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Natchitoches Promotes Literacy



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A Message from the Governor

By Patrice Cusimano, Governor

We are almost done with the second quarter of this Kiwanis year, and what a quarter it has been. Today, March 20, is the first Saturday that I have been home since January 16. Between then and now, I have traveled to all seven regions of our district, visiting with the clubs at each regional meeting. I decided to have regionals instead of one Mid-Winter Conference before the pandemic broke. After much discussion and prayer, I decided we would have the regionals as safely as possible, and although exhausting, I truly enjoyed the visits. I am so grateful to the 250 or so members of this district that attended the regional meetings. I am also grateful to Charlie and Tiffany for organizing all of the registrations and materials needed for each week. Thanks also to Gary Graham for hauling all the materials from Baton Rouge to and from each meeting. Nettles Brown, Greg Beard, Kim Champagne and Gary Graham also deserve a huge shout out for facilitating the educational portions of the program, which was designed by Rhonda Vrell, our Kiwanis International Area Director. Rhonda made her very first trip since the pandemic shut everything down to Hammond to facilitate the first program. Also along for the ride was Governor-elect Rick Latiolais, who wanted to see just what happens at the regional meetings, and to visit with the members. Past Governor Bruce was able to join us at the last two meetings to personally present the awards from his year.

Our first regional was in Hammond, LA, a short ride for me. Almost 50



members attended. We had a good time seeing each other for the first time in so many months. The Cortana Club provided some tasty jambalaya and there was a plethora of king cakes.

The next weekend, my First Mate, Sal, and I drove to Dyersburg, TN. We had a lovely dinner with John and Cathy Fry and Nettles, and a lively regional the next day. The next weekend was spent in Alexandria, LA, where Greg and Lisa Beard treated us to a delicious dinner. Our stay at the historic Bentley Hotel was lovely. The meeting was held at the Kiwanis Camp, a beautiful piece of property in nearby Tioga. The weekend of Valentine's Day, Sal rented a house and we brought our two dogs (children) with us to Oxford. We would have loved to spend time roaming around the picturesque town, but Mother Nature decided to drop the temperatures into the teens. After defrosting a half inch of ice on our windshield and spinning our tires at every red light, we finally made it home on Sunday afternoon. Needless to say, we were thankful to make it home safely.

Rick and I attended the CKI hybrid District Convention in Baton Rouge on February 20. CKI officers and the International CKI Trustee attended in person and all CKI members joined in via Zoom. I have to say, they had a great time playing games, winning prizes and taking care of business. I retired last year's officers and Rick installed the officers for his year as governor.

The next weekend I drove to Lafayette, LA, to meet with the largest group of members to attend a regional. We passed a good time and enjoyed some delicious gumbo and potato salad prepared by the Acadiana-Lafayette Club. On March 6, I only had to drive 10 miles or so to my own region's meeting. We had a large crowd of almost 50 folks, and shared many ideas about fundraising and service. Last weekend, Region III rounded out the meetings in Hattiesburg, MS. Another large group of members gathered to exchange ideas with other clubs.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this past week, I worked with an amazing team to open a new club in St. Martin, MS. Rogena, Gary, Travis and Rick were instrumental in recruiting members and inviting them to join our K family. This weekend I am home! As always, I'm doing something related to Kiwanis. I'm tardy on writing this message (but Tiffany doesn't fuss), and tomorrow I will address the Key Club District Convention on Zoom.

Tuesday evening, Sal and I will drive to the Lafayette area for the charter ceremony of the new Broussard

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Updates from the Governor-Elect

By Richard Latiolais, Governor-Elect

I am writing this article on March 9, 2021. This weekend in Hattiesburg Mississippi will be our final Mid-Winter Regional Convention for the year. Attendance at the conventions has been wonderful and beyond my expectations. Over three hundred Kiwanians in our district have been educated on topics such as:

- How to revive your club as we come out of this pandemic
- Creative virtual fundraising
- Staying in touch with members
- Advertising through social media
- Community analysis
- *Amplify* for Kiwanians and *Global Leadership Program* for our SLP's

Additionally, we were treated to great fellowship and wonderful cuisine such as sandwiches from Boar's Head



in Metairie and gumbo in Lafayette. Some of the attendees walked away with awards from the district and elaborate gift baskets made available by donations to the Foundation Raffle.

Special thanks to our educational team, Nettles, Greg, Kim, Gary and Rhonda, and our Governor Patrice.

CKI held their convention two weeks ago and the theme was "A Wizarding Experience". We retired officers

and installed officers, and witnessed the convention and elections all on a virtual platform. Needless to say, neither Sid, Charlie, Patrice or I participated in the "Zumba Experience" that went on for an hour (not sure I ever had that much energy). Congratulations go out to Madison Liner for being elected to a second term as Governor.

Next weekend I'll attend the Key Club Convention where the theme will be "Cyberspace". This is another virtual convention and, I'm curious to experience what the younger generation will come up with.

Please get your club elections completed by May and report them to the District office.

I look forward to meeting you at the district convention in August.

Y'all come!!!

A Message from the Governor Continued . . .

Youngsville Club. Next on the agenda, we will be working to open a new club or two in the Jackson, MS, area.

Have I mentioned how happy I am to be able to do all of these things for this great district? Tired, yes, but my heart is full. Getting to meet so many members for the first time and hearing what our clubs are doing despite the roadblocks that have been thrown up is so gratifying. Clubs have continued to serve, to fundraise, and to make their communities better.

There are two final items that I would like to tell you about, the Amplify program and the Kiwanis International Education and Leadership Con-

ference. The Amplify program is a leadership program organized by Kiwanis International for Kiwanis members – all members, not just officers. All the information you need to know is on the KI website – Kiwanis.org/Amplify. The cost is \$200 and is a bargain.

Similar programs in the corporate world easily cost \$1000 plus. A certificate will be issued upon completion that can be included on a resume.

The Education and Leadership Conference will be held in Salt Lake City on June 23-26. Because of Covid restrictions, the international convention had to be cancelled, but KI will provide three days of educational and lead-

ership programs, including the 4-hour capstone for the Amplify program. There will be two parties for the attendees with food, music and fun included. On Saturday, the 2021-22 officers of Kiwanis International will be elected by a council (KI executive board, current governors and past international presidents). See page 7.

April 1 is the halfway mark of the Kiwanis year. I look forward to working with all of you in the last half of my year to continue the growth of the LaMissTenn District. We must move forward, and based on what I heard at the regionals, we are moving full steam ahead. God bless!

The Importance of Your District Foundation

By R. Bruce Hammatt, Immediate Past Governor

The weather patterns in our District certainly have been in the “extreme” category over the last year. Several hurricanes have hit our southern region and tornadoes have played havoc further inland. Here in my home town of Baton Rouge, Joy and I just finished cleaning up after a period of extreme weather with an unusual March ice storm that caused a lot of damage. Although it does not compare to the hurricanes and tornadoes, it still did cause a lot of power outages and tree damage.

Our youngest son, Blake, and his family live in a neighborhood less than a mile from us. The neighborhood was started in the late 1950s and, unlike many of the developments these days, the homes were built one at a time. The homesites were “carved” out of the forest so each of the near 3/4 acre lots were left with many trees remaining in both front and back yards. My mother and father owned a home in the neighborhood where they lived for many of their retired years.

A little over a year ago, Blake built a brand new home on this lot for their young family. During hurricane Gustav, which did a lot of damage in South Louisiana and especially in the Baton Rouge area in 2008, a big limb was ripped out of a very large 100-plus year-old Cow Oak on this property that we owned at the time. Over the last 13 years since that hurricane, a rot had developed at the site where the limb once reached out for the available sunlight. During this latest ice storm, they



were fearful that the top of this tree was going to come “visit” their newly built home. So once the cleanup was complete in the neighborhood they decided to take down the tree.

Not surprising, when the arborist began cutting the limbs off the tree, it was ever more apparent the rot at this location had consumed over half of the available wood. It was also not totally unexpected when the tree cutter stopped at the rot, reached into the hole and pulled out two young Barred Owls from their nest.

It was not unexpected because just last April, while everyone was “hunkering down” as a result of a newly named pandemic and we were learning the “new” meaning of the term Zoom, my son’s wife, Kristi, began photographing a young owlet in a tree in their neighbor’s back yard directly behind their house. Just a few days after they started seeing and photographing the young bird sitting on the edge of the nest cavity, a wind storm came through and broke the tree off at the nest cavity. I immediately received a telephone call to come over and put

the young bird in a basket and place it high in the tree. I dutifully commenced my grandpa duty and within a few minutes after I left my excited grandkids, I got a call telling me the bird had left the newly placed basket “nest” and was sitting out on a limb. Over the next few days we realized this young bird was not alone in the nest as there were three owlets in the tree limbs above their yard. They were watched and photographed daily until they flew off to sites unknown.

