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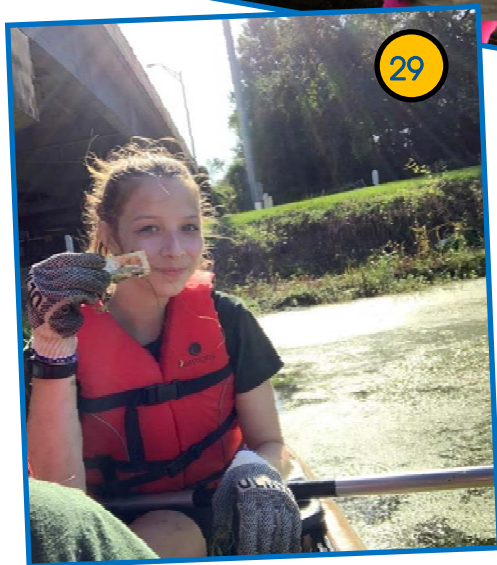
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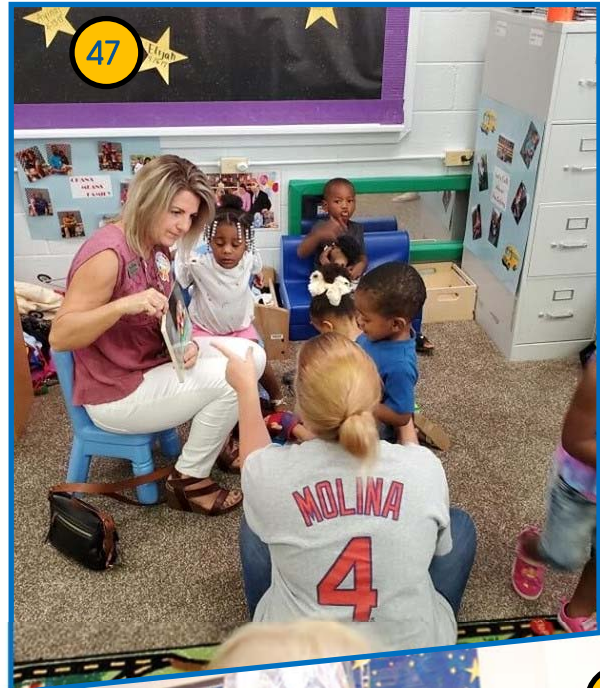
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Kiwanis Moments from the Governor

By R. Bruce Hammatt, Governor

Well, I am not sure what I want to write about today. Let me begin by telling you a little about myself. I am 64 years old and have been married to my lovely wife, Joy, for 46 years after 4 years of dating. Yes, that means we started dating while we both were starting our sophomore year in high school here where we live in Baton Rouge. While in college, we built our home right next door to where my daddy and I were born and raised. We have two sons and two lovely daughters-in-law along with five wonderful grandkids. Like most parents, we are so very proud of all of them.

Joy and I are both graduates of LSU, and luckily for us, both of our boys and their spouses also graduated from LSU albeit several years later. We are proud supporters of the LSU Tigers in every aspect of academics and their sports teams. For quite a few years now, if we are not wearing one of our many Kiwanis shirts, it would be rare for us to be seen in anything other than our college colors - that's purple and gold for those of you who do not follow college sports.

I became a Kiwanian about 30 years ago soon after my boss suggested I come help him one Saturday morning up at LSU. He said he would pick me up at about 4:30 a.m. and I just needed to wear a tee shirt, some blue jeans and tennis shoes. I was told I was going to help him haul some pancake batter from a cafeteria on the LSU campus to the LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center. How involved could that be, I thought. I was so excited that morning to be asked to help "him" out at a Kiwanis pancake event, whatever that was!

You see, my boss, Dale Givens, was actually the guy who had hired me several years earlier for my first real job after graduating college. He had become a



good friend and mentor. He was always there to guide and support me. I looked up to him for my entire working career and for many years after. I still find myself looking up into the sky and asking him for guidance even though he passed away a couple of years back.

Anyway, Dale arrived to pick me up at my house and to my surprise handed me a bright yellow-gold colored Kiwanis hat and tee shirt. They fit perfectly. (I just happened to look down and see that I am wearing the old tee shirt now as I am writing this article!) We drove the short few miles down Highland Road from my house to LSU and I started my love for Kiwanis.

Once we arrived and got a cup of tasty Community coffee our day officially began. We started hauling steaming hot fried Manda sausage and freshly mixed Aunt Jemima pancake batter in five gallon buckets from one end of the campus to the other. After we carefully backed the loaded full-sized pickup truck down the corridor of LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center, we had to load back up into the truck and do it all over again. This went on for about 12 hours.

There were plenty of two-minute intervals during the day where I actually had time to be introduced to many Ki-

wanians and others that were busy at their assigned stations. There were greeters, ticket takers, ticket sellers, pancake cookers/flippers, electricians, security folks and many others. I saw my first real talent show and juried art show. There were balloons and fire trucks for the kids, and flu shots and blood pressure monitors for the adults. Members of the LSU men's and women's basketball teams were there eating more pancakes than I ever dreamed one could eat.

I had a great time working with all the fine folks and decided then and there that I wanted to get involved with this new set of Kiwanis friends. I visited with one of our newer clubs just last Friday at, you guessed it, a pancake breakfast. Former LAMISSTENN Governor and District Growth Chair Gary Graham picked me up early from my house for the drive over to Poplarville, Miss. to visit with those fine folks. And guess what, probably within an hour or so from us getting there it was decided they needed more pancake batter. So it felt like *deja vu* once again as Gary and I loaded back into his truck and went down to the local grocery store to buy 10 more boxes of Kiwanis batter. Although the pancake breakfast did not last as long as my Club's breakfast where we serve upwards of 10,000 people, it was still obvious that all the people at the Poplarville Kiwanis Breakfast had an enjoyable time. I met lots of nice folks and maybe a few new people that were at a Kiwanis event for the first time. I certainly hope they too enjoyed their day enough to feel that they needed to join a Kiwanis Club. I hope they were asked to join, because that is usually all it takes to start a new career as a Kiwanian. Remember #KidsNeedKiwanis.

Reflecting on My Year of Service

By Eva Abate, Immediate Past Governor

LOVE IT- Kiwanis

I am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve as Governor of this Great and Historic District. LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE is the GREATEST. I extend a BIG Thank You to my Lieutenant Governors, Trustees, Immediate Past Governor, Governor-Elect and our District Executive Director along with our administrative assistant.

I have many memories of the Kiwanians that I have met this year. I appreciate all of the hard work that serves our mission, improving children's lives and improving our communities. I am blessed to have such an awesome team of Kiwanians to help me along the way.

LIVE IT- Service

Throughout the District, members are very busy with service projects. Just to name a few: Pancake Day, Father-Daughter Ball, Coats for Kids, a variety of Reading programs, Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, Christmas parades, Halloween events, Salvation Army bell ringing, BUGs, Terrific Kids, Scholarships, Kiwanis One Day and the



backpack program.

I think that it is impossible to measure the impact that Kiwanis has on communities and on the world. Kiwanians give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life and that statement tells it all as service to others fills our hearts and we experience our "Kiwanis Moments".

