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Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District News



First Lady Sparks Early Literacy Initiative

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EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE - First Lady Joy Hammatt and Governor Bruce Hammatt visit special needs Pre-K students at South-downs Elementary School in Baton Rouge, La. to read *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* and to give each child their own book as part of the First Lady's Project. [See more on Pages 7-9.](#)

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Kiwanis Moments from the Governor

By R. Bruce Hammatt, Governor



Have you had a Kiwanis moment lately? I have heard many people talk about that special moment, that Kiwanis moment that made the day so very special to them. I will tell you that I woke up early this morning and started thinking about the number of special moments in Kiwanis that I think of as I was considering writing my Governor's message for the District newsletter.

What is it? What do we really mean by a Kiwanis Moment? It is that "AHA" or "I get it!" moment when everything seems to come together. It is when you have something happen to you, or an act that you witness, that forces you to want repeated because it feels so darn good. As Kiwanians, it is the reason our motto ends with the words "... improving the world one child and one community at a time."

I believe if you do not have these feelings quite often, then maybe you are not putting enough emphasis on your volunteer efforts. Maybe you need to be reinvigorated or stimulated. What do you think are the best ways for you to get reinvigorated? We generally love doing a service project where you are helping out a cause you are extremely passionate about. We get excited when we are seeing a child's eyes or face light up when we are working or teaching them something new.

Or when we fill up a box of food we know will be going to a family in need. However, for many of us, doing the same thing over and over can get sort of tiring. Maybe that twinkle in the eye is now gone, or at least not as bright. Maybe after a while, we need a little change in our service projects to get that sparkle back into our minds again.

Change is not always an easy thing for most individuals or clubs. On many occasions it can actually be quite difficult to come up with a new idea on our own that can get the club motivated in the right direction. However, there are actually many ways that Kiwanis uses to accomplish this goal of assisting the clubs and individual members.

One of the more common ways is to learn what some of our neighboring clubs are doing. We do that by regularly having inter-clubs with them and sharing ideas. Having two or more clubs join together on a single project is also a good way to

learn from each other and to have a lot of fun.

Each year in our District, we have extra special ways to learn from each other and have fun in the process. One of those times coming up soon is our Mid-Winter Education Convention to be held on February 7-8 in Natchez, Miss. (see page 14 for registration). This is a time where everyone in the District has the opportunity to get together and learn new ideas.

Maybe you can become better educated about our District Foundation and learn just how easy it is to get a grant to make your idea of a new project actually happen. Maybe you can learn how a Club Coach can help your club build its membership roles. Maybe you can learn how Kiwanis is building new clubs in the District so there will be more opportunities to help out other children. Maybe you can learn how you, as an individual, can grow and serve your fellow Kiwanians. Or maybe you find out that by discussing your projects with a few members from the other end of the district over lunch allows you to have one, or more, of those very special moments.

Like Kiwanis says "Love It, Live It, Share It!" Oh, how I love having those Kiwanis Moments.

LOVE IT - Kiwanis

By Eva Abate, Immediate Past Governor

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I wish each one of you, peace and prosperity in the new year. Take a minute to reflect on the year gone by and what you **LOVE** about Kiwanis.

- The leadership opportunities as a committee chair or a Club Officer
- The rewards of service projects
- Your personal financial contribution to the District Foundation and the Kiwanis International Children's Fund that improves the lives of many around the world
- The fellowship with your club members and other Kiwanians throughout the District
- The education learned from guest speakers in your community and District Conferences and District and International Conventions
- The difference that you have made in the life of a child
- The support that you have provided to the educators in your community
- The recognition of achievements

LIVE IT-KIWANIS

Then begin a plan for the year ahead. I am a big advocate of a written plan, so you may want to write down the events of 2019 and your dreams for 2020.

- Become a leader in your club
- Enhance a service project
- Make a commitment to the District Foundation and Kiwanis International Children's Fund



- Make plans to attend your club's socials
- Attend meetings to gain insight into your community, attend District Conferences and District and International Conventions to learn more about Kiwanis
- Search out other opportunities to improve the lives of children
- Lend a helping hand at school by adding your name to the "call me when you need a helping hand" list
- Make it a fun event when you say "Thank You" to your members for their dedication to serve

SHARE IT-KIWANIS

Take advantage of every opportunity to share your Kiwanis story and to extend an invitation for others to join you in service. If you don't succeed the first time, please try again. You never know who is waiting for the opportunity to serve the children in their community. It might be friends, family and acquaintances that need an invitation to serve.

Membership committees are effective when all club members get involved. An annual membership drive is a vital part of a Kiwanis Club. New members bring in new ideas, raise some funds and participate in more service. The growth of clubs is a Win-Win for both the children and the community.

Spreading the news about your Club's service to the community through social media and your website can bring a new member into your club. Promote your club's fundraisers in the media and include the service that is provided by the funds raised. Host an annual Media Appreciation Day, thanking the media for supporting your community projects and for all that they do in your community. Keep KIWANIS in front of the public and of course, last but not least, WEAR YOUR "K" daily.

LOVE IT LIVE IT SHARE IT

HAPPY NEW YEAR,

Eva B Abate



Planning for the 2020-2021 Year

By Patrice Cusimano, Governor-Elect

I am getting so excited about my upcoming year as governor! My husband and I went to Indianapolis in November for governor training and had a fabulous time. We were a little disappointed that it didn't snow, although it was very cold. We made many new friends, and I learned so much in those few short days that I left slightly overwhelmed. Now I'm getting organized and am planning the 2020-21 year, with a focus on spreading the word. So often I hear that members missed out on opportunities because they never heard about them. I know that the best way to spread the word about what's going on in Kiwanis is through our Lt. Governors.

Lt. Governors are so important to the operation of this district as they are the main players in spreading the word. They are the direct connection between the governor and the clubs. I want them to be knowledgeable and ready to serve and lead their division. I want them to be excited about leadership – to be the person with the information and the desire to share it. Sometimes I think people volunteer for the position because someone asked. After all, isn't that how we became Kiwanians in the first place? But did they really know what they were expected to do? Did they realize they were the liaison between the governor and their divisions? Did they realize they would have to travel to the other clubs in their division and would be expected to hold District Council Meetings once a



month or a quarter (or even know what a DCM is)? From the feedback I've gotten, many don't have this information before they accept the position. However, being well-prepared for the job will always make the job easier and more enjoyable. I want every single person who serves as a Lt. Governor to enjoy their year (or two), and to be able to tell others that being Lt. Governor is the best job in Kiwanis.

One of the things I learned at governor training is that Kiwanis is becoming more focused on educating its members. The good news is the district leadership is working hard to create new, fresh topics for Mid-Winter (see page 14) and District Convention (see pages 10-13). We want to enlighten our longtime members about "what the kids are doing," so we can entice younger generations to join our clubs. For example, social media, websites,

Instagram, and Facebook are all available to us to spread our mission, to encourage others to become involved, to organize our service projects, and so much more. Many of us don't use social media for a variety of reasons, but the times they are a-changing. These valuable tools are our future, so we want to teach everyone how to use them safely and appropriately. We also want to go back to the basics and have instruction on best practices for operating our clubs, from preparing a budget to setting up committees to service leadership programs to fundraising and everything in between. We want our newer members to feel needed and to engage them in exciting service and fundraising projects. We also want to protect our clubs and our children we serve. I am attending a Youth Protection workshop in Atlanta in January, and hope to have new information to share with the clubs at Mid-Winter.

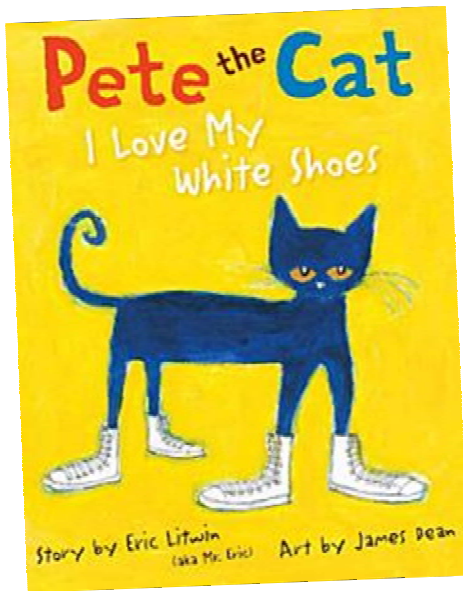
Last, I hope to see all of you at our District Convention at Sea in August. There will be so much free time on board and in Cozumel that it may not seem like a convention at all! But fear not, we will have some great programs available to educate and hopefully excite you about serving our communities.

May God bless each and every one of you in the coming year! I hope to see you all soon.

~ **Patrice**

First Lady Sparks Early Literacy Initiative

By R. Bruce Hammatt, Governor; Foreword by Tiffany Domingue, District Editor



Pete the Cat is making his way into Pre-Kindergarten classrooms across the LaMissTenn District, thanks to First Lady Joy Hammatt. Joy has introduced thousands of students to this lively character who is continu-

ously changing the color of his shoes by stepping into colorful messes.

Joy's goal is to recruit Kiwanians to help read this engaging story, *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*, to Pre-K students throughout the district. She has even gotten LaMissTenn Governor Bruce Hammatt to join in on the fun.

Children are having a blast singing along, learning their colors and playing the banjo (an instrument many students had never seen or even heard of before) during these interactive reading sessions. Joy even brings several pairs of her own shoes to continue the song after the story is over. The students can barely sit still while belting out the dif-

ferent colors and types of shoes Joy shares. The children are so surprised to receive their very own book to keep and coloring sheets to create their own colorful shoes.

We could all learn a lesson from *Pete the Cat's* story: "No matter what you step in, keep walking along and singing your song . . . because it's all good."

So, how did all of this get started? It all started with a simple question from Debbie Cooper to Joy Hammatt. Debbie, wife of Kiwanis International Trustee Gary "Coop" Cooper, asked Joy, wife of the LaMissTenn Governor Bruce Hammatt, "Is it going to be your First Lady Project?" "What," Joy asked?

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Pre-K students at Belaire Elementary School in Baton Rouge, La. are excited to receive their very own copy of *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* with their name in it.

First Lady Sparks Early Literacy Initiative Continued . . .

That is all it took. Joy had certainly heard the question, but she said it just took her a few seconds to let the question sink in and for her to formulate an appropriate response. It was just one of those Kiwanis Moments that triggered a lot of discussion and ideas.

The conversation took place at the 2019 Kiwanis International Convention held at Walt Disney Resort in Florida. As part of the education and planning activities of the convention, time is set aside for each District Governor to meet with the International Trustee assigned to their District. It is at this time that the two get to know each other a little and begin forming a relationship and plan for regular communications throughout the upcoming year. While Coop and Bruce were discussing their issues, Debbie and Joy were also trading thoughts for the upcoming year.

After this initial meeting, Joy said the comment from Debbie kept her



First Lady Joy Hammatt and Governor Bruce Hammatt interact with special needs Pre-K students at Southdowns Elementary School in Baton Rouge, La. while visiting classrooms to read Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes.

up most of the night. You see, Joy had already initiated plans to read and give a copy of the book *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* to all of the Pre-Kindergarten students in East Baton Rouge Parish. The Ki-

wanis Club of Baton Rouge, her club, and the Club's Foundation had already sent in a request to Scholastic Corporation, an official partner with Kiwanis International, to purchase 2,500 of the books.

But the idea of a "First Lady Project" kept coming up in Joy's mind. She wondered out loud as she and Bruce were sitting in Past Governor Gary and Jamie Graham's truck as Gary drove them back home to Baton Rouge after the Conference ended. How could she do it? Had there ever been a First Lady Project before in the District? All of that really did not matter. By the time they were home, Bruce and Joy had



The First Lady Project lives on in Millington, Tenn. Pre-K students at Northaven Elementary are excited to receive their own books after an interactive reading session of Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Millington Kiwanis Club President Oscar Brown.

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First Lady Sparks Early Literacy Initiative Continued . . .



A Southdowns Elementary Pre-K student strums a banjo for the first time.

already discussed it enough to know it was going to happen.