So just a few hours after they were found by the arborist, Blake and Kristi placed the two new young owls into a clothes basket and moved them to a secure location as heavy rains were expected later that night. Blake also used a YouTube recording of young Barred Owls in an effort to assist the adults in finding their young in their new nesting basket. Within a matter of minutes, the adults were photographed with a game camera with their young. For the last several days the adult owls have been caring and feeding the two young birds non-stop.



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The Importance of Your District Foundation Continued . . .

When I was debating what I would include in this District Newsletter article, I was thinking about the owls, and my newfound excitement about becoming a member of our LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Foundation. As many of you may not know, the Immediate Past Governor becomes an AdHoc member of the Foundation so I have been learning more and more about the work of these dedicated District Kiwanians over the last several months. I certainly knew about the Foundation for years and had participated in Foundation meetings during my term as Governor last Kiwanis year, but now I have been dealing a lot more with the individuals and group discussions surrounding this Foundation.

The Foundation has approved at least 7 Disaster grants so far this year dealing with the named storms that hit the District this hurricane season. Many of these were grants, including one applied for by my home Kiwanis

Club of Baton Rouge, dealing with feeding the residents in Southwest Louisiana after their homes were damaged, or lost, and they had such a severe loss of businesses, property and electricity for so long. Several grants were designed to help with other identified aspects of need expressed by other Clubs and the community losses surrounding these catastrophic events.

Many of the residents will be unable to get back into their communities for quite some time. Like the owls that were helped by my son's family, Kiwanians are always at the ready to help their fellow citizens in need. The LaMissTenn District Foundation is an available resource to help the Clubs further meet the needs of our District Community. Remember some of the words in our motto "...improving the world one child and one community at a time."

So...what do I want to do this weekend after finishing up our Kiwanis District Board meeting on Saturday



morning? I hope to be teaching my two grandchildren living down the street from us as we build a new bird-house for the Barred Owls to replace the natural cavity that is no longer available in their own back yard.

Photos of owlets and mother owl were taken by Kristi Hammatt.

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CONFERENCE**
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
JUNE 24-26, 2021



Mid-Year Regionals: 2020! Talk about Being Blindsided!

The 2019-2020 Kiwanis year offered our clubs so many challenges from holding regular meetings to providing service to our communities to working with our SLP clubs. As our clubs slowly emerged from the limitations imposed by the governing bodies, two horrible hurricanes destroyed communities in southwest and central Louisiana and then southeast Mississippi. The 2021 Mid-Year Regionals brought together approximately three hundred Kiwanians from around the district. Kiwanians learned ideas on how their clubs could re-establish themselves and shared their clubs' personal success stories. It was great to have a day of fellowship! There were seven one-day-long meetings conducted in each region to provide central locations for the attending clubs. Lunches were provided.



Kiwanis Club of Greenfield members attended the Region I Mid-Year meeting in Dyersburg, Tenn.



Twin Cities Kiwanis Club members attended the Region I Mid-Year meeting in Dyersburg, Tenn.



Members of the Pine Belt Kiwanis Club enjoyed attending the Region III Mid-Year meeting in Hattiesburg, Miss.



Kiwanis Club of Opelousas members attended the Region VI Mid-Year meeting in Lafayette, La.



Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi members attended the Region IV Mid-Year meeting in Metairie, La.



Cortana Kiwanis Club member Jeff Wittenbrink cooks jambalaya for the attendees at the Region V Mid-Year meeting in Hammond, La.

Mid-Year Regionals Continued . . .



Kiwanis Club of Tupelo members attended the Region II Mid-Year meeting in Oxford, Miss.



Kiwanis Club of Denham Springs members attended the Region V Mid-Year meeting in Hammond, La.



Kiwanis Club of St. Gabriel members attended the Region V Mid-Year meeting in Hammond, La.



Gov. Patrice Cusimano presented Distinguished Kiwanis Awards to Cortana Club members Todd Breaux & Donna Leggett at the Region V meeting in Hammond, La..



Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches members attended the Region VII Mid-Year meeting in Alexandria, LA.

Governor Patrice Cusimano presented the Distinguished Secretary Award to Cortana Club member Heather Folks-Givens at the Region V Meeting in Hammond, La.



Mid-Year Regionals Continued . . .



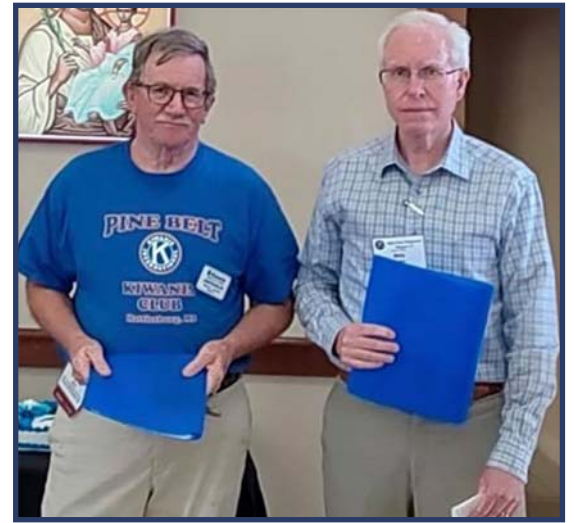
Kiwanis Club of Stone County members attended the Region III Mid-Year meeting in Hattiesburg, Miss.



Kiwanis Club of the Natchez Trace members attended the Region III Mid-Year meeting in Hattiesburg, Miss.



Kiwanis Club of East St. Mary members attended the Region VI Mid-Year meeting in Lafayette, La.



Members of the Pine Belt Kiwanis Club enjoyed attending the Region III Mid-Year meeting in Hattiesburg, Miss.



Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles members attended the Region VI Mid-Year meeting in Lafayette, La.

Past Gov. Bruce Hammatt presented Distinguished Kiwanis Awards to St. Bernard-Arabi Club members Patrice Cusimano & Kevin Hoffman at the Region IV meeting in Metairie, La.



Did you ever wonder who has been the longest serving Kiwanian in the LaMissTenn District?

By Charlie Ford, Executive Director

Well wait no more! Here are the 55 longest serving members in the District – starting with Pascal Norris, a member of the Greater Ouachita Kiwanis Club in Monroe, La. Pascal joined Kiwanis on April 1, 1950. And the list continues with Norris Caldwell, Jr. and Robert C. Leake of the Tupelo, Miss., Kiwanis Club, with 68 and 64 years respectively, and Richard K. Currier of the Amite, La. Kiwanis Club who squeezes in between those 2 with 66 years.

This list is taken from the membership roster at Kiwanis International headquarters. We know that there are probably more members that should be on this roster, but this is the best information available. We thank and honor these members for their many years of Kiwanis service.