SHARE IT- Invite others

Our Growth Team along with others has accomplished another great year of building new clubs. This year we have built 7 new Kiwanis clubs. The list is: Stone County, MS; Vancleave, MS; Long Beach, MS; Blanchard, LA; Haughton, LA; Twin Cities-Fulton, TN; and Greenfield, TN. These new clubs will bring more service to more children in our Dis-

trict and build better communities.

Individual clubs have worked hard to increase their membership and many have succeeded. Please celebrate your significant achievements and rejoice in the hands that can now be put to work. Continue to make membership a high priority for your club. Together we are improving the world.

Many Service Leadership Programs have been implemented this year, 4 new K-Kids Clubs, 1 new Builders Club, 11 new Key Clubs, and 2 new CKI Clubs. The K-Family has grown as we invite others to join us in service.

KIWANIS, you just have to LOVE IT, LIVE IT, and SHARE IT!

Yours in service,

Eva B. Abate

Governor 2018-2019



Allow Me to Introduce Myself

By Patrice Cusimano, Governor-Elect

I am Patrice Downing Cusimano, and I am your Governor-Elect for the 2019-20 Kiwanis year, having been elected at the district convention in Memphis.

For those of you who don't know me, I belong to two Kiwanis Clubs – the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi and the LaMissTenn E-club. Unlike many of my predecessors, my Kiwanis journey has been relatively short. I joined the St. Bernard-Arabi Club in 2006 on the recommendation of Dan Johnson, a fellow board member on the St. Bernard Council on Aging Board. He thought Kiwanis would be a good fit for me – boy was he right!

Working at my first big club project, some ladies from the Algiers Kiwanis Club invited my club to work with them at Jazz Fest in a beer booth. I took that idea to my club board, and, in true Kiwanis fashion, the board approved the project with me as the committee chair. We raised over \$15,000 that first year, and I soon found myself nominated for club vice-president.

During my year as club president,



2010-11, I lost my son, Jeff, to a brain infection caused from bacteria in our drinking water. To say I was ready to give up the ship is an understatement. My Kiwanis moment was when my club members rallied around to pray with me, hold my hand, counsel me, and love me like family. At that point, I truly understood and embraced the concept of the Kiwanis family.

I served as Lt. Governor in Division 4A for two consecutive terms, 2011-12 (Greg Beard) and 2012-13 (Robert Benoit). Those were two great years! I learned so much about Kiwanis and met so many wonderful people at meetings, conventions and social events. Being a Lt. Governor was by far the easiest job I have had on the district level –

much easier than being a club president. During my tenure, I intend to focus on Lt. Governors – making sure that each and every one knows exactly what is expected of them, and helping to make the job fun and rewarding.

From 2015-18, I served as a Trustee on the Executive Board as the representative from the Bayou Region (Divisions 4A and 4B). This was another great experience, learning about the finances and operations of our district. Again, I made new friendships that will last a lifetime.

During this coming year, I hope to meet so many more of you as I attend conventions, new club openings, installations, projects, and whatever else I can squeeze in. I am still working as a senior staff attorney at the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal (over 25 years), but will make time, as always, for my Kiwanis family.

I'm looking forward to my next adventure. I am yours in service,

- Patrice

DCON Fun in Memphis, Tenn.

From tailgating and barbecuing to cruising on the river, a good time was had by all in Memphis for the 101st Annual Convention of the LaMissTenn District of Kiwanis International from August 1st-4th. Members from all over the district enjoyed educational workshops and comradery as well. Also, many clubs and individuals were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Governor Eva Abate closed out her fabulous year of service with a bang and passed the torch to Governor-Elect Bruce Hammatt, a.k.a. the alligator hunter, who started his term on October 1st. Patrice Cusimano stepped up as the incoming Governor-Elect. Thanks Eva for a wonderful year of Kiwanis service and a tailgate we'll never forget!



DCON Fun in Memphis, Tenn. Continued . . .



2020 Convention At Sea!



**Don't
Miss the
BOAT!**

**5-day/4-night cruise aboard
the Carnival Fun Ship Valor
New Orleans to Cozumel, Mexico
August 6-10, 2020**

PORT OF CALL: COZUMEL MEXICO

With a Mexican heart and a Caribbean soul, Cozumel is a paradise where tradition, flavor and joy come together. You will always find a friendly face and a warm welcome to make your stay an unforgettable one.



Famous all over the world for its coral reefs, there are plenty of water sports such as diving, deep-sea fishing, snorkeling, kayaking and more. Cozumel's mostly undeveloped territory at the center of the island is covered by jungle and swampy lagoons, which are home to tiny mammals and endemic birds that have never left

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: __/__/__
(As it appears on Passport)

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

STEP 2: SELECT YOUR CABIN AND DEPOSIT/PAYMENT

CABIN PREFERENCE:
 Designate your 1st & 2nd Choice. Cabins are available on a first-come, first-served basis

CABIN RATES: Per Person, based on Double Occupancy. **For a Single Cabin: Double that amount.** 3rd/4th Person in cabin shown:

No. in Cabin: _____ x Cabin Rate \$ _____ = Total Fare: \$ _____
(1st Preferred)

1st/	Per Person	Per Person
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

PAYMENT INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION:

- MINIMUM DEPOSIT PROVIDED:** \$ _____
 \$250 per person REQUIRED for #4D & #6B Cabin
 \$300 per person REQUIRED for #8B - Balcony Cabin
- PAYMENT IN FULL** \$ _____

Deposits required no later than April 1, 2020
Balance due required no later than June 1, 2020

Send with check payable to:
 La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District of Kiwanis
 5253-B Dijon Dr. - Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4393

Or, if you wish to use your (check one):

- VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER

Card No.: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Billing Address on Card: _____
(Only if different than Mailing Address provided above)

Cancellation Schedule

Cancellation Between:	Penalty:
Until 6/11/2020	\$25 per person
6/11/2020 to 7/25/2020	\$200 per person
7/21/2020 to 8/6/2020	100% of total fare per person

No refund for cancellation or for no-shows after July 21, 2020

Optional Cancellation Insurance is available to protect you from penalties should you have to cancel due to injury, illness, or death affecting you, your immediate family or travelling companion. It also covers trip cancellation or trip delay, emergency medical and baggage. The cost ranges from \$49 to \$99 per person, based on the selected cabin choice. A full description of coverage, detailing the terms, conditions, and pre-existing condition exclusions is available from the District Office.

Welcome aboard the Valor!



Category 4A
Inside
Stateroom
\$600.00



Category 6B
Ocean View
Stateroom
\$675.00

CRUISE PRICING

(per person based on 2 sharing a cabin)



Category 8B
Balcony
Stateroom
\$750.00

- ◆ Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single cabins are 200% per person rate; Per Person Rates are shown on Page 2 for extra individuals in a cabin—sharing with 2 full fare guests.
- ◆ \$50 net service fee for any name changes.
- ◆ Prices include gratuities, all port charges, government taxes, all Kiwanis events, and dining and entertainment, ?? - **PLUS AN ON-BOARD SPENDING CREDIT — ???**
- ◆ **PASSPORTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS CRUISE!**

Tremendous Value

- ◆ Sailing from New Orleans - easy to reach!
- ◆ Charming Cozumel, Mexico, with wonderful beaches, snorkeling, shopping, golf & more!
- ◆ Spacious air-conditioned staterooms.

