Linda Canaday passes

It is with deep sadness that we report that Linda Canaday, beloved wife of Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President-designate, died Wednesday, July 16, 2008, in Indianapolis of complications from surgery.

"Linda was the most incredible woman I have ever known," Don said of his First Lady. "Her unparalleled commitment to caring and service were an inspiration to everyone who knew her."

"She was a wonderful mother. She was committed also to her church and her community, and I will miss her more than I can possibly say," he added. "She put up quite a struggle, but God must have needed her more than we did."

Linda Gale (Canaday) was a native of North Carolina and a former schoolteacher. She and Don met in Augusta, Georgia, when she was teaching middle school and he was stationed at the United States Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Linda was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and with her husband, was associated with Kiwanis many years.

"One thing I like about Kiwanis is that we don't help just sick children," she once said in an interview. "You don't have to be poor to be needy. Through programs like BUG and Terrific Kids, we are helping children who otherwise might be overlooked."

Foundation establishes Linda Canaday Scholarship Fund

Acting on a request from Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President-designate, the Kiwanis International Foundation is establishing a scholarship fund to honor his beloved wife, Linda Canaday, who died recently of complications from surgery. Donations will help fund scholarships for Key Club students. To donate, please send check or money order to The Linda Canaday Scholarship Fund, care of the Kiwanis International Foundation, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Or for information, please call 317-875-8755.
Linda is survived by her husband, six children, and 17 grandchildren.

Home schooled

Graduation was only two years away, but Matthew McCullough could not go to school. Diagnosed with a brain tumor, the Fremont, California, student faced missing class because of his chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Working with Matthew’s school district, the Kiwanis Club of Fremont purchased a laptop computer, Web camera, and software that puts Matthew in the classroom. “He is able to talk to his teacher and classmates on a secure video link,” reports Fremont member Claire Torres. “His teacher has the same setup, which was donated by a difference civic organization.”

The Kiwanis Club of Fremont posted this story via the Kiwanis International Web site’s Share Your Story. You, too, can share the news about your club’s service, fundraising, and membership achievements. Your ideas may help your fellow Kiwanians.

Online store reopens with new look

The online Kiwanis Family Store has reopened with a fresh look and a warehouse of Kiwanis-branded plaques, awards, gifts, club items, and apparel, such as the men’s and women’s denim shirts. Both are embroidered with “Kiwanis.” The men’s shirt is generously cut with a left chest pocket and two-button cuffs. The women’s shirt features two-button cuffs and a straight hem with split tails, which works well tucked in or as an over-shirt.

Kiwanis, Boys & Girls Club partner to benefit children

Recognizing that no single organization can provide remedy to the needs of children worldwide, Kiwanis International has joined in a memorandum of understanding with Boys & Girls Clubs of America to foster, nurture, and establish a legacy of serving children, a cornerstone mission for both organizations.

Dave Curry (left), president of Kiwanis International, and Rick Goings (right), board chairman for Boys & Girls Clubs of America, said the partnership “provides great promise for children in communities across the United States.” Under the terms of the memorandum of understanding, Boys & Girls Clubs would
encourage its 4,000 clubs in the United States and other nations to:

- Invite Kiwanis members to visit and possibly meet in Boys & Girls Club facilities.
- Explore opportunities for joint projects with Kiwanis family members.
- Invite Key Club and Circle K members to volunteer in Boys & Girls Club activities, especially education, sports, and recreation programs.
- Invite Kiwanis members to serve as judges in the Youth of the Year contest.
- Invite interested and qualified Kiwanis members to become board members of the local Boys & Girls Club.

Kiwanis International would encourage its nearly 8,000 clubs around the world to:

- Visit the local Boys & Girls Club.
- Become a sponsor of the Youth of the Year program.
- Host Boys & Girls Club speakers (including Youth of the Year recipients).
- Invite club staff, board members, and volunteers to consider Kiwanis membership.
- Access opportunities for service at or through the Boys & Girls Club.

Additionally, Boys & Girls Clubs and Kiwanis members plan to attend and take part in major events such as conventions, large district meetings, training and educational meetings, and other appropriate meetings.

The partnership brings together two powerful forces to provide to young people:

- A safe place to learn and grow.
- Ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals.
- Life-enhancing programs and character development experiences.
- Hope and opportunity.

Discussions are ongoing to define the details of the relationship, but Kiwanis club leaders are encouraged, if they do not already have a relationship with local Boys & Girls Clubs, to begin talking and visiting with local Boys & Girls Club leaders to explore opportunities to work together to benefit area children.