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| • Pascal Norris, <i>Greater Ouachita</i> | 4/1/1950 | 71 Years | • Harry Henderson, <i>Martin</i> | 4/18/1968 | 53 Years |
| • Norris Caldwell, Jr., <i>Tupelo</i> | 7/1/1953 | 68 Years | • Taft Little, <i>Corinth</i> | 2/26/1968 | 53 Years |
| • Richard Currier, <i>Amite</i> | 5/1/1955 | 66 Years | • Bobby Nichols, <i>Tupelo</i> | 7/1/1968 | 53 Years |
| • Robert Leake, <i>Tupelo</i> | 12/1/1956 | 64 Years | • Jerry Wallace, <i>New Iberia-Cajun</i> | 6/30/1968 | 53 Years |
| • Perry Segura, <i>New Iberia</i> | 10/1/1958 | 63 Years | • Dr. Duane Burgess, <i>Columbia</i> | 10/1/1969 | 52 Years |
| • William Brown, <i>Hammond</i> | 4/1/1959 | 62 Years | • Charles Delk, <i>Gulfport</i> | 11/20/1968 | 52 Years |
| • Joseph Kennedy, Jr., <i>Columbus</i> | 12/1/1958 | 62 Years | • Carl Elmore, <i>Houma</i> | 12/1/1968 | 52 Years |
| • Gerard Ruth, <i>Red Stick</i> | 5/21/1959 | 62 Years | • M. O'Rourke, III, <i>Baton Rouge</i> | 10/2/1969 | 52 Years |
| • Dr. J. Melilli, <i>Baton Rouge</i> | 11/5/1959 | 61 Years | • Louis Schwartz, <i>Laurel</i> | 10/8/1969 | 52 Years |
| • Donald Hathaway, <i>Shreveport</i> | 7/25/1963 | 58 Years | • James Smith, III, <i>Cortana</i> | 5/8/1969 | 52 Years |
| • William Kelly, <i>Greater Ouachita</i> | 12/19/1962 | 58 Years | • Randall Bertrand, <i>Thibodaux</i> | 6/1/1970 | 51 Years |
| • Louis Nabors, Jr., <i>Columbus</i> | 10/1/1963 | 58 Years | • Carroll Boudreaux, <i>New Iberia</i> | 10/1/1970 | 51 Years |
| • Charles Bowman, Jr., <i>Greenwood</i> | 1/11/1964 | 57 Years | • Hudson Bryan, <i>Tupelo</i> | 4/1/1970 | 51 Years |
| • Charles Mackey, <i>Calcasieu</i> | 1/1/1964 | 57 Years | • Charles Hewes, <i>Gulfport</i> | 11/5/1969 | 51 Years |
| • David Self, <i>South Lake Charles</i> | 1/1/1964 | 57 Years | • Charles Jordan, <i>Red Stick</i> | 3/6/1970 | 51 Years |
| • Charles Weatherly, <i>Starkville</i> | 7/24/1964 | 57 Years | • Bob Kirk, <i>Dyersburg</i> | 3/31/1970 | 51 Years |
| • Auguste Cefalu, Jr., <i>Amite</i> | 8/1/1965 | 56 Years | • R. Fred Pitts, <i>Tupelo</i> | 1/1/1970 | 51 Years |
| • Wilbrod St. Amand, <i>Oxford</i> | 6/3/1965 | 56 Years | • Bill Stroup, <i>Tupelo</i> | 8/1/1970 | 51 Years |
| • James Davidson, <i>Ruston</i> | 9/1/1966 | 55 Years | • A. Victor Couvillion, <i>Hammond</i> | 8/1/1971 | 50 Years |
| • Albert Fowlkes, <i>Dyersburg</i> | 6/30/1966 | 55 Years | • James Cuthbert, III, <i>Greater Ouachita</i> | 12/19/1970 | 50 Years |
| • Nettles Brown, <i>Natchitoches</i> | 2/1/1967 | 54 Years | • Richard Durr, <i>Abbeville</i> | 1/8/1971 | 50 Years |
| • L. Gibens, <i>Tupelo</i> | 3/3/1967 | 54 Years | • Chauncey Godwin, Jr., <i>Tupelo</i> | 5/1/1971 | 50 Years |
| • Dr. G. Hoye Grafton, <i>Ruston</i> | 10/1/1967 | 54 Years | • W. Brown Hawley, II, <i>Paris-Lakeway</i> | 4/1/1971 | 50 Years |
| • George Rojas, <i>Dawn Busters</i> | 5/10/1967 | 54 Years | • John Lambert, <i>Vicksburg</i> | 5/15/1971 | 50 Years |
| • George Wax, <i>New Orleans</i> | 6/1/1967 | 54 Years | • Dewey Partridge, <i>Picayune</i> | 10/1/1971 | 50 Years |
| • Cecil Winn, <i>Shreveport</i> | 2/1/1967 | 54 Years | • David Stainton, <i>The Pine Belt</i> | 12/1/1970 | 50 Years |
| • Harry Anderson, <i>New Iberia</i> | 8/1/1968 | 53 Years | • George Taylor, <i>Tupelo</i> | 7/1/1971 | 50 Years |
| • Anthony Berner, Sr., <i>Ponchatoula</i> | 3/1/1968 | 53 Years | | | |

Help Us Find the Best of the Best!

By Fred Banks, Service District Chair & Dan Johnson, Human & Spiritual Values District Chair

The District wants to recognize the most outstanding Lawman, Firefighter, Teacher and Layperson in the District for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis Year. To do so, the District needs the help from every club. Many clubs annually recognize these most outstanding individuals in their home communities. The District Board asks that the clubs that do honor these individuals locally, to share these local award winners, and share the things that make them the best in your community - to compete with the best throughout the District. We know we have outstanding individuals throughout the District - let's find out about them - and award the "Best of the Best" in each of these categories. We need your club to make it happen. Criteria and instructions for submitting candidates can be found on the following pages: Outstanding Lawman, page 12; Outstanding Firefighter, page 13; Outstanding Teacher, page 14; and Outstanding Layperson, page 15.

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THE 2020-2021 "LAWMAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

"To honor a lawman in our district (Kiwanian or non-Kiwanian), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, service above and beyond the call of duty"

CRITERIA:

1. Any person who is employed by a law enforcement agency, the judicial or correctional system – an administrator of justice.
2. A preferred nominee should be a rank and file officer or deputy, who went above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of his or her regular job.
3. A nominee may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwanian, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
4. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but the Club's Board of Trustees must approve nominations.
5. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the worthiness of the individual. The portfolio **must include** a resume, one or more photographs of the nominee suitable for reproducing and publication, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee.
6. The Chair of District Committee on Service must receive nominations by **JUNE 15, 2021**.
7. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection.
8. The award winner will be announced in the July/August/September issue of the *La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Kiwanis News*, and at the District Convention, where the awards will be presented to a representative of the nominating club. **The winner need not attend the District Convention.** The club should schedule a time at a regular or special club meeting to present the award to the recipient, inviting family members, personal friends, members of the recipient's law enforcement agency and local government, and members of the press and local media to participate in the presentation ceremony.
9. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Service, whose decision is final. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award. The Committee shall reserve the right to decide each year, based on the quality of the nominations received as to whether the award will be presented.

The District Foundation will make a \$250 grant to a preferred charity in the name of the recipient of this award.

Send Nominations to:

Fred L. Banks, Chair

La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Committee on Service

910 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs, LA 70726-2621

Cell: 225/907-3441 * email: fbanksds@bellsouth.net



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THE 2020-2021 "FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

"Honor a firefighter in our district (Kiwanian or non-Kiwanian), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, service above and beyond the call of duty"

CRITERIA:

1. Any person who is employed by a fire fighting/protection agency, community, city, state.
2. A preferred nominee should be a rank and file firefighter, who went above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of his or her regular job.
3. A nominee may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwanian, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
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6. The Judging Committee must receive nominations by **JUNE 15, 2021**.
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9. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Service, whose decision is final. The Committee shall reserve the right to decide each year, based on the quality of the nominations received as to whether the award will be presented. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award.

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The 2020-2021 "TEACHER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

"To honor a teacher within our district (Kiwanian or non-Kiwanian), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, service above and beyond the call of duty"

CRITERIA:

1. Any person who is employed by an educational system as a classroom instructor.
2. A nominee may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwanian, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
3. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but the Club's Board of Trustees must approve nominations.
4. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the individual's love/respect for students, dedication, and ability to work with colleagues and superiors, involvement in extracurricular/school-related functions. The portfolio **must include** a resume, one or more photographs of the nominee suitable for reproducing and publication, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee. The nomination package cannot be faxed. Statements of the nominee's involvement in civic, family, and Kiwanis affairs (if a Kiwanian) should be included.
5. The District Committee on Service must receive nominations by **JUNE 15, 2021**. The nomination packages SHOULD NOT be faxed.
6. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection.
7. The award winner will be announced in the July/August/September issue of the *La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Kiwanis News*, and at the District Convention, where the awards will be presented to a representative of the nominating club. **The winner need not attend the District Convention.** The club should schedule a time at a regular or special club meeting after the annual convention to present the award to the recipient, inviting family members, personal friends, members of the recipient's school teaching and administrative staff, and members of the press and local media to participate in the presentation ceremony.
8. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Service, whose decision is final. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award. The Committee shall reserve the right to decide each year, based on the quality of the nominations received as to whether the award will be presented.

The District Foundation will make a \$250 grant to a preferred charity in the name of the recipient of this award.

Send Nominations to:

Fred L. Banks, Chair

La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Committee on Service

910 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs, LA 70726-2621

Cell: 225/907-3441 * email: fbanksds@bellsouth.net



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Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District

THE 2020-2021 "LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR" AWARD

- *To honor a layperson in our district (Kiwaniis or non-Kiwaniis), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, the Objects of Kiwanis International in the living of his/her daily life. Special emphasis is to be given to the first two Objects dealing with spiritual values and daily living of the Golden Rule.*
- *By the recognition of one, it may encourage many to live an exemplary life.*

CRITERIA:

1. Any layperson, or, a non-ordained member of a church, who is deemed worthy of this award, may be nominated to the District Committee on Human & Spiritual Values by any club of the district in good standing.
2. A nominee may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwaniis, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
3. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but the Club's Board of Directors must approve nominations.
4. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the worthiness of the individual, including statements of the nominee's involvement in civic, religious, family, and Kiwanis affairs (if a Kiwanian), and letters of recommendation. The portfolio **must include** a resume of the nominee, one or more photographs of the nominee suitable for reproducing and publication, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee.
5. The District Chairman on Human & Spiritual Values must receive nominations by **JUNE 15, 2021**.
6. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Human & Spiritual Values, whose decision is final.
7. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection.
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9. The District Committee shall reserve the right to decide each year, based on the quality of the nominations received as to whether the award will be presented.

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Send Nominations to:

Dan Johnson, Chairman

District Committee on Human & Spiritual Values

832 E. Boston St., Unit 15, Covington, LA 70433-2940

office: 985/893-4123 * cell: 904/722-8065 * email: dan@danjohnsoncpa.com



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

By Cathy Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair

During the recent 7 Mid-Year Regional Conferences, the clubs of LaMissTen really pulled together and did a DYNAMIC job of sending nearly 70 gift baskets, which raised just about \$4,400 for YOUR District Foundation. That means funding for: Key Club and Circle K scholarships, Community Service Grants, AED Grants, SLP Leadership Training, and Key Leader.



