

# Clubhouse



**GOOD TIMES FOR HARD TIMES:** The Kiwanis Club of Chester, Virginia, inaugurated a Hard Times Festival, hoping to give residents an inexpensive way to have fun during more current economic conditions. "Guests were still entering the festival as late as 7:30 p.m.," reports the club's publicity chairman, David Elswick, adding that the event was scheduled to close just a half hour later. "More than 800 people attended the event, raising funds to fund college scholarships at four local schools."

## Be the buzzer

"Will they have meatballs?"

"Seriously good meatballs."

So goes an online conversation between "jeffersonjones" and the meatball-loving "rustaveli" after GoBlue Ridge.com posted a news story about an upcoming Boone, North Carolina,

Kiwanis Club spaghetti dinner.

Most newspapers encourage their online readers to comment about stories. That presents opportunities for you to create a buzz about your club by adding details or answering questions about your club's stories. Try it. You may get comments like "librarylady's" endorsement of the Boone club's dinner: "Wonderful event."

"Great event for a worthy cause," added "paulman1."

## Readers' choice

We'd like your help in selecting a future story. Which of these would you like to read?

1. A retired Kiwanian finds success and happiness going back to work.
2. Kiwanians travel to another country on a mission of education.
3. A Kiwanis club donates computers to classroom serving mostly dropouts.

Submit your vote at [www.Kiwanis.org/magazine/february08.asp](http://www.Kiwanis.org/magazine/february08.asp).

## Snack attack

If your club is looking for a way to make a powerful impact on children's lives and health, consider implementing the Kiwanis Snack Program at your local Boys & Girls Club.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of overweight children in the United States has doubled since 1980. Unhealthy lifestyles, including poor food choices and too little exercise, put youth at risk for obesity and other health problems. Besides needing a good snack, these kids need an example of good eating habits, one you can give to them.

Start a Kiwanis Snack Program by getting in touch with the local Boys & Girls Club director to determine the club's needs and establish a delivery schedule. Decide whether your Kiwanis club will purchase snacks or find a sponsor for these funds or donations. Then schedule your fellow members to serve up the munchies. More information on the Kiwanis Snack Program and age-appropriate recipes are available at [www.Kiwanis.org/magazine](http://www.Kiwanis.org/magazine).