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Alexandria Serves a Full Plate of FUN to Terrific Kids



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Elementary School

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Get to Know Your New Executive Director



Name: Jen/Jennifer Robertson

Kiwanis Club: Pascagoula

Date Joined Kiwanis: 12/2012

Hometown: Pascagoula, MS

Current Town: Hurley, MS

College Education: MS State University and University of Memphis

College Major: Applied Urban Cultural Anthropology

Spouse: Paul Robertson

Children: James (11) and Grey (8)

Pet: Three-year old Basset Hound named Trix

Previous roles:

- Grants Specialist, City of Pascagoula
- Community and Economic Development Director, City of Pascagoula
- Business Development-Marketing Analyst, Mississippi Export Railroad

Goals:

- Grow membership
- Increase District marketing and value for clubs and members
- Support club service activities to improve our communities, one child at a time

What Your District is Doing for You

The LA-MS-W TN Kiwanis District has many NEW things to share with you starting this New Kiwanis Year! You can check out the newly renovated website at www.lamisstenn.org to see all the new things we have to offer.

Now you are able to register for events directly online as well as make donations by completing our new user-friendly forms. Other new features on the website include:

- Club Annual Giving Contribution
 - Friend of the Foundation & Endowment Program Contributions
 - Grant Application
 - Key Club and Circle K Scholarship Applications
 - Award Nominations
 - Circle of Honor Award Ordering
 - District Calendar
 - Latest News
 - Important Service Leadership Program Information and more!
- Everything you need can be found at www.lamisstenn.org!

Rerun Bruce: Heading Full Speed into the New Year

By Bruce Hammatt, Governor

Kiwanis International President Bert West was asking the membership at our District Convention exactly how they should identify me since I was going to be District Governor again. After several moments, and light-hearted comments from the membership, the decision was “Rerun Bruce.” So here I am Governor again. I am as excited as I can be to finally be starting my year as Governor of this Great and Historic District - as Rerun Bruce.

The last few months have been exceptionally busy as the time drew ever closer to the day that long-time member and friend, Charlie Ford, was going to walk out the door of the District office for the last time as our Executive Director. After over 46 years, that time came at the end of August. However, I knew the District was going to be in excellent hands because for the last two weeks before he left, he was busy working and coaching his replacement, Jen Robertson.

With Jen at the helm, I am confident my year will be exciting as the



Board makes some changes to the way we function. We think right now is the best time for a little “tweaking” on our processes. Chief among them will be my goal of being more inclusive for the general membership and allowing more open dialogue on our overall operations.

We will be forming new Subcommittees to allow more input from our District membership. These Subcommittees will allow us to beef up our ideas and involvement for our membership recruitment and education activities. The new Two For Two initiative should also help individual clubs recruit new members on a regular and recurring basis. Training was provided at our

District Convention. If you were not able to make the Convention, shame on you, but you can still be able to find the recruiting initiative on our District website.

Speaking of that, Jen and Tiffany LaPorte are in the early stages of completely revamping our District website. In addition our Public Relations Chair for the District, Jillian Wohlgenuth, who is also serving as our Lieutenant Governor from Division 4B, is actively involved with revamping our Social Media presence. You should be able to read about some of these activities in this Newsletter.

As we get started on our new Kiwanis year, remember to always strive to have fun while we are improving the world, one child and one community at a time. And maybe, with the help of the LaMissTenn membership, I will be recognized as a Distinguished Governor for 2022-2023 just as Past Governor Patrice Cusimano was recognized for her year of leadership during 2020-2021.

Kiwanis: It's all about Helping Kids

By Rogena Woods-Mitchell, Governor-Elect



Dear LaMissTenn District,

You probably don't know me now but in about thirty years or so you will have given me the nickname Buttercup. I was born at Singing River Hospital in Pascagoula, Mississippi and raised in small town of Moss Point. You may know my mom. Her name is Ernestine Black and when I am about forty-five years old, she will join the Kiwanis Club of Vancleave and help kids learn how to sew. But this story isn't really about me. It's about all the little boys and girls who don't have a mom and dad who read to them, and who can't afford to send them to school every morning with clean clothes and full stomachs. This is a

story about all the countless kids all over the world who without Kiwanis clubs would not live successful and thriving lives.

That is why Kiwanis is so important. Because even though I did have all those things growing up, I still needed Kiwanis. Kids still need Kiwanis too, now more than ever. This District has a great opportunity and a great challenge—to reach all the kids all over Mississippi, Louisiana and West Tennessee and provide them with all the things that they will need to grow up feeling loved, cared for, and supported. The clubs in this district do those things each and every day. But there is more work to be done.

This year members are asked to grow and strengthen your clubs and build new ones. But why is this so important? It's important because little Buttercups and Reruns (AKA Future Governor Bruce Hammatt) all over the District need Kiwanis. As you read this letter my future self is working alongside several

volunteers to help bring a new club to the Leesville, Louisiana community to help kids learn how to be the best individuals that they can be.

So, how can you grow your clubs and build new ones. Grownup Buttercup would say, you begin by simply asking someone in your community to help you and others improve kids' lives by joining your club or helping to build a club. But don't stop there. Keep asking until every kid like me in this district has everything that they need to grow and thrive. Think of how much your club could do for a kid if it had just one or two more members and how much better a child's life would be if there was a new Kiwanis club in his or her community. So, get excited about the opportunity and accept the challenge to grow your clubs and build new ones.

My future self-thanks you.

Love Always,

Buttercup

Laissez Les Bons-Ton Rouler!

By Rick Latlouis, Immediate Past Governor

As my term of Governor winds down, individuals ask me if I am relieved that my year is coming to an end. **My answer is NO!** It was so rewarding to see all the work and service going on in our District. I congratulate and thank all of you for making this past year so special and I hope you **knock it out the park** again this coming year. With Bruce and Rogena's leadership, I feel sure you will.

This past weekend I attended the District Foundation's Board Meeting and I came away with renewed respect for all the people that attended (17) and for the valent effort they make to improve communities and the lives of children. We should all be proud of the work that they have accomplished. Make sure your



club contributes generously to the Annual Club Giving and supports the Basket Raffles during the Mid-Winter Conventions.

