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Our Vision: Carolinas 18,000 Members

Our Goal: To Grow Kiwanis Service

The Objectives:

- Take Clubs from Good to Great
- Enrich the Member's Experience...
Excellent Clubs & Excellent Service!
- Retain Members
- Build and Grow New Clubs



We worry about
what a child
will become
tomorrow, yet we
forget that he is
someone today.

~Stacia Tauscher

Someone's Listening – Kiwanis Club Lends Students an Ear

June

26-29

Int'l Convention
Orlando, FL

July

9-13

Key Club Int'l
Convention
Denver, CO

Last Three
Saturdays
Club Leadership
Orientation
Sessions

August

6-9

Circle K
Int'l Convention
Denver, CO

22-24
Kiwanis District
Convention
Winston-Salem

September

12-14

Aktion Club
Conference
Browns Summit, NC



Photo by Hilary Snow

Southport Kiwanis Club member and school volunteer Bob Moore lends an ear to a South Brunswick Middle School student Thursday as part of the club's Listening Post visits. The Listening Post, started locally by Kiwanian John Kelso, gives students the opportunity to talk about anything without fear of judgment.

By Hilary Snow, of the
State Port News

Inside South Brunswick Middle School's busy cafeteria, a lot can be overheard—the clatter of lunch trays, the chatter of students, the stomping of feet, the shuffling of papers. But Kiwanian John Kelso and his team of volunteers actually listen. And what they've heard is that, sometimes, adolescents just need someone to lend them an ear. Kelso, a Southport Kiwanis Club member, established a local Listening Post at the middle school last year. The concept, used at schools and colleges nationwide, allows students to talk about anything and everything on their minds without

fear of ridicule or judgement. "I read an article in 2006 about The Listening Post in Colorado," Kelso said. "I thought, 'Wow, I'd like to do that here.' "

The Listening Post was created by Dr. Mabel Barth in 1979 and first used at a college in Denver, Colo. Kelso said the communication project has spread over the years to

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Capturing Your Bright Ideas

The [Greenville, SC](#) Kiwanis Club Newsletter has a bulletin board section where information is published on upcoming community events members may be interested in attending.

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address young people's complaints that no one listens to them. "It started out mostly at junior colleges and colleges," he noted.

Last year, Kelso brought the idea to Patricia Underwood, who was then principal of South Brunswick Middle School, and the South Brunswick Middle School Listening Post was formed. Current principal David Kulp agreed that the project should continue this year. Each Tuesday and Thursday, Kelso and fellow Kiwanians set up a round table in the cafeteria. They throw on a red checkered tablecloth, toss a couple apples on the table, et out their sign and wait for students to come to them.

"We are trying to promote the idea that this is not just for kids with problems. We're not here to judge, and we don't want to take the place of (school) counselors," he said. The idea has apparently caught on. On The Listening Post's last day for the school year, students flocked to the table to say hello to Kelso and volunteer Bob Moore, grab an apple or a piece of candy and chat for a while.

"We always have too many (students)," Moore said. "Ninety percent of the time the seats are all full. Some kids want to eat with us. It surprised me to some extent. I think they're just looking for someone to talk to.

Kelso said students come to discuss a "wide range of things," from sports victories to problems with boyfriends. Thursday, the conversations inevitably turned to the upcoming end-of-course tests. "They just talk about everything that is happening in their lives," Moore added.

"Volunteers report more serious issues to counselors or administrators," Kelso said. While they've had to deal with some heavy topics, Kelso and Moore agreed that students mostly want nothing more than a few minutes of their time. "We might throw out suggestions but we're not judgemental. That's what they don't want to hear. We're just here to listen," Kelso said. "We don't jump all over them. We hear them out."

Molly Jones, a sixth-grade teacher at the middle school, said that kind of approach has made The Listening Post something many students look forward to each week. "It's an opportunity to talk to someone who is unbiased. They can come and share the day-t-day stuff. They may not have someone at home and teachers may be too busy," she said. "The kids love these days."

Scholarship Time!



The Stantonsburg Kiwanis Club presented a plaque and a check to Nathan Boykin III. He was selected as the most outstanding 8th grade student at Speight Middle School. The reasons Nathan was selected to receive this award are:

- 1) He always strives to make the best grades possible (straight A student)
- 2) Participates in all sports activities and
- 3) He enjoys school and works well with all his teachers



The Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club is pleased to announce scholarship gifts of \$4,000 to four local High School Seniors. Adelle Drahos (upper left) will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design. Christopher Fightmaster (upper right) will attend UNC where he wants to study pre-med. Adrienne Daniels (lower left) will attend East Carolina University where she wants to study physical therapy, and Courtney Meiggs (lower right), will attend UNC where she wants to study physical therapy.

University City Kiwanian Les Garner presents a check to Captain Jack Richard of the Salvation Army. The \$3,465 check will go toward sponsoring 21 children for a week of summer camp in Denton, NC.





KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Make your vote an educated one

Are you a delegate at the [93rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention](#)? If so, you should know what you're being asked to vote on before the House of Delegates begins. Come prepared. Read the [nine proposed amendments and one resolution](#). The Kiwanis convention is June 26-29 in Orlando, Florida.



Live and ready: The Kiwanis Family Store

The [Kiwaniis Family Store](http://store.kiwanis.org/) (<http://store.kiwanis.org/>) is once again live on the Web. And it's better than ever—thanks to a complete overhaul to enhance security, ordering, and searching. Never visited the Family Store? Now is the perfect time to take a look around for Kiwanis and Service Leadership Programs merchandise—just in time for conventions!

President's News and Video

Each month, on www.kiwanis.org, President Dave Curry shares a message through a video. Have you seen them? Follow this link: <http://www.kiwanis.org/Newsroom/KiwanisLeadership/KIPresident/PresidentsNewsandVideo/tabid/445/Default.aspx>