Joy initiated calls to Scholastic and ordered an additional 1,500 copies of the book. Then she began figuring out exactly how she was going to get the information out to the Kiwanis Clubs. As the final plans were in place for the District Convention in Memphis, she talked to Charlie Ford and asked to have a time slot for showing how she wanted the book read to the young children. As luck would have it, the schedule was modified and Joy was able to read the book to a couple of young children she met earlier in the day in the conference hotel.

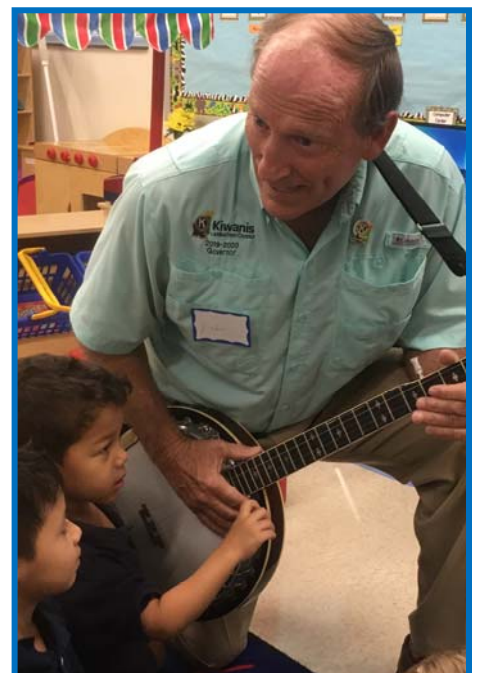
The Kiwanians in the education session learned how Joy wanted the book read and how she planned on making the books available to the other Kiwanis Clubs in the District.

The session was an immediate talking point at the District Convention. Obviously, she was not able to purchase books for all the pre-K children in the District, but the 1,500 books she and Bruce purchased for her First Lady Project would be given out free of charge to the other Kiwanis clubs in the District.

To date, books have been given to the Kiwanis Club of Southwest-Lafayette, Southwest Contraband, St. Bernard, Tupelo, Union City, Millington, and Greater Haughton. Joy still has many books available and is most interested in giving the books to some of the newer Kiwanis Clubs formed in the District. Any club interested in getting books to read to the pre-kindergarten classes in their area should contact Joy directly at joy4lsu@hotmail.com.

As part of her First Lady Project, Joy does ask any club who receives her books consider giving a donation to her Club's 501(c)(3) Foundation. It is not a requirement, but she does feel it is just the right thing to do since her club's foundation, along with the LaMissTenn District Foundation, have been instrumental in her reading the book to the children in her home parish. She also wants photographs taken of the book being read to the children sent to her.

Like many of the best projects done by Kiwanians, it started initially as a Kiwanis moment. Joy hopes that her First Lady Project, initiated by a question from Debbie Cooper, is the beginning of many new Kiwanis moments for her friends in the District and beyond.



Governor Bruce Hammatt introduces the banjo to Pre-K students at Broadmoor Elementary School in Baton Rouge, La.

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the island. Noteworthy is the Chankanaab National Park, a Cozumel icon, and the Punta Sur Ecological Reserve. This huge protected area at the southern tip of the island includes Punta Celarain and its historical lighthouse, as well as the Colombia Lagoon, a shelter for many of the island's endemic species, as well as other endangered forms of life, such as marine turtles and their nesting areas. (www.islacozumel.com.mx)



Kiwanis

Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District

2019-2020 DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

August 6-10, 2020 - aboard the Carnival Ship "Valor" sailing out of New Orleans, La.

STEP 1: GIVE US YOUR NAME and the NAMES OF THOSE IN THIS CABIN:

Kiwanian: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__ Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: __/__/__
(As it appears on Passport)

Kiwanis Club: _____ Div: _____ 2019-20 Office held: (if any) _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__ Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: __/__/__
(As it appears on Passport)

Other Guest: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__ Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: __/__/__
(As it appears on Passport)

Other Guest: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__ Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: __/__/__
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1st/	Per Person	Per Person	No. in Cabin: _____ x \$ _____ = Total Fare: \$ _____ <small>(1st Preferred)</small>
2nd: <u>Cabin Option</u>	<u>Dbl Occpncy</u>	<u>3rd/4th each</u>	
___ #4D - Inside	\$525.00	on request	
___ #6B - Ocean View	\$575.00	on request	
___ #8B - Balcony	\$675.00	on request	

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

92nd ANNUAL CONVENTION: Aboard the Carnival Ship: Valor August 6-10, 2020

Day One: Thursday, August 6 - New Orleans

Arrive at the Port of New Orleans to begin our LaMissTenn District **CONVENTION AT SEA!** Boarding begins at 1:00 p.m. Everyone should be on board no later than 3:00 p.m. **The Ship sails at 3:30 p.m.** Kiwanis Registration and various Committee Meetings will begin immediately upon boarding. Dinner this evening is casual with the evening free to enjoy any of a wide range of shipboard entertainment, including a lavish Vegas-style revue. Pizzeria, ice cream and room service are available 24 hours a day.

<p>1:00 - 4:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. 5:30 To 6:30 P.M. 8:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Kiwanis Registration Desk 2019-2020 District Council Meeting Welcome Reception & Opening Session Dinner (we've asked for the second seating for dinner for all)</p>
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Day Two: Friday, August 7 - At Sea

The General Session will be held from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., with information on the 2020-2021 Kiwanis Year. 2 rounds of Workshops will be held from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. Other Board and Committee Meetings will be held to handle the business for each organization. Your afternoon will be free to join with your spouses, families, and Kiwanis guests to take advantage of the many shipboard activities. Children of all ages will enjoy the Valor's pools, waterslides, and supervised children's activities. After dinner, catch a great cabaret act, take in the Vegas-style Spectacular, stroll along the ship-long promenade of themed lounges, chat with old friends, or make new Kiwanis friends.

<p>7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>District Foundation Board Meeting PDO Organization Annual Meeting Friday General Session Workshop & Forums - Session No. 1 Workshop & Forums - Session No. 2 2019-2020 District Council Luncheon Past District Governors Lunch</p>
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Day Three: Saturday, August 8 - Day in Cozumel

Today is yours to enjoy in beautiful Cozumel. The ship will arrive at 7:00 a.m. In the "scuba-diving capital" of Mexico, you will find unbelievably beautiful underwater scenery. Snorkeling here also provides a look beneath the magical world of the Caribbean's surface. If you prefer land-based fun, shop for bargains in colorful local markets from silver to leather to Mexican pottery. You can also sunbathe on the fine-sand beaches and wade in the irresistible turquoise waters. **Back on board for 4:30 p.m. departure.**

Day Four: Sunday, August 9 - At Sea

The Annual Memorial Service will be held at 7:30 a.m. A combined House of Delegates and Annual Meeting of the District Foundation begins at 8:30 a.m. At this meeting we will handle the business of the District and the Foundation, retire and install our District Officers. Your afternoon will be free to join with your spouses, families, and Kiwanis guests to take advantage of the many shipboard activities. Final extravaganza in the show longue tonight.

<p>7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Noon</p>	<p>Prayer Service & Memorial Service House of Delegates & Foundation Annual Meeting 2009-2010 District Board Lunch</p>
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Day Five: Monday, August 10 - In New Orleans

Our 102nd Annual Convention becomes a memory at 8:00 a.m. as the ship arrives back at the Port of New Orleans. Time to disembark and head back home to implement the new ideas for service learned during the convention.

NOTE: Order of itinerary subject to change for convenience of Kiwanis and number of attendees. Annual spouses activities, committee meetings and small group gatherings will be announced.

MID-WINTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

2019-2020 Mid-Winter Education Conference of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International

February 7 - 8, 2020

Natchez Convention Center, Natchez, Mississippi

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY - OR COMPLETE ON COMPUTER!

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REGISTRATION FEES: *NOTE: All Kiwanians, Spouses, & Guests must be registered to participate!*

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:	How Many	Fee if postmarked/faxed...		AFTER Jan. 31 & ON-SITE FEES	TOTAL FEES:
		BY Jan. 14th	AFTER Jan. 14th		

REGISTRATION FEES:					
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH	Kiwanis Member:	<input type="checkbox"/> 80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 90.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 100.00	\$
<i>(Includes Saturday Lunch, Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Conference Costs)</i>					
	Non-Member: Spouse or Guest:	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	\$
<i>(Includes Saturday Program & Lunch, Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Conference Costs)</i>					

OPTIONAL DINNER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th	2018-2019 Awards Dinner (Friday Night):	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	\$
TOTAL FEES PAID:					\$

IMPORTANT!: It's now acceptable! Your club can pay ALL or a PORTION of each member's conference expenses from the Club's Service Account. This Kiwanis Mid-Winter Education Conference qualifies as an acceptable educational expense of the club. Covered expenses can include: registration fees, hotel, mileage, meals, per diem and other expenses as determined by the club. This Mid-Winter Educational Conference qualifies as an acceptable education expense of your Kiwanis club!

Complete this form and mail (with check) or email (with credit card information) to:
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MID-WINTER GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

EXPERIENCE

YOUR LaMissTenn District Foundation will again hold its very popular GIFT BASKET RAFFLE!

GIVE

By purchasing \$1 tickets for your chance to win a gift basket. Tickets are on sale Saturday until noon.

INDULGE

In the chance of being a lucky recipient of a gift basket. Winning baskets will be drawn and available for immediate pick up Saturday afternoon.

Please Note
Baskets will not be accepted on Friday.

RECEIVE

The District Foundation has awarded nearly \$600,000 in grants and \$382,000 in sponsored youth scholarships and leadership training.



- ❖ **Kiwaniis Clubs and individual members are encouraged to donate a basket for the raffle.**
- ❖ Gift Baskets may be delivered to the designated area beginning Saturday at 7:30 am. Baskets will not be accepted on Friday.
- ❖ Gifts inside the basket may consist of any theme from sports, hobbies, home items, food/beverages. The "basket" can be a bucket, toolbox, ice chest, plant – be creative!
- ❖ PLEASE wrap your basket in cellophane or netting so items do not shift. Label basket with club name, items and approximate value.
- ❖ For clubs not attending the Conference, encourage them to participate by making a basket and sending it with a club who is attending Mid-Winter Conference.



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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 "Kiwanis District Foundation")
- Credit Card
- Cash

For Credit Card Payments:

Card Number _____ Exp. Date (MM/YY) _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____ Card billing zip code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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

- Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually

Beginning _____ and ending _____
 (MM/YY) (MM/YY)

Thank you for your generous support of the Kiwanis District Foundation!





Kiwaniis

LaMissTenn Foundation

Mission:

“To provide financial assistance for Kiwanis projects and programs within our District.”

Utilize this convenient timeline to help your club remain engaged year-round with the Foundation! For additional resources and information, visit us www.lamisstenn.org/foundation.

Q1: Oct.-Dec. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Foundation • ACG (Annual Club Giving) • Community & AED Grants 	Q2: Jan.-Mar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLP Scholarships • Gift Basket @Midwinter • Ongoing Participation
Q3: Apr.-Jun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endowments • Memorial Giving 	Q4: Jul.-Sep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circle of Honor Award • Fundraiser and 50/50 on cruise @DCON

Key Club & Circle K Scholarships

The District Foundation offers scholarships to outstanding Key Club seniors and Circle K members. Refer to the District website (lamisstenn.org/scholarship) for the application. **The deadline is January 15 so don't delay!**

Gift Basket Raffle at Midwinter

Share some local flavor at the Midwinter Convention with a gift basket from your club. This has become popular among members with proceeds benefiting grants, scholarships and leadership training.

Ongoing Participation/Contributions

Friendly reminder that anytime during the year you may become a Friend of the Foundation. Your club may contribute via Annual Club Giving (ACG) and apply for Community Grants (Level 1 and Level 2) and AED Grants anytime as well.

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Have the Foundation Visit your Club!

Did you know that a representative from the Foundation can come to your club and give a presentation on the Foundation? We would be happy to be a program for one of your upcoming meetings and share the benefits of becoming involved with the Foundation.

There are multiple ways of contributing to the Foundation with all proceeds dedicated to grants, scholarships, leadership training and Foundation expenses. All of YOUR contributions are crucial and directly determine the impact in our District.

