to that city and help with their spiritual awakening." Jennifer, a fourth year medical student, will become a pediatrician so that she can continue in her efforts to serve the children of the world. Volunteers, toys for children and donations are welcome.

Meeting Notes:

Invocation: George Johnston

Flag Salute: Ken Daly

Song: Kurt Meyer: "America The Beautiful"

Guests: Sheila:Christina Kitchen; Jeff: Jennifer Cobanov; Hyveth: Steven; Kevin: Ron and Kyle

President: Welcomed all present; Guests acknowledged; Remember to bring in all ink cartridges for recycle; reimbursement for San Diego Convention costs; LTG fundraiser: comedy show at Ronald McDonald House

Gay : DCM will be a fiesta theme; need \$20 door prize; community service project: socks for long term care home patients.

Bob: shared comments about his experience at the Montreal Convention; next meeting in San Antonio; Clubs that increase membership by 25% dues are free for new members; background check for adults supervising children on overnight trips; Nelson Tucker will be the next president. Banner patch presented to the club

Kurt: Had applications for the SD Convention Aug 17-19; The LTG will be installed;DCM tomorrow, new club will be installed, should be interesting

Happy/Sad Dollars: Bob for attending Montreal Convention and visit with his brother in Maine; Jeff for missing his daughter who is at summer camp; John for Kyles diligent work on landscaping; George for friend who survived a serious heart attack; guest speaker and invited guests

Remember: ask Gay how you can help her make the upcoming DCM a success!!



Highlights of the Montreal Convention: June 28 - July 2, 2006



Two-time distinguished club president Nelson Tucker becomes President of Kiwanis International, effective October 1, 2006. The Northridge, California, Kiwanian joins 7 other new and returning International Board officers and Trustees. Nelson was 1996-97 governor of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, a distinguished lieutenant governor, and has sponsored more than 300 men and women into Kiwanis clubs. He joined the International Board in 2001 as a Trustee.



A surprise convention announcement helped launch the Kiwanis International Foundation on its US\$37 million endowment campaign. The foundation has received a second seven-figure contribution. Brian and Miki Cunat accept applause of gratitude from delegates during a 91st Annual Kiwanis International Convention business session in Montréal. During Friday's First Business Session, Past International President Brian Cunat and his wife, Miki, pledged to contribute \$1.1 million to the "You Can Make a Difference" campaign. The endowment supports Kiwanis youth leadership programs. It also makes possible foundation grants, which are awarded through Kiwanis clubs

Go for 1 million, delegates say:

Kiwanis will have 1 million members before its 100th birthday on January 21, 2015.

The goal is written into Kiwanis International's strategic plan. Representatives from clubs worldwide, participating in the House of Delegates at the 91st International Convention in Montréal, Québec, endorsed the 1-million-members goal with the passage of a resolution titled "One Million Members by 2015." Kiwanis membership must grow to meet tomorrow's needs." There are three routes to its 1-million-members destination: Build on the current Kiwanis, adding members and enhancing traditional-style clubs; expand into communities and nations where Kiwanis is under-represented or does not yet exist; and explore new styles of clubs and memberships. Delegates backed up the resolution with their approval of a Bylaws amendment, which grants a one-year dues reprieve for new members for clubs that experience membership gains of 25 percent or higher.

Other actions and decisions during the House of Delegates:

Approved:

- * An amendment to change the office of International Vice-President/Treasurer to Vice-President.

- * An amendment to expand the definition of conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis International Board to all Kiwanis International officers, including district governors.

Failed:

- * A proposal to allow flexibility in the composition of club boards of directors by setting board size at 10 percent of a club's membership.

- * A proposal to provide that the House of Delegates address any change in charter fees, new-member induction/processing fees, or any other financial encumbrance for any member club or active, privileged, or senior member.

Failed for lack of a motion:

- * A proposal to require clubs to pay a US \$30 new-member fee to Kiwanis International.

Referred back to the International Board for further consideration:

- * A proposal to allow Kiwanis International to pursue new membership initiatives, such as affiliate groups, to best ensure robust growth worldwide in support of the one-million-members goal.

Withdrawn:

- * A proposal to limit the eligibility of former members of Kiwanis International sponsored programs for the waiver of dues payments to Kiwanis International for the first two years of membership.

- * A proposal to allow clubs to pay dues on behalf of "family units" rather than on behalf of individual members.

- * A proposal to change the eligibility of Kiwanis International officers for reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses for the annually conducted International Council and Convention.

Seven keys to 2015

Kiwanis International President Steve Siemens opened the 91st Annual Kiwanis Convention with a presentation that mixed music, humor, stories, and visual aids. To reach its goal of 1 million members by 2015:

- * Great leadership
- * Great attitudes
- * Great dreams
- * Great planning
- * Great risks
- * Great changes
- * Great passion