

Ambassador Service Awards

Recognizing individuals who have performed extraordinary and meritorious service in support of the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program and Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Richard and Barbara Chesbrough

When Barbara joined the KDCCP Board, right away she was offering The Willamette Queen Sternwheeler, which she and Richard own and Richard captains, to be used as a fundraiser. August 5th 2012 will be the next scheduled KDCCP Fundraiser excursion. When Richard came to the Board, he offered Bob Collison a chance at a second car to auction off to expand KDCCP's fundraising potential. Both Richard and Barbara have volunteered at numerous events to sell car tickets and ornaments. In 2010, when our own Bob Clemens passed away, the Chesbroughs offered to help Shirley with the huge task of managing the State Fair booth for the grand finale of the Mustang Raffle. This year the two took on the State Fair and ran it themselves. They both have been an enormous addition to the Board.

Jeff Nizich

As a father, a busy professional, a committed community member and an active Kiwanian, Jeff Nizich is not someone with a lot of unfilled time on his hands. Nevertheless, Jeff is a key member of the KDCCP Board whose input and energy is always truly appreciated. Most recently, Jeff spearheaded the organization of the Kiwanis Day at Doernbecher event that takes place at the hospital every year and hosts hundreds of Kiwanians and Kiwanis Youth. Jeff tackles this event as he does all of his work for KDCCP, with organization, efficiency, skill and energy. Under Jeff's guidance KDAD, as it's called, has become so successful it has outgrown its current location – a wonderful problem to have and a challenge that Jeff has taken on with his usual brand of calm leadership. Thank you, Jeff, for all that you do.

Mike Davis

Mike Davis completed his term as president of KDCCP on October 1st of this year. Mike led KDCCP with a calm and sensitive demeanor that was perfect for a term of change for our organization. As President, he guided the work of other Board members in the creation of the Three Rivers Board. In addition, he single handedly took on the liaison role from the Board to the SW Oregon Board. Mike

represents KDCCP with class and dignity. He has and continues to “step up” and serve. His leadership and participation in KDCCP activities began long before his Presidency with participation in a variety of fundraisers and other activities. Thanks to Mike, we continue to be successful as an organization. Just one of many reasons he was recently accepted as the most newest member of the Dead Presidents Society. We, collectively as KDCCP are fortunate to have Mike as a fellow Board member.

Lee Wright

Lee joined the KDCCP board in April 2009 when he was living in Waldport OR. Lee’s service to KDCCP was initially in working with a golf pro and golf club on the Oregon Coast to establish a new golf event to benefit KDCCP. Greater awareness of Doernbecher impact in the region was evident from the community’s interest in KDCCP even though the golf event was put on hold.

Lee and Bob Clemens worked together on developing interest in a new regional KDCCP in the mid Willamette Valley with Kiwanis clubs and the past Lt. Governor of Division 74. Lee’s leadership in developing relationships with Kiwanis leaders has led to the development of the Three Rivers KDCCP in that region.

Additionally, Lee’s role in non Kiwanis groups has resulted in KDCCP presentations at outside organizations. Without Lee’s leadership, these contacts would not have been made. Congratulation Lee and thank you for your continuing service to KDCCP.