Ongoing Participation

FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Become a “Friend” with the donation of \$10 per month or an annual donation of \$120! As a thank you for your donation, you will receive a lapel pin.

ACG CONTRIBUTION

Clubs are encouraged to contribute at least \$5 per member based on Oct. 1 roster. This is a requirement in applying for a community service grant.

Impact to Our Communities

In the last 20 years our District Foundation has...

- Awarded nearly \$600,000 in grants
- Impacted over 421,000 children
- \$382,000 in Key Club, Circle K and Key Leader scholarships and leadership training
- \$64,500 for 490 AEDs
- \$13,000 to charities for Teacher, Firefighter, Lawman and Layman Award recipients

Forward contributions to Kiwanis District Office at 5253-B Dijon Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4393. Forms available at lamisstenn.org/foundation.

THANK YOU for your support!
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Plan Ahead Now for Kiwanis Prayer Week

By Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values District Chair



This is the perfect time of the year to start planning ahead for Kiwanis Prayer Week, which is held annually the second full week of May.

In recognition of the first Object of Kiwanis, "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life," and Kiwanis' long-standing program of Human and Spiritual Values, many Kiwanis clubs observe Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week. The observance, which began in 1980, occurs during the second full week of May (from Sunday thru Saturday). It provides clubs an opportunity to promote spiritual and religious activities both within the club and

throughout the community. It also gives clubs an opportunity to recognize individuals for outstanding contributions to spiritual welfare.

Here are several suggestions. Additional ideas can be found in the Human and Spiritual Values Bulletin Twenty-two which is available by calling Kiwanis International (or available online):

*** PRAYER BREAKFAST** – These events should be conducted by laymen rather than professional religious leaders in order to maintain the non-denominational atmosphere of the meeting. The main speaker may certainly be a major religious figure from throughout the community or region.

*** AWARD CERTIFICATE OR PLAQUE** – This is an ideal project to focus attention on those local individuals (adults or students) who have made an exceptional contribution to the spiritual life of the community or their school or university.

*** PROMINENT SPEAKERS** – Ask one of the outstanding religious leaders or laymen in your community to deliver an appropriate message to

the club during the Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week. Encourage each club member to invite his or her own clergy to attend the meeting.

*** YOUTH INVOLVEMENT** – Involve your K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K or Aktion Club in special projects and programs during Worldwide Prayer Week.

*** PUBLICITY** – Several publicity materials are available from Kiwanis International including radio spots to be aired on local radio stations, a news release to submit to local newspapers and a Mayor's Proclamation to show community-wide support of this Kiwanis observance.

Additionally, ask members' churches and houses of worship to mention Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week in their weekly sermon or bulletin. Suggest that they characterize Prayer Week as an effort by laymen to bring about peace and understanding through non-denominational devotions.

Start planning now . . . May will sneak upon us before the snow thaws!!!

THE FOUNDATION

District Foundation Reminders

By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair

- * **Jan 15** – Scholarship applications due (Key Club and Circle K)
- * **Feb 1** – Level 1 Grants (up to \$5,000): applications due @ District Office
- * Level 2 Grants (up to \$2,000) applications due **1st of each month**
- * Annual Club Gift Campaign is still going on – recommended \$5+ /member



The New Year's Resolution

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

Back in September I wrote about the upcoming new Kiwanis year that began on October 1st. At the time we were hopeful that we would see a second year of growth for the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District. Unfortunately, we fell short by 30 members. With the positive growth the year before of 26 members, we are down 4 for the past two years. Losing members is not something to celebrate even when it is a small number. We have turned the corner on membership losses of 200-300 per year and rank well in comparison to other Districts in North America, but this is not something to celebrate. We have grown primarily because we added clubs and will continue to do this. We are already through one quarter of our year and through November have seen a growth of 29. Again, good but we can do better. As I noted in my last column about Kiwanis Object #5:

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.



Consider the friends you have made in Kiwanis and the service you have done that has given you, I hope, a Kiwanis moment (when what you have done has had a considerable impact on your or a child's life that you won't forget) and how your club has made your community a better place to live. Here is where you make a resolution for the new year.

I resolve to bring in at least one new member or give the President or Membership Chair a name(s) of someone I believe will be a great Kiwanian.

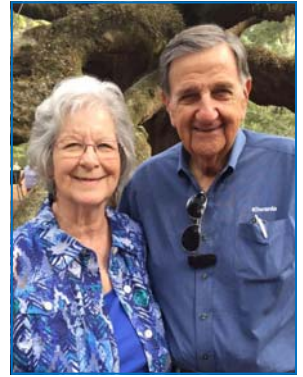
This still applies to the new calendar year as we head into the next few months of our Kiwanis year. Have you brought in a new member? Can you help with your club

and do you know where we can build a new Kiwanis club? We have a great message of service to children to share and we need every one of you to contribute. I understand and appreciate the importance of helping your club and encourage everyone to step up, but also help us with building new clubs. If your club can help sponsor a new club, please do. It takes very little effort but can do so much for the new club to have that mentorship to get through the early years of starting their service to the community. I know this because I speak from experience. It is rewarding to watch a club you've started keep the enthusiasm going after that initial burst of excitement at the beginning. You are a cheerleader and advisor and when your new club wins, we all win and more importantly the children win. So, please recommit yourself to building your club and, if you can, another club in a nearby community. We can do more together and it begins with you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary".

ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



By Dennis & Ame Oliver, Project Eliminate Chairs

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A History of One of the Greatest Health Stories Ever Reported:



1924: A cure for the deadly disease tetanus is discovered.

1989: The world health organization declares tetanus is a major global health priority for children. Fifty-nine countries have babies dying every 9 minutes due to a lack of vaccine! That's 800,000 annually!

2010: Thirty-nine countries remain with babies still dying every 9 minutes. Kiwanis pledges 110 million dollars to eliminate this horrible, unnecessary disease.

2020: Only 12 countries remain with inoculations ongoing in each. The death rate now is one child every 15 minutes.

NOTE: No country has returned to the danger list!

So, what is next? Although 110 million in gifts and pledges have been attained, there are pledges to be collected! To our Kiwanis family, we are asking you to dig a little deeper! Whatever has been your Eliminate involvement, please help finish the promise.

PROJECT REMINDERS:

- A few \$750.00 Zellers are available.
- The District 2020 Project is "Save a Baby" a month. One baby a month = \$1.80. Twelve months = \$21.60

Let's get behind the greatest gift possible! Happy holiday season to each of you!



MOTHERS & BABIES SHOULD NOT DIE FROM TETANUS

ELIMINATE
maternal/neonatal tetanus
 

Aspire to Inspire: Joy to the World

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



Christmas and the holiday season is the time every year when we reflect on the finer things of life: peace, good will, giving, family, friends, the joys of childhood, benevolent feelings and so many more human emotions. The new year brings hope for renewal of many things and resolutions for improvement. Let's look at all that from a Kiwanis Family perspective.

Peace is a universal wish for a normal life without stress, conflict, controversy and ill will. There has rarely been a time when some evil from armed war on down wasn't happening somewhere around the world. Kiwanis is dedicated to uniting diverse people and cultures around the world with the common goal of improving the lives of children and helping them grow up in a peaceful environment and a better

world that we have "improved."

Good will is the goal of the Kiwanis Family in appealing to people's better nature in order to overcome selfishness and enhance the life of children. It is a laudable goal.

Giving has many faces. It can be a brightly wrapped gift box or a simple hug. It can be a sizable monetary gift to a charitable organization or just a few coins to a distressed person on the street. It can be sharing a meal or volunteering at a local food bank. It can be helping a child with homework or reading a bedtime story. Many faces. It is a universal human character and the act is its own reward. For a decade now Kiwanis has given immunizations to mothers.

Families gather to renew their common bonds of genetic, cultural, environmental and other factors, including remembering and reinforcing common experiences. Friends do the same. Both family and friends take the opportunity to make bygones of assorted slights and misunderstandings. There is always an emphasis on enhancing the joys of childhood and renewing the benevolent feelings of humani-

ty. It is a wonderful time of year. Joy to the world.

Keeping all that in mind let us not forget the amazing feelings of success, satisfaction, accomplishment, good will and improvement of the world that the Kiwanis Family has achieved through **The Eliminate Project**. We still have a few countries where babies are dying from neonatal tetanus . . . and we have to finish the job . . . but let's give ourselves a little thump on the back for the many other countries where thousands of children are alive because we immunized their mothers. Those "three 60-cent shots" worked in so many places . . . and those thousands of children who did NOT die of neonatal tetanus are alive now to revel in the joys of childhood and live on into the new year, the new decade and a new world.

Best wishes to those children and to all of the Kiwanis Family for all things good. Quoting the line spoken by Tiny Tim in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, . . . "God bless us every one!"

JOY TO THE WORLD

Kiwanis[®] CHILDREN'S FUND

By Donna Osburn, Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair

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At the **Kiwanis Children's Fund**, our mission is to develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of the world. So, the work of the Children's Fund helps Kiwanians change kids' lives - often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of clubs and districts.

In fact, our vision is to extend your Kiwanis impact. We strive to make sure your gift helps children in many places and many ways. And we succeed by holding fast to a set of core values:

- **Stewardship.** We are committed to meeting and sustaining donors' confidence that the Children's Fund will invest their contributions wisely and distribute funds consistent with the values inherent in the Kiwanis International mission.
- **Transparency.** We adhere to the Donor Bill of Rights to treat all constituents fairly and ethically and to be above board in all of our dealings.

- **Responsiveness.** We are relevant and proactive in meeting donors' and grantees' needs.
- **Legacy.** We give donors the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on the world.
- **Integrity.** We deal honestly in our interactions with all stakeholders.
- **Trust.** Through the integrity of our actions, we seek to earn and maintain the trust of our Kiwanis family and constituents.

Along with all these values comes accountability. Your gifts reflect your hope for children's lives - and your trust in us. So we strive to earn that trust. We share records and reports that document gifts, grants and the people we serve.

As the Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair, I want to help you! If you need more information about the Children's Fund in general, Club Grants or Disaster Relief Grants, please let me know.



Happy Holidays from K-Kids

By Don Eye, K-Kids District Chairman

HAPPY HOLIDAYS to my fellow Kiwanians!

It has been a good year for our K-Kids clubs with at least four new clubs chartered. The last was Forest Hill Elementary School sponsored by the **Germantown Kiwanis Club**. The Kiwanis Club is also filling out the partition to charter a Circle-K Club at the University of Memphis. “Go Tigers”! Germantown has five Key Clubs, four K-Kids, two Aktion Clubs and five Terrific Kids programs. They have 72 active members with the hearts to serve the youth of their community. Every Kiwanis Club



should have at last one SLP from each grade level.

The big thing in our area this season is purchasing socks and stuffing them with toiletries and health items. They are then delivered to a homeless center or charity

supporting the homeless. Next will be the continuation of the Memphis diaper drive to benefit the poorest of our community. Don’t forget the “Mitten Tree”! The tree with mittens, scarves, gloves, and hats is a school project every year that support a Title One school in north Memphis.

I hope to see more K-Kids programs popping up. Remember I am ready with help when you need it. The kkids.org contact is a powerful way to get smart in the K-Kid program.

“UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,” as Roy Rogers used to say.



Martin K-Kids Promote Smiles & Positive Experiences

By Anna Clark & K-Kids Advisor Sara Sieber, Martin Kiwanis Club



Martin Elementary School K-Kids (front) were excited to meet Ric Johnson (back row, second from left), director of basketball operations for the Skyhawk men's basketball team, and four current members of the team (left to right) Craig Randall, Quintin Dove, Trenten Williams, and Ajani Kennedy. The UT Martin athletes helped MES students with a service project.

Special guests for the Kiwanis K-Kids meeting on November 7 at **Martin Elementary School** were four members of the UT Martin Skyhawk basketball team and Ric Johnson, director of basketball operations for the team. Johnson is a former player of current head coach Anthony Stewart during his time at Ohio University from 2012-2014.

The athletes helped the young students assemble Smile Kits to give to other students or to anyone who might need a boost. K-Kids advisor Sara Sieber explained that this project is another way that students can promote positive and inclusive experiences for all.