How to Stretch Your Club Dollars

Our clubs fundraise to do more service. The more service we do, the more funds we need; what to do? YOUR District Foundation is here to assist! The Community Grant Program is alive and well, thanks to the many clubs of the LaMissTenn District who donate in a variety of ways. The “Annual Club Gift” (ACG) is our largest way of raising funds to put right back into our programs. Gift Basket Raffles – popular during District Convention or Mid-Year Regionals, Endowment Giving (River of Life/John T. Roberts Medal), and Friends of the Foundation are more ways YOUR District Foundation raises funds so that YOU – the CLUBS, can increase YOUR service to YOUR community through grants.

When your club contributes their Annual Club Gift (ACG), it automatically becomes eligible for a 75% REIMBURSEABLE CLUB GRANT. One club grant per administrative year. These grants can be up to \$2,000 (reviewed monthly) or up to \$5,000 (reviewed twice/year). That’s right ... so a club of 25 members, contributes \$5 per member (\$125) and is able to receive up to \$5,000!!! WOW – what a return on your investment! For more information, please visit: www.lamisstenn.org/foundationgrants

CHECK OUT THE LATEST GRANT AWARDS



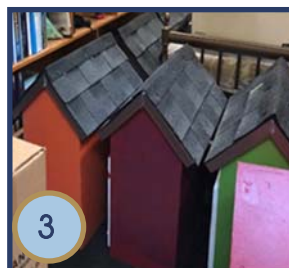
1. **Christmas in Cameron** – the **eLaMissTenn Club** collected new items: coats, clothing, and toys for the children of Cameron Parish, as Christmas Presents for those families who lost so much during the double hurricanes to hit southwest Louisiana. (\$2,000)



2. **Dawn Busters** – a new pilot program targeting kindergarteners and **encouraging reading**. (\$5,000)

3. **Little Libraries** from **Cortana Club** to be placed all around the city to encourage reading. (\$5,000)

4. **Hygiene Kits** from the **Twin Cities Club** provided over 50 kits to the local High School. (\$575)





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FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Help Strengthen The Foundation's Endowment Fund

We have had founders of the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Foundation, followed by pioneers forging the dreams of those founders, build the endowment funds bigger and better each year. Your District Kiwanis Foundation has given more funds back to YOU and YOUR CLUBS through grants due to the Endowment Fund. Your continued support CAN and DOES make a difference!

- An annual tax-deductible donation of only \$120 - or make it as easy as a donation of only \$10 per month! Set your "Friends" pledge up on a recurring monthly credit card charge to maintain your status as a **Friend of the Foundation** every year!
- ANYONE, not just Kiwanians, may become a 'Friend of the Foundation.'
- Receive a distinctive **Friend of the Foundation** lapel pin.
- For every \$1,000 donated, you have the choice of River of Life Fellowship, John T. Roberts Fellowship plus other levels thereof.



Sample of lapel pin



Friend of the Foundation Donor Information Form

Name: _____

Kiwanis Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

My total gift/pledge is \$ _____ *Remember your \$120 Friends of the Foundation donation is tax deductible.*

I wish to make my donation by:

- Check (payable to "Kiwaniis District Foundation")
- Credit Card
- Cash

For Credit Card Payments:

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Signature _____ Date _____

I would like my credit card payment of \$ _____ scheduled (choose one):

- Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually

Beginning _____ and ending _____
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Thank you for your generous support of the Kiwanis District Foundation!





Kiwanis[®] CHILDREN'S FUND

By Donna Osburn, District Chair • Email: donna@chezosburn.com • Ph: 601/831-7363

Kiwanis Children's Fund is Here to Help

It began with 25 silver dollars. That's the donation that Walter Zeller made in 1940 - the first in our history, one year after our foundation had been established.

But there was a larger idea behind Zeller's gift: Inspire fellow Kiwanians to build on that donation. And they did - with an auction that eventually turned that first contribution into US \$625. Our foundation's members have been inspiring each other ever since.

Today, we are known as the Kiwanis Children's Fund because we turn your generosity into projects that reach children all over the world. Kiwanis members, clubs and districts have entrusted us with multiple millions of dollars worth of assets. These assets provide stability to our work and support us in providing financial assistance that helps Kiwanians serve children, from the U.S. to India to Poland, and many places in between. Maybe even in your hometown.



The Children's Fund is struggling during this pandemic. As you can imagine, many clubs have not been able to have their fundraisers and do not have any money in the budget to make a donation this year. How can you help?

Have you thought about making a personal contribution?

The Kiwanis Children's Fund gives you so many ways to make a positive impact on children's lives. You can provide a one-time gift or make regular

donations a part of your annual giving. The Children's Fund can also help you explore your options for planned giving - and for making your generosity a part of your personal legacy.

You Can Make a Gift Today

[Make a gift today](#) using our convenient, secure online donation form. Or download a [gift/pledge form](#) to give by mail. Gifts of all sizes matter and make a difference in children's lives.

Thank You!



Rounding Second and Heading for Home

By Gary S. Graham, Membership & Engagement Chair and Past Governor

We have just finished the second quarter of the Kiwanis year. If it were a baseball game we'd be rounding second and heading for home. If it were an NBA game we'd be at the half. Either metaphor applies as we try to win the game of service to children. May is membership month. Any time is the right time to bring in a new member, but you can put forth a special effort next month. There are many sources of information to help your club. We can provide the help and information you need. The most current Kiwanis Magazine highlights many ways to help grow your club. The pandemic has caused difficulties but none that cannot be overcome. The District Office sends out this newsletter directly to all members in the District. If you want your club to survive and thrive you must take the effort to address the issues. You do not have to be an officer. If a member wants help, we're there for you to help your club. Kim Champagne can send a survey to each member to allow everyone to anonymously express themselves. She has found before that sometimes what the club thinks is their problem is not it at all. But as the saying goes, the first step to solving a problem is to admit you have one. If your club is not growing, it is dying. Even in the case of your club, you might not be sure about what it is that's causing it.

It is a matter of desire of helping kids through the group efforts of you and your fellow members, that you can remember why you joined and why



you want others to join with you. Until every child is happy, healthy, safe, and loved as former International President Erickson said, there is a need for Kiwanis. The pandemic has caused some issues, but it has not lessened the needs of the children in your community. There are clubs that are growing and clubs that are being built despite the challenges and children are being helped because of it. This is something you can do too.

You cannot be afraid to fail. As Winston Churchill noted "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm." Change is not easy, but it is possible. The only time results are not guaranteed is when you do nothing because if you do nothing, you are guaranteed to get nothing. You cannot let failure, or the fear of failure stop you from trying. Using the baseball analogy again, the best hitters in baseball fail over 65% of the time but they step back into the batter's box and adjust. You may need to make adjustments in how you view your club and not be afraid to fail. I'll finish with a

meme that pretty much sums up what I'm trying to get across to you.

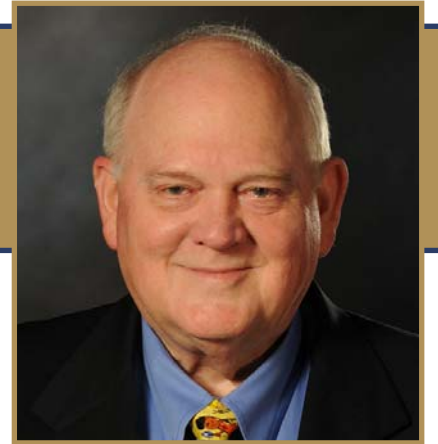
Michael Jordan is arguably the best basketball player of all time (I know there are those who say Kobe or someone else, but I don't have their negative stats on hand). Look at the meme below and realize the best efforts don't always succeed but you don't stop trying because you fail. You fail when you stop trying. So, go out and invite a new member. If they say no now, ask them again later but don't let that stop you from asking someone else. You never know until you give it a shot. We Kiwanians should not give up or be afraid to fail as long as we don't give up. We realize that we get more back from what we give to make our communities better. As Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote -"The purpose of life is not to simply be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." So get out of your comfort zone and make a difference.

I have missed over 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game-winning shot, and I have missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. Michael Jordan



Aspire to Inspire: Heard of Herd Immunity?

By James A. "Jeems" White, III, Past Governor



By now you have HEARD of HERD IMMUNITY . . . but just what is it? This quarter's newsletter column will try to explain some of the medical aspects of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (scientific name of the Wuhan coronavirus.) COVID-19 is the name of the disease caused by the Wuhan coronavirus. The Wuhan virus is actually one of a group of coronaviruses that was first described and named in 1968. Under an electron microscope the virus exhibits spike projections that look like a crown, hence the term "corona." You have likely seen photos during the last year. Coronaviruses cause between 15-30% of common colds. They have been present in humans at least 10,000 years and maybe even 55 million years throughout evolution.