Carnival's Total Choice Dining

- ◆ Full American breakfast each morning or continental breakfast in bed
- ◆ Full course lunch and dinner each day
- ◆ Casual dining in the Seaview Bistro
- ◆ 24 hour pizzeria
- ◆ 24 hour-a-day stateroom service

Activities & Entertainment

- ◆ Wide range of entertainment, including different "spectacular stage shows" every night at sea.
- ◆ Briefings on the highlights of the ports of call
- ◆ Duty-free shopping on board
- ◆ Wide variety of shipboard activities
- ◆ Full gambling casino including a wide variety of slots and table games
- ◆ Spa Carnival® program featuring healthy meal choices and exercise facility
- ◆ Carnival Youth Programs with specially trained counselors - Camp CarnivalSM, Circle "C"SM, and Club O2SM



For more information on the Valor, check out the fun ships at www.carnival.com

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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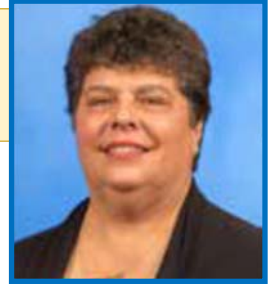
Day Five: Monday, August 10 - In New Orleans

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.

Your Donations at Work

By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair

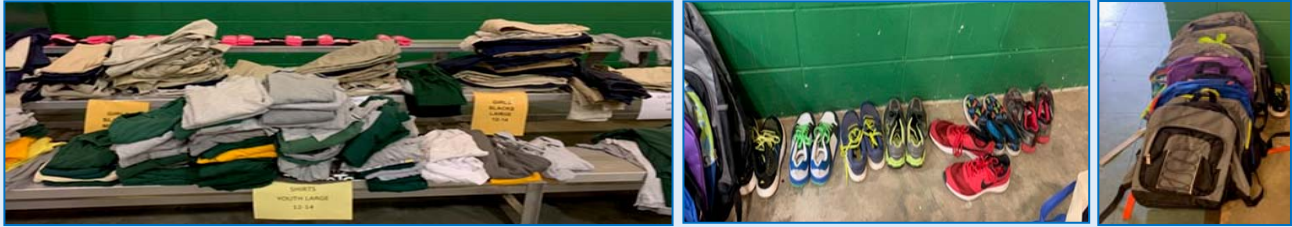


Grants, AEDS, Scholarships, Key Leadership Training . . .

All funds donated to the La. Miss. Tenn. District Foundation stay HERE in our district to assist clubs with their projects and programs. Congratulations to the following clubs for receiving Foundation grants.

Uniform Give-A-Way

Poplarville Kiwanis Club - New Club Grant of \$1,000 (100% reimbursable)



Bayou View Baseball Field Remodeling

Gulfport Kiwanis Club - \$5,000 grant



Special Olympics Games - Keeping Athletes Cool with Boonie Hats

Picayune Kiwanis Club - \$5,000 grant



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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair

Kiwanis
LaMissTenn Foundation

We have some pretty AWESOME clubs in the District!

When your club donates to the District Foundation, in any way . . . *we put your funds to work* for AEDs, Community Grants, Service Leadership training, Key Club & Circle K Scholarships, Disaster Relief and more. **THANK YOU** for supporting the LaMissTenn Foundation!

Donations of 37 Gift Baskets at D-CON = \$3,900+

- 1A: Union City (2), Martin
- 1C: Memphis, Millington, Germantown (2), East Memphis
- 4A: Algiers, Big Easy, New Orleans (2), Pontchartrain, St. Bernard-Arabi, Third District
- 4B: Dawn Busters, Thibodaux
- 6: Ruston
- 7: Acadiana
- 8W: Baton Rouge
- 8E: Cortana, Red Stick, Denham Springs-W. Livingston
- 9: Shreveport, Southern Hills
- 10A: Grenada
- 11: Alexandria
- 12: South Lake Charles, Southwest Contraband, Lake Charles
- 13: Hammond, Northshore Mandeville
- 14: Orange Grove
- 15: Vicksburg
- 17: East St. Mary



Your Donations at Work Continued . . .

Peaceful Playground

Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club - \$2,100 grant



District Project: AEDs in Every School

This year, we placed 5 in schools (\$750) and 2 in other facilities (\$500).



Cliff's Offer: Friends of the Foundation

By Cliff Giffin, District Foundation President

Because this is my last year as a member of the District Foundation Board, I am offering to make a donation to the Foundation of \$20 for each of the next 100 "NEW" Friends of the Foundation that pledge between now and December 31, 2019.

I am doing this because the financial success that I have achieved is due to Kiwanis, as a result of meeting a Kiwanian when I was a Key Clubber who offered me a job with his CPA firm. This is my way of paying it forward.

The offer is for anyone who has never been a "Friend" or is not currently a "Friend of the Foundation."

To take advantage of the offer, simply complete the "Friend" application (see page 16 or visit www.lamisstenn.org) mark it "Cliff's Offer" and send it in with your payment of \$100 cash or check made out to the LaMissTenn District Foundation. You can also put it on your credit card at \$10/month and I will cover the first 2 months.



Remember being a "Friend of the Foundation" is a WIN, WIN, WIN. Several advantages of becoming a "Friend" include:

- You support YOUR Foundation.
- Your donation is tax-deductible.
- You fulfill one of the qualifications to be a "Distinguished Kiwanian."

At present only 15 people have accepted my offer. We are still looking for at least 85 more.

Since starting this program, in 2015 we have only 105 people who have become "Friends" out of the 4,000 members of our District who are members of our Foundation.

"REMEMBER – THE SUCCESS OF OUR FOUNDATION DEPENDS ON ALL OF US AS ITS MEMBERS."

This is the last in a series of articles on **How You Can Support Our Foundation**. Previous articles are:

- How Donations To The Foundation Can Help The Foundation and The Individual
- Using The District Foundation To Extend Your Legacy Of Service
- Using Your District Foundation To Extend Your Kiwanis Legacy

About the author: Cliff Giffin is a retired CPA with 40 years experience in public accounting. He has helped nonprofits get and keep their tax exempt status, performed audits and prepared tax returns for tax exempt organizations. He set up and ran his former club's (Third District) private foundation. To contact Cliff, his email is cjglag@hotmail.com.



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FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Help Strengthen The Foundation's Endowment Fund

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

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



Sample of lapel pin

Friend of the Foundation Donor Information Form

Name: _____

Kiwanis Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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

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

I wish to make my donation by:

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

For Credit Card Payments:

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!





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 Awards • Gift Basket @DCON

Circle of Honor Awards



Customize with any title awards for an upcoming banquet/event. For \$100 your club may recognize dedicated efforts while supporting your District Foundation. Turnaround time is 1-2 weeks and there is no set up fee or per character charge.

Gift Basket Raffle at DCON

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

THANK YOU to the clubs who have made an Annual Club Gift contribution! To date, we have received ACG contributions from 55% of clubs in the District. There's still time to contribute before the year's end – can we count on you?