Each Smile Kit included the following: a paper with the words "something to smile about," an eraser to wipe out all mistakes, a penny so you will never be broke, a jingle bell to add a jingle to your step, string to tie things together, a rubber band to stretch yourself, and a chocolate kiss to know you are loved. Each kit also featured a blue Kiwanis sticker.

Each K-Kid got to take home several kits to distribute. The sixteen students who attended this meeting helped make 175 Smile Kits, and soon all 48 teachers and staff members at MES will receive a kit.

Some K-Kids who usually attend meetings were not present for this meeting because they were practicing for the upcoming school musical.

Skyhawk players who assisted with this project were Craig Randall from Youngstown, Ohio; Quintin Dove from Cleveland, Ohio; Trenten Williams from Houston, Texas; and

Ajani Kennedy from Moreno Valley, California.

Ms. Sieber thanked the athletes for their help and commented: "As I went around the room, I could hear the athletes giving positive messages to the students. Everyone was engaged."



Pictured with K-Kids advisor Sara Sieber are Craig Randall from Youngstown, Ohio; Quintin Dove from Cleveland, Ohio; Trenten Williams from Houston, Texas; and Ajani Kennedy from Moreno Valley, California. Ric Johnson, director of basketball operations for the team, accompanied these Skyhawks, who encourage all in the community to come see them play.

TARC AKtion Club Helps the Needy

Houma Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Terrebonne ARC's (TARC) AKtion Club and South Louisiana Bank organized and collected donations for the Terrebonne Churches United Food Bank during the “Souper Bowl 2019 Food Drive” in November. In addition to food donations, South Louisiana Bank collected \$180 for the food bank and TARC’s AKtion Club officers presented the check. The AKtion club also collected donations for Toys-4-Tots as well as donations of blankets and coats for the homeless during this holiday season.



K-KIDS NEWS

K-Kids Spruce up Campus

Gulfport Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Central Elementary School’s K-Kids did a wonderful job sprucing up their campus and planting new trees. Good Job to everyone who helped!



Karr High Key Club Provides Outreach

By Linda Leger, Algiers Kiwanis Club

The Key Club of Karr High School along with Kiwanis Advisor, Shirley Spedale volunteer from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of each month at the Berean Presbyterian Church New Orleans Outreach, located at 1629 Simon Bolivar Avenue in New Orleans, La. Their services involve setting up the tables, organizing clothes, toys, shoes, books, etc. along with boxing up meals for lunch. This project is totally dependent on donations, so Shirley and the Key Club members are always gathering items to bring. The ladies of the church do the cooking so they fully depend on volunteers to do their part in setting up and preparing for the morning rush. The project usually serves an average of 100 to 112 people of all ages. When it's time to shut down for the day, the volunteers box up the food that is left and ladies from the Church deliver to the needy further out. They are very appreciative of the **Algiers Kiwanis** and the Karr Key Clubs involvement.



Kennedi and Jessica fill up food trays.



Kiwanis Advisor, Shirley Spedale gives the Key Clubbers Asia, Kennedi, and Jaily last minute instructions.



Jessica, Kennedi and De'Ja fill food trays.



Jaily, Asia and Kennedi organize clothes on the tables.

BRMHS: Staying Busy!

Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club & Cortana Kiwanis Club Facebook Pages

It's Back to School for Key Club Training!

It's back to school - for Key Club training! **The Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club** officers, along with their faculty advisor Kim Denson, graciously hosted a training session for **Madison Prep** and **Woodlawn High School Key Club** officers and faculty advisors. Seven **Cortana Kiwanis** members gained much knowledge from this outstanding group



Spreading Christmas Cheer



Helping at Local Kiwanis Club Events



Volunteering at Brave Heart

Christmas at Lake Sherwood Village



Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Pancake Festival



Cortana Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade

JANUARY 2020

Halloween Fun!



Healthy Kids Running Series event at
BREC's Perkins Road Community Park



Boo at the Zoo

Oak Grove Serves at Pancake Day

The Pine Belt Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Pine Belt Kiwanis Club** Pancake Breakfast at the Sigler Center on December 7th was another successful event thanks to the help of **Oak Grove High School Key Club** members. This is the club's big fundraiser for the year.



Chalmette High Key Clubbers: Doing Great Things!

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Let's hear it for the **Chalmette High School Key Club** for doing great things in the community! In November, club members joined in on some Bingo Fun at the St. Bernard Manor.



Boo at the Zoo with Ecole Classique

Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Members of the **Ecole Classique Key Club** sponsored by the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club**, helped out on their day off of school at the Audubon Zoo for Boo at the Zoo. They sorted and packed over 100 boxes of donated candy.



West Monroe Rocks Pancake Day!

Greater Ouachita Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On November 5th, **Key Club of West Monroe High School** members helped fill over 300 to go orders needed in the first 90 minutes of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita's Pancake Day event. **The Greater Ouachita Kiwanis Club** made over 5,000 pancakes with the help of Key Clubs and K-Kids.



Denham Springs and Live Oak High Key Clubbers Help Kiwanis Club Christmas Shop for Kids

Denham Springs Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Thanks to **Denham Springs High School** and **Live Oak High School Key Clubs** for Christmas shopping with the **Denham Springs Kiwanis Club**. Together, the clubs provided Christmas to 30 kids.



Zachary High Hosts Toy Drive and Santa's Workshop

Zachary High School Key Club Facebook Page



And that's a wrap! **The Zachary High School Key Club's** 3rd Annual Toy Drive and 2nd Annual Santa's workshop was a huge success thanks to our District Schools, student volunteers, teachers, CC's Coffee and the **Zachary Kiwanis Club!**

First and second graders enjoyed making ornaments, decorating gingerbread houses, picking out gifts for themselves and family members, karaoke, stuffing stockings, story time, pictures with Santa, sugar cookies and Hot Chocolate!! We look forward to an even bigger event next year.

LaGrange Key Club Makes Christmas Deliveries

North Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

LaGrange High School Key Clubbers delivered food items to needy families during the holiday season.



Jennings High Key Club Hosts Successful Thanksgiving Food Drive

Jennings Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

A huge thank you goes out to the **Jennings High School Key Club** for their Thanksgiving food drive for Communities Against Domestic Abuse. The members worked hard to pull off a successful food drive. Many have much to be thankful for this season due to those who are dedicated to serving the community.

Moss Point High Collects Food for Our Daily Bread

Moss point Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Moss Point High School Key Club would like to thank everyone who participated in their annual food drive. Special thanks to **Moss Point Kiwanis Club** for providing a turkey and ham to compliment the canned goods and water presented to Our Daily Bread.



Morgan City High Helps Out During the Holidays

East St. Mary Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In what has now become an annual tradition, members of the **Morgan City High School Key Club** spent the day at Maitland Elementary helping youngsters pick out gifts in the “Mustang Mart” and then wrapping the items that were chosen. The elementary students give the gifts to their family members on Christmas morning. Also, in December, the Morgan City High School Key Club held a canned food drive. All canned goods collected were donated to St. Mary Outreach!



Clubs Unite for 3Rs for 3BR Book Project

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Circle K students from **LSU, McNeese, Nicholls, and Tulane** had a great time labeling almost 3,000 books for the **Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club's** 3Rs for 3BR book project. Members from the Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club that helped were, Noel Hammatt, Carl Benedict, Joy and Bruce Hammatt, Gary Graham, Frank O'Quinn, and Dorothy Kemp.



MSU CKI: Volunteering Together as Family

Mississippi State University Circle K Club Facebook Page

On Saturday, October 26th, members of the **Mississippi State University Circle K Club** had a great time volunteering at Casserole Kitchen and having lunch together at Thai Siam afterwards. On Saturday, November 9th, members had breakfast with their CKI family and then volunteered together at the West Point Clay County Animal Shelter.

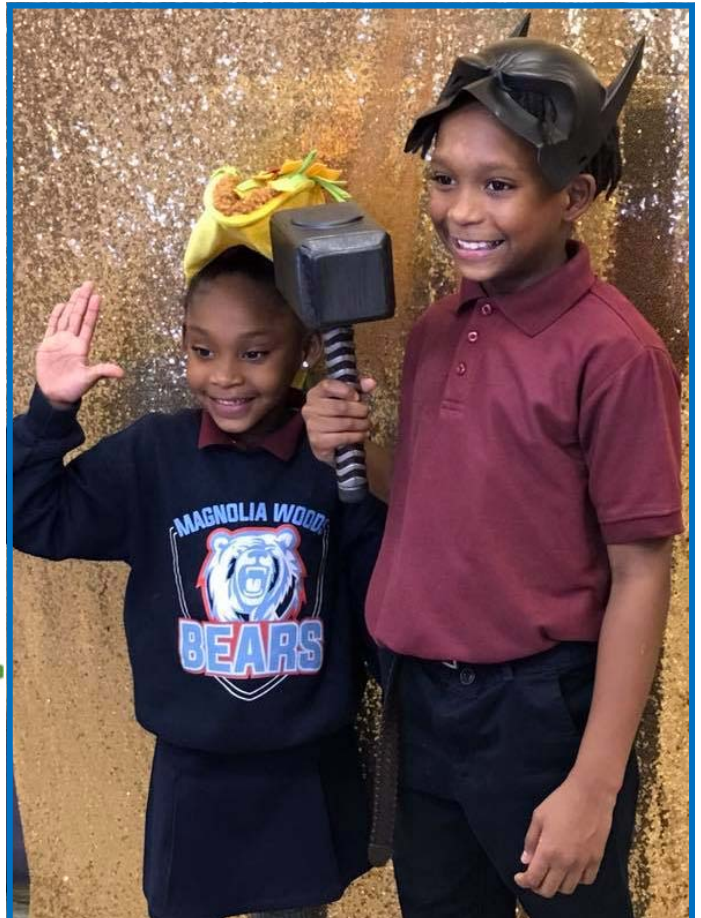


Bringing up Grades with Cortana

By Beverly Cain & Pam Morgan, Cortana Kiwanis Club

Cortana Kiwanis along with the Boys and Girls Club recognized twenty-seven students at Magnolia Woods Elementary. Bring Up Grades (BUGS) is a program designed to provide recognition to students who raise their grades and maintain or continue to raise them from one period to the next. The program on December 5th featured BUGs Certificates, certificates from Raising Cane's including a meal, pizza, a dance party and a photo booth. Congratulations to these students!

Cortana Kiwanis members assisting the Bring up Grades program at Magnolia Woods Elementary for the day were Heather Givens, Pam Morgan, Charlie Ford, Donna Leggett, Bob Blanchard and Danny McConnell.



East St. Mary Donates AED to Elementary School

By Reina Fernandez, East St. Mary Kiwanis Club

The **East St. Mary Kiwanis Club** has donated an automated external defibrillator to Central Catholic Elementary School (CCES). These defibrillators are used to help those experiencing cardiac episodes, and CCES is extremely grateful to the Kiwanians for their donation to maintain the safety of students, faculty, and families.



Pictured are (front) students Addison Duhon, Evangeline Callais, Madison Garrett, Carter Howard, and Preston Beattie; (back) Cal Carrier, Stephanie Duhon, Tim Hebert, Reina Fernandez, Jeremy Callais, CCES Principal Amanda Talbot, Emily Berry, Jason Pye, Sadie Rankin, Mark Ordogne, and Blane Aucoin.

Gulfport Flips 10,000+ Flapjacks

By Division 14 Lieutenant Governor Travis Moore, Gulfport Kiwanis Club

On December 4th, for 12 hours, members of the **Gulfport Kiwanis Club**, with the help of **Gulfport High School Key Club**, cooked more than 10,000 pancakes and served over 2,000 people at the club's 63rd Annual Pancake Day.