Using the place of origin is common nomenclature as most influenza viruses are so named . . . Spanish Flu in 1918, Asian Flu in 1957, Hong Kong Flu in 1968, Russian Flu in 1977, etc. For perspective the deaths for these influenza pandemics were as follows: Spanish, 17-100 million deaths worldwide; Asian, 1-4 million deaths; Hong Kong, 1-4 million deaths; Russian, 700,000 deaths.

The "flu season" in the United States is October/November to February/March annually. In the U.S. during the 2017-2018 season there were 49 million cases of flu with 61,099 deaths. In the 18-19 season, 35.5 million cases and 34,200 deaths; in the 19-20 season, 38 million cases and 22,000 deaths.

[Figures from the CDC.]

The most recent coronavirus epidemics were SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) in 2003 with 8,000 people infected and 774 deaths; MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) in 2012 with 124 cases and 52 deaths; a coronavirus epidemic in Korea in 2015 with 2,468 cases and 857 deaths. **As of March 2, 2021 the current Wuhan virus (SARS-CoV-2 which is its official name) has caused a recorded 114,441,348 cases and 2,538,681 deaths in this worldwide pandemic. In the United States, there have been 29 million cases and 516,000 deaths . . . which is a mortality rate of 1 in 56 or 1.78%.**

With all of the above as background let's focus on herd immunity now. Here is a dictionary definition. *"HERD IMMUNITY . . . resistance to the spread of an infectious disease within a population that is based on pre-existing immunity of a high proportion of individuals as a result of previous infection or vaccination. The level of pre-existing immunity required ranges from 83 to 94 percent."* [Many scientists think 70% would be sufficient.]

Several considerations are important here. Let's focus on "infection or vaccination." If 100% of a population became infected, they would either die or become immune, assuming their immunologic system worked effectively. (Re-infections are possible.)

That is a simplification but is about what happened in 1918 with the Span-

ish Flu when there was no vaccination. The survivors became immune and also could no longer spread the flu virus. The 6-17% (or 30%) of the remaining people in the "herd" were just not exposed thereafter . . . thus essentially resulting in "immunity" for everyone remaining.

Mind you . . . viruses are notorious for continuing mutation, thus the new variants can cause additional rounds of infection among people immune to the original virus.

Now let's talk about vaccination. Introducing inert antigen to a person stimulates their immunologic system to produce antibodies. Thus when the vaccinated person is exposed to the live virus, the virus is killed by those antibodies. Skipping over the technical scientific background . . . the Wuhan virus is an RNA virus and both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines are RNA vaccines. So the vaccines are teaching one's immunologic system to produce antibodies that protect them from Wuhan virus infection (COVID-19.) [It is currently believed that the immunity of both these vaccines also protect from the known variants thus far.]

Recall THE ELIMINATE PROJECT of Kiwanis/Unicef for the past

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ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

By Dennis & Ame Oliver, Project Eliminate Chairs

Email: dmokiwanis@aol.com • Phone: 228/343-5444

A FEW MORE MILES - Although Kiwanis International has revised the active fundraising effort for ELIMINATE, 12 countries are still having babies die every 15 minutes. With the revision, there was the assurance that monies would still come in from clubs with outstanding pledges and other

dollars from members who just felt the need to fulfill our promise. We can take some pride in the fact that we started with 39 countries and we are down to 12 with inoculations being carried out in each. Twenty-seven countries are free from Tetanus! Our LaMissTenn District has raised 2 million dollars, but

still lacks \$300,000 to fulfill our pledge. So, knowing \$1.80 saves a mom and all her future babies, I ask:

1. Clubs with outstanding pledges, please finish
2. To all, give a few/lots of dollars to give babies a chance to reach their full potential.

Heard of Herd Immunity? Continued . . .

decade. We have been immunizing women to protect them and their newborn babies from contracting tetanus at childbirth . . . and we have been highly successful thus far but with some more left to do. [How about refreshing and re-doubling your efforts?]

Back to herd immunity from the Wuhan COVID-19 . . . in the U.S. about 66 million people have been vaccinated as of the end of February, 2021 and that number is rapidly increasing. With 29 million known cases already that makes a total of 95 million who are “immune” . . . out of the approximate 330 million population in the U.S. To achieve 83-94% pre-existing immunity (see above) we would need 274-310 million total protected. [Maybe only 231 million at 70%.] That means herd immunity would require another 180 million or so [136 million at 70%.] to either have the disease or be vaccinated.

1. Consider that there are many who have been totally asymptomatic, then “tested positive” for the virus. Undoubtedly there are many who have had COVID-19 without knowing it . . . and have not been tested. Add that unknown number to the pre-existing immunity goal.

2. Currently it appears that about a million people a day are completing vaccination. (1.8 million shots being given daily, but two required for immunity.)

3. Additionally there are new cases recorded daily. Add those to the immune totals.

4. It would appear herd immunity would be reached in 180 days (6 months) or less.

5. A negative is that some unknown percentage of people will refuse the vaccinations.

6. It is a fact that the incidence of new cases and hospitalizations are rapidly falling which indicates herd immunity

approaching and the virus starting to “burn out.”

7. One report predicts herd immunity by the end of April, others say October.

In the autumn of 1942 during World War Two, allied forces in Africa had the Germans in full retreat and the Russians had broken out and surrounded the Nazi army at Stalingrad. Winston Churchill in a speech made the following statement: “*Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.*”

That could probably apply to our fight against the Wuhan coronavirus and COVID-19.

Meanwhile . . . be safe, continue to use protective measures as we slowly return to normal activities and look forward to reaching herd immunity as soon as possible. When will that happen? The final conclusion is that NOBODY KNOWS.

Key Leader North Weekend: April 30-May 2, 2021

Camp Lakeshore, Eva, Tenn.

By Linda Ramsey, Key Leader District Committee Chair of the North

We are planning to have Key Leader Weekend North on **April 30 - May 2, 2021**. We are only planning on inviting approximately 30 students so we can allow for social distancing both in the cabins and the meeting spaces. Camp Lakeshore has made the following recommendations which are very close to the recommendations that have been made by KI. I have condensed the list, and included the most important points for your information.

Group Recommended Protocols from Camp Lakeshore

From our early experience of Camp and Retreats in the COVID 19 Era, we recommend the following protocols for our guest groups:

Operate in Small Groups: Cabin groups of no more than 6 - 8 persons plus counselors if needed. Groups are encouraged to stay together consistently, eat at an assigned dining hall table, and remain socially distanced from other small, cabin groups when meeting.

Wear Masks: We chose not to wear masks when in our cabin groups this summer. Anytime a person leaves their cabin or activity group, it would be wise to wear their mask. It's also wise to wear your mask when in line for meals or in public areas where others are gathered. Lakeshore staff and personnel will wear masks when interacting with your group.

Pre Arrival Health Screening: There will be no group transportation this year. Either a parent or teacher/advisor must bring the student to Key Leader

on Friday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. for registration, and then return to pick them up on Sunday at noon. Each participant will have their temperature checked and must answer a few questions before their parents/teachers can leave them at camp.

Regular Temperature Checks: In the case of children/youth, the cabin leader(s) is/are asked to check each person's temperature each morning and evening. Adults can check their temps as regularly as they like at any one of two or three stations available to the group. (Non-touch forehead thermometers are provided.) Anyone having a fever of 100 or more, should be isolated until temperature can be rechecked. Your host can help locate space for separating someone from the group for safety considerations

Sanitation Stations: Along with washing hands with soap and water in the bathrooms, hand sanitizing stations will be set up in your gathering areas for

regular use. In addition, your retreat host will regularly use disinfectant wipes to go over often touched hard surfaces. (E.g. Handrails, sinks and faucets, coffee service area)

We recently hosted the Kiwanis Mid Year Regional in Dyersburg, TN, and we were together for six hours and followed similar guidelines, and everyone was perfectly safe. I am planning to have someone from the medical field on staff as one of the chaperones, and we will follow the guidelines.

Registration is now available at www.wtnkeyleader.org. If anyone has any questions, contact Linda Ramsey at mramsey2@utm.edu or 731-225-7729. Chaperones are needed. The cost for being a chaperone is \$20 to cover your background check once every two years. We are looking for sponsors. Sponsors will receive recognition through signage, names on the back of the T-shirts, and Camp Brochures.

Thank You!



Southern Hill K-Kids Send Valentines Love

By Rebecca Huff, Southern Hills Kiwanis Club

It was February and love was in the air! The K-Kids at **Southern Hills Elementary School (SHES)** were helping to spread it far and wide. They joined their sponsoring club, the **Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills** in Shreveport, preparing valentines for members of the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) who are currently deployed overseas.

Working together and with help from some members of the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Haughton** and the pre-kindergarten students at Forest Hills Elementary School, the group sent approximately 200 valentines to



our troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait.

The project was coordinated by Captain Marquita Cash who is president of the Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills and an officer in the Louisiana National Guard. Captain Cash said the

troops were very happy to receive the valentines and especially the ones made by the children.

