

# Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Bulletin

June 30, 2009

Ron **Dabney** recorded our presence, as **Cathy Armstrong** was banker for this final June meeting. 59 actives, 15 seniors, 1 prospective member & 1 guest joined together for fellowship, good food and an informative talk about Russia today. The Presbyterian Ladies treated us to Chicken Cordon Bleu, Peas & Carrots and rice with watermelon and ice cream bars for dessert.

**Dave Martini** called us to order, as **Bob Hastings** offered a blessing following our flag salute.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Youth Services Committee received a Thank You from the Girls Scouts for their contribution allowing girls to attend camp.

**Laureen Niehaus-Beckner** thanked us for sending her to the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville last week. She left there proud, favorably impressed and re-invigorated with the prospect of ascending to the President's position on October 1. 4900 delegates elected Ohio's Alan Penn to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Approval was given: To change International Dues billing to October 1; to allow clubs to pay insurance premiums from either service or administrative funds; to retain magazine exemption for spouses. K International is seeking a World Wide Service Project and is open to suggestions from Clubs.

**Club Website** – [cheviotwestwoodkiwanis.com](http://cheviotwestwoodkiwanis.com) is where you will find our weekly bulletin. No more by email. If you have internet access and also receive a paper bulletin, please contact Marilyn Ward, so your name can be removed from the snail mail list. [mewrew95@yahoo.com](mailto:mewrew95@yahoo.com).

**HEALTH & CHEER:** Art Beinkemper is recuperating. Milt VanSchoik to be released from the hospital. Greg Stautberg's father passed away. Bill Teresa is carrying his left arm in a sling following an accident and will attempt to become a one armed golfer.

**GLADHANDER:** On behalf of Debbie Ward, Marilyn Ward presented Tony Michel with a bottle of "Bar B Que Sauce for Sissies", good for "babies, brats and

bikers” since it is mild – one of the fun things Debbie’s company sells, just in time for the upcoming Holiday weekend.

**PROGRAMS:** July 7 - Tom Griffin, Club Member “The First Time I Landed in China”

July 14 – Rudy Miller – The Cincinnati Fire Museum

July 21 – Bob Morgan – Retired Police Officer

July 28 - CEO of the Museum of Natural History (meeting at Harvest Home)

Aug 4 - Kerry Coombs – Ass’t. UC Football Coach

**SPEAKER:** **Bill Gerhardt** gave a humorous introduction to Rev. David Halt, Episcopal Priest and Club Member. David showed a Power Point presentation about Russia. He began with several quotes from famous Russians illustrating control of the people. “It is difficult to move forward while looking backward” Russia is a country of Facades, meaning it is not what it seems – the reality is hidden. The military is a hollow army. Outward appearances are important. They present a façade of power & beauty. The realities are: drugs – single mothers – alcoholism. 48 is the male life expectancy. Fire is a common problem with houses made of wood. There is no fire insurance. The primary product in the markets is alcohol. The average age of a beginning alcoholic is 12.

David leads a group of youths from the Episcopal Church to a small town outside St. Petersburg every other year on a mission to build and promote art, music, drama & woodcarving with the young people, using the philosophy of getting to know one another through youth, and not through politics. He stressed the importance of teaching young men to be responsible. For the future, David sees a smaller Russian nation, less powerful.



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