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**2008-2009**  
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# BRainerd Kiwanis Newsletter

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## Happening This Week

### OUR SPEAKER THIS WEEK

#### *Carol Berz*

Councilwoman Carol Berz is a long time resident of District 6. She is the immediate past chair of the Brainerd Hills Neighborhood Association and is recognized for her commitment and attention to community issues. Educated and trained in law, policy and economics, Carol Berz brings to the table the skills, experience and know-how necessary to unite and revitalize District 6.

Carol Berz is the Chief Executive Officer of Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC, a mediation services and training organization headquartered in Chattanooga.

A civil and family mediator, Carol Berz is listed by the Supreme Court of Tennessee as a Rule 31 Neutral and Trainer in General Civil and Family Mediation and as a Trainer in the Special Circumstance of Domestic Violence. In addition, Carol Berz serves as a mediator for the United States Postal Service REDRESS program and does extensive teaching in both the private and public sectors in the areas of mediation, mediation advocacy, mediation ethics and employment and labor/management matters relative to the costs of corporate conflict.

Formerly the Director of Forensic Services for Joseph W. Johnson Mental Health Center, and subsequently its Executive Director, Carol also has served as a visiting professor at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, teaching social policy, law and ethics. She is a Board Certified Diplomat in Clinical Social Work, with extensive post-doctoral training in mediation, law and conflict management system design. Read more about Carol at <http://carolberz.com>

#### *Thanks To Our Volunteers*

Tony Ashley will lead us in the pledge and our song. Matt Cole will greet our guests this week.

**SPIRITUAL QUOTE** - People who despise advise are asking for trouble, those who respect a command will succeed. Proverbs 13:13

#### *Presidential Quote*

“The truth is that all men having power ought to be mistrusted.” James Madison (1809–1817)



#### *Frank Burke Follow-Up*

As always, Frank Burke, of the Chattanooga Lookouts, entertained us with what’s been happening (and what’s going to be happening) at the ballpark. He is very excited to be affiliated with the Dodgers and has several fun promotions planned for this year, including a midget mascot. Frank was asked about Finley Stadium and said that he’s glad to did it but he lost a lot of money and will be glad to just focus totally on the Lookouts. Customer service is one thing he insists on with his employees to make sure everyone has a great experience at the ballpark. He encouraged everyone to attend some baseball games this season where you can have a lot of fun at a bargain price. Let’s have a Kiwanis night at the ballpark.

#### *Events*

Board Meeting at Carrabba’s, noon to 1 p.m February 12th. Also there is an inter-club with East Ridge at Wallys also at noon on the 12th. And Valentine’s Day on Saturday. Don’t forget about your sweetheart on this special day.



#### *Congratulations To Bud Connally*

As his last duty in his presidency, CAPT. David Townsend presented the Homer Van Vleet, Jr. Member of the Year to LTC Bud Connally. During 2008, Bud was most instrumental in planning the very successful Tennessee Council of Chapters Convention at Arnold Air Force Base. He also wrote the Legislative and Council of Chapters columns for the newsletter. Bud has been a stalwart member, president and advisor of this Chapter for many years, and deserves to be the first repeat winner of this award.

#### *Contact Information for Newsletter*

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## Brainerd Kiwanis Committee Structure

Kiwanis International recommends nine standing committees. I have described their general duties below.

Within our Kiwanis of Brainerd By.Laws are included a few more specifics, which I have included as committees of the Kiwanis of Brainerd.

Some of these committees will have sub-committees whose chairman may be a member of the main Committee. Sub committee members will not be members of the main committee unless the Committee Chairperson chooses to include them.

- 1. COMMITTEE ON CLUB MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATION** is responsible for providing the most effective club meeting possible. Areas of focus should include the club meeting program, physical, reception, fellowship, and inter-club relations, as well as other areas that the committee may deem pertinent. *Important duties are assigning greeters, leaders for song & pledge, etc.* Bill Payne
- 2. COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICE** should implement projects on the arts, business affairs, citizenship, civic improvements, community beautification, conservation, health, international understanding, literacy, public affairs, safety, or help for senior citizens and disabled persons. Popular projects include Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, issues forums, and youth exchange. JoBeth Kavanaugh
- 3. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND FUND RAISING** is responsible for preparing a budget of estimated income and expenses for submission to the board of directors, as well as any recommendations it may have on financial matters of the club. It is also responsible for securing the funds necessary to meet budget requirements. Rick Bleedlove
- 4. COMMITTEE ON HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES** should implement projects that support spiritual development, provide human companionship and comfort, or offer counseling and guidance. Projects can encourage interfaith and interdenominational religion activity, such as prayer, but should not support a specific religious sect. Popular projects include prayer breakfasts, laymen of the year awards, transportation to religious services, visits to nursing homes, and support of grief counseling. *Important duties include prayer at each meeting.* Susie Michal
- 5. COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND EDUCATION** should strive to increase membership according to the standards provided in the bylaws. The committee should consider all Membership Information Forms and submit new member recommendations to the board of directors. The committee should also develop an effective orientation and induction ceremony for all new members and promote regular attendance by all members at club meetings. Committee needs to have a way of contacting missing members, and keeping in touch with those who haven't been in a while, as well as report to the club if action is needed concerning their membership. Davis Williams
- 6. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS** is responsible for helping to ensure that the public receives, through the media and other means, the Objects, goals, programs, and achievements of Kiwanis International and the club. Public Relations Committee would be responsible for creating a flyer with the goals projects listed of Kiwanis of Brainerd. David Hamilton
- 7. COMMITTEE ON SPONSORED YOUTH** shall devise ways and means to establish and support K-Kids Clubs in elementary schools, Builder's Clubs in middle schools, Key Clubs in high schools and Circle K Clubs in universities and colleges, and should encourage and promote the activities of all Aktion clubs, K-Kids, Builder's Clubs, Key Clubs, and Circle K Clubs sponsored by the club. The committee should include the Kiwanis club advisors to the sponsored Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, and Aktion clubs. Doug Crowson

**8. COMMITTEE ON YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE** should implement projects to children, prenatal through age five. Projects can address maternal and child health, child care, early development, nutrition, parenting education and support, advocacy, pediatric trauma, or safety. Popular projects include encouraging literacy, assisting child care and Head Start programs, distributing the home-safety checklists, educating the public about Shaken Baby Syndrome, and building or repairing playgrounds. Sandy Maddox

**9. COMMITTEE ON YOUTH SERVICES** should implement projects that address school-aged youth. Projects can address academics, advocacy, career exploration, character education and citizenship, club activities, health, hobbies, leadership development, literacy, mentoring, prevention of drug abuse, or sports and recreation. Popular projects including sponsoring sports teams, Terrific Kids, Bringing Up Grades (BUGS), Hugh O'Brian Youth leadership seminars, scholarships, mentoring, and career days. Bob Colby

**10. BBQ COMMITTEE** shall coordinate and prepare all activities and events for the annual barbeque. Sandy Maddox

**11. INTER CLUB COMMITTEE** shall organize visits to other Kiwanis clubs within our district. At least 4 Kiwanians from Brainerd should be in attendance at another club meeting in order to be an inner club. Denise Broadus

**12. COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMS** shall arrange programs for each meeting, cooperating with the board of directors and other committees of this club as far as diversifying the programs in coordinating them with the club. Steve Jacoway