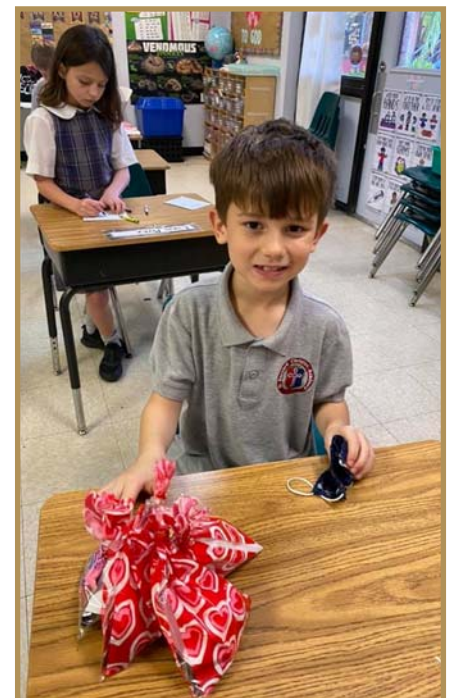
Due to the Covid pandemic the SHES K-Kids meet on the second Wednesday in each month via Zoom. Some students attend school on campus and some attend virtually, so the members made the valentines at home and either they or their parents delivered them to Mrs. Lamesa Fleury, faculty advisor of the SHES K-Kids Club.

The 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) is based in Lafayette LA.

St. Bernard Christian K-Kids Deliver Sweet Treats!

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Facebook Page

In February, the **Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard Arabi's** K-Kids from **St. Bernard Christian Academy** made Valentines treats for the residents of St. Bernard Manor. The children were excited to deliver them to the residents who were very happy to receive them.



Hammond Kiwanis Sends Love to AKtion Club

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

The threat of spreading the coronavirus during the past year has curtailed the **Hammond Kiwanis Club's** ability to interact with members of the AKtion Club sponsored by Kiwanians at Options, a local agency that is dedicated to providing jobs and opportunities for adults with disabilities. Despite the restrictions brought on by the virus, Kiwanians have found ways to reach out to the AKtion Club while practicing safety measures.

The latest example of that effort was a special Valentine's Day treat sponsored by Options. Prior to Valentine's Day, Kiwanis Club members took the time at one of their regular meetings to write messages of encouragement and support to AKtion Club members. Those Valentines, accompanied by small gifts, were then delivered to Options and eventually passed on to the AKtion Club members. Staff at Options relayed to the Kiwanis Club that the AKtion Clubbers were most grateful for the Valentines, especially for the messages handwritten on the cards.



Members of the Hammond Kiwanis Club, from left, Ed Gautier, Vic and Judy Couvillion and Roy Blackwood, assisted in the cooking and packaging of approximately 350 hamburger meals that were passed out to Options staff and participants during a "Drive-By Valentine's Lunch" event.

Kiwanis involvement in the Valentine's Day event at Options did not end with the AKtion Club Valentines. Four Kiwanians volunteered to help cook, and then distribute, more than 350 hamburgers, and the trimmings, that were delivered to Options clients and their family members via a drive-by Valentine's Day party. When the clients and their staff and family drove up to the front entrance to the Options

office Building, they were handed the hamburger meal.

Ed Gautier, a longtime member of the Hammond Kiwanis Club and the current Lieutenant Governor of Division 13, said of the event, "one of the best things our club does is sponsor an AKtion Club. Over the years that we have been engaged with AKtion Club members we have come to realize just what it means to support adults with disabilities. We have given these really great individuals an organization that allows them to feel the joy of belonging to something special and positive. At the same time, as Kiwanians we have been fulfilled knowing that we are providing something special to the lives of those who need all the special care that we can give them. AKtion Club members have become our friends and interacting with them is always a rewarding experience."



With Kiwanis member Judy Couvillion, pictured, from left, are AKtion Club members Chris Carr, Robert Keller and Brian Phillips

Academy of Our Lady Key Clubbers Sort Beads at Arc

Algiers Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Algiers** along with the **Academy of Our Lady Key Club** members went to the Arc of Greater New Orleans Mardi Gras Recycling Center on Thursday, February 19th to sort beads. Pictured are Carly, Adriana, Jeffrey Smoyer, Camille, Gracie (Paula Frank's Granddaughter. Camille is her friend.) Paula Frank, Judi Zimmermann, Olivia and Elaine.



Ecole Classique: Back in Action

By Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club

The **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** had a family day of working and socializing with the **Ecole Classique Key Club** and **Builders Club** on Saturday, February 20, to rebuild fences, steam clean walks and sidewalks and trim trees and brush on campus.

Also, the Key Club of Ecole Classique's new project is to repaint their new library box donated by the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club and then creatively utilize it on campus for their Key Club activities.



Key Club Division 12 Lieutenant Governor Encourages Hurricane Cleanup Efforts

By Hunter Newton, LaMissTenn Key Club Division 12 Lieutenant Governor



Hurricanes Laura and Delta devastated **Division 12**. About a week after the storm, my family and I headed home to Lake Charles. My church youth group began cleaning up other’s yards in the community the morning after the storm. We did this for about a month every day except on Sundays. I encouraged all of my clubs to assist others in cleanup efforts or clean up their own yard and submit pictures to me. Most people either had to clean their yards on their own or they had to hire someone to do it, so the goal was to provide meaningful service to our community in a time of crisis.

Hunter Newton participated in hurricane cleanup efforts along with his church youth group.

CIRCLE K CLUB NEWS



The **62nd Annual Circle K District Convention** took place as a hybrid meeting on February 20. CKI officers and the International CKI Trustee attended in person in Baton Rouge and all CKI members joined in via Zoom. The theme was “A Wizarding Experience.” Many CKI wizards were acknowledged including the John T. Roberts Outstanding Kiwanian Sid Guedry, CKI District Administrator, and Outstanding Club Member of the Year Abigail Criglow, McNeese State University CKI. Outstanding Club Officers recognized were: Club President Jacob Sanders, Nicholls State University and Club Secretary Ashlyn Sutton, Nicholls State University. Outstanding District Officers recognized were: Lieutenant



Governor, Sophia Gonzalez and District Board Member, Kate Watts. Scholarship winners are: Hayden Rice, Chloe Nguyen, and Madison Liner. The 2021-2022 District Board members are: Governor Madison Liner, Secretary Treasurer Sophia Gonzalez, Gulf Coast Lieutenant Governor Jacob Sanders, and Piney Hills Lieutenant Governor Kassady Ryder. A great time was had by all!

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Shares Citrus

By Joy Hammatt, President of Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge picked citrus from the fruit trees at the property of Bruce and Joy Hammatt on Saturday, February 6th. Four hundred forty pounds of grapefruit, satsumas, oranges, and lemons were picked. The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank received 300 pounds of the fruit and the St. John's Methodist Shepherd's Market received 140 pounds. Club members along with family members that participated were Terri Hammatt, Mark Heidenthal, Brooke, Hailey, Nathan and Brian Parker; Casie and Philip Qualls; Joy and Bruce Hammatt.

Cortana Kiwanis Helps Save Lives

By Donna Leggett, Cortana Kiwanis Club

The LaMissTenn District of Kiwanis is involved in a service project to place AEDs in all schools in Louisiana, Mississippi and West Tennessee. **Cortana Kiwanis** has participated in the District AED Project since its inception, and has provided an AED to 12 schools in the Baton Rouge area. The latest one was presented to Holy Family School in Port Allen on January 28th. President Rick Haddad, Past President Donna Leggett and District AED Coordinator Pam Morgan, presented the AED to Principal Alise Ashford. At this time, over 450 AEDs have been provided by Kiwanis Clubs, and six lives have been saved by one of these AEDs. It is our goal to ensure that no child, teacher, parent or visitor to a school campus dies needlessly. Cortana Kiwanis strives to live up to our defining statement: "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time."



Pictured from left to right are: Lt. Governor 8E Donna Leggett, Principal Alise Ashford, District AED Coordinator Pam Morgan and Cortana President Rick Haddad.

Dawn Busters Promote Literacy with Rocky

By Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club



The Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club recently introduced their new Rocky coloring book for kindergarten students to improve their comprehension skills. One of the school's the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club partners with is Washington Elementary to bring programs to the students such as: the Rocky Coloring Book, a food house, a tower garden, a little library house, and Rewards for Reading.



Pictured left to right: Amanda Sifuentes Freeman, Telemundo T.V.; Dawn Busters Mike Haffner, Ann Riley, & Mel Dussel.

Pictured left to right: Jeff Southerland, President of St. Bernard Kiwanis, Rocky, and Sal and Barbara La Rock, Dawn Busters.



Pointe Coupee Hosts Fishing Tournament

By Kenneth St. Romain, Pointe Coupee Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Pointe Coupee hosted its 41st Annual Open Fishing Tournament on Sunday, March 21st. Launch was at first safe daylight in downtown New Roads. The event is one of the Kiwanis Club of Pointe Coupee's major fundraisers, attracting as many as 150 participants from all over! This year 67 boats participated.



Hammond Restores Awning for Council on Aging Center

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

With the installation of a large awning above the entrance to the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging's Hammond Center, members of the **Hammond Kiwanis Club** completed a project that helps to protect senior citizens and staff while entering the facility during inclement weather.

