



Inner City Youth Golfers' Incorporated

Press Release

“Northside Kiwanis Embarks On Ambitious Community Goals”

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West Palm Beach, FL (USA), October 31, 2009: The Kiwanis Club of Northside West Palm Beach, chartered September 10, 2003, has embarked on a very ambitious agenda with “children as the prime beneficiaries” under the leadership of its distinguished President, Lee A. Hooks. Hooks, retired Palm Beach County Educator (approximately 35 years at JFK Middle School, Riviera Beach, FL), member of Kappa Upsilon Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; President, Ebony Chorale and an outstanding DJ. Brother Hooks, having already served two distinguished terms, has led Northside to receive the “Distinguished Club Citation” during his 2006-2007 presidency; has sponsored twelve (12) new members; encouraged the membership to sponsor individuals for membership; worked to continue the “Go-Fly-A-Kite” competition (initiated by Sherman Raing, Northside Secretary) was successful and continuously provided the

necessary leadership to guarantee the success of various other projects: Bingo at the VA Hospital; Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets give-a-way to the needy; WEE Read Program; Northside Inaugural Golf Tournament; Kiwanis AKTION Club; BUGS (Bring Up Grades) Programs at Roosevelt, Egret Lakes and Belvedere Elementary Schools; Veterans Administration Annual Bar-B-Que and St. Georges Episcopal Homeless Feeding Program.

Past President & District Chair for the Kiwanis Foundation, Don Kula has often stated that “no problem is too big or too small. Why? Because working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream, and succeed, great things happen! Northside is but one part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world - *one community and one child at a time.*” The name “Kiwanis” means “we trade” or “we share our talents.” It was coined from an American Indian expression, “Nunc Kee-wanis.” Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to children and communities. “Kiwanis members help shelter the homeless; feed the hungry; mentor the disadvantaged and care for the sick. They develop youth into leaders; build playgrounds; raise funds for pediatric research and much more.” Hooks stressed that funds raised from any of the chapter’s fund raisers shall provide support for implementing their community service projects that help serve children.”

With the support and participation of his Board (Rev. Paul Jones, President-Elect; Sherman Raing, Secretary & Patsy Oram, Treasurer) and membership, Lee has established the following ambitious & achievable goals for 2009-10: to increase the membership by 50%; continue and enhance all existing programs; encourage the initiation of new programs and establish Northside as the top club not only in the division, but statewide as well.

Riviera Beach Library Director Cynthia N. Cobb has invited Northside families to become members of the library and make use of its resources. Northside members have committed as volunteers their support of the “PGA Tours Final Stage of Q School at Bear Lakes Country Club” during the period November 29 – December 7, 2009 and partnered with Inner City Youth Golfers’, Inc. (ICYG) to establish its first “youth golf program” and support its initiative: “Say No To Drugs – Say Yes To Education, Culture & Golf.” Northside will also host its “2nd Annual Golf Tournament” in 2010 under the Chairmanship of Warcecer Jakes, Jr.

Palm Beach County Commissioner, Priscilla A. Taylor (District 7) was very pleased to learn of the outstanding community service of Northside and expressed her support in the future. Congratulations from the *Westside Gazette Newspaper* Family to the Kiwanians of Northside!

Photo by: Edward White, Cutline: Kiwanis Northside (Seated L to R): Tricia Blash, Immediate Past President; Sherman Raing, Secretary; Lee A. Hooks, President; Randy Johnson, 1999 - 2000 Kiwanis Governor; Patsy Oram, Treasurer and standing right Rev. Paul Jones, President-Elect.