So far this year we have engaged four clubs (Louisville, Tri Parishes, Carencro, and Rayne). By the time you read this we hope to have a club in Leesville and a club in the Red River Parish area. Six new Key

Clubs were chartered so far in 2022 and it appears that there are approximately 5,600 members reported, which is up from the 1,600 reported during the pandemic.

Last night my wife and I attended the Wild Game Cook Off hosted by the East St. Mary Club. I had Boom-Boom Shrimp, Seafood Bisque, Crab and Corn Bisque, Wild Hog Sliders, Venison and Elk Chillie, Speckled Trout Poppers and Wild Hog's Head Cheese and there were many other delicacies that I just couldn't get to. Kudos to this club for putting on another spectacular fund raiser.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lafayette for the District Convention in August.

Laissez Les Bons-Ton Rouler

Past Governor's Challenge 2022-2023

By Eva Abate, Past Governor



Past Governor Fred Pitts challenged all Past Governors to recruit 2 new members this coming year. The challenge was issued and 13 Past Governors answered THE CALL. The Past Governors will keep you updated on their success in future newsletters. Happy recruiting!

A challenge can be a fun and energizing time for your Club also. Consider giving it a try and let us know your results. More hands and ideas to help with community projects are a win for all.

KIWANIS: LOVE IT LIVE IT SHARE IT

2022 LA-MS-W TN Kiwanis Annual Convention Recap

By Donna Leggett, 2022 District Convention Host Chair

The 104th Annual Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International Convention was held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from August 5-7, 2022. We had 290 Kiwanians and guests in attendance from all parts of the district and beyond. A highlight of this year's convention was welcoming a who's who of Kiwanis International leaders, including our 2022-2023 President Bert West from Colorado, Vice President Katrina Baranko from Georgia, Trustee Gary "Coop" Cooper of North Carolina, Board Counselor Steven Ingram of Indiana along with past International Presidents Sue Petrisin, Paul Palazzolo and Nettles Brown. We can all thank Charlie Ford for attracting so many leaders to our convention in honor of Charlie's retirement.

This prestigious group led some motivating and educational workshops on Friday and we offered 21 workshops on Saturday. Participants learned about new programs including Two for Two, Healthy Boot Camp, and the history of



District Executive Director of the Louisiana Mississippi West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International, Charlie Ford, was honored Saturday night for his years of dedicated service with a retirement roast party. Pictured with Charlie are his wife, sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren.

Kiwanis. A big hit was learning more about our service leadership programs, namely Builders Club, K-Kids, Key Leader, Key Club, Aktion Club, and Circle K.

Charlie Ford's retirement party on Saturday night, celebrating 46 years as Executive Director of the LaMissTenn District, brought in even more guests. Greg Beard and Nettles Brown planned a fun evening with a roast for Charlie as an opportunity to reminis-



Region I Trustee John Fry presents Governor Rick Latiolais with a Tablet of Honor at the District Board of Trustees and Lieutenant Governors dinner.

cence about the good times spent with him throughout his long tenure. Several past International Presidents, past Trustees, Governors as well as family and friends were invited to speak. The roast turned out to be more about heartfelt comments and stories of the many ways that Charlie has touched the lives of so many.

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The 2022-2023 District Board of Trustees with Executive Director Jen Robertson, Governor-Elect Rogena Woods-Mitchell and Governor Bruce Hammatt

2022 LA-MS-W TN Kiwanis Annual Convention Recap Continued . . .

Our District service project was a food collection for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. To date, over \$3,500.00 has been collected, along with a truckload of food. Thanks to everyone who supported this worthwhile project.

Several Kiwanians were recognized for outstanding leadership throughout the weekend. On Sunday morning we honored the legacy of our Kiwanis members who have left us this past year. We all enjoyed a full weekend of fellowship, service, education, and making new friends.

I would like to thank our Convention Host Committee and all of the volunteers who made this convention possible. Your tireless work is sincerely appreciated.

Make plans to attend the 2023 District Convention in Lafayette, LA, August 4-6, 2023!



2022-2023 International President Bert West Installed Rogena Woods-Mitchell as Governor-Elect and Bruce Hammatt as Governor. Spouses Steve Mitchell and Joy Hammatt are pictured with them.



Pictured with Charlie Ford (center) at his retirement party: Intl. President Bert West, Past Intl. President Sue Petrisin, Past Intl. President Paul Palazzolo, Vice President Katrina Baranko & Past Intl. President Nettles Brown.



The 2022-2023 District Lieutenant Governors along with new Executive Director Jen Robertson, International Trustee Steve Ingram and Governor Bruce Hammatt

Schubert Awarded Layperson of the Year 2021-2022

Congratulations to Derek Schubert, who was awarded the 2021-2022 Layperson of the Year. Derek was nominated by the **St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club**. Human and Spiritual Values Committee Chair Dan Johnson presented the award to Schubert during the prayer breakfast at the LA-MS-W TN Kiwanis District Convention in Baton Rouge, LA on Sunday, August 7th. A donation of \$250.00 was made to Celebrate Recovery in honor of Schubert.

“There are people who come into your life and leave a lasting mark. People who make you want to be a better human being. People who live and breathe the golden rule. People who seem to have energy that goes on for days, unyielding compassion, and a genuine desire to help others. Derek Schubert is one of those people,” says St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club member Karen Boudrie. Derek was recognized for his work in his community, specifically during Hurricane Ida and the tornado that devastated the Arabi community.



St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club members with Dan Schubert at the LA-MS-W TN Kiwanis District Convention in Baton Rouge, LA.



Dan Johnson presents the Layperson of the Year Award to Derek Schubert.

Davis Awarded Fireman of the Year 2021-2022

Biloxi Kiwanis is proud to announce the 2021-2022 Fireman of the Year Jason Earl Davis. Assistant Chief Davis has been with the Biloxi Fire Department since September 1998. Over 24 years he has served the department and the citizens of Biloxi in various capacities such as a Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, Chaplain, Captain, Battalion Chief and Deputy Chief of Training.

