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Sevierville Kiwanis club installs new officers

Kristin Lewis of Sevierville was as president of the Kiwanis Club of Sevierville, TN during the club's installation ceremony Sept. 18. Also installed were President-Elect Jessica Page, Vice President Tom Meisenzahl, Treasurer Larry Fox and Secretary Doris L. Palmer.

In addition, Wendi Tunny and Tom McCarter were installed as members of the board of directors, and will serve three years. They will join previously elected members of the club's board of directors Leslie Atchley, Marc Robertson, Brian Cagle and Amy Kingery to round out the club's leadership team.

The immediate past president is Norm Kallemeyn of Sevierville, and he will continue to serve on the club board for the next year.

Lewis will be serving as club president on the worldwide Kiwanis leadership team with newly elected Kiwanis International President Donald R. Canaday of Fishers, Indiana. Kiwanis International's major service focus, a program called "Young Children: Priority One," will continue during 2007-08.

Lewis indicates this year's club will actively promote the well-being of children in Sevier County. "While we will continue our projects as in the past, we will strive to identify new ventures that will help us meet our commitment to the children of this community."

Recent club service activities have included projects such as the Cutest Little Baby Face Contest in support of the East Tennessee Children's Hospital, a scholarship program for two worthy students from Sevier County, sponsoring a Bring Up Grades Program at Jones Elementary Cove School, a Key Club at Sevier County High School and a K-Kids Program at the Pigeon Forge Boys and Girls Club. The local Kiwanis Club has also collected hundreds of pounds of aluminum cans for recycling that helps fund the annual club scholarships.

Kiwanis International includes more than 8-thousand clubs with more than a quarter of a million members in 96 nations. Each year Kiwanians, around the world, sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects while raising more than \$100-million.

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.--Kiwanis defining statement, adopted October 2004.

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