ACG Contribution

Annual Club Giving (ACG) is the most important source of income for the LaMissTenn District Foundation and provides basic funding needed for grants, leadership training and scholarships. YOUR contributions are crucial and directly determine the impact made in our District.

Clubs are encouraged to contribute at least \$5 per member based on October 1 roster. This is a requirement in applying for a community service grant. The return on your investment is profitable with an opportunity of receiving up to \$5,000. **Give today... it is a win-win for everyone!**

Please forward your ACG to Kiwanis District Office at 5253-B Dijon Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4393. Forms available at lamisstenn.org/foundation.

Does YOUR Club Contribution Make a Difference?

You bet it does! In the last 20 years we...

- Awarded over half a million dollars in grants
- Impacted over 421,000 children
- \$382,000 in Key Club, Circle K and Key Leader scholarships and training
- \$60,000 for 484 AEDs
- \$13,000 to charities for Teacher, Firefighter, Lawman and Layman Award recipients

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New Year's Resolutions

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

Recently I spent time with great Kiwanians from around the country and our District who believe in what we do for children in our communities and want to make it possible for more kids to be helped. A study by Kiwanis International, based on reports submitted by clubs, shows that the average Kiwanian impacts 206 children a year.

However, over the years we have seen Kiwanis clubs fold and disappear in communities around the country. Sadly, I have seen it here in Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee more than I care to. When I joined my club nearly 30 years ago, there were nearly 170 clubs with nearly 6800 members in our District and over 200 members in my club. Now we are down to 130 clubs with about a little under 4200 members in the District and my club now has just over 60 members. We lost three more clubs in the Baton Rouge area in September and when we get the final numbers in October there may be more elsewhere. I hope not and that we have actually grown again for the second year in a row. Time will tell.

However, I don't want to dwell on the negative. Because as I noted in the first sentence, there is a positive part to what is happening in the District. At the end of July, we built two new clubs in the Shreveport area with a total of about 50+ members and two new clubs in Northern Tennessee the first of this September with about 60+ members. This makes 7 new clubs this year added to the 8 built the two years before. Last year we had growth in LaMissTenn for the first time in over a decade. And there are more clubs planned for next year. There are many people in communities around the District and around the country who want to help children. They exist in your areas too. We recently celebrated our 100th anniversary in Baton Rouge with a Gala that highlighted the many great things we have done for Baton Rouge's children. We still have great projects and a great fundraiser that is celebrating its 70th year next month as I'm sure your club does too. But it seems too often that we have grown – stale, complacent, stuck in a rut, lethargic, tired – you take your pick. Has the enthusi-



asm in your club waned? Do a few members do all the work and the rest are just on the membership roll? Is it a case that the minimum effort or same old routine seems to be enough for many clubs? Obviously with the drop in membership the minimum is not enough for all. They just leave. I heard today from a member of a club that she had three members who would join her club if they had some service projects to do. With so many different needs in every community and with ready made projects from Kiwanis International, this should not be happening.

I see the enthusiasm with the new clubs we are building. The excitement these new members bring along with their fresh ideas to help their communities reminds me of the energy that our SLPs bring to the K Family. The Key Club and CKI members have a can-do attitude and I see this in the new clubs we've built. We need to rekindle the excitement and fun in our clubs to match their energy and enthusiasm.

We have started a new Kiwanis year and clubs and the District have new leadership and with it a new opportunity to achieve more for the kids. But as with any beginning of a New Year, we need to make resolutions. Not to lose weight, exercise more or quit smoking type of resolutions but ones that center on what it means to be a Kiwanian. Resolve first to reread the Six Objects of Kiwanis. They are what we are all about. Here they are to help you get started:

- To give primacy to human and spiritual rather than to material values of life
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships
- To promote the adoption and the appli-

cation of higher social, business and professional standards

- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill

Now all are important but let's look at number 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 considerable impact on you 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 at give the President or Membership Chair a name(s) of someone I believe will be a great Kiwanian.

I further resolve to be engaged in a service project for at least one hour a month with another Kiwanis member.

And finally, I resolve to actively engage in making my club a positive good for the community by making the club better with my ideas, talents and enthusiasm.

One new member, one more hour of service and one more engagement with making your club better will grow your club. To paraphrase the song *Let There Be Peace on Earth*, let my club help the kids and let it begin with me. If not now When? If not you, Who? Let's recapture the purpose and fun that Kiwanis has traditionally been known for and make your Kiwanis Club the place to be for those who want to make your community better by ensuring a great future for the children.



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

By Dennis & Ame Oliver, Project Eliminate Chairs

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From 2010-2019:

There's No Time for Quitting!

In 2010, Kiwanis pledged 110 million dollars to eliminate tetanus in 39 countries with babies dying every 9 minutes.

In 2019, Kiwanis has eliminated tetanus in 26 countries and raised 110 million dollars in gifts and pledges. Eighty-nine million actual dollars have been collected.

The LaMiss'Tenn District of Kiwanis has collected 1.9 million dollars with a goal of 2.3 million dollars. We are only \$400,000 short of our goal.

Note: The LaMiss'Tenn District of Kiwanis has \$188,000 to collect from club pledges.



So let's close the gap! With 20-20 vision, we are asking EVERY MEMBER to: Save 1 baby each month for 12 months. One month = \$1.80 Twelve Months = \$21.60 So Simple - So Easy!

Will you be the first to say yes? When you start today, we will raise \$100,000.

Special babies say thanks!



**MOTHERS & BABIES
SHOULD NOT DIE
FROM TETANUS**



The Importance of Leadership Training in Kiwanis

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



Sir William Osler (1849-1919) was a famous physician noted for teaching and the philosophy of medicine. One of the great "Oslerism" quotes is as follows: *"It is astonishing with how little reading a doctor can practice medicine, but it is not astonishing how badly he may do it."*

The same could be paraphrased for Kiwanis leaders. That in a nutshell is why Club Leadership Education (CLE), attendance at District and International Conventions and at Mid-Winter Conferences and/or Regional Meetings are so important for successful leadership.

It is well-known that in Kiwanis "all the action is at the local club level." What we do for children is done hands-on by club members in their communities. All the higher structures of Kiwanis are only for support,

education and training so that Kiwanians can be more effective at their local community pursuits in improving the world "one child at a time."

The Kiwanis club president is the leader of the Kiwanis community action unit. There are two basic kinds of Kiwanis presidents . . . those who manage and those who lead. Managers are great at organizing, arranging, executing, etc. all the many activities of a club. Leaders however go a step further to inspire and motivate members to do more, to do better and to do new things. Leaders don't lounge in their personal comfort zone and the comfort zone of the club just "doing it like we always have." Leaders think, create and "go outside the box." One of the ways you know you are leading instead of just managing is when members "throw brickbats" at you . . . they complain because you are leading/blasting them out of their "same old ways comfort zones." You don't want to alienate members, but to just analyze club activities, plan for better effectiveness and then inspire, motivate and lead your club to higher and better results. Everybody is a winner, especially the children you serve.