Assistant Chief Davis was selected from over 300 nominees submitted by Kiwanis Southern District. This included all of Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee. A donation of \$250.00 was made to Assistant Chief Davis’ favorite non-profit Back Bay Mission. Assistant Chief Davis is a true asset to the Biloxi Fire Department.



Pictured from L to R: Biloxi Kiwanis Pres.-Elect Scarlett Green, Past Gov. Denis Oliver, Assistant Chief Jason Earl Davis, and Chief Nicholaus Geiser.



Back Bay Mission Development Director Laura Payne accepts a donation from Jason Earl Davis.

Meet the New District Public Relations Chair

By Jillian Wohlgemuth, Public Relations Chair



Happy New Year Kiwanians!

I am so excited to serve as the new Public Relations Chair for the district and support each of your clubs. I graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Public Relations and I hope to serve the district to the best of my ability. The first thing I have started working on is the creation of an Instagram for the district (follow us @Lamisstennkiwanis).

Next, I will be sharing an application in the near future for a PR team! I invite our creative members to join this team. We will be creating content for marketing for the district and clubs to use.

Lastly, I have an email where you can share your photos, stories, questions, etc. - prlamisstennkiwanis@gmail.com. Please share your upcoming events, so that we can promote it!

I look forward to working with you all!

DISTRICT NEWS

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT OF KIWANIS

2023 Mid-Year Regionals

Mark Your Calendar!

REGION I: Div. 1A, 1C

January 14, 2023

REGION IV: Div. 4A, 4B

February 25, 2023

REGION VII: Div. 6, 9, 11

February 11, 2023

REGION II: Div. 2, 10A, 10B, 10C

March 2, 2023

REGION V: Div. 8E, 8W, 13

January 21, 2023

REGION III: Div. 3, 5, 14N, 14S, 15

January 28, 2023

REGION VI: Div. 7, 12, 17

February 4, 2023



LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED

Regionals will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2 p.m.

Save the Date!

105th Annual

LA-MS-W TN Kiwanis District Convention

August 4-6, 2023





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CHILDREN'S FUND

By Lenny Simmons, District Chair • Email: leonarddsimmons@cox.net • Ph: 504/874-1279

A Big Thank You from the Kiwanis Children's Fund!

LaMissTenn, We did it! I am proud to let you all know that our District has achieved the President's Challenge of increasing the number of clubs giving to the Children's Fund with unrestrictive gifts by 5 % over the previous year. We exceeded that goal by **120%**! Our clubs contributed **\$28,945** with half of our clubs in the District making an Annual Club Gift to the Children's Fund. Our District is only one of twelve districts in all of Kiwanis International that has achieved their goal as of September 23rd. Thank you for your generous support and I hope that we can exceed this level of giving in 2022-2023. Don't forget to include your club's annual gift in your budget. Make your club's check payable to the Kiwanis Children's Fund and mail to: Kiwanis Children's Fund, P.O Box 6457 – Dept. # 286, Indianapolis, IN 46206. You can also pay online by going to Kiwanis.org and go to the Kiwanis Children's Fund tab.

I also want to let you know about Children's Fund grant programs for 2022-2023. The Club Grant Program will continue again this year. However, there will be only two cycles this year. For the March 1st funding cycle, your club must submit a letter of inquiry any time before November 1st and if approved, your club must submit a full application by January 1st. For the August 1st funding cycle, the letter of inquiry must be submitted any time before April 1st and the full application must be submitted by June 1st. There is also a new grant program beginning October 1st. It is known as the Microgrants Program. These grants are for Kiwanis Clubs with 35 or fewer members and are in good standing with Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's

Fund. Clubs may apply for grants between \$250 and \$1,000. Your project must be a service project enhancing the lives of young children and youth in your community; support a least one of the three Kiwanis causes: health and nutrition, education and literacy and youth leadership development; be upcoming or in process (not yet completed) when grant payment is received. The advantages of the Microgrants are: shorter application, less funding requirement required from other sources, a shorter decision period and faster distribution of funds which will begin in December. Please go to the Kiwanis.org and go to the Kiwanis Children's Fund tab for more information on the club grant program and the new Microgrant program.

Happy Kiwanis New Year! And thanks again for **Serving the Children of the World!**



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**KIDS NEED KIWANIS TO
LEARN COMPASSION**

Aspire to Inspire: Game, Set and Match

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

"Game, Set and Match" is the traditional announcement when a tennis match is over and the winner is declared. In the recent U.S. Open Tennis Tournament, the top tennis players in the world competed to see who would move on to the next bracket and which would be eliminated. Often the competition was fierce as two players would struggle from "deuce" to "ad" back and forth until finally the announcement would come, "Game, Set and Match" with one player elated and the other disappointed.

One of the highlighted players of this year's tournament was Serena Williams. She has generally been recognized at the GOAT of tennis ... "Greatest Of All Time." Her amazing career and accomplishments are too voluminous for this article but suffice it that most of her peer competitors and the general tennis public acknowledge that Serena is tops. Remarkably, Serena entered this year's U.S. Open at age forty, announcing that it would be her last tournament. Nearly half of the other competitors were not even born when Serena won her first major tournament at age seventeen.

Serena won her first-round match against Danka Kovinic (age 28) then amazingly upset the world-ranked No.2 player, Anett Kontaveit (Age 26), in the second round. In the third round Serena lost to Ajla Tomljanovic (Age 29) in a hard-fought match and the announcement could have been "Game, Set, Match, Career."

The most remarkable thing happened after that last point. Usually after a televised match the winner is interviewed on the court. In this case the winner Tomljanovic sat quietly on the sidelines while all the attention was focused on an interview with Serena. Finally, after all the



kudos, a few tears and many cheers from the fans, the winner Ajla came out on the court for an interview. Mostly what she said is that from her earliest childhood, Serena had been her role model and her inspiration. She gave credit to Serena that she was even there in the tournament. It is unlikely that Serena knew of that influence on young Ajla Tomljanovic.