Earlier, the club purchased and installed an awning above a frequently used side door to the Center. After completing that project, club members realized that the awning that had hung above the front entrance to the building was old, faded, and in disrepair. That awning had been removed from the building when the building was repainted by the City of Hammond.

Kiwanians studying the situation realized that the frame around which the large awning was stretched was still serviceable. A business that builds and restores fabric awnings was located in Harahan so a team of Kiwanians, using a modified trailer to accommodate the large awning frame, brought the frame to that business and after several weeks, the awning had been restored.



The same team brought the awning back to Hammond and the next day, the Kiwanians re-hung the awning.

The club used funds earned through fund raisers to purchase the first awning and for the restoration of the second. This project marked yet another contribution made by the Hammond Kiwanis Club to the TVCOA's Hammond Center. Several years ago the club spent funds, and contributed many hours of labor, refurbishing the interior of the Center. Over the years, the club has built several sets of shelves

needed for storage and record keeping. Kiwanians also renovated a special room, and purchased a large water heater to replace an old model that was leaking.

Veteran Kiwanis member Judy Couvillion, who has volunteered to deliver meals to the homebound for more than 20 years, said of the club's involvement with the senior citizens' center, "because of a lack of funds for maintenance on the old building that houses the senior center, necessary repairs cannot always be accomplished. That is where our Kiwanis Club has stepped in. Our members enjoy 'hands-on' projects and our contributions to the center have afforded us the opportunity to do those kinds of things. We greatly value our senior citizens and this is just one way that we can show our care and concern for them."

Hammond Kiwanians, from left, Vic Couvillion, Roy Blackwood, Byron Bankston, Gerard Blanchard and Mayson Foster stand under the awning they had recently installed at the Tangipahoa Volunteer Council on Aging's Hammond Center.



Martin Kiwanis: Implementing New Ideas and Returning Traditions

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

From Pancakes to Popcorn: Martin Kiwanis Log a Successful Fundraiser

Because of the ongoing pandemic, members of the **Kiwanis Club of Martin, TN**, could not hold their signature Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, usually held in late February, that brought together the community in the Martin Elementary School cafeteria.

After considering other fundraising possibilities, club members decided to try some virtual fundraising by selling popcorn. Several club members knew details about selling popcorn through pop-up stores organized by Double Good Popcorn, so the club voted to venture into something a little different—popcorn instead of pancakes. Linda Ramsey served as popcorn coordinator for the club.

What fun the group had in creating this successful online event! Ten mem-

bers set up stores and shared information about the stores through direct email contact with friends, Facebook posts, and text messages. Those 10 stores and donations netted \$2,000 profit for the club in four days.

And one fun feature was this: Those setting up stores got to select a photo to help advertise the individual

store. Kiwanian Laura Taylor used a picture with K-Kids, and Linda Ramsey used a picture from a Key Leader event. Linda also helped the Greenfield Kiwanis Club (Greenfield, TN) set up popcorn stores for a four-day event that netted the club more than \$500 profit.



Key Leader



K-Kids

Traditional Decorated Egg Contest and Hunt Returns to the City of Martin

Once again, children from ages 1 through 10 brought their decorated Easter eggs in person to the Annual City of Martin Easter Egg Hunt and Kiwanis Decorated Egg Contest. Recommended guidelines for safety were followed. Last year, the hunt was cancelled because of the pandemic, and the **Kiwanis Club of Martin** held a virtual decorated egg contest with children submitting pictures through Facebook. This year, the outdoor event at the huge Martin Recreation Complex was held in person. Kiwanis members were present to accept decorated eggs for display, judge the entries in three general categories, and award 15 prize baskets. More than 300 children usually participate in the hunt, and approximately 25 decorated eggs are entered in the annual contest.



Natchitoches Reads on the River

By Kaitlyn Hamm, Natchitoches Kiwanis Club

It was a beautiful Saturday on the riverbank of Historic Downtown Natchitoches, Louisiana and the *Cat in the Hat* was ready to bring smiles to the faces of hundreds of local children. **The Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches** was participating in the annual Reading on the River event that is hosted by a local organization, the Service League of Natchitoches. This event has leaders in the community read children's books, vendors supply activities or giveaways, and new and used books are given to every single child that attends. Each vendor has a theme, and the Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches chose *The Cat in the Hat* as theirs. To prepare, many hours were spent creating Dr.

Seuss's Truffula trees, hot gluing bookmarks for the kids to decorate with stickers and markers, making a Thing 1 and Thing 2 photo booth, and stuffing bags with as many *Cat in the Hat* books as the Kiwanians could get their hands on. Many smiles were passed around as children stood in line, patiently waiting to have their book autographed by *Cat in the Hat* himself.

President Craig Caskey's mother is a local elementary school teacher who loves to put a smile on kid's faces every year by dressing up as *Cat in the Hat*. She hugged, high fived, and encouraged hundreds of local children to read. More than 65 *Cat in the Hat* books were signed and given away, bookmarks

were made, and children (and a few adventurous adults) giggled as they pretended to be Thing 1 and Thing 2. It was a day that made a positive impact on the children in a local community of a small town in Central Louisiana. "Don't give up! I believe in you all! A person's a person, no matter how small!" – Dr. Seuss



Denham Springs W. Livingston Kiwanis Provide Water Crisis Relief

By Elroy LeBlanc, Denham Springs West Livingston Kiwanis Club

On March 13, 2021, the **Denham Springs West Livingston Kiwanis Club** donated 4 pallets of bottled water to the people in Jackson, MS for some relief due to the water crisis. Each pallet included 48 cases with 40 bottles per case - that's 7,680 bottles of water! The water was picked up by Pastor Henry Allen of Mt. Olive BC and Pastor Jerry Mannery of We Are One UMC, both in Jackson, MS.

Pictured left to right: Fred Banks, Past Gov.; Jeff Perkins; Pastor Constance, Committee Member; Pastor Allen; and Elroy LeBlanc, President.



Division 7 Clubs Comfort Young Patients

By Laura Hanes, Scott Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Club of Broussard-Youngsville is partnering with the Kiwanis Clubs of East St. Mary, Scott and Southwest-Lafayette in a teddy bear drive to benefit the pediatric burn unit at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center. The bears help bring comfort to young patients entering the burn unit for treatment. The bears also get treated as patients by being dressed in the same bandages and dressings as the children.



South Lake Charles: The Best of Giving

By David Shamia, President, South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club

Every organization, whether it's a for-profit or non-profit, national or international, emits a vibe—an energy. **The Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles'** group of passionate volunteers are just that, a light and charge to our city, dedicated to improving the lives in our community.

Thanksgiving is an exciting time of year for most. We look forward to having time with our families, and breaking bread together around the table. This past year our club goal was to meet the needs of 80 families and their children



who were unable to afford a traditional Thanksgiving meal. We provided them with a large Thanksgiving basket and everything they needed for that special day. It was an honor to be able to personally hand deliver these gifts to each home.

During the Holiday Season Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles also provides an additional thirty baskets at Christmas time, which includes an extensive outreach toy drive. For many children, we realize these are the only gifts they are going to receive at Christmas, and we see the joy on their faces. Each year we are excited to be a part of creating a smile on the face of a child as they experience a Merry Christmas.



Annually, we host an extreme fundraising campaign that provides the funds needed to bring hope and help. One hundred percent of the donations given by the good people of Lake Charles and surrounding areas are used for the causes we embrace. Because of their generosity we are able to invest back into the community to many who are struggling or less fortunate.

The energy of the Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles comes from the dedicated hearts of our team of volunteers. We consider it a privilege to be a part of such a large giving global organization committed to improving the life of one child and one community at a time—it is the best part of giving!



Pine Belt Celebrates 100 Years of Service

By Division 14 Lieutenant Governor Travis B. Moore, Gulfport Kiwanis Club



Division 3 Lieutenant Governor Leighton Miller of The Pine Belt Kiwanis Club, Regional Trustee Rogena Woods-Mitchell of Vancleave Kiwanis Club and Division 14 Lieutenant Governor Travis B. Moore of Gulfport Kiwanis Club attended and celebrated the 100th Birthday Party of the **Kiwanis Club of the Pine Belt** on February 23, 2021. The Kiwanis Club of the Pine Belt, formerly known as the Kiwanis Club of Hattiesburg, was chartered 100 years ago and the event was a celebration of the history of the club.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON FACEBOOK

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT OF KIWANIS

Ascension Kiwanis Kares!

Ascension Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



Kiwanis Club of Ascension delivered personalized Valentine's cards for the teachers and administrators at St. Amant High School. Members wanted to show their gratitude for all their hard work, especially this school year during a pandemic! The cards offered messages of encouragement, gratitude, and LOVE!

And in January, members gathered at Duplessis Park to clean the playground sets. The Ascension Kiwanis Club makes a small impact in a simple way by cleaning up parks to promote healthy fun, safe play and clean parks.

