

Dear Kiwanians and Special Guests:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and congratulate our “All American Week” winners, teachers and faculty. We always look forward to the Annual All-American celebration. We heard from one group this past week and are looking forward to hearing from the other winners this week.

A special thanks to Billy Ray Warren of the Florence City School system for helping to coordinate this event. He is as much of a fixture for this event as is Kiwanis. **“All American Week” contest has been a major sponsorship of the Downtown Florence Kiwanis Club for 39 Years.** Also a special thanks to one of our own Ellen Beasley for her role in helping to secure additional prize money from the Florence Beautification Board.

I hope all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Remember Pancake Day is not far off so be making your preparations to well tickets and to work!

Bill Gullett
President, 2006-2007

Three New Members This Month: We welcome Hugh Cort, Jr., Troy Skipworth, and Clinton Harris to the club, all inducted on November 17, 2006.

Hugh was a member of the Huntsville Golden K club for six years before he moved to Florence earlier this year.

John Harris sponsored Troy and Clinton for membership. Troy and Clinton have been good buddies for about 15 years, which is a long time when you consider they are only 28 years old. Both graduated from Bradshaw High School in 1996, after which both graduated from UNA. Troy graduated from the Univ. of Ala. School of Law this year and passed the bar, and is now practicing with the firm of Harris & South, P.C. Clinton unleashed his entrepreneurial spirit in October, when he opened a Fox’s Pizza Den on Cloverdale Road.

Let’s welcome these new members, who have put Big Chief Bill on the road to a good membership growth record for this administrative year.



Thanks to Sylvester White for organizing our annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Although final results are not in, our club is believed to be in first place among civic clubs for the most money raised, with our two day total at \$4,227.82. The “secret” to our success is that we salt the pot with a contribution from our fund raising account, plus many individual donations from our members. As Sylvester has reminded us, you can still give him your check to the Salvation Army and it will be added to our total. Thanks to the club members who manned the bells, especially those who served two shifts. Many of you may not realize that our 34 hours of volunteering also saved the Salvation Army from hiring bell ringers for those 34 hours.

Juli Moritz has agreed to take over coordination of our help with the Meals on Wheels program. Hollis Wilson has done a good job for several years and is entitled to respite. Let's get behind Juli, now, and continue the smooth operation established by Hollis as we deliver meals every sixth week. If you have not done this yet, consider volunteering to ride with one of the regulars and find out how rewarding it is.

Kiwanis *Klarion*, December, 2006John Harris, Editor Our Motto: Why use a big word when a
diminutive one will do?