Now what has all this tennis talk to do with Kiwanis? Reread that last sentence: "It is unlikely that Serena knew of that influence on young Ajla Tomljanovic." As Kiwanians it is unlikely that we will ever know of the influence we have on the youngsters we help on their path to useful adulthood.

Some of our Kiwanis programs are anonymous and generic, for example, The Eliminate Project. The babies that did not die of neonatal tetanus number in the multi-thousands now and most are completely unaware that their very existence is the result of our immunization program with UNICEF. We can take pride in the results even as the recipients are unaware.

On the other hand, Kiwanis has a great many programs for children that are more obvious to the youngsters themselves. Do the youngsters appreciate

our helping hands? Yes and No. At their various ages some will understand some of what we do, but the long-term benefits are often not well-appreciated. It's that old quote from Desmond Tutu, "We are planting trees under whose shade we do not expect to sit."

Most of us can remember people from our youth who were role models and gave us inspiration, but who were not aware of the influence they made on our lives. Often, we ourselves were not aware of that influence and inspiration at the time and thus, never said thank you to those role models. It is the cycle of life as each generation of children progresses to adulthood, hopefully achieving some understanding and appreciation for the helping hands along the way ... but no matter if they don't. As Kiwanians we persist in our programs and our individual efforts, then glean our own satisfactions wherever and whenever they may be found. In our Kiwanis lingo that is known as a "Kiwanis Moment."

So, keep the faith. As we start a new Kiwanis year let us re-energize our efforts for the children we serve. Let's look for new ways and new programs but continue the successful ones already in progress. Perhaps one day, one or more of the children we help may rise to achieve great things and perhaps more than we did. We may be on the far side of the hill and it will be symbolically "Game, Set and Match" for us, but we will nonetheless be winners in the knowledge that we made a difference. Some of those successful adults will remember things large and small that we did to influence them, but if not, no matter.

Whether you fire an ace or double fault ... **It's your serve!**

Key Leader North & Key Leader South are Just around the Corner!

By Rebecca Huff, Key Leader District Chair of the South & Linda Ramsey, Key Leader District Chair of the North

Key Leader South

DATE: November 4-6, 2022
LOCATION: Camp Istrouma, Greenwell Springs, La.
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW: keyleadersouth.org
CONTACT: Rebecca Huff, rebecca720is@aol.com

Key Leader North

DATE: April 28 - 30, 2023
LOCATION: Camp Lakeshore, Eva, Tenn.
REGISTRATION IN JANUARY 2023: wtnkeyleader.org
CONTACT: Linda Ramsey, mramsey2@utm.edu

KEY LEADER REGISTRATION FEES: \$250 for regular participant/\$150 student facilitator

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.keyleader.org

Sponsors will be found for anyone that needs one, and the District Foundation will provide some scholarships.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Key Leader District Chairs.

Registration for Key Leader South, taking place at Camp Istrouma in Greenwell Springs, LA from November 4th-6th, is open now at www.keyleadersouth.org. Registration for Key Leader North, taking place at Camp Lakeshore in Eva, TN from April 28th-30th, will open in January 2023 at www.wtnkeyleader.org - more information will be provided in the January issue of the LaMissTenn District News.

If anyone needs additional information for parents, teachers, students, Kiwanians, or sponsors, you can find information at the Kiwanis International website, www.key-leader.org.

All chaperones attending an event must take some Youth Protection train-

ing. Chaperones will be provided with the site information after they register and clear the background check. Chaperones should be identified 5-6 weeks prior to the event. Visitors are always welcome, and if you come for a few hours, you do not need to have a background check.

It's important for student facilitators to arrive early. School principals will be notified that the student facilitators have been selected and they will be asked if they can be allowed to leave school early as he/she needs to arrive for special training prior to the event.

We will not be requiring masks this year or health pre-screening. Of course, students are welcome to wear a mask if he/she so chooses. Transportation can

be provided either by parents or adults or vans or buses.

Next spring the cost will be the same, \$250 for regular participants, \$150 for the student facilitators, and the adult chaperones are free for devoting their time and energy to help supervise the students.

Sponsors will be found for anyone that needs one. The District Foundation and the PDO Organization will provide some scholarships. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Key Leader District Chair of the South, Rebecca Huff (rebecca720is@aol.com) or Key Leader District Chair of the North, Linda Ramsey (mramsey2@utm.edu).

Key Leader is a weekend leadership program for high school and graduating 8th Grade students.

Its mission is to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership.

Your Foundation Board at Work

By Mike Caruthers, District Foundation President



Fellow Foundation members, welcome to a new year! I am Mike Caruthers, President of the Foundation Board for 2022-2023. I am honored and thrilled to be working with such a highly motivated and dedicated group of people!

Just a little about me, I am originally from Columbia, TN. I have been married for 56 years to my high school sweetheart and have two fantastic children. My son, Mike, Jr., is a general contractor in Knoxville, TN. My daughter, Sally, lives in Truckee, CA, and is an Oncology Nurse. They were military brats as I spent 26 years in the Army. I was a Key Clubber in High School and joined the Millington Kiwanis Club in 1999. I own a real estate firm in Millington, TN and am currently an Alderman.

I volunteered to be on the Foundation Board as I wanted to be a part of an amazing group of Kiwanians. It has really been eye opening!

With the expansion of the board to having two representatives from each Region, the board will be bigger and better than ever. We have nine new members on the board plus a new District Executive Director, so it will be an exciting year.

Our first Board meeting resulted in several new concepts that will simplify the way we do business. More will be done online with QR Codes, etc. to make it much easier and allow better accountability—more to follow!



The District Foundation Board was hard at work the weekend of September 16th, planning for the 2022-2023 Kiwanis Year. Members worked on Development, Grants, Scholarships, Gift Baskets, and more!



Thanks to the District Foundation and individual clubs, over 75 cases of water were donated to New Mount Olive Baptist Church for the Jackson water crisis!

Follow the Money: How Can Your Foundation Assist Your Club?

