

# What is Kiwanis?

**Defining Statement**: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

The Kiwanis Club of Vicksburg is a service organization that joins more than 445,000 Kiwanis Family members in 85 countries in making their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide and local issues.



### What is expected of Kiwanis Members?

- · Attend weekly meetings regularly.
- Get involved in the service and fundraising projects.
- Interact and network with club members.
- Stay current with club events and dues.
- Have fun helping others.

### What are the dues?

Membership Dues are \$165 quarterly and are billed quarterly which equals \$660 per year.

Members are also required to sell/buy at least 20 tickets to our annual Chili Feast.

There is a one time joining fee of \$100.

### What's included in the dues?

A meal at our weekly meetings, Kiwanis International/District/Club Dues, Kiwanis International magazine and LaMissTenn District newsletter, weekly Club newsletter and liability insurance.

### What are the benefits?

For the cost of a weekly lunch meal you can be a part of an award winning service organization that supports the children of our community and of the world. The Kiwanis Club of Vicksburg has been honored as a Kiwanis Distinguished Club, and has won the Best Overall Newsletter Award.

#### Who is the Kiwanis Club of Vicksburg?

The Kiwanis Club of Vicksburg was chartered on December 17, 1934. Club members have a variety of professional and business backgrounds such as Lawyers, Dentists, Engineers, Bankers, Financial Investors, Judges, Insurance Agents, Computer Software and IT Specialists, Realtors, Retailers, Business Owners, and Retirees. The Club currently has about 60 members.

### What Kind of Service Projects?

Kiwanis International Worldwide Service Projects: IDD and MNT Projects — Working with UNICEF, Kiwanians raised funds in support of eliminating Iodine Deficiency Disorders and Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus around the world.

**LaMissTenn District:** AED Project to provide Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in all area schools. To date we have provided nine AED's.

**Vicksburg**: Sponsor four High School Key Clubs, Read Around the World Project, Playground restoration, Key Club Scholarships, Clergy Appreciation Day, Sponsor local sports teams, Special Olympics, Bell Ringing for Salvation Army, Good Shepherd Community Center, and many other projects to support the community.

### What are the Fundraisers?

Annual Chili Feast and Gumball machines.





## **Contact Information**

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Meeting Location: The Vicksburg Convention Center

Meeting Time: Every Tuesday at 12 noon