New Iberia Hosts 62nd Annual Pancake Supper

By Cindy Herring, New Iberia Kiwanis Club

On November 21st, **Kiwanis Club of New Iberia** hosted its 62nd Annual Pancake Supper. The Supper is a tradition in the City which signals the start of the holiday season. It is the primary fundraiser for the club which subsidizes Scholarships, The Boys & Girls Club, Quiz Bowl, Key Club Program, Harvey the Rabbit Program in Elementary Schools, Hugh O'Brian Award, 4-H Club and "I Know Who I Am" Program. Cooking starts at 6 a.m. with 8,000 sausage patties and approximately 20,000 pancakes. The area Key Clubbers and 4-H Club help to package about 3,300 to go orders and then close to 1,000 residents come and enjoy the comradery of the event while dining in. The children are able to enjoy entertainment from "Harvey the Rabbit and Friends," who encourages children to follow the Golden Rule: say No to Bullying and be Drug-Free. The preparation for the event begins the week before with grills being set up and tested and the entire Community Center is transformed to accommodate the patrons. It is a joint effort enjoyed by all.



Sulphur's Parade is a Christmas to Remember

By Millie J. Zane, Sulphur Kiwanis Club

Thousands of people crowded the streets for the Famous Annual **Sulphur Kiwanis** Christmas Parade! This year our Theme was "A Christmas to Remember!" . . . and that it was! Kicking off the parade was our Grand Marshall, Runner up Voice Winner Gyth Rigdon! There was excitement and Christmas Cheer could be heard and felt throughout the city as we kicked off the holiday season with the community. The city lit up the night, under the oaks, snow fell and Santa Claus came down from the North Pole to visit with everyone, including the local merchants! A carnival was set up, with food, fun and entertainment for all! **The Sulphur High School Key Club**, baseball team, and marching band all participated!



Martin Helps with Fall Book Walk for Kiwanis One Day

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club



Kiwanis One Day in Martin, Tennessee, centered around the fourth annual Children’s Fall Book Walk sponsored on October 26 by the C. E. Weldon Public Library with support from the **Kiwanis Club of Martin**. THE LITTLE YELLOW LEAF was the featured children’s book. Nine Kiwanians from the Martin Kiwanis Club participated in this exciting event combining reading and crafts..

Children’s and youth ser-

vices librarian Jenny Claiborne said that the event was a success as 18 children, 15 adults, nine Kiwanis volunteers, five student volunteers, and four members of the library staff braved the rainy day to gather for the fun autumn outing, held inside the library because of inclement weather.

Written and illustrated by Carin Berger, THE LITTLE YELLOW LEAF is about a leaf that holds on to the tree as the seasons change. The leaf is not ready to leave the safe environment of the tree. As one young and enthusiastic book walk participant said in a most fitting pun, “The little yellow leaf is not ready to LEAF the tree.”

One book reviewer commented, “This is a story for anyone who has ever been afraid of facing the unknown - and a celebration of the friends who help us take the leap.”

Everyone enjoyed the eight reading

stations set up for the book walk, and each table had a special art activity related to the book. The stations were hosted by volunteers who directed children in creating eight fall-themed crafts.

Kiwanian Jim Clark, who has helped with the popular fall book walk each year, said: “I like to see how the children get enthusiastic about the art projects and how - even those who were a little shy - got more and more excited as they moved toward the snowblower craft with Danelle Fabianich. She was wonderful with the children.” The snowblower craft reminded all that after these glorious fall days, winter is sure to blow in!

Kiwanis volunteers were Anna Clark, Jim Clark, Danelle Fabianich, Ann Gathers, Bettye Giles, Annie Jones, Linda Ramsey, Sara Sieber, and Library Director Roberta Peacock.



Martin Connects With Kiwanis in Japan

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

When **Martin Kiwanis Club** members Jim and Anna Clark asked past LaMissTenn Past Governor Otha Britton and current Governor Bruce Hammatt for several Kiwanis pins to take to the Kiwanis Club in Sendai, Japan, both governors responded immediately and generously to the request.

In early October, the Clarks - with ten pins in hand - visited their son Eric in Sendai, a city of approximately 1.5 million north of Tokyo on the eastern coast of Japan. Their son, who works as an educational advisor for the Sendai Board of Education, helped his parents arrange the meeting with Tadao Oda, professor emeritus of mathematics from Tohoku University and a mentor for the **Kiwanis Club of Sendai**, along with Yoshie Okabe, staff member in the Sendai Kiwanis office.

After sharing tea and stories about work in their clubs in “serving the children of the world,” the Kiwanians exchanged pins and gifts.

The pins from the two LaMissTenn governors feature an outline of the district, the Kiwanis symbol, and a computer (Gov. Britton) and an alligator (Gov. Hammatt). The brightly colored pins from the Sendai Club show the Kiwanis district of Japan, the Kiwanis logo, and a symbol representing the



Pictured with the Anna and Jim Clark are Sendai Kiwanian Tadao Oda and Kiwanis office staff administrative assistant Yoshie Okabe. Anna and Jim are holding pins from Sendai, and Tadao and Yoshie are holding pins from the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District. Anna and Yoshie are also holding Kiwanis dolls which are given to children who are facing hospitalization. Jim holds a Kiwanis banner that is given to each new member joining the Sendai Club.

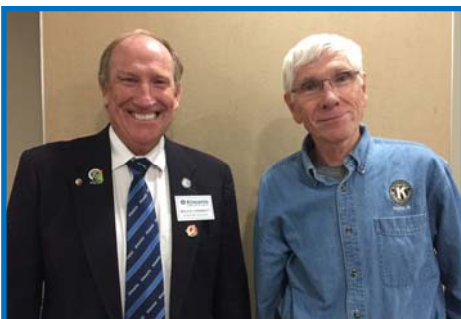
Sendai Tanabata festival, a traditional celebration where people write wishes, sometimes in the form of poetry, on small pieces of paper and hang these strips on bamboo, sometimes with other decorations. The Sendai Tanabata Festival, the most famous in Japan, has been celebrated in the region since the time of Date Masamune (1567-1636), the first warlord of the Sendai area.

Professor Oda, who has also served on the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees, explained that there are 38 Kiwanis clubs in Japan and that there are 70 members in the Sendai Club. He said that Kiwanis members from around the world, especially in the United States, helped Japan after the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011 when the 9.1 magnitude undersea megathrust earthquake and tsunami occurred on March 11th. Sendai was

the nearest major city to the earthquake, which was preceded by a number of large foreshocks and hundreds of aftershocks.

Oda also said that the Sendai Kiwanis Club will host the 46th Asia Pacific Convention (ASPAC) March 10 – 12, 2021, when more than one thousand Kiwanis members from Kiwanis districts, provisional districts, and non-districted nations in the Asia-Pacific region come together to work on projects and to grow Kiwanis membership in the Asia Pacific.

Oda presented the Tennessee visitors with a banner from the Sendai Kiwanis Club, the kind of banner given to each new member of the club, and also shared a Kiwanis trauma doll, the kind of doll given to children who are facing an operation. Oda said that children can draw on the faceless cotton doll



Gov. Bruce Hammatt with his pin from Sendai and Jim Clark, Martin Kiwanis.

Martin Connects With Kiwanis in Japan Continued . . .

and that doctors can use the doll to help explain medical procedures or other health care concerns to children.

In the exchange with the Martin Kiwanis Club members, Oda spoke both English and Japanese; Eric Clark, who speaks Japanese and has been in his current position in Sendai for nine years, helped with the translation.

The following persons have received Sendai Kiwanis pins: Linda Ramsey, a past president and the first female governor of the LaMissTenn District; Vickie Hazlewood, past president of the Martin Kiwanis Club; Jim Clark, past president of the Martin Kiwanis



Lt. Gov. Cathy Fry (third from right) with immediate past Lt. Gov. John Fry (right) and Anna and Jim Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

Club; Danelle Fabianich, immediate past president of the Martin Kiwanis Club; Annie Jones, president-elect of the Martin Kiwanis Club; Christie Ricketts, current president of the Martin Kiwanis Club; Cathy Fry, Union City Kiwanis Club and Division 1A Lt. Governor; Otha Britton, past governor of the District; Bruce Hammatt, current governor of the District; and Anna Clark, secretary of Martin Kiwanis.

Martin Kiwanis Club president-elect Annie Jones commented after receiving her pin: "Thank you for thinking of me and all of us as you travel. I love the pin and all it represents."

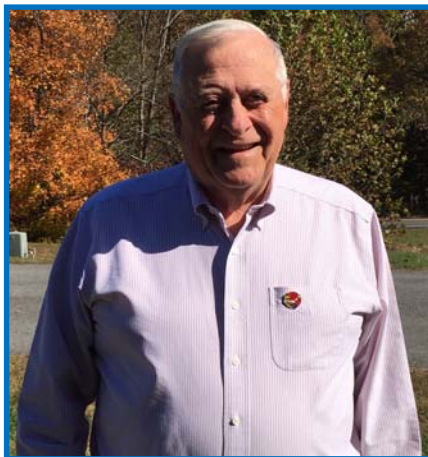
Past president of the Martin Kiwanis

Club Vickie Hazlewood said, "I appreciate the story and the thoughtfulness behind the pin and just want to say thank you again to the Clark Family for all you do!"

Gov. Bruce Hammatt wrote the nicest comment in an email: "I love that Kiwanis brings so much excitement, stories, and good will all over - everywhere!"



Martin Kiwanis Club Members Display Pins from Sendai, Japan: (left to right) Linda Ramsey, a past president and the first female governor of the LaMissTenn District; Vickie Hazlewood, past president of the Martin Kiwanis Club; Jim Clark, past president of the Martin Kiwanis Club; Danelle Fabianich, immediate past president of the Martin Kiwanis Club; and Annie Jones, president-elect of the Martin Kiwanis Club.



Past Gov. Otha Britton with his pin from Sendai.

Ponchatoula: A Thanksgiving for Senior Citizens

By Shelley McNemar, Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club

Continuing a long-time tradition, the **Kiwanis Club of Ponchatoula** hosted a Thanksgiving feast for a large group of local senior citizens at the club's Log Cabin. The event, co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponchatoula, provided a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings to about 65 seniors. Many of the guests, who look forward to this annual event, arrived early to socialize with their friends. Club President Darrell Rousseau welcomed the guests

and the benediction was delivered by senior guest, Rev. Charles Bigner. After the meal ended, each senior was presented with a bag of fresh fruit donated by the Kiwanis Club. As a supplemental Thanksgiving event the club purchased additional bags of fruit that were delivered to the Westminster Place residential community for seniors in Ponchatoula. Kiwanis enjoys recognizing these senior citizens who contributed much to the development of our community.



A Record Breaking Year for Lake Charles' Spooktacular Coats for Kids

By *Tori Hebert, Lake Charles Kiwanis Club*

It was a nifty night as the community filled the Crying Eagle Brewery at Lake Charles, Louisiana for a Spooktacular bash on October 25, 2019 hosted by the **Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles!** The 32nd Annual Coats for Kids Kickoff Spooktacular offered fun, food and live music while benefiting 10 charities that serve the needy in the Southwest Louisiana community. The Coats for Kids drive wrapped up in mid November. In total, 1,968 coats of all sizes were collected and donated to these charities. The Spooktacular Project raised \$15,000 that was distributed evenly between these same 10 charities on December 3, 2019.

Spooktacular Coats for Kids would not be possible without the dedicated effort and talent of our club members as well as our Key Club, CKI and Action Club partners. This was the first



year we incorporated youth programming into our annual event. Children were invited to bob for apples and to have their faces painted. Our student chapters are an integral part of spreading the word about the entire Coats for Kids project and about Kiwanis in general. They also helped this year by volunteering to collect coats from various schools and local businesses.

AAA Drive In Cleaners is the cornerstone for the Coats for Kids Project as

our command center for coat collection, cleaning, and distribution. We're proud of this strong tie to our community and what it provides to residents in Southwest Louisiana. We estimate of the 1,968 coats that were collected, approximately 1,318 will be of direct benefit to children.

This record breaking year is only the launching pad into another year of improving the world one coat, child and community at a time.

St. Gabriel Awards Scholarship

By *Milisa York, St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club*

The **St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club** had the privilege of giving a \$500 scholarship to the 2018-2019 Valedictorian of East Iberville High School, Ms. Niyah LaCour. Congratulations!