By Cathy Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair



Your District Foundation truly appreciates the support of the clubs within our District. We could not do what we do, without it! From the generosity of Annual Club Gifts (ACG), to donations for gift baskets for Regionals and District Convention, and beyond with individual gifts to the Endowment Program/Friends of the Foundation ... this is how the foundation grows in order to reinvest those funds back into the clubs in this great District!

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

- Community Service Grants up to \$5,000 (coming in 2023 ... Super Grant of \$10,000!)
- NEW CLUB service grants of \$1,000, during their 1st year of charter
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator) grants of \$750 (schools) or \$500 (facilities like camps, senior centers...)
- Disaster Grants up to \$1,500 for *immediate/essential* relief from a natural disaster. (complete within 30 days)

Once your grant is approved, your club has 1 full calendar year to complete your project! So ... put those thinking caps on, start dreaming and let's get back to those long-awaited projects! Visit www.lamisstenn.org for more information.



Charles H. Ford Honored with Foundation Legacy Endowment Program

By Cathy Simmons, District Foundation Grants Chair

The District Convention of 2022 was in full swing, as District Foundation President, Jennifer White, called Charlie up to the podium. President Jenn began ... “The words “thank you”, do not even come close to being enough, when talking about this man who has worked tirelessly for 46 years, running the day-to-day operations of the District as well as the District Foundation.”

The word we did find to give thanks for these many years is “Legacy”; the District Foundation Board of Directors has created a new endowment program for the District Foundation: the “Charles H. Ford Legacy” to honor the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District’s longest serving Secretary and Executive Director, Charlie Ford.



The crowd sprang to their feet in resounding applause as DJ Bob played the rebel rousing LSU anthem! Charlie shook his head in humble disbelief, as medallion #1, with a ribbon of LSU purple and gold was draped around his neck.

With a donation of \$1,000 to the District Foundation, you can be part of the living legacy to continue service within our District to

the clubs, as well as support Service Leadership Program scholarships. Legacy recipients will receive a numbered medallion (#1-100) and a lapel pin upon completing their financial pledge.

Medallions were sold throughout the day in the Foundation Room. By Sunday morning #22 had been spoken for! Exactly \$17,000 in out-right payments and another \$5,000 in pledges had been made.

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Cortana Kiwanis Charters Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy Key Club

By Jim Frederick, Cortana Kiwanis Club

Several members of **Cortana Kiwanis** were on hand to enjoy Charter festivities for the **Key Club at Mentorship Academy** Friday, August 26th including, René Roberts, Lowell Tilley, Greg Scott, Wanda Magee, Tammy and Keith McDavid, Mike Baldwin, with the perfect Invocation, Brent Phillips who came with the full charter kit, pins, and paraphernalia and led our defining statements, Lt. Gov. Donna Leggett with another masterful **KEY**note presentation, Cool President Tommy Mackey, presiding officer on master control, keeping everything rolling and all of us entertained and relaxed, *especially* those nervous Key Club officers who had to follow him on the program, and Patricia Anderson, the first one of us there, getting us all set up, having everything and everybody all duly

photographed and documented, and, perhaps, most importantly, making sure everyone had enough **COOKIES!**

We are most fortunate that Mrs. Christine Henry, the Principal of Mentorship Academy and SMSgt. Jerrod Webb (Ret.), Air Force JROTC Instructor, were both former Key Club members who are both now serving as Faculty Advisors for the new key club. We will all benefit greatly from their knowledge, experience, dedication and enthusiasm.

We were so pleased and impressed with the key club members and officers and how well they conducted themselves before, during, and after the meeting. They handled their portions of the program flawlessly, with Vice President Essence Miller presiding in place of Presi-



Cortana Kiwanis President Tom Mackey presents the Charter certificate to Key Club Vice President Essence Miller.

dent Ashley Smith, who could not attend due to a last-minute illness. Treasurer Erniria Emerson presented an up-to-date Treasurer's Report, which included several fundraising projects already on their agenda, and Secretary Trenese Miller reported on their upcoming participation in the Halloween themed "Boo at the Zoo" extravaganza in late October, a fun time filled with pumpkin patches, Halloween costumes, a costume contest, and lots more, all at the Baton Rouge Zoo.

Finally, these students were determined to reserve some special time after our formalities to celebrate the birthday of their Principal, Mrs. Henry, with cake and cookies and good conversation. A fitting tribute to the unity, harmony and togetherness that resonates throughout this entire campus.

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Lt. Governor Donna Leggett with newly inducted Key Club Members

Cortana Kiwanis Charters Key Club Continued . . .

By Jim Frederick, Cortana Kiwanis Club

We are proud to be associated with Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy. We will make Mentorship proud to be associated with Cortana Kiwanis!



Cortana President Tom Mackey, Key Club Advisor Brent Phillips, Lt. Governor Donna Leggett, Key Club Lt. Governor Ben Hader, Mentorship Key Club Officers with Faculty Advisor SMSGT Webb and Principal Henry.

Baton Rouge Magnet High Key Club Helps at Run/Walk

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club members along with Baton Rouge Magnet High Key Clubbers were out bright and early on September 3rd setting up and working at the Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana's Ryan's Run/Walk. Governor Bruce Hammatt is pictured below with the Key Clubbers.



Kiwanis of Alexandria: Serving the Children of the World with a Full Plate

By Dave Curry, Alexandria Kiwanis Club

May is a most exciting time of the year for the Kiwanis Club of **Alexandria** in Division 11. One might say we have a full plate – serving the children of the world in our community. We have several Terrific Kids Fun Days at our Kiwanis Camp in Tioga and we conduct our major fundraiser – the Crawfish Boil and Raffle. Our club is very fortunate to have the 145 acre camp with a 21 acre pond in the woods of Tioga. The camp is a wonderful resource to support our service to children and the community. It contains a conference center and a lodge which support Kiwanis functions at the club, district, and division level as well as community functions for organizations and families. We are developing a nature trail around the lake, and the lake is home to a variety of fish, eager to bite the hooks at the end of fishing lines from rods held by young and old.

