



KTnB Open Line: Dec. 24, 2013 Edition

Greetings,

In an effort to keep you updated on KTnB activities, I would like to share with you the following information. Happy Holidays!

Outreach Efforts

Visits With Shelby County Environmental Court

With a recent visit to the Memphis/Shelby County Environmental Court, KTnB staff Stine Moss Cooperwood, Pamela Willingham and I experienced the KTnB mission in action by our very own KTnB Advisory Council President The Honorable Judge Larry Potter. As each case appeared before Judge Potter, we noted varying behavior patterns that began a process, then ramifications, resulting in their being before the court. Masterfully, Judge Potter provided the citizens with better "tools" to make discerning decisions regarding the community as well as the environment. Our research yielded several examples we can utilize as we continue to educate and rally Tennesseans to take personal responsibility for their community.



From left: Pamela Willingham, Stine Cooperwood, Judge Larry Potter, and Missy Marshall

Notes and Reminders

2014 is only days away! Prepare for an exciting year full of sustainable opportunities with Keep Tennessee Beautiful! Below is a glimpse of the KTnB agenda:

Register for the Keep America Beautiful Conference

Registration is now open for the 2014 KAB National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. It will be held February 3-6, 2014. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Congratulations to the following award winners from Tennessee that will be recognized at the KAB Conference:

Individual Achievement Award-

Young Professional Award: Doug Anderson (Click [HERE](#) to read about Anderson's environmental work.)

Leadership Award-
Law Enforcement Recognition Award: Judge Larry Potter

National Awards Community Improvement Recognition-
First Place: Memphis City Beautiful (Litter Prevention-Government Agency)
Second Place: Memphis City Beautiful (Waste Reduction/Recycling-Government Agency)

National Awards - Youth Recognition:
Distinguished Service Citation - Owen Stamm (Individual)

Affiliate Awards-
Second Place - Keep Blount Beautiful (Population 50,001 to 200,001)

Great American Cleanup Awards-
Population 50,001 to 200,000 - Keep Sevier Beautiful (GAC Social Media)

U.S. State DOT & GAC Partnership Award-
Tennessee Department of Transportation

State Recognition Winner-
Keep Tennessee Beautiful

You can view all winners by clicking [HERE](#).

Register for the Tennessee Recycling Coalition Conference

Join professionals from across Tennessee and throughout the Southeast at the Tennessee Recycling Coalition's 25th Annual Conference and Exhibition. For registration and information click [HERE](#).

2014 Great American Cleanup in Tennessee

The 2014 Great American Cleanup (GAC) in Tennessee is right around the corner, officially beginning March 1, 2014. Affiliates: If you have not done so, register for GAC at KAB's Re-TRAC site by clicking [HERE](#), to make sure that you have banners, bags, and other materials provided by Keep America Beautiful for your GAC events.

2014 KTnB KAB Affiliate Directors Retreat

The 2014 Keep Tennessee Beautiful KAB Affiliate Directors' Retreat will take place March 18 - March 20, 2014, in Memphis. We will participate in a river cleanup in Memphis on [Chad Pregracke's](#), 2013 CNN Hero of the Year, barge on March 19th. Please clear your calendars and plan to attend. We will send more details soon.

[Meet KTnB Advisory Board Member: Lori J. Munkeboe](#)

Lori J. Munkeboe

A native of Pasadena, California, Lori Munkeboe and her family joined the Nashville Community in 1969. Lori is a graduate of Tulane University and initially used her degree in Geology in the oil fields of Texas. In 1983, she returned to Tennessee and began her career with state government with the Department of Transportation. Lori worked in the Division of Materials and Tests and performed subsurface soils and geologic testing for roads and bridges across Tennessee. An avid environmentalist, Lori joined the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) in 1990 and has worked in several program areas including hazardous waste management and water pollution control before focusing her efforts on environmental assistance and stewardship. In 2005 she was promoted to a senior staff member.

In January 2012, the current Commissioner, Bob Martineau, appointed Lori as Director for the new Office of Sustainable Practices. In this current position she has identified four core programs: sustainable communities, sustainable state government, recognition of exceptional stewardship (Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards), and Green Schools. Often requested as a speaker, Lori is a member of the Tennessee Recycling Coalition and serves as Commissioner Martineau's designee on the Keep Tennessee Beautiful Advisory Council and the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative.

Why is keeping Tennessee beautiful important to me?

Keep Tennessee Beautiful is an organization that resonates with me both personally and professionally. I have seen us grow from litter pickups and graffiti removal to significant beautification and community enhancement to sustainability and social responsibility. As a long-time member, I am very proud to be a part of such a dynamic organization that is both forward-thinking while retaining the most important core tenants of its original mission.



Lori J. Munkeboe

*Correction: In the Dec. 6 issue an error was made in the "Visits with Affiliates" section. The subhead was wrongly titled "Keep Jonesborough Beautiful Kick-Off Celebration" instead of "Memphis City Beautiful". KTnB apologizes for this error.

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