New Clubs Chartered

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club and John Fry, The Twin Cities Kiwanis Club

Greenfield Kiwanis Club

Even the extremely cold weather on November 13th could not dampen the enthusiasm of Kiwanis members celebrating Charter Night for the new **Kiwanis Club of Greenfield**, Tennessee, held at the Greenfield Community Center with Kiwanis members from three states attending. Members of the new club at Greenfield look forward to discovering new ways they can fulfill the Kiwanis mission of “improving the world one child and one community at a time.”

Pictured with the new Kiwanis banner are the following: first row, seated (left to right): Cathy Fry, lieutenant governor of Division 1A of the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District; Linda Ramsey, past district governor; Kimi Foley, Greenfield Kiwanis Club president; Lori Rash, Greenfield Kiwanis Club vice-president; second row (left to right): Bruce Hammatt, current district governor; Tara Tansil-Gentry, Greenfield Kiwanis Club board member; Eva A.



Abate, immediate past district governor; Mae Tansil, charter member; Rachel Lovell, Greenfield Kiwanis Club treasurer; back row (left to right): Blake Holliman, Greenfield Key Club secretary; Bryce Holliman, Greenfield Key Club treasurer; David Foley, charter member; Gary Graham, past district governor; McCall Scates, new Greenfield Kiwanis Club secretary; Maya Rash, Greenfield Key Club president; and Joel Dethloff, charter member.

The Twin Cities Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities Ken-Tenn officially received its charter on November 12th. The ceremony was scheduled in conjunction with a regularly scheduled club meeting. Members brought homemade chili and desserts for all to enjoy along with some Kiwanis fellowship. There were also a few silent auction items on hand to help the club generate funds for early projects. The charter members in attendance were joined by an interclub from the sponsoring Union City Club as well as the Martin Club. There were three past District Governors in attendance: Eva Abate, Gary Graham and Linda Ramsey. Past Lt. Governor John Fry led the festivities along with Immediate Past Governor Abate who presented the club charter to President Will Hester. 2019-2020 District Governor Bruce Hammatt imparted some words of wisdom and inspiration to the attendees with some closing remarks.



Pictured seated (left to right), Lisa Pritchard, president elect; Will Hester, president; Governor Bruce Hammatt; and Cathy Fry, lieutenant governor. Second row, standing are (left to right): LaWanda Alfred, assistant secretary; charter members Chris Pane, Rebecca Morris, Kim Jackson, Pat Dunker, Fred Hancock, Linda Jackson, and John Fry, past lieutenant governor. Back row are (left to right) Josh Pritchard, Wayne Fulcher, Mary Kessel, and Kim Jobe.

Twin Cities Makes the Most Out of One Day

By John Fry, The Twin Cities Kiwanis Club

The newly formed **Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities Ken-Tenn** pulled out all of the stops for Kiwanis One Day by giving back in multiple ways to the Twin Cities they serve. The club collected donations of dental and hygiene items along with school supplies and candy for treat bags distributed at a Halloween Trunk or Treat hosted by the City Of South Fulton. Hundreds of children received the goody bags while trick or treating in Unity Park. Kiwanis members also set up non-perishable food drives at Walmart and Food Rite in Fulton in support of The Ken Tenn Food Bank and Twin Cities CARE. The drive resulted in very impactful donations to both organizations. Club members learned more about the need to combat food insecurities while delivering the non-perishable items to both organizations.



Union City Reaches Out to the Community

By John Fry, Union City Kiwanis Club

All Treats - No Tricks for Kiwanis One Day



Members of the **Kiwanis Club of Union City** had a root-in' tootin' good time at The Halloween Hoedown hosted by the Obion County Public Library on October 26th! As their Kiwanis One Day project, members served snacks, handed out candy and laughed and played with superheroes, unicorns, SWAT and police officers, witches and many other adorable and spooky kiddos! Countless trick or treaters attended the event which featured many interactive games including an obstacle course, a gold mine and a saloon stocked with fresh popcorn and beverages.



Key Clubbers Learn about Batter Splatter

The **Kiwanis Club of Union City** held its annual Myrtle Harton Pancake Day the Saturday before Thanksgiving serving breakfast to hundreds of patrons. Those in attendance enjoyed all you can eat pancakes & sausage along with coffee, juice and milk. The event was held at Union City Middle School from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. One of the highlights of this year's fundraiser was the number of Key Club volunteers from both **Union City High School** and **Obion County Central High School**. The students learned the finer points of flipping the perfect flap jack. More compliments were received this year about the quality of the pancakes than in recent years undoubtedly due to the new cook crew.



Myrtle Harton Pancake Day
8th Annual

Kiwanis
CLUB OF UNION CITY
Fundraiser

I WANT YOU
TO BUY A PANCAKE TICKET

Saturday, November 23rd 7:00AM - 12:00PM
Union City Middle School
Tickets available at the door or from any Union City Kiwanis Club Member

Union City Reaches Out to the Community Continued . .

Full Speed Ahead with Head Start Reading Program



Members of **The Kiwanis Club of Union City** have continued to take turns reading to the three and four year olds at Miles Head Start in Union City. On Wednesday mornings members of the club eagerly walk through the doors of the local pre-school barely able to contain their excitement. Individual club members read a book or two to three separate classes each week. There's no way to know who looks forward to the weekly reading engagements more - the club members or the children. Since October, multiple members have enjoyed the one-on-one interaction with the young audience. Some samples of the narrations have been *The First Thanksgiving*, *Goodnight Gorilla*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* and *Don't Push the Button - Christmas Adventure*. We can't wait to read again after the first of the year.



Union City Reaches Out to the Community Continued . . .

Every Time a Bell Rings . . .



There was music in the air at the local Walmart on a recent Saturday compliments of members of **The Kiwanis Club of Union City** and **The Union City High School Key Club**. Volunteers from both clubs took shifts ringing bells for The Salvation Army outside the local retailer in early December to help raise much needed donations for the local organization as they prepare for the Christmas holiday season. Bell ringers rang from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and filled their buckets multiple times while working toward a one day fundraising record for the holiday need. Many bell ringing techniques were utilized during the endeavor and a few were perfected. One Key Club member even agreed to teach a bell ringing class to all of the Kiwanis Club members in preparation for next year.



Kiwanis Club of New Orleans Celebrates 100 Years

By Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis Club

The **Kiwanis Club of New Orleans** celebrated its 100th anniversary, by donating \$40,000 to City Park of New Orleans, for their first ever Musical Playground. Story Land, a beloved Children’s play area in City Park since the late 1950’s, was being renovated, and the Park was looking for donors for various features of the park. Kiwanis Club of New Orleans wanted to give the children of New Orleans a unique Musical Garden. It was a “win-win” for both! The musical garden consists of “Boudreaux, the Zydeco Gator, playing an accordion,” surrounded by cascading flower petals, over-sized xylophone with playbook, echo flowers, tubular gongs and melodious tubed harp. Kiwanis Club of New Orleans held a “grand opening” for Kiwanis members and



their families, that featured free snoballs. Can’t get more “N’awlins” than this!

Acadiana Appreciates its Sponsors

Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



On Thursday, November 8th, the **Kiwanis Club of Acadiana-Lafayette** hosted representatives from its 'Big Three' Zydeco Pancake Breakfast sponsors at lunch. The luncheon was part of the club's Inaugural Sponsor Appreciation Day. Kiwanis members told of the value of sponsor support and what it means to the club to now have a park downtown. The luncheon was complete when members walked with the sponsors to the new Kiwanis Harmony Park and took a group picture. THANK YOU COX, Home Bank and LUS! We could not do what we do without you. It's ALL about the kids.

Baton Rouge Kiwanis in Action!

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



On Saturday, October 19th, the **Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club** hosted its 70th Annual Pancake Festival. The club's favorite guest chef was District Attorney, Hillar Moore. He comes every year to help cook pancakes and he is becoming the master chef of pancake cooking!

This all-you-can-eat pancake event has become a community tradition and includes a talent show, an art show case, face painting and so much more! This year flu shots were available as well as blood pressure checks. Children were able to visit and feed animals brought in by "Project Ride" and the Baton Rouge Fire Department provided two firetrucks for the kids to enjoy.

Governor Bruce Hammatt and First Lady Joy Hammatt talked about alligators to the kindergarteners at Westdale Heights Academic Magnet on December 19th.

And, "Pete the Cat" continues to make his way across the LaMissTenn District to Pre-Kindergarten classrooms thanks to Joy Hammatt's First Lady Project. The students enjoy singing along and are always thrilled to receive their own copy of the book to take home.



Big Easy: Making Service FUN!

Big Easy Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Ugly Christmas Sweater Fundraiser



Boo at the Zoo Children's Hospital Fundraiser



Thanksgiving at Christopher Homes



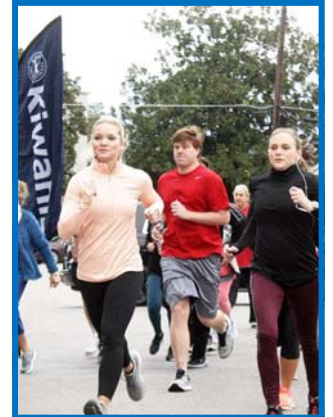
Adopt a Class for Christmas



Booneville Hosts Fall Festival 5K

Booneville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Congratulations to the winners in the 2019 Booneville Fall Festival 5K, hosted by the **Booneville Kiwanis Club**! We're grateful to all those who came out and participated and to our sponsors for making the event possible. All funds raised will go directly to helping children and families in our community.



Camellia City, Slidell Has a Spooky Good Time

Camellia City, Slidell Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

What a beautiful day! On October 19th, **Kiwanis Club of Camellia City, Slidell** passed out candy to little princesses, monsters and superheroes for the Riley's Bikes Spooktacular.



Cortana Spreads Christmas Cheer

Cortana Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Cortana Kiwanis Christmas Parade Rolls on a Beautiful Night!



Children from the Boys & Girls Club and from Broadmoor Elementary School were so excited to ride on the **Cortana Kiwanis** float with Club President Donna Leggett during the club's 69th Annual Christmas Parade in downtown Baton Rouge. The parade kicked off at 5:30 p.m. and was preceded by the Battle of the Bands. Local High School bands participated.

Holiday Service Projects

Cortana Kiwanis assisted the Congregation B'nai Israel Men's Club Shopping Spree partnering with Big Buddy at Macy's. We had a lot of fun helping the young children choose gifts for their family members. The club members may have been more excited than the children! After shopping the children had a visit with Santa.



Twenty-seven local families received a full Christmas dinner supplied and delivered by **Cortana Kiwanis** members.



Cortana Kiwanis had a merry time wrapping Christmas gifts with St. Vincent de Paul. The club also donated several bags of toys for this project.

Cortana: Service with a Smile

Cortana Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Thanksgiving Service Projects

Cortana Kiwanis members met as the sun was coming up November 26th to deliver Thanksgiving meals to twenty-six local families. We were thankful to have members of Woodlawn and Madison Prep High School Key Clubs assist us with this project. Paul and Debbie Salvant coordinated the effort along with assistance from Delaune's Supermarket in St. Amant. Minelle Del Vecchio served as the volunteer coordinator for Cortana Kiwanis and Key Clubs.



Lending Libraries

Cortana Kiwanis had so much fun painting Lending Libraries on November 5th! Soon the club will have ten Lending Libraries filled with books for local children.



Cortana Kiwanis spent one morning with the Parker House kids while they were on Thanksgiving break. The children were very creative with painting on canvas and decorating cookies. It was a beautiful day for outdoor games in the backyard!

A Tablet of Honor for Someone Special

On November 21st, at Cortana Kiwanis Club meeting, Margaret Hodges was presented the Henry W. Nash -Eugene J. Maier TABLET OF HONOR in appreciation of her eighteen years of service as Secretary of the Cortana Kiwanis Club. This honor was presented by Margaret's Past Presidents.



LOL Children's Miracle Network Mediathon

Cortana Kiwanis members worked together during the Our Lady of the Lake Children's Miracle Network Mediathon on November 15th to raise \$11,000 during the Cortana Kiwanis Power Hour! Local radio DJs from 98.1 the River, Murphy, Sam and Jody were there to help out.