Find a Boys & Girls Club in your area.

**Convention updates**

**Orlando was magical**

The experience of the 93rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention is right at your fingertips. The KiwanisOne.org portal includes several resources to help you re-experience the event or catch up on the action. You will find:

- More than 100 photos, taken by Kiwanians participating in the convention's photography forums.
- Videos
- Forum and workshop materials
- Registration to receive regular updates about the 94th Annual Kiwanis celebration

**Signature hunt links Kiwanis nations**

Over a four-day period this past June, Falleta Barrera of Panama met Ping-Huei Lin of Taiwan who met Dean Konner of New Jersey who met Bob Lecocq of New Caledonia who met Marie-Jeanne Boutroy of France who met Falleta Barrera of
Panama.

This round-the-world fellowship ring was the result of an International Signature Hunt conducted at the 93rd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida. The activity, in which participants collected autographs from Kiwanians representing 10 different nations, proved popular and prompted scores of Kiwanis memories. Here's a sample.

Some signature seekers learned a few geography lessons:

"Many people had not heard about my country. But now they are all well-informed."--Tine Gravenstijn, Suriname

"I learned of a new country: New Caledonia!"--Caroline Raffington, Florida

Others took the opportunity to learn or practice other languages:

"I tried to learn to say thank you in all the languages (Jamaican, Australian, and Canadian English, Japanese, Norden, Canadian, New Caledonia and France French, German, Dutch, and Icelandic)."--Lisa Manzella, Michigan

"Everyone smiles in the same language."--Kathleen George, Florida

For some, the signature hunt was like experiencing a trip around the world:

"I met Kiwanians from all over the world. I felt important, because I must have signed more than 100 times."--Jose Jaen, Panama

"We visited with people from four countries at once: United States, Bahamas, Norway, and Japan. It was fun to share about club activities in difference places."--Menno and Alice Isaac, Kansas

"It was a wonderful experience being from the very tiny island and through Kiwanis to meet people from all over the world."--Karen Barnett, Cayman Islands

"I met a Kiwanian from Malaysia. I have never spoken to a Malaysian before."--Roselyn Williams, Bahamas

"My first personal contact with an Icelander! Wow!"--Daphne Innerarity, Jamaica

Some renewed old friendships or discovered serendipitous connections with new Kiwanis friends:

"I ran into Kiwanians I met at previous Kiwanis events. It felt like a homecoming."--Elizabeth Dorner, Ontario

"I met a man who was at the same university, at the same time, in the same course as I was. In 1956!"--Mary Sarner, Georgia

"There was a very nice moment when I met a Kiwanian who I hadn’t seen in 10 years. We recalled nice memories. It was marvelous."--Paul Toussaint, Martinique

Others took the opportunity to forge Kiwanis connections:

"I met the charter president of a Kiwanis club in the Philippine Luzon District, which just chartered in October 2007. We plan to share projects to serve the youth."--Mary Ann Beckham, Georgia

"I had a request from a friend who wanted to become a Kiwanis member, and as I was searching for signatures, I met a Kiwanian from
an Orlando club who agreed to meet up with my friend. So, there you go. A new Kiwanian who can help to bring in others."--Jean-Pierre Girard, New Caledonia

And for others, the signature hunt was a way to make new friends, have a few laughs, and wonder at the global community of Kiwanis:

"It was a pleasure to know that in this Tower of Babel we all speak the same language: the language of love."--Jairo Castañeda, Bogota, Colombia

"I met Richard Sands from the Bahamas who gave me a very expensive looking signature. He said he usually charges for his signature. I told him, 'Not allowed today.' We had a good laugh."--Beulah L. Morgan, Jamaica

"I look forward to sharing this experience as I return home. Kiwanis! What a way to fellowship!"--Patricia Hercules, Trinidad and Tobago

"Gee! I feel great. This is quite an experience being a first-timer."--Roberto G. Dizon, Philippines

KIWANIS magazine offers membership, fundraising tips

Do you want to grow your membership or your fundraising profits? The August 2008 issue of KIWANIS magazine includes stories about clubs that have found success in boosting their rosters and making the leap from good fundraisers to great fundraisers.

Budget for Key Leader

Teenage students in your community have an opportunity to develop their leadership talents through the Kiwanis family. Several Key Leader events are coming up in Hawaii, Grand Cayman, and across the continental United States and Canada. A new series of courses will begin in April. That's why now is a good time for Kiwanis clubs to include Key Leader in their budget plans for 2008-09. Unlock the future of youth leaders in your community.