



# Richmond Kiwanis



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**Richmond**

## **Kiwanis Officers:**

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**December 18, 2012 Kiwanis: " Changing the world one child and one community at a time."**

**J. McCarter,**

The meeting was called to order at the 19th Hole Restaurant by President-Elect, Bill Dooley with only 14 members present. Also present 1 guest: Lt. Governor, Loren Gruber.

John Richardson led the song; Larry Goodloe led the Pledge and John Johnson the Prayer.

**Announcements: The club will not meet, of course, on Tuesday, December 25 and January 1. Our January Board meeting is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Member **Levan Thurman** was welcomed back after his illness. We received news that member **Carole Jones's** husband, **Leland** was back at home after he quadruple heart bypass surgery and doing fine.

**Also announced was a need for a January program chairperson. (Short month, best jump in there.)**

We are all saddened by the fact that member, **Alice Neely** will be moving to be closer with her kids and will thereby have to drop her membership. Farewell Alice, Richmond Kiwanis wish you the best and hope you can come back and visit us when you can.

**Interclub Chairman, Don Kerin** advised the following members, **himself, John Richardson and Bill Dooley** visited the North Kansas City Kiwanis Club to help celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Sergeant at Arms, Bob Swafford** assessed the following fines: **Levan Thurman** for missed meetings.

**Don Kerin** for being the "last one in" at the meeting.

**Alice Neely and Jerry McCarter** for badge violations. **Bob Swafford** paid a fine for his wife, Virginia's Birthday. (He was a gentleman and didn't share her age.

Program Chairman for December, Ed Hughes introduced our guest speaker for today. Richmond R-XVI School Superintendent, Dr. Damon Kizzire. Damon spoke about the School District overview which was quite enlightening. He also gave a couple of very good handouts with facts and figures about the Richmond School District.



### **Richmond School Superintendent, Dr. Kizzire**

We received some very meaningful statistics about the School District: There are currently 1600 students, 128 staff members. According to my calculations that is 12.5 students to each teacher. That appears to be a very healthy ratio. The High School teacher/student ratio is 12 to 1 teacher. Again, very healthy numbers. One of the most impressive figures is the expenditures comparing 2011-2012 figures to 2009-2010 years. 2009-10 year was \$15,770,109 and two years later it dropped, yes dropped to \$12,846,674. That is almost a 3 million dollar drop. We never got to ask about how the school district managed to do that. We can see it is VERY impressive!!!

Find out more about the district at their website:

<http://www.richmond.k12.mo.us>

Thanks Program Chairman Ed Hughes to the outstanding program today and this month.

**Today's Lotto winner was: Levan Thurman**