Club Leadership Education (CLE) is available online and is provided by district leaders in various locations for incoming club presidents. The district has a core of Certified Trainers who offer these one-day seminars. CLE is a must for all incoming club presidents. The annual District and International Conventions and other meetings not only provide superb education in many aspects of the Kiwanis world, Kiwanis family and more but they also offer great fellowship, meeting other people who have like-minded attitudes about service AND they are fun.

If you want to be the most effective club president and Kiwanis leader you can be, you should attend at least one International Convention and/or one District Convention before "your year" as president. Participating in a CLE session and/or taking a CLE workshop online is essential. You will be better for it, your club will benefit from your leadership AND the children you impact will be far better served because of your increased knowledge and improved leadership skills.

- James "Jeems" White, 8-14-19

Seven Qualities a Kiwanis Leader Cannot Afford Not to Have

By Nettles Brown, Leadership Development Committee Chair

How do you know you are a leader worth following?

By definition, that is what a leader is: a person whom others follow. (If no one is following you, you are probably not a leader, unless you are pre-launch, but even then, look back at your life. Has anyone followed you . . . ever?)

Naturally, you can gain a following through a variety of means. Not all are great. Dictators gain following. So do cult leaders. So do criminals. Not all leadership is great leadership.

Which raises the question, how do you know you are a leader *worth* following?

When I think about the leaders I believe are worth following, seven qualities keep rising to the top:

1. HUMILITY

Of all the qualities and characteristics I see in great leaders, humility is one of the greatest. It is also rarer than it should be. Sometimes we equate humility with groveling or low self-esteem. It is neither.

C.S. Lewis said it so well when he wrote that true humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

Any alternatives to humility



lead straight to arrogance. And as even Jim Collins' research has discovered, humility is the primary differentiator between good leadership and great leadership. He argues that ego-centric, celebrity-style leadership is the antithesis of great leadership.

Struggle with ego? Be a little less impressed with yourself and more impressed with your team.

2. INTEGRITY

Most of us think integrity is a good thing, but what does the term mean?

On the one hand, it means that who you are on the inside matches what you appear to be on the outside. You are consistent to the core.

The concept of integrity springs from the original Latin root of the word, which means 'intact.' In other words, can you withstand the crisis intact? A

house with integrity (a solid foundation that is what it says it is) will withstand a storm. A house with a flimsy foundation will not.

'Normal' does not test your integrity. A crisis does. If you want to see how deeply your integrity runs, just look at your last crisis.

If you want to improve your integrity, take the steps you need to ensure your private walk matches your public talk.

3. BE PASSIONATE

These points are in no particular order, but still, you might wonder why being passionate is not #1. First, people would expect it to be #1 . . . so to sound fresh and make sure you do not skip it; it is #3.

Being passionate *is* the ultimate hallmark of leadership. But the part that lags in many leaders is the **passion** part. Leadership can make you weary. Like paint, passion fades over time. It is so important to make sure your passion stays fresh.

Your team will only ever be as passionate about the mission as you are. So, do whatever it takes to stay passionate.

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Continued: Seven Qualities a Kiwanis Leader . . .

By Nettles Brown, Leadership Development Committee Chair

4. EMOTIONAL HEALTH

There are a lot of emotionally unhealthy leaders in leadership, but if you want to be a leader worth following, get healthy. Your health as a leader impacts your entire club regardless of the size.

If you are healthy at the top, you will be healthy at the bottom. If you are unhealthy at the top, you will be unhealthy at the bottom. Emotionally healthy people recognize, understand and manage their own emotions and reactions. They also know, understand and can (appropriately) influence the emotions of others.

Think about it. Is that not what the majority of club conflict is about? Exactly.

Your club or team will only be as healthy as you are. Why? Because eventually, healthy people will not serve under an unhealthy leader. And unhealthy people will not stay for long under a healthy leader unless they want to get well.

5. TRUSTWORTHINESS

Trust is confidence, and in leadership, it operates at two levels. First, there is personal trust. Personal trust is about:

- Telling the truth
- Character
- Integrity

We have already talked about that. But there is another element to trust, and that relates to your performance.

There are more than a few leaders who personally have solid character but are untrustworthy as leaders because they do not deliver. The key to instilling confidence in your team as a trustworthy leader is simple: do what you said you were going to do when you said you were going to do it.

If you are sloppy, undisciplined and miss deadlines, your team will never fully trust you. And they are right not to.

6. TEACHABILITY

You may be the leader, but you also need to continue to be a learner. Being an effective leader is not as much about being the teacher as it is about being teachable. If you are not learning, you are not growing.

The truly exceptional leaders allow their teams and followers to teach them too. This is not just about peer learning, or learning from mentors, conferences or books. It is about a posture of openness. The more teachable you are, the more people will love being led by you.

7. CLARITY

One of the most challenging aspects of leadership is establishing clarity.

Think about it. Leadership is complex with many variables. Your head spins from the uncertainty involved. I get that. Leaders worth following, though, do the hard work of creating clarity.

You cannot always be certain, but you always have to be clear. The alternative is ambiguity. No one can follow or get excited about ambiguity. And ambiguity does not change the world.

HUMILITY, INTEGRITY, AND TRUST ALL BOIL DOWN TO YOUR CHARACTER

Be careful of your thoughts

For your thoughts become your words.

Be careful of your words

For your words become your actions.

Be careful of your actions

For your actions become your habits.

Be careful of your habits

For your habits become your character.

Be careful of your character

For your character becomes your destiny.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT OF KIWANIS

Kiwanis[®] CHILDREN'S FUND

By Donna Osburn, Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair

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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.

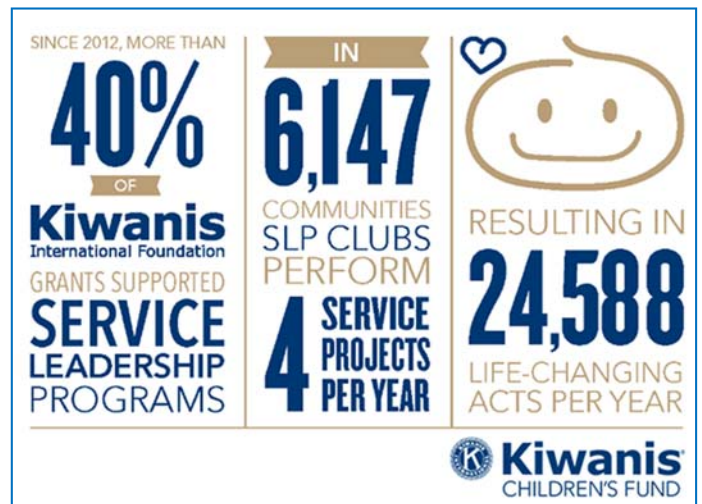
As the Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair, I want to help you! If you need more information about the Children's Fund in general, Club Grants or Disaster Relief Grants, please let me know.

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



Prayers at Kiwanis Meetings

By Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values District Chair



Kiwanis Clubs often begin their meetings or special events with Invocations for the Lord's blessings on the food, guidance for the club's deliberations, planning or our service to the children of our area. Or they offer Benedictions at the end of these events.

Our Christian or spiritual foundation is essential to our successes and to attracting men and women who may see Kiwanis service as an extension of their

personal ministries. When we offer prayers, the only caution we need to consider is that the identity of each person's "God" may be different from our own.