SERVING THE TERRIFIC KIDS

Our club collaborates with several elementary schools throughout Rapides Parish providing teachers with a way to reward students toward the end of the year for accomplishing goals set earlier in the year. The Terrific Kids program has been provided by our club for many years.

This year during the first two weeks of May, three schools each brought a busload of children from 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades to the camp for a day of learning to fish, fishing (and catching), indoor crafts, an outdoor jumper, and visits and demonstrations by the Rapides Sheriff's Office, Alexandria Police Department, and Tioga Volun-

teer Fire Department. Pizza lunch was provided followed by ice cream compliments of the Red River Bank and cheerfully served by two employees who are members of our club. The elementary schools we worked with this year were Oak Hill, Martin Park, and D. F. Huddle.



Now put yourself in the shoes of these children. Many of the kids have never caught a fish before or had the opportunity to go fishing in a lake surrounded by beautiful woods:

It's a beautiful sunny morning in the spring. Would you rather be in the classroom or at the Kiwanis Camp? So ... you get off the bus after a ride full of anticipation, and you are greeted by a group of friendly adults called Kiwanians. Your teachers take you into the conference center where you see tables with stacks of things to do – drawing, painting fish, making bracelets and necklaces from different colored beads, and you are told that after all of the activities there will be pizza and ice cream. There's a jumper outside, and people to teach

you to cast with a fishing rod, and then you will go fishing. The teachers split you into groups and the fun begins.

Down at the fishing pier there are rods and reels and worms and crickets, and friendly Kiwanians to help you fish. Now it is your turn to fish. You are encouraged to touch a worm or a cricket. Some of your classmates back off and make noises, but you touch a worm. With the bait on the hook, you cast and watch the bobber. All of a sudden, it bobs, and you catch a fish. Yes, everyone catches a fish. It is so exciting, and the Kiwanians help you learn.

You are now at the jumper, and then working in a workbook about fishing, and then painting fish, and look at all the beads. What a day. A fire truck drives into the camp and the firemen tell you all about how the various things on the truck work. They roll out the hose and the next thing you know you are running through the water that is being sprayed high into the air. Finally, you are in the building and pizza is served. The ice cream truck rings a bell and you enjoy a popsicle or ice cream sandwich or ... It was a special day you will always remember. When you get home and tell your parents or grandma or brother or sister, they can tell you had fun.



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Kiwanis of Alexandria Continued . . .

By Dave Curry, Alexandria Kiwanis Club



Yes, “Kids need Kiwanis,” but also, Kiwanis needs kids. Our club members worked hard to make the day happen, and it is very rewarding to each Kiwanian. Club members have many great remembrances of these special days. One shared his Kiwanis moment from a few years ago. “I was teaching a third grader to catch his first fish. His mother was along, and she brought her daughter who was in pre-school. The mother looked up at me and said ‘Sir, thank you for being with these children today. You could have been doing something else.’ That meant so much to me.”

So on these three sunny days at Kiwanis Camp, 15 Alexandria Kiwanians had very special experiences ... and so did the kids.

SERVING CRAWFISH TO MANY, YOUNG AND OLD, WITH FIVE LUCKY WINNERS

Saturday, May 21, was the 28th annual Raffle along with our great Crawfish Boil. Club members had sold over 400 \$100 tickets. A ticket admits two for all you can eat crawfish, beverages, and a chance to win one of five prizes in the raffle. The gate to the camp opened at 3:30 p.m., the band was playing, the crawfish were boiling, and fun was had by all. At 6 p.m. the drawing was held, and two lucky winners won \$500 each, two others won \$1000 each, and one won the grand prize of \$10,000.

About 2,300 lbs. of crawfish were consumed by community members including Kiwanians, families, and others. During the prior 2 years, COVID prevented us from serving crawfish at the camp, but tickets could be used to get 10 lbs. of boiled crawfish at Crawfish Port in Alexandria. It was great to be back at the camp alongside the lake



this year. This is a great way to get the Kiwanis name out into the community while raising funds that help our club to maintain and improve the camp and support some of our projects for children and the community.



Most all of our 70+ club members sold tickets, and many were involved in preparing the camp and making it happen. Past-President Bill Halliburton was the leader of the event for the fourth year in a row. He announced that the net raised this year was about \$19,000.

Kiwanis of Alexandria is dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Visit our website kiwanisofalexandria.org.



Carencro Jumps into Action!

By Bonnie Anderson & Jude Walker, Carencro Kiwanis Club

Back 2 School: Kuts for Kids and Comfort Closet Drive



Items donated included hygiene products, school supplies, gently used uniforms and more. All total, the community helped stock up comfort closet pantries at six Carencro-area schools.



The **Carencro Kiwanis Club** recently held its inaugural Back 2 School event on August 7, 2022. The day actually featured two great events in one: Free Kuts for Kids & Cake Bingo benefiting the Comfort Closet Drive.

The event was held at the Carencro Community Center and it was an overwhelming success as area students were able to get a free haircut in preparation for the upcoming school year. During the course of three hours, hairstylists from four local salons cut and styled hair for over 80 kids.

Event-goers were treated to free hot dogs, nachos, snow cones, and cotton candy donated by several great local businesses. There were

also fun games, including musical chairs, party music, and more.

Concurrently, those in attendance were asked to bring a comfort closet item to participate in a cake bingo to win homemade desserts. While the treats were the “Icing on the Cake,” the real winners were, again, the children of our area schools.



Carencro Kiwanis Club President Tracie Smith Lenormand was overjoyed by the generosity of those who donated. “We can’t put into words the feeling it felt as we separated the donations and were able to fill six totes for six different local schools. Your generous donation helped make it possible. Thanks will never seem like enough,” Lenormand gleamed.

Donations were delivered to 5 schools by the end of August and are being monitored as to when re-fills are needed.

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Carencro Jumps into Action! Continued . . .

By Bonnie Anderson & Jude Walker, Carencro Kiwanis Club

Stock the Community Ribbon Cutting



The **Carencro Kiwanis Club** and Carencro Business Association recently held its ribbon cutting for the Community Pantry located behind Carencro City Hall on May 18th. On hand were over 40 members and elected officials from the Carencro Community.