Kids Need Kiwanis!



Kiwanis Kleans Acadiana

Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Members of the **Kiwanis Club of Acadiana-Lafayette** volunteered the morning of January 23rd to help clean up along University Avenue, one of the gateways into Lafayette.



Broussard-Youngsville Improves the World One Child at a Time

Broussard-Youngsville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On March 3rd, members of the **Kiwanis Club of Broussard-Youngsville** collected socks and coats for *Gifting Grace* to provide to the homeless children of Acadiana. Also, the Kiwanis Club of Broussard-Youngsville delivered 72 baskets on March 15th to children in the foster system to help reach *Foster the Love Louisiana's* goal of providing 1,000 children with Easter goodies.



Camellia City Spreads the Love

Camellia City, Slidell Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On February 14th, the **Kiwanis Club of Camellia City, Slidell**, with the help of Winn-Dixie, collected nearly 1,000 lbs. of non-perishable food items for its annual *Spread the Love* food drive to benefit the Christian Community Concern (CCC) food pantry in Slidell. Special thanks goes to Winn-Dixie and to the people of the community that showed up to donate to the CCC food pantry. Not only did club members collect 6 baskets of groceries but they also received \$330 in cash donations and gift cards that were used to buy additional food to be donated.



Cortana Helps the Community

Cortana Club Facebook Page

On March 17th, eight members of **Cortana Kiwanis** hopped down the bunny trail to donate items and assemble Easter baskets to be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul.

In January, Cortana Kiwanis partnered with Junior Achievement of Greater Baton Rouge & Acadiana to cook 250 plates of jambalaya to benefit programming for local Kindergarten-12th grade students.



Dawn Busters Provide Tower Garden for Students

Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In January, students at Chateau Estates Elementary School enjoyed planting seeds for their Tower Garden provided by the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club.



Dyersburg Appreciates Educators

Dyersburg Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In March, **Dyersburg Kiwanis Club** members expressed their thanks to the teachers of Dyersburg City Schools and Dyer County Schools by delivering handwritten cards personally addressed to every single one.



Greater Ouachita: Making an Impact

Greater Ouachita Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Greater Ouachita Kiwanis had a great time at Kiroli Park in West Monroe on March 13th for the 9th Annual St. Paddy's Day Bicycle Parade and Festival. Kiwanis members helped children make green slime and gave out reflectors for their bikes.



Houma Holds Food Drive

Houma Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Congratulations to the **Houma Kiwanis Club** for collecting 800 pounds of food for the local food bank.



Lake Charles Kiwanis Spring Cleans Local Park

Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On March 13th, **Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles** members participated in cleaning up Drew Park.



New Iberia Restores Pride in Neighborhood

New Iberia Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of New Iberia** assisted the *Li'l Brooklyn Neighborhood Initiative* with painting a house on March 19th at 8:00 am. Mrs. Leila Durall was the appreciative homeowner who was thrilled to have Kiwanis members restore pride in her neighborhood. *The Li'l Brooklyn Neighborhood Initiative* is a community project.



Opelousas Awards Bikes for Academic Efforts

Opelousas Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On February 8th, **Opelousas Kiwanis Club** members were excited to present bicycles to Park Vista Elementary students for last year's academic efforts! The students learned that working hard can bring great rewards.

Congratulations to Brandon Atwood and Rainey Marks! These two really went above and beyond to improve academically!



Rayville Hosts Successful Pancakes To-Go Supper

Rayville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Rayville Kiwanis Club** would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the club's very successful 2021 Annual Pancake Supper on March 9th! The event was held at Rayville United Methodist Church and all pancakes were made to-go.



South Lake Charles Cares for the Community

South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On March 4th, several **South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club** members helped to unload and pass out boxes of groceries and gallons of milk at Waters Edge Church.



Southwest Contraband Reads Across America

Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

March 2nd was Read Across America Day and the **Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club** participated by reading Dr. Seuss books to the students of MJ Kaufman Elementary. Craig Boudreaux, Kathy Sonnier, Kathy Lewis, and Robin Basone (not pictured) read the books to the children and gave them each a book to take home.



Southwest Lafayette's Shrimp Boil is Hot!

Southwest Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Pages

Thank you to those who supported **Kiwanis Southwest Lafayette's** Annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser. All tickets were sold! Proceeds are used towards our club's community service events such as our annual high school senior scholarship awards, Thanksgiving basket drive, and Christmas shopping spree.



Southwest Lafayette Cares for the Homeless

Southwest Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On February 19th Southwest Lafayette Kiwanis Club members delivered collected clothing for the homeless and the next day they were out feeding the homeless in Lafayette.



St. Martin, MS Club Chartered

St. Martin Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Meet the **Kiwanis Club of St. Martin!** Thirty-four Strong and counting! Welcome officers President Dina Holland, President-Elect Hope Worbington, Secretary Shelli Shelby, Treasurer Katie Noel and Assistant Treasurer April Cook! The kids of the St. Martin area are in great hands with this amazing group!



St. Bernard-Arabi Loves Our Kids

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

As part of the **Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi's** Literacy & Academics Program, the club sponsors the W. Smith Elementary Reading Incentive program to provide incentives to help increase reading skills and reading enjoyment. This year third through fifth grade students who show significant growth in their STAR reading assessment and meet their Lexia goal for the month are rewarded with a pizza party and the chance to win a Fire tablet. One student each month is drawn from the winners, and receives an Amazon Fire 7 notepad. The Kiwanis Literacy and Academics Programs are dedicated to reading programs such as Read Around the World, Summer Read to Ride, School Book Fairs, Reading Incentive Programs and other programs in their Ready for Reading fund.



Pictured are January 2021 winners: 3rd grader Braylin Jones, 4th grader Adeline Moreno, and 5th grader Albert Brumfield with Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi member Lenor Duplessis.



The Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard held its scholarship meeting on January 7, 2020 at Rocky & Carlos Sicilian Room. The Spirit of St. Bernard Foundation awarded checks totaling \$20,900.00 today, bringing the school year 2020-2021 Scholarship Awards' total to \$46,800.00! The club also continues to recognize their Terrific Kids throughout the year.



St. Martinville Gives Books to Second Graders

St. Martinville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **St. Martinville Kiwanis Club** delivered books to 2nd grade classes at St. Martinville Primary, Parks Primary and Catahoula Elementary on March 22nd. Each year the club along with the generous support of the St. Martin Parish library are able to go in and provide an Easter book for the classes to read. Members Paula Sonnier and Chad Boyer along with Ms. Susan from the library donated their time. The club was able to record a reading of the book and forward it to each school since members were unable to read in the classrooms due to COVID restrictions. Club members are extremely excited to be making an impact on the youth of their community.



Twin Cities Club Provides Hygiene Kits

The Twin Cities Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

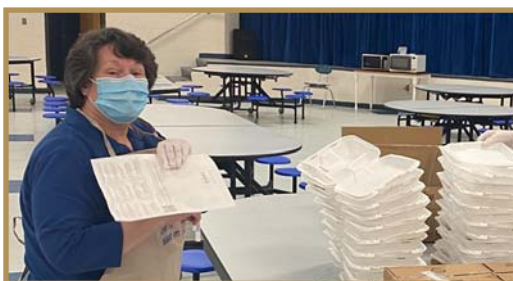


Representatives from the Fulton Beta Club were presented 30 hygiene kits by the **Twin Cities Kiwanis Club** to be distributed to students at their school. Beta Club sponsor Shannon Barnes, and members Piper Cavness, Behr Miller, Olivia Fulcher and Corbin Fulcher were present at a Twin Cities Kiwanis Club meeting to accept the kits on behalf of their club. Kits were made possible by a donation from the Twin Cities Kiwanis Club along with a grant from LaMissTenn District of Kiwanis International Foundation and Dr. Alan Jones. We are so glad to be able to help these young members of our community as they give back to others.

Vancleave: Stacks for Kids

Vancleave Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

What a great morning it was on March 15th to raise funds for kids in Vancleave at the first ever **Kiwanis of Vancleave** pancake breakfast fundraiser! Thank you to all who supported the breakfast.



Share Your Club's News!

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor

Submit your article or photographs:

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DEADLINES:

The deadline for article submissions is always two weeks before the publication's date. Here are the deadlines for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis Year:

July 2021 Issue = Deadline: June 17, 2021

October 2021 Issue = Deadline: September 17, 2021

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Include this information:

CLUB: Club, Division Number, and Author

EVENT: Make sure to answer: **what** was done, **why** it was done, **who** benefited, **when** and **where** it occurred, **how** it was accomplished, etc.

ACCURACY: Please double check all dates, locations, etc., and be sure that all names are spelled correctly. While we do our best to correct issues if we notice them, we do not have the resources to confirm this type of information.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Avoid poses such as check acceptances, podium speakers, and groups standing in line or stacked rows. If you're shooting a service project, look for an action photo of the volunteers in progress or interacting with children. Shoot from the front – we are not likely to use a shot with mostly backs. Use as high a resolution as possible. Captions may not always be published, but it is helpful if you can identify subjects.

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