We generally don't have that dilemma here in our District, but we are an international organization and our membership can easily include people who are Jewish or other nationalities/religions. We never want to hesitate to express our spiritual tenants (see Kiwanis International Objects 1 & 2) but we must never step on other Kiwanians' beliefs, either.

Each individual club can ask Kiwanians to offer an invocation. At least one local club wrote and now recites this prayer as its invocation. It may be a model for your club.

*Dear Lord,
Thank you for this day that we gather here in
Kiwanis fellowship.
Bless this food that we have before us.*

Bless the efforts of this club to help the children of the world.

*Hear our prayers, both spoken and unspoken.
Guide us in our Mission.*

Amen

Here is the prayer that Kiwanis International published several years ago and is used by many Kiwanis clubs as their weekly benediction:

*Dear Lord,
In Thy infinite goodness and mercy, look down upon
Thy children in this hour of need.
Grant unto us the light and the wisdom to know Thee and to serve Thee.
And give us the strength and courage, with Thy help, to face whatever the morrow shall bring.
And grant us peace.
Amen.*

Just continue recognizing and honoring the first and second Objects of Kiwanis. They help make us unique among international service organizations.

Wondergem Named 2018-2019 Layperson of the Year

The District Human & Spiritual Values Committee was pleased and excited to receive seven high quality nominees for the Layperson of the Year recognition for 2018-19. We hope you will immediately recognize the qualities in the recipient that made him the unanimous choice.

Your 2018-19 Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Lay Person of the Year, nominated by the **Kiwanis Club of Northshore Mandeville**, is Mr. John Wondergem. He is a 12 year public educator. He has fostered 14 children and adopted 5 children. John donated one of his kidneys in 2008 to a child in foster care. He is the founder *One Hope Alliance* to confront child abuse.

He and his wife, Julie, setup *Royal Family KIDS Camp* for foster children ages 6 to 12 and it has grown into the only national network of camp and mentoring clubs designed for children of abuse, abandonment and neglect. Several programs include: the *Royal Family KIDS Mentoring Club* during the school year, *Teen Reach Adventure Camp* for teenage foster children ages 13 to 16, *The WonderGym Adaptive PE Playground* and the *Youth Mentor* at the Harbor Church in Hammond.

Of John, his church said, "You cannot put a price on the sacrifices that John and his wife have made over the years, but they do it with a heart of gold to see foster kids find joy and value in themselves and receive the love they so desperately need. John was made to teach, encourage and build up the confidence of both children and teens alike." His personal mission is to give foster children "Hope to Replace Hurt."



Getting the Word out about Kiwanis

By Jennifer Kelly-White, Public Relations District Chair



How many people outside of your Kiwanis club know what goodness you do to help others in your community? Your club does an outstanding job with service projects and fundraisers throughout the year yet let's take this to the next level and discover new ways to promote or enhance your club's public relations presence. **Numerous clubs already do public relations or marketing to a certain degree and I am here to provide help, insight and guidance to your clubs.**

For those who may be new to the area

of public relations, marketing or branding, it encompasses getting the word out to your members and the public – whether it is in the form of a newsletter, event flyer, brochure, postcard, press release, website, social media or marketing campaign. The message has to be engaging, consistent among platforms, look appealing and error free. Throughout the year I will have articles in the District magazine sharing ideas and insights on how to better promote and get your word out into the community. **If your club has been successful with public relations and marketing, please email me so it can be shared with other clubs.** I am a fan of working smarter and borrowing best practices!

Your club may appoint a Club PR and Marketing Chair who can lead the effort in your club and have a committee to assist with all things PR and marketing related; such as keeping up with website and social media. **If your club is producing a weekly/monthly newsletter please share it with me by emailing me at lmclubnewsletter@gmail.com** and this

way it will already be included for consideration for outstanding club newsletter at next year's District Convention. Or if you are looking to begin a newsletter and unsure where to start, take your agenda and include elements of birthday, anniversary, photos, good news, jokes, contact information, resources and some graphics and before you know it, you have a newsletter.

New this year is a webpage dedicated to all things PR & Marketing for the LaMiss-Tenn District. I will be posting information, newsletter samples, resources, best practices and links to Kiwanis International PR resources and more. **Please visit lamisstenn.org/pr for more details.** I look forward to working with your club as your District's PR Chair and feel free to contact me with any questions or assistance you may need.

Thanks,

Jennifer Kelly-White

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Share Your Kiwanis Stories

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor - tiffany@lamisstenn.org

Over the past four years, the La. Miss. Tenn. Kiwanis District News Magazine has grown exponentially thanks to more clubs sharing the wonderful news of their community service projects! I am proud to publish such a fine magazine that showcases the amazing community service that our Kiwanis Clubs provide in our district.

Unfortunately, I cannot include every article/photo that is submitted. Due to the overwhelming amount of articles and photos, **I cannot accept the following submissions:** officer installations, new club member announcements, club meetings/guest speakers, photos of the backs of

people, unclear photos, previously published articles not submitted by the original author, or late submissions – please adhere to deadlines.

Articles/photos that will receive highest priority include: service projects that make a significant impact in the community, photos that picture Kiwanians working along with the beneficiaries of their service, unique fundraisers, clear photos showing the fronts of the individuals.

I appreciate your help in creating an informative, attractive, touching publication that shares what we accomplish in our district as Kiwanians. Please keep sending



me your club news!

AND REMEMBER . . . THE BEST PHOTO WINS THE COVER!

Keep in mind, the cover photograph for the District News Magazine will be selected based on clarity, action and emotion. We want photographs showing how your club impacts the community!

Please see the back cover for article submission instructions and deadlines.



Key Leader South Registration Now Open: Kiwaniis Clubs Encouraged to Sponsor Students

Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership program for today's young leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership-development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership - it comes from helping *others* succeed. Participants begin by attending a Key Leader conference, which is a weekend retreat. Large and small group workshops, discussions and team-building activities take place over the course of the weekend. Students have opportunities to learn leadership skills that will help them to change their schools, communities, and world for the better. While exploring leadership in a whole new way, participants will make amazing new friends and have experiences they will never forget. Positive, ongoing interaction with

other Key Leader graduates offers continuing reinforcement, encouragement and growth of leadership skills. Since April 2005, Key Leader has served more than 31,000 students at 630 Key Leader events in 40 U.S. states, 7 Canadian provinces, The Bahamas, Malaysia, Brazil, Cayman Islands, El Salvador and Singapore.

Our event this year will be held on **November 15-17, 2019** at **Camp Istrouma in Greenwell Springs, Louisiana. Kiwanis Clubs, please consider sponsoring students for this leadership experience.** The registration fee for every student participant is \$250, student facilitators are \$150, and all adult chaperones are free. All fees should be mailed to: *Rebecca Huff, Shreveport Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 688, Shreveport, LA 71162.* All checks should be made out to the Shreveport Kiwanis Club.

Adults attending Key Leader South must have a current Kiwanis approved background check on file with Kiwanis International. If you do not have one or yours will be expiring soon, contact Rebecca Huff and arrangements will be made for you to have one done. If you are a member of a Kiwanis Club, your club MAY cover the cost of the background check. If not, please send a check for \$25, payable to: *Shreveport Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 688, Shreveport, LA 71162.* You will be informed once the background check is complete!

