



# VICE GOVERNOR CANDIDATE

## INFORMATION

Name: Laura Grace Gilliland Nickname (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Kiwanis Club of: Cortana

Yrs in Club: 2 mos. Yrs in Kiwanis: 15 Region: V Division: 8E

Lt. Governor Term(s): 2018-2021 (three years)

Current Position in Kiwanis: Region V Trustee & LAMISSTENN Club Opening Coordinator

Club Offices Held:  President  Vice President  Secretary  Treasurer

District Position(s): Region V Trustee & LAMISSTENN Club Opening Coordinator

Division Position(s): Lt. Governor 2018-2021

International Position(s): Kiwanis International Club Excellence Committee 2021-2022

Kiwanis Awards Received: See attachment #1.

Community Affiliations: See attachment #2.

Community Awards or Recognitions: See attachment #3.

Unique Skill(s) you possess to be a <sup>Vice</sup>Governor-~~Elect~~: Setting appointments, boosting membership, retaining members, recruiting members, opening new clubs

Why you want to be a <sup>Vice</sup>Governor-~~Elect~~ (100 words or less): My plan is to focus on membership, whether it be setting appointments, recruiting/boosting membership, retaining members, or opening new clubs. I want to train other Kiwanians in these aspects of membership. I have opened about three dozen clubs since the Pandemic started, and I have served on club opening teams for fourteen districts: LAMISSTENN, I-I, MI, IN, MO-ARK, MINN-DAK, UT-ID, KS, NEW ENGLAND, PA, NJ, RMD, KY-TENN, & CAPITAL. I have learned from the best, and I want to share what I have learned.

# **Kiwanis Awards Received (#1)**

- Kiwanian of the Year 2014-2015**
- Kiwanian of the Decade 2016-2017**
- Red Stick Kiwanis Cheerleader & Room Mother Award 2016-2017**
- Olin K. Dart, Jr. Kiwanian of the Year 2018-2019**
- Certificate of Completion of the Kiwanis Amplify Leadership Program 2021**
- ELAMISSTENN President's Award, Membership Recruitment Award Circle of Honor 2019-2020**
- ELAMISSTENN Walter Zeller Award 2019-2020**
- Diamond Walter Zeller Fellowship Award 2020**
- Leadership Award from the District of Utah-Idaho November 2022**
- #1 Kiwanis Appointment Setter Worldwide for the clubs of: Bryant, Kansas City Plaza Area, Lake Saint Louis, Wentzville, West Little Rock, and Western-Platte City from the District of Missouri-Arkansas 2022-2023**

# **Community Affiliations (#2)**

**-United Methodist Church 1951-present**

**-Ascension Retired Teachers Association 2007-present**

**-Order of the Eastern Star 1968-present**

**-Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors 2008-present**

**-National Association of Realtors 2008-present**

**-President of the Inter-Civic Council of Greater Baton Rouge—ICCGBR names the Golden Deeds Award Recipient (50 non-profits belonged that year) 2019**

# **Community Awards or Recognitions (#3)**

**-Middle School Teacher of the Year 1986**

**-Ascension Parish Middle School Teacher of the  
Year 1986**

**-Keller Williams Realty-Red Stick Partners--Rookie  
of the Year 2009**

**-Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors  
Rising Star 2010**

**-Nominated for Humanitarian of the Year at the  
Greater Baton Rouge Association of Realtors 2015**