Mayor Glenn Brasseaux welcomed everyone before handing off the presentation to Committee Chair Danielle Capritto as she gave a presentation on how the idea became a reality and where the community dropped off donations to how the pantry will be stocked and monitored. Access to the pantry is available 24/7. Monetary donations were also received for the club to purchase nonperishable foods for the pantry.

Lyndi Anderson, daughter of Charter Members David & Bonnie Anderson, a 7th grade student at Carencro Catholic School, approached her principal about making a monthly pantry visit a service project for the school and keeping it stocked. We are happy to report that for each month as the school attends mass across the street, each class will make a stop to stock the pantry from donations of the families that attend Carencro Catholic.

Hammond Hosts Annual Prayer Breakfast: Food for the Body and the Soul

By Judy & Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

Continuing a longstanding tradition, the **Hammond Kiwanis Club** recently held its annual Prayer Breakfast, an event that features liturgical readings, group prayers, religious singing and special remarks. This year's address was offered by Ron Abel a veteran member of the club who has long been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Members attending the breakfast, held at Hammond's First Christian Church, enjoyed a full spread prepared by the club's "chefs" who each year volunteer to cook for the group. The Prayer Breakfast has been a special feature held almost every year in the club's history. The Hammond Kiwanis Club will mark its 82nd anniversary in October of this year.



The Stars are Shining at Gautier High School

By Dave Meisburger, Gautier/Ocean Springs Kiwanis Club

This year, when students returned to Gautier High School, they were welcomed by a banner promoting a new Student/Teacher Appreciation Recognition System (STARS) Program which is being co-sponsored by the **Kiwanis Club of Gautier/Ocean Springs**, and the **Kiwanis Key Club of Gautier High School**. This new program was initially funded by a \$1,000.00 grant, courtesy of the LA-MA-W. TN Kiwanis District Foundation, and is now being assisted by a multitude of donations from individuals and businesses within the local communities of Jackson County, MS.

The STARS recognition program is based upon a chosen character word for each given week of the school year...for the 2022-23 school year, there are 37 of them in total. Each week, students and faculty members are nominated who best exemplify the upcoming character word. All those nominated receive a personalized certificate

and the opportunity to participate in a group photograph which is placed on a poster and is displayed beneath the school's banner on a STARS-dedicated wall in the student cafeteria.

While the program's concept is simple in scope, the positive impact on the Gautier High School students, faculty, school, and community itself have been enormous and extremely wide-ranging! Relatives from around the United States have been chiming in with their thanks, grateful comments, and positive support for a program which has the capability to honor EVERYONE regardless of one's academic attainments, sports prowess, socio-economic status, and more. Promoting, recognizing, and honoring individuals whose positive character is on display when in class, during extracurricular activities, and even during peer interactions has already improved the school environment and created a positive impact on the

emotional well-being and morale of everyone involved.

In just five short weeks, of the 870 students attending Gautier High School, 171 have already received 188 individual awards for the character words of: Punctual; Cooperative; Fairness; Dauntless; and Vivacious. Of the 150 school faculty and staff members, 60 have already received 80 awards for those exact same character words. That equates to almost 20% of the student population and 40% of the faculty having been honored for exhibiting stellar character...with more than 30 weeks still left in this school year to go!

Additional rewards aspects of the STARS program include monthly gift card drawings. Each month one student's name will be drawn to receive a \$50 Walmart gift card and one faculty member's name will be drawn to receive a \$25 gift card. A recent proposal has been made for the program to provide one or more annual award(s) as well, a proposal which is being taken under serious consideration and is one which will require additional funding.

The STARS are indeed shining at Gautier High School courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of Gautier/Ocean Springs, the Kiwanis Key Club of Gautier High School, and the LA-MS-W. TN Kiwanis Foundation... KUDOS!



The Gautier High School Stars of the Week of August 8, 2022 were honored for best reflecting the character trait of punctuality.

Laurel Kiwanis Pancake Day Equals Scholarships

By Rhonda Gilbert and Melita Wade Thorpe, Laurel Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Club of Laurel, Mississippi held its annual city-wide Pancake Day on Saturday, December 4, 2021. The Kiwanis Club members, Key Club volunteers and many other inspired helpers served in two locations in Laurel: The YWCO and First Baptist Church. Folks lined up for a filling breakfast and to contribute to the club's ongoing educational causes. Each Spring, local high school Seniors are awarded scholarships and, in the Fall, all Jones County 3rd Graders are given multiplication and division flashcards.

Pancake Day has been an annual Laurel Kiwanis Club fundraiser for many years. In 2020, the pandemic caused a one-year delay, which was the first time it had ever been cancelled. Even with the cancellation, the club was still able to fund its scholarships and flashcards in 2021. The club resumed the fundraiser in December 2021 with extra special assistance from local citizens, out-of-town visitors and Kiwanis regional volunteers.

On May 18 and 25, 2022, Laurel Kiwanis Club held recognition luncheons for the 2022 scholarship recipi-

ents and their family members. Three seniors from each of the local five high schools in Laurel received \$500 each for a total of \$7,500. Students were honored for their achievements and their graduation from high school. Pictured below are the recipients.

The next Pancake Day will be Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the above locations. All Kiwanis members from the District are invited to attend. For more information about the event, please contact Laurel Kiwanis Club Secretary, Rhonda Gilbert at rgilbert@jonescountymedical.com.



Laurel Kiwanis Club Scholarship Recipients from left to right: Regan Hupe, Laurel Christian High; Matthew Smith and Emily Rivers, South Jones High



Laurel Kiwanis Club Scholarship Recipient Brooke Moore, Northeast Jones High



Laurel Kiwanis Club Scholarship Recipient Macey Hill, Northeast Jones High



Laurel Kiwanis Club Scholarship recipients from left to right: Brody Beach, West Jones; Grant Carmichael, Laurel High; Ashlyn Albritton, Laurel Christian; Hailey Brown, Northeast Jones; Emilie Coats, Laurel Christian; Katie Fletcher, West Jones; Mary Rogers, South Jones; Alexis Lindsey, Laurel High; Kency Sanders, West Jones; and Alexander Booth, Laurel High.