The registration deadline is November 1, 2019, to ensure that participants receive the size t-shirt size they request. Participants can register online at www.keyleadersouth.org.

For more information please contact Key Leader Coordinator Rebecca Huff at rebecca720is@aol.com.





By Don Eye, K-Kids District Chairman

Congratulations to North Bay Elementary School for their newly chartered K-Kids Club P02898! Oops! There is no sponsoring Kiwanis Club in their Biloxi, MS location. Well, that is what the school wanted, or did not want, as it turns out to be. Not as strange as you might think.

We recently helped form a new Kiwanis Club. To their surprise they discovered that the local high school had an excellent and robust Key Club. Clubs may be institution or community based. Maybe the key club can sponsor the Kiwanis Club . . . probably not. In any case I am proud of North Bay for starting a K-Kids Club. They can also count on us if they need assistance.

School is in session and K-Kids are busy already. Make sure you have at least 15 members and they get their package of membership materials by notifying KI. You should have already

spoken to your principals and advisors and have a few projects listed. Don't forget Terrific Kids! That is a program dear and essential to Kiwanis membership throughout the 12 year school experience. Have a great school year!



The LaMissTenn District Welcomes the Following New K-Kids Clubs

There are three new K-Kids Clubs in the district this quarter. I have reached out to all three and offered my support. Two have no Kiwanis sponsor but have my support if needed. Looks like Biloxi is taking care of their kids!

North Bay Elementary
1825 N Popp's Ferry Rd.
Biloxi, MS 39532
Faculty Advisor: Teresa Martin

Popp's Ferry
364 Nelson Rd.
Biloxi, MS 39531
Kiwanis Advisor: Larry Atkins
Faculty Advisor: Mary Greg-Blakely

Jeff Davis Elementary
340 Saint Mary Blvd.
Biloxi, MS 39531
Faculty Advisor: Rebecca Ray

AKtion Club of Southwest Louisiana Adopts-A-Spot Cleanup

Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On September 7th, the **AKtion Club of Southwest Louisiana** worked hard cleaning up their Adopt-A-Spot area and enjoyed refreshing ice cream treats afterwards.



Greenville High Key Club Gets Started!

By Linda Ramsey, Martin Kiwanis Club

Raising Funds for the American Cancer Society

Key Clubbers from the new **Greenfield Key Club** in Greenfield, TN have been very active in their community service this month. They have helped the American



Cancer Society (ACS) raise funds for the Weakley County Relay for Life Event which happens on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the UTM Football Stadium Parking Lot from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. The Sonics across Weakley County offered to give 20% of their proceeds to the ACS on Thursday, August 27, 2019. Key Clubbers came out and helped promote this event by holding signs and encouraging customers to come visit Sonic so that the ACS could benefit. A huge thanks to Sonic and to the Greenfield Key Club for we were able to raise over \$500 at the three different locations to benefit the American Cancer Society.



Cancer Car Bash

The **Greenfield Key Club**, including one young lady from the **Martin Westview High School Key Club**, also came out to the Soybean Festival in Martin, TN on September 5th, 6th, and 7th to help man the Cancer Car Bash. Volunteers are needed to collect funds, assist the hitters with safety goggles and the selection of their size and appropriate sledge hammer to use to hit the car. We also need help sweeping up the parts of the vehicle that fall in the street and keeping everyone at a safe distance. This fundraiser was a part of the UTM Relay for Life Team, and has been going on for 11 years, but we always need extra help to man the booth, and we were thankful to have the Key Club volunteers.



Acadiana Homeschool Helps St. Jude

Acadiana Homeschool Key Club Facebook Page

In September, **Acadiana Homeschool Key Club & Builders Club** members collected donations at Super One in Youngsville for St. Jude to help find a cure for childhood cancer.



Zachary High Helps out at Special Olympics

By Tiffany Domingue, Cortana Kiwanis Club

Members of the **Zachary High School Key Club** volunteered at the Special Olympics Horseshoe Throwing event held at Kennilworth Park in Baton Rouge on Thursday morning, September 26th. Also participating were **Cortana Kiwanis Club** members Bob Blanchard, Danny McConnell and Jim Frederick (pictured below on the far right from left to right).

Blanchard and McConnell, former members of the **Oaks Kiwanis Club**, brought with them to the Cortana Kiwanis Club the tradition of volunteering at local Special Olympics events. The Oaks Kiwanis Club had recently shut down due to low member participation. Those deciding to remain part of the Kiwanis family opted to join other clubs in the area.



Baton Rouge Magnet High Cleans LSU Lakes

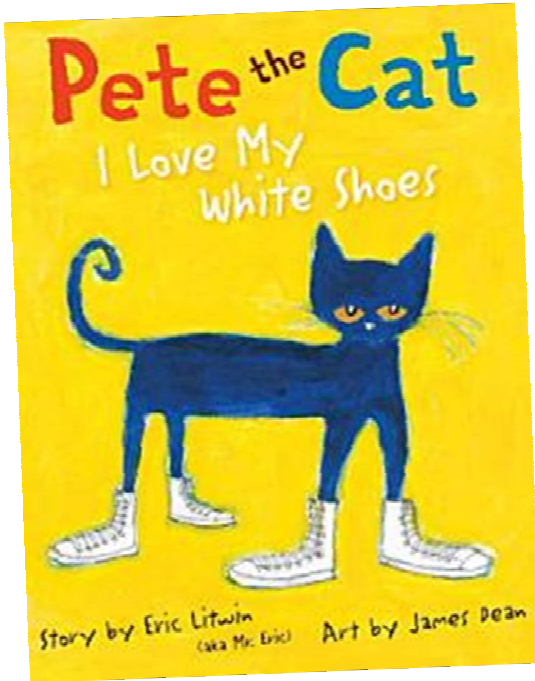
Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club Facebook Page posted by Megan Sawyer

On Saturday, September 21st, **Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club** members cleaning up the LSU Lakes. Cleaning up LSU Lakes really takes a lot out of you, but you feel great after!



LSU Circle K Helps LaMissTenn's First Lady

Louisiana State University Circle K & Baton Rouge Kiwanis Clubs' Facebook Pages



Louisiana State University Circle K International is honored to have had the opportunity to help LaMissTenn First Lady Joy Hammatt's Project! On September 11th, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club members Gary Graham and Dorothy Kemp joined the Circle K'ers in labeling books for the 3Rs for 3BR Project of putting a *Pete the Cat* book in the hands of all EBR public school Pre-K children.



Circle K Clubs Recruit

Circle K International Facebook Page

This summer, Circle K International Clubs like Louisiana Tech University and Mississippi State University set out to recruit new members for the upcoming year. Club members enjoyed meeting everyone and are excited to see all of the new faces this fall. Keep up the great work!