Crowley Welcomes Santa

Crowley Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Crowley Kiwanis Club** hosted its traditional "Welcome to Santa" annual City of Crowley Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 5th. There were about a dozen sponsored floats along with another 10 to 15 individual units and parish marching bands in the annual yuletide event.



Denham Springs Shares the Joy of Christmas

Denham Springs Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The weather was perfect for the **Denham Springs Kiwanis Club** Christmas Parade, sponsored by First Guaranty Bank, on December 14th. The Grand Marshal was Louisiana Music Hall of Fame Inductee Chase Tyler.

Also, just two days prior, the Denham Springs Kiwanis Club presented the Lighting of the Christmas Tree featuring a phenomenal performance from the Livingston Parish Children's Choir. Christ Community Church provided hot chocolate, Chick-fil-A Denham Springs provided chicken sandwiches, Pelican State Credit Union volunteered, Luke 10:27 - A Community of Faith had a cookie decorating station, Healing Place Church - Denham Springs cooked fantastic jambalaya and our sponsors made sure the night was a success.



The Dawn Busters: Keeping Busy!

Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Rewards for Reading Still Going Strong!



Since 2006, the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis** have partnered with Jefferson Parish Schools to provide incentives for the children to read through the Rewards for Reading program. Because of the program's great success, Jefferson Parish Schools Superintendent, Dr. Cade Brumley has asked the club to help implement the Program into all 56 Jefferson Parish Elementary Schools (East Bank and West Bank). More than 21,700 elementary students will be eligible for reading rewards twice each year, at the end of each semester.



The basic concept is simple: The children read a book, take a test to demonstrate that they comprehended it, and, if they pass, they get a ticket that goes into a drawing for prizes. The more books they read and pass a test on the more chances they have to win.

Pictured at top is "The Dawn Busters Biker Gang" delivering bikes for Rewards for Reading to some of the club's schools.

World's Largest Turkey Fry!

For the better part of a quarter of a century, the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis** have cooked turkeys leading up to Thanksgiving for one reason; the children. What began as 250 fried turkeys to raise money back in 1997 has grown to 1,000 plus in 2019. The money goes to the club's Reward's for Reading program, which is now in all 56 Jefferson Parish schools.



Lantern Light

Every Monday, **The Dawn Busters** provide and serve hot meals to the homeless. Members buy, pick up, serve up and hand out 1,000 hot lunches. Located behind St. Joseph's Church on Tulane in New Orleans, the club has provided over 50,000 hot meals to men, women and children in need.

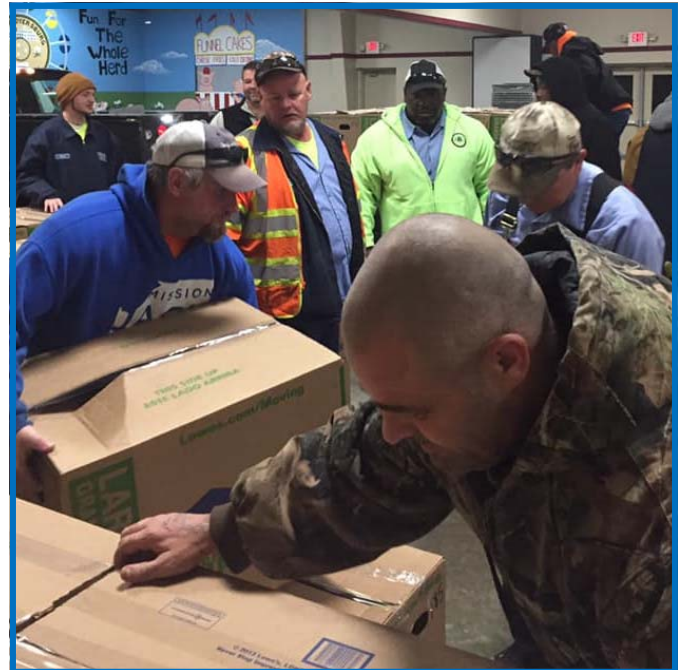


Dyersburg: Fulfilling Community Needs

Dyersburg Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

This year, the **Dyersburg Kiwanis Club's** Goodfellows project provided a box of holiday food to over 500 families in Dyersburg/Dyer County! Cost per box is approximately \$65. Along with many friends from the community, members packed 504 food boxes! Kiwanis club of Dyersburg thanks Dyersburg City Street Dept., Dyer County Highway Dept., and Dyer County Jail trustees for helping load 504 boxes of food for our community!

Also, the Dyersburg Kiwanis Club was honored to present \$5,000 to Junior Auxiliary of Dyer County to help provide Journey Bags to help comfort and care for kids in transition. On Kiwanis One Day, members had the privilege of packing the Journey Bags. In November, Kiwanis and Junior Auxiliary members delivered 43 backpacks - filled with necessities and comfort items - to the Department of Children's Services.



Eunice Kiwanis Hosts a Very Merry Christmas Parade

Eunice Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



A merry good time was had by all at the annual **Eunice Kiwanis Club's** Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 5th. The best entry in the parade was the Faith Christian Worship Center of Eunice and their "Angel" float! Pictured with the winning team are Kiwanis members John Fontenot, Clint Bischoff, Debbie Kreswell, and Angie McBride.



Germantown Celebrates City Employees

Germantown Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Germantown Kiwanis Club members were happy to celebrate their city employees on the morning of October 25th with a pancake breakfast! Their expert team of pancake flippers was led by Former Mayor Sharon Goldsworthy. A presentation was made to the employee of the year, De'Kisha Fondon in recognition of her dedication, loyalty and innovation. Thank you for a job well done!



Greater Ouachita Rolls Out "An Enchanted Christmas" Parade

Greater Ouachita Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The 2019 **Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita** Christmas Parade took place in downtown West Monroe and Monroe on Saturday, December 7th. The theme for this year's 49th annual parade was "An Enchanted Christmas." The Grand Marshal for this year's Christmas Parade was Bert Hatten, a WWII Veteran and former Mayor of West Monroe.



Hammond Kiwanis Continue to Fill Happy Packs for Students

Hammond Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



For the sixth consecutive year, the **Hammond Kiwanis Club** is continuing the Happy Pack program at Woodland Park School. Each week club members, along with volunteers, hand out 160 backpacks filled with a book and 10 food items every week to pre-K and kindergarten students so that they might have something to eat on the weekends. The children were so excited to get their "happy packs!" Thanks to First Guaranty Bank for helping to fill the backpacks!

Houma's Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade & Festival

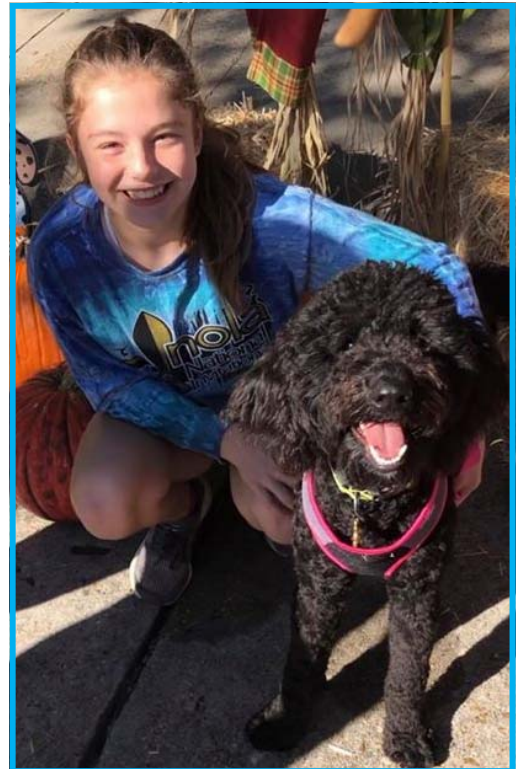
Houma Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Houma** hosted its first Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade and Festival fundraiser at the courthouse square Saturday, October 19th from 9 a.m. to noon. The event kicked off with a short canine parade after which awards for best dog cos-



tume, best owner/pet look alike costume, obedience and others categories were presented. There was also be a howling contest and the coronation of a king and queen based on essays submitted from the dog's point of view. Various dog-related vendors had booths presenting their wares and offered tips on grooming and pet care.

The Houma Kiwanis club sponsors a number of activities benefitting the Houma community with special focus on children such as the Terrific Kids program in local schools, the Play It Again Terrebonne instrument loan program to local school bands, Books for Bikes, scholarships to NSU and Fletcher, high school Key Clubs and volunteering to help with events of other local non-profits.



Lafayette Knows What Christmas is All About

Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Lafayette Kiwanis Club's** Operation Magi, held on December 7th, was a wonderful success. Club members hosted a Christmas shopping spree for families in need at the local Walmart. Also, through the club's Wheels of Wonder program, members were able to get new bicycles for children in Acadiana just in time for Christmas.



Lake Charles: Kids Need Kiwanis

Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

A Christmas Celebration

On December 17th, the **Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles** hosted 15 children from their Partner in Education, Henry Heights Elementary School, for their Annual Children's Christmas Party. Mmbers sang Christmas Carols and played games, then the children each received presents from Santa who knew exactly what they'd wished for. # Kids Need Kiwanis!



Coats for Kids

Test results are in for the **Lake Charles Kiwanis Club's** 32nd Annual Coats for Kids Kickoff Spooktacular Fundraising Event held at the Crying Eagle on October 25th. While the initial diagnosis was partly cloudy, the recovery was Absolutely Spooktacular! The event was a success to say the least!

On December 3rd, **Lake Charles Kiwanis** celebrated the success of the 32nd year of its Annual Coats for Kids Drive. The event benefited 10 local charities. This year members collected 1,900 coats and \$15,000.00 to disperse between the local Charities. Now many children will be able to stay warm during the cold days of winter.

Laurel: Flipping Jacks for Flash Cards

Laurel Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The Kiwanis Club of Laurel has been in the process of distributing multiplication and division flash cards to third grade students in ten elementary schools in Laurel and Jones County! This project is made possible due to the success of the Laurel Kiwanis Pancake Day held in December.



Lucedale Continues Flash Card Program

Lucedale Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

For the fourth year, the **Lucedale Kiwanis Club** fulfilled its goal of providing multiplication flash cards to every third grade student in the county. Learning multiplication facts becomes important in the 3rd grade as students begin the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP), which measures academic growth.

“We began this as our signature service project and it has really been helpful for both students and teachers. We want all of the children in this county to succeed academically,” says Janet Schnurr, Lucedale Kiwanis president.

The money raised from the club’s annual “Boo Bash for Cash” Drawdown fundraising event was used to print and package the cards. The Club also received a grant for a portion of the expense from the Kiwanis International Foundation.



Boo Bash for Cash Drawdown



Martin Kiwanis Christmas Parade Rolls without a Hitch

Martin Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Oh, what a night! On Monday, December 2, Martin was filled with holiday spirit as more than 65 entries in the Kiwanis/City of Martin Christmas Parade rolled down University Street and on to Lindell Street in the festive downtown area. Winning first place in the commercial float category was Hooks Pet Clinic. This delightful Dr. Seuss-themed float featured lights, pets, children, music, and much holiday

spirit. The second place winner in the commercial category was Vannoy Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Inc., of Martin with a Polar Express-themed float, and winning third place was Heart Aligned Pediatric with a vintage car and lighted Christmas tree. Winners in the non-commercial category were as follows: first place, Central Christian Academy; second, Ralston Baptist Church, and

third, Broadway Baptist Church. Captain Skyhawk appeared in the parade dressed in a Santa outfit, but the “real” Santa arrived in style, complete with his sleigh and three reindeer. Annie Jones said, “Thanks to each of you for your support, understanding, and caring as I found my way around in the maze of organizing the Christmas parade . . . I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with blessings.”



Moisant Serves Children in Need

Moisant Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In November, members of the **Moisant Kiwanis Club** spent a great day at the Covenant House of New Orleans giving back to children in need. The Covenant House is a shelter and sanctuary for troubled youth.



Moss Point Gets Involved

Moss Point Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Kiwanis One Day: Providing Goody Bags for Students Taking the ACT



Angel Night 2019



Northeast Shelby County Helps Fund Choir Trip to Normandy

Northeast Shelby County Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Northeast Shelby County** hosted a Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, October 22nd to benefit the Arlington High School Choir's trip to perform in the commemoration ceremonies of the D-Day Invasion and the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Normandy. The event took place at Arlington Elementary and tickets were \$5.