Natchitoches Organizes Community School Supply Drive

By Kaitlyn Hamm, Natchitoches Kiwanis Club

For many school districts like Natchitoches Parish, the burden of buying extra school supplies for the classroom is left on the teachers, who we can all agree do not get paid enough as it is. For the past three years, the **Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches** has bought uniforms for all 9 elementary schools in the Natchitoches Parish School District but this year we wanted to do more.

During July, the Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches reached out to princi-

pals in Natchitoches Parish to determine their specific school supply needs. Needs ranged from pre-sharpened Ticonderoga pencils to copy paper, highlighters, backpacks and more.

The “more” happened when Natchitoches proved itself to not be lacking in service minded people. Our club came together with members of the Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the A+ Coalition to organize a community wide school supply do-

nation. Officers of each organization put together an Amazon wish list where anyone could purchase items and have them sent directly to the parish library where all 4 organizations came together for a school supply packing party! With so many hands-on deck it took less than 30 minutes to fill containers for all the schools. Members of each club then volunteered to hand deliver the containers to the principals the following week.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller



Pontchartrain Helps with Red Dress Run Comeback

By Myra Lewis, Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club

After a two-year hiatus caused by safety concerns surrounding the pandemic, **Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain** (KCP) joined other Kiwanis Clubs in the New Orleans area to assist the Hash House Harriers in putting on the 2022 Red Dress Run. KCP members assisted with registration prior to the run and helped to distribute water and food to the runners. In addition to being a wonderful service offering given to an organization that has raised \$2 million dollars for charitable organizations since 2010, the run is a fun event with a bonus fashion show.



Red Beans and Rice Cook off

By Clay Drewes, Northshore-Mandeville Kiwanis Club

The Northshore-Mandeville Kiwanis Club recently put their famous Red Bean recipe up against the best from other West St. Tammany chefs. In keeping with the ancient New Orleans tradition, red beans are served on Monday. This year's cook-off was held on a recent Monday to benefit The United Way of Southeast Louisiana.

Kiwanians gathered earlier to chop, slice, sauté, and stir until the red beans were ready to meet the competition. Other participants were the Fire and Police Departments from local municipalities, several public offices, and other community organizations. In all fifteen booths were set to serve beans and rice to hundreds of patrons. Some competitors stuck to the traditional presentation, yet others tweaked their recipe with less predictable ingredients such as smoked brisket, Cajun andouille, homemade sauces, or pineapple! (Is nothing sacred?)

The Mandeville team stuck to their best version of the traditional recipe.



They included the trinity of seasonings, smoked sausage, and picked pork for extra flavor. The cast iron kettle was turned way down and stirred for hours. All agreed that the final product was ready for the judges. Unfortunately, the competition stiffened at the last minute and swept the trophies – again. After their 9th consecutive try, the Kiwanians were left with resolve to try again next year.



Ponchatoula Appreciates Teachers

By Pete Clark & Karen Pea, Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club of Ponchatoula recently held its annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at the Ponchatoula Kiwanis Log Cabin. Over 100 Ponchatoula teachers and staff members attended. It's been two years since we have had this event due to Covid. The club members did most of the cooking bright and early in the morning and the Ponchatoula High Key Club members helped as well with serving and hosting a full breakfast. Local businesses donated gift cards and various door prizes, so every school employee received a gift. The Reverend Aaron Gordon, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula, brought words of encouragement to the teachers and staff. Our teachers work so hard, and this was a great way to show our appreciation and motivate them for the new school year. Our Kiwanis members really enjoyed the teamwork to make this event a huge success!

Red Stick Celebrates the Core of Learning

By Cheryl Matthews, Red Stick Kiwanis Club

The students attending Cedarcrest Southmoor Elementary School in Baton Rouge, LA participate in a variety of programs designed to meet their needs. Core instruction: Reading, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies are afforded to all students. Ancillary courses which include Physical Education, Drama, Music and Library are also available. Students who qualify may also participate in Gifted Education, English as a Second language and programs for students



with diagnosed special needs. At the core of all of these instructional programs is the teacher.

On May 4th - 6th, the **Kiwanis Club of Red Stick** celebrated the CORE of Learning by placing snacks in the lounge, donuts to start off the morning and a special luncheon. As a part of Teacher Appreciation week, Red Stick celebrated the teachers and support personnel that create the learning environment for the children at Cedarcrest.

As Red Stick works to build relationships with the learning community at Cedarcrest, our goal is to communicate to the teachers and support staff at Cedarcrest that they are valued and appreciated.



Waynesboro Celebrates 35 Years of Service with Community Book Drive

By Pamela Lang Prestage, Waynesboro Kiwanis Club

On September 1, 2022, at the Waynesboro-Wayne County Library the **Waynesboro Kiwanis Club** celebrated 35 years of service and delivered books from a month-long community book drive. Tony Weaver, a dedicated Kiwanian and Waynesboro Kiwanis Club Charter member was interviewed by the local news channel, WDAM, and highlighted many of the Kiwanis local, district and international projects that serve the children. Also, new officers were installed by the Lt. Governor, Leighton Miller.

During the month of August 2022, the Waynesboro Kiwanis Club participated in a community service project by collecting over 120 new and gently used PreK-8th Grade reading level books. Collection boxes were placed at four local businesses: Wayne General Hospital, Great Southern National Bank, Bancorp South Bank and Citizen's National Bank. All the books were donated to the Waynesboro-Wayne County Library's Little Free Libraries and Laundry & Literacy projects. Patsy Brewer, the Library Director, accepted the books and said the library will use them to replenish its seven locations in Waynesboro so that area residents can select free books to take home to share with their families.



Waynesboro Kiwanis Club Charter member Tony Weaver and Waynesboro Kiwanis Club members celebrate 35 years of service.

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By Tiffany LaPorte, District Bulletin Editor

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