

E.J. Wells Cup Nominees

Diane Parfitt

Diane is a retired pediatric nurse and nursing professor. She worked with children in the health care setting for over 20 years. Her passion has always been for children and their families. She brought this passion to Kiwanis and has been blessed to serve on Terrific Kids and Reading is Fun.

When she was asked to serve as Chairman of the Terrific Kids program, she was thrilled to take over a thriving program. She and the Kiwanis members who serve on the committee have grown it significantly over the past few years. Even during COVID, the committee was able to serve the children. Since then, the program has continued to add schools and children who are benefiting from this program that promotes character development, self-esteem, and other self-directed growth. Originally Terrific Kids served 17,000 children, it now serves over 19,000 students from K-5th grade classes in Cumberland County schools. Over 30 Kiwanis members serve on this committee to make all this happen.

Diane has supported the golf tournament with various donations, both with prizes and hole signs. She has two schools for the Reading is Fun program and loves going into the classroom to read to the Pre-K students. And she has been able to pitch in with other schools when necessary to help a fellow Kiwanian.

For her, the best part of Kiwanis is working with other Kiwanis members to achieve our goal of serving the children of our community.

Kevin Bunn

Kevin has been a resident of Fayetteville since 1995 and became a Kiwanian in 1997. He graduated from Wake Forest University and played baseball for 4 years. Over the years, he has served in various roles within Kiwanis, including Distinguished President (2006), Board Member, Finance Committee Chairman, Chairman of Dixie Youth Baseball for several years, and has served on the Reading is Fun committee. He received the Stewart Cup in 2003.

He joined Wachovia Bank in 1985. In 2003, he became a founder/board member of the start-up Fayetteville community bank, New Century Bank. He joined First Bank in 2013 as the City Executive, and continues his employment there today. He has been involved in the banking industry for nearly 40 years.

He is an active member at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, where he has served as Deacon, Finance Committee Chair, Budget Committee Chair, and a member of the Sanctuary Choir. He currently serves on the FTCC Foundation board, and in a prior term with FTCC Foundation, he served as Treasurer.

In his spare time, he enjoys boating, fishing, trips to Topsail Island, homebrewing, and gardening.

His past community involvement includes Highland Country Club Board, Military Affairs Council Board, Methodist University Foundation Board member, and President of the United Way Board.

He has been married to his wife, Jenny, for the past 37 years and they have two adult children, and 5 grandchildren.