North Lake Charles Hosts Community Outreach Celebration

North Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In December, the **Kiwanis Club of North Lake Charles** hosted its 32nd Community Outreach Celebration. The club invited nursing homes and assistance living facilities to come out and have some fun. Members and guests were thankful to have the Washington Marion High School Choir sing several songs. A good time was had by all!



Opelousas Presents First Historic Holiday Tour of Homes

Opelousas Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The Opelousas Kiwanis Club presented its first Historic Holiday Tour where participants were able to step back in time to experience the season in one of Louisiana's oldest cities - Opelousas! The tour took place on Saturday, December 14th and included a social hour with holiday hors d'oeuvres afterwards at Moss Floral & Garden and the Jim Bowie Courtyard. The three hour tour included the homes of Bellevue Manor; Morrow, Gates, Morrow, LLC "Sandoz Family Home"; and Persimmon Place. Tickets were \$20.



Pancake Season for Pearl

Pearl Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Pearl Kiwanis Club members and key clubbers had a wonderful time flipping pancakes and serving community members at their annual pancake supper in November.



Pascagoula Cares

Pascagoula Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



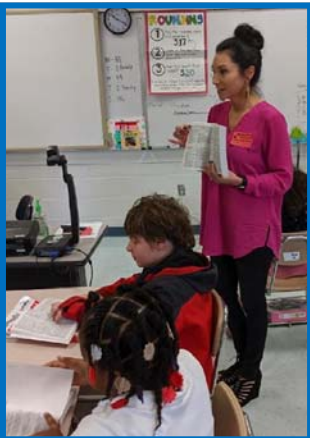
Cookies for CASA

The **Pascagoula Kiwanis Club** donated cookies to our local CASA Taters for Tots fundraiser. CASA is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children and so is Kiwanis!

#KidsNeedKiwanis

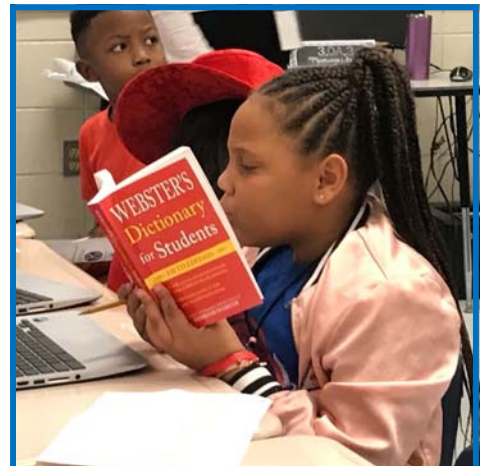
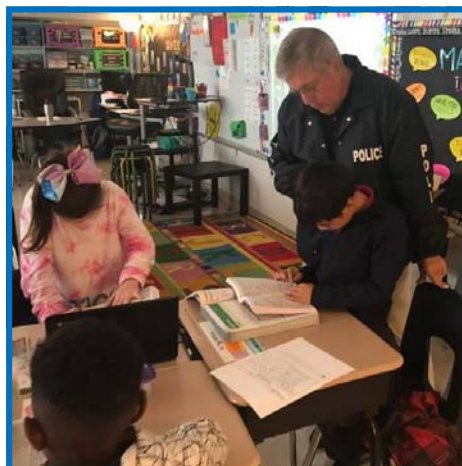
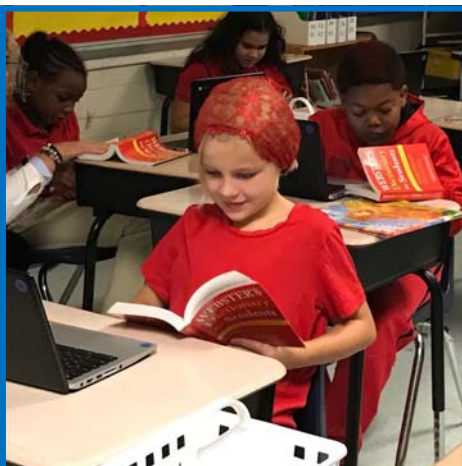
Super Heroes

The **Pascagoula Kiwanis Club** presented hand decorated SUPER HERO capes to Singing River Health Systems for little patients of the hospital.



Delivering Dictionaries to 3rd Graders

The **Pascagoula Kiwanis Club** distributed dictionaries to all third-graders in the Pascagoula Gautier School District in October. This is just one of the many projects Kiwanis takes on to help the children in our community. It is always a great time visiting our schools. Special Thanks to Dictionary Sponsors: Chevron, Mississippi Power and Keesler Federal Credit Union



Ponchatoula Hosts Santa and Gives Away Bikes

Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



In December, the **Kiwanis Club of Ponchatoula's** annual pancake breakfast was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came for breakfast especially Santa!

Congratulations to Hazel Watkins and Ayden Barado for winning the bicycles at our recent pancake breakfast with Santa!

Everyone looks forward to this annual event each year and enjoys sharing their Christmas wish lists with Santa.

East St. Mary Works the Pumpkin Patch

East St. Mary Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On the morning of October 19th, members of the **Kiwanis Club of East St. Mary** were quite busy helping to set up pumpkins for the Morgan City BANK sponsored pumpkin patch to benefit ST. MARY OUTREACH. This pumpkin patch serviced more than 1,000 students from St. Mary Parish schools in one week! That's a lot of fieldtrips!



St. Martinville Joins Forces to Provide Coats for Kids

St. Martinville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



On December 12th, the **St. Martinville Kiwanis Club** joined forces with the St. Martinville Rotary to assist St. Teresa's Works of Wisdom. The clubs purchased coats for the children of the community to be distributed to St. Teresa's. Thanks to all who helped in making this possible.

Pontchartrain Gives Back

Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Bringing Christmas Goodies to the New Orleans Women's and Children's Shelter

Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club members Deidre Charlot and Myra Lewis are shown with Sidney Coleman, Administrative Coordinator, and other staff members of the New Orleans Women's and Children's Shelter as they delivered requested cleaning supplies and Wish List games Friday, December 13th.



Caring for the Homeless

Members of **Kiwanis Pontchartrain** celebrated Kiwanis One Day by assembling manna bags for distribution to homeless individuals. The bags included mandarins, cheese crackers, nutrition bars, water and a hand wipe. Each member took five to ten bags to distribute to homeless in the streets near their neighborhoods.



Children's Hospital Toy Christmas Drive

Members of **Pontchartrain Kiwanis**, along with family members and student volunteers from Bonnabel and West Jefferson High Schools, helped to collect, sort and box toys for Children's Hospital's annual toy drive on Thursday, December 12th. Club members collected toys from Holy Spirit Church in Algiers and both locations of the People Program.





Paris-Lakeway Hosts Successful Mexican Fiesta!

Paris-Lakeway Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On October 24th, the **Kiwanis Club of Paris-Lakeway** hosted another successful annual Mexican Dinner fundraiser. The event was held at the Paris Convention Center from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and then again from 4-7 p.m. The proceeds will benefit local organizations in Henry County.



South Lake Charles Hosts Annual Christmas Shopping Spree

South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On the night of December 17th, the **Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles** had its annual Christmas shopping spree at Target. Members helped a total of 38 kids buy Christmas presents.



Southwest Contraband Serves the Kids

Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Southwest Contraband** loves supporting the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana's annual Golf For Kids' Sake! On November 1st, club members cheered on golfers participating in the tournament and served fresh homemade tamales! Lots of fun, laughter, and comradery were shared!



The Natchez Trace Makes a Difference

The Natchez Trace Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



On November 21st, **The Natchez-Trace Kiwanis Club** donated over 100 lbs. of food to the Natchez Community Stewpot. And just the next day, club members helped spruce up the city for Bluff Clean Up Day!



Southwest-Lafayette Gives Thanksgiving Baskets

Southwest-Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

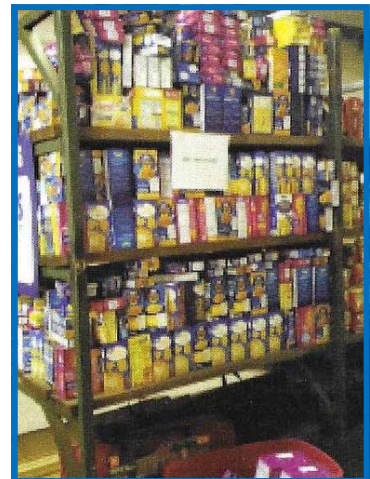
The **Kiwanis Southwest of Lafayette** held its Annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway on November 26th. Thank you to the Kiwanis members and the Keland and Yolanda Simmons Foundation for your generous donations.



Starkville Holds United We Feed Food Drive

Starkville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Starkville Kiwanis Club** would like to thank the generous people of Oktibbeha County for all the shelf-stable food donations during our recent United We Feed Food Drive. We had more food donated this year than in previous years. The food will be distributed to 16 food closets and agencies in The United Way's 3 county area.



St. Bernard-Arabi: Caring for Kids

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Teaching & Learning Pet Responsibilities with 4-H

The Annual St. Bernard Parish Pet Show was held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Paul Noel Gym in Chalmette. Working in cooperation with Dr. Don Duplantier of St. Bernard Veterinary Clinic, St. Bernard Parish 4-H Club members showcased a wide variety of pets ranging from dogs and cats to reptiles, rabbits and rodents. Serving as judges for the event were several members from the **St. Bernard Kiwanis**.

The purpose of the pet show was for 4-H members to learn how im-

portant it is to be a responsible pet owner. Participants were interviewed by judges on their knowledge of caring for their pet. Participants were asked questions such as "How often and what do you feed your pet?" "What vaccinations does your pet need?" "How often do you bathe your pet or clean its cage?" Concluding the event was the Best Dressed Pet competition. Participants were awarded 4-H ribbons.

Pet show participants were asked to bring an item to be donated to the St.

Bernard Parish Animal Shelter as part of a service project for this event. 4-H Jr. Leaders collected pet toys, blankets, towels, pet treats and food. These items will be donated to the Animal Shelter on the State wide 4-H Day of Service, in December.

In preparation for the pet show Dr. Don Duplantier attended the November 4-H Club meetings to speak to 4-H members about what being a responsible pet owner means. He covered topics such as spay & neuter, vaccinations against disease, and heart worms.

Pictured are winners of the Cats, Fish, Reptiles & Amphibians, Rabbits & Rodents, and Unusual Pets categories that were judged by St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis members at the Annual St. Bernard Parish Pet Show.



Ready for Reading!

On October 19th, the **St. Bernard Kiwanis Club** unveiled its 2nd Little Free Library at Christian Fellowship Worship Center. The community is invited to come out and grab a book, and leave a book but, please don't forget to close the door.



Tupelo Hosts Costumes & Cocktails to Benefit Autism Center

Tupelo Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Tupelo Kiwanis Club's** 1st Annual Costumes & Cocktails on October 26th was a huge success! Thank you to everyone for helping to fund the indoor playground for the Autism Center!



The Twin Cities: Sharing the Spirit of Christmas

The Twin Cities Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On December 17th, members of the **Twin Cities Kiwanis Club** enjoyed a night of Christmas caroling and visiting with residents at Park Terrace Assisted Living.



Vicksburg: Improving the World One Community at a Time

Vicksburg Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



- 1 In December, Vicksburg Kiwanians delivered a tree and decorations to an Angel Tree family.
- 2 In November, Vicksburg Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and Boy Scouts packed Thanksgiving Baskets for the Good Shepherd Community Center to distribute.
- 3 In October, Vicksburg Kiwanians enjoyed Trunk or Treat and passed out candy for 2 hours.
- 4 In October, Vicksburg Kiwanians and Key Clubbers served about 150 meals to the flood victims at Eagle Lake.

Vanleave Helps with Home of Grace Toy Drive

Vanleave Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

A HUGE Thanks to all who participated in the **Vanleave Kiwanis Club's** December Service project, The Home of Grace Children's Toy Drive! We had good food, a fun time and wonderful fellowship!



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By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor

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DEADLINES:

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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.

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