Angel from Algiers Appears at St. Luke's

By Linda Leger, Algiers Kiwanis Club



Hulon Matherne of the **Kiwanis Club of Algiers**, Louisiana, Division 4A uses his off time (after closing his barber shop) on Friday, July 26th at 7 p.m. to come to St. Luke's Assisted Living Center to cut hair. Ms. Linda, a resident of the center, was very excited when she realized that he was there to give her a haircut for free because she

couldn't afford paying for one. Ms. Linda got the full barbershop treatment along with conversation, story-telling and jokes. Ms. Linda's husband, Mr. Kenny, would usually be sleeping at this time because of boredom but enjoyed the company of another male figure to shoot the breeze with. Hulon was on a roll that night and Ms. Linda was a trooper taking it all in. It wasn't until the end of the haircut and things were winding down when Ms. Linda came back with a line from one of Hulon's stories that left Hulon completely red faced and speechless. Glad I was there to catch it on camera. I offered to pay Hulon for the haircut but he refused any money. He said because of his job he doesn't get to work on many Kiwanis projects so this is how he makes up for it. He tries to give back to the community whenever possible.



A Night to Remember for Fathers & Daughters

By Judy Glenn, Corinth Kiwanis Club

For 8 years now, the **Corinth Kiwanis Club** has provided fathers and father figures an opportunity to make memories and build relationships with their daughters. A positive male role model correlates in a variety of benefits to young women including higher grades and improved self image. Held the Saturday before Valentines Day each year, the Father-Daughter Ball has grown from just over 300 attendees to well over 1000. The evening is about more than dancing, although there is a great deal of that. There are numerous booths set up including Tobacco Free Mississippi where information is provided about healthy life choices and a banner where individuals can pledge to stop using tobacco products. Local teens in Disney costumes are on hand to meet and talk with attendees before joining them on the dance floor. A full meal is provided including healthy food choices. A tall silver punch fountain helps to keep the guests hydrated throughout the night as well as a shave-ice stand, photo booth, limo rides, make up station and more. It is an enchanted evening that families look forward to for the entire year. Especially heartwarming are the stories of fathers who are separated from their daughters and take this oppor-

tunity to reconnect and rebuild relationships. We had one veteran who had been deployed that was able to return for this event as a surprise to his daughter in 2019. The stories are many and change from year to year but the enthusiasm with which our community supports the event and identifies it with Kiwanis builds from one year to the next.



The dance floor at the Corinth Kiwanis Father-Daughter Ball photographed by Donnie Bates

Uniforms with a Purpose

By Pat Blazio, Big Easy Kiwanis Club

In April, **Big Easy Kiwanis** member Judge Calvin Johnson brought a uniform request for students attending Algiers/Charter Schools to the board. Why now in April? School will be out in May, right? We just didn't understand that children can become "homeless" and in need of a uniform at any time. The request was tabled but not forgotten.

Over the summer, Judge Johnson contacted the requestors, who put us in touch with a school social worker/homeless liaison, Ms. Lahauma Johnson.

By this time she said the schools had identified 60 returning homeless high school students and 30 elementary school students needing uniforms. She explained that they come in throughout the year due to their untimely circumstances. WOW!

I asked her to define "homeless" for me. Some are kids whose parent(s), for various reasons (loss of job, unaffordable housing, etc.) cannot provide stability for their families.

These kids find themselves displaced in the community, having to change schools with nothing, no supplies, no uniforms. They find themselves dependent on schools as a source of food also.

It takes a village to raise a child . . . is



an African Proverb that means an entire community of people must interact with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment.

Our board members overwhelmingly wanted to help! There's so much you can do in life and really so little time. The **Uniforms with a Purpose** was born.

Need can be overwhelming. Change can be met when you have a village. We have our own village with dedicated Big Easy Kiwanis members and volunteers who support our fundraisers which improve the communities for our children. Also, this year our club decided to apply for a Community Service Grant through our LaMis-

sTenn Foundation for assistance.

Upon receiving grant approval, a small committee along with Judge Johnson, met with Ms. Lahauma Johnson, RSW/Homeless Liaison at the designated uniform shop to make the purchase of 60 complete uniforms for her students!

The children were so incredibly grateful to have a new uniform to begin a new school year, however shy or embarrassed to take pictures for fear that would identify them as being homeless.

A letter from Lahauma Johnson:

Good afternoon Ms. Pat, I would like to take this time to thank the Kiwanis club for their support of our students. Many of the students that attend Landry/Walker and Martin Berman were able to begin the 2019-2020 school year on time because of your support. This is what one of my students stated to me one day last week in the hallway. "Thank you so much for looking out for me, if it wasn't for you I would not be in school today." Thanks to the Kiwanis, I was able to provide that student with a uniform to start his senior year. Once again, thanks for your support and recognition.

*Best,
Lahauma Johnson, RSW
Homeless Liaison*



From left to right: Big Easy Kiwanis Member Lydwina Hurst; Lahauma Johnson, RSW/Homeless Liaison for Algiers Charter Schools; and Members: Judge Calvin Johnson, Pat Blazio and seated, Charles Marshall



Cortana Kiwanis: Making Service FUN!

By Debbie Salvant, Cortana Kiwanis Club

Cortana Kiwanis of Baton Rouge has had a busy quarter, including projects for children and a little fellowship. We began with a Christmas in July celebration complete with an Ugly Sweater Contest and a visit from Santa!

Healthy Blue sponsored an event for teens prior to school called Total Teen Takeover. It was an afternoon of free prizes and giveaways, motivational speakers, entertainment and food. Cortana Kiwanis provided jambalaya for all participants and business sponsors.

Broadmoor Elementary School is special to Cortana Kiwanis in many ways. Our BUG program there is very well received. Over the summer we found out that the school had tattered American and Louisiana flags. The club voted to present the school with new flags to fly over their school for the 2019 opening.



A group of Cortana members presented the flags to their principal, Larry Harris. Many club members also donated school supplies from their own funds to assist the school when students are in need. Scholastic Book Company has a program that will provide a student with one book a month to take home as their own. The cost is \$10 per student per year. To date Cortana members have personally donated \$400 for this program. This allows one total classroom plus a portion of another at Broadmoor to participate in this



program. In an effort to continue to improve interest in reading, Cortana is beginning a Lending Library program this year. Our first installation will be at Broadmoor Elementary in the near future.



East St. Mary: Staying Active in the Community

By Emily Berry, East St. Mary Kiwanis Club

Supporting Team Blue with Tri-City Football Players



Tri-City Football Players Supporting Team Blue has become an annual event every August in our Tri-City area of Morgan City, Berwick, and Patterson. On Monday, August 19 our area high schools along with our area's first responders (police, fire-fighters, emergency medical technicians, wildlife & fisheries, etc.) walked the old bridge from Morgan City to Berwick or vice versa in support and unity within our community for each other. The march is an appreciation celebration for our first responders. **The East St. Mary Kiwanis Club** has participated in the event for the past couple of years by supplying cold water to the walkers. Pictured are several of our members backing the blue.

Bingo with Patterson Health



Every last Thursday of the month members of the **Kiwanis Club of East St. Mary** show up to host 10 Bingo games and a black out at Patterson Healthcare Center in Patterson, LA. It is a wonderful way to spend a Thursday evening visiting with these legacies. It is also an opportunity for several of our members to do activities with their children in service.



Germantown GIVES

By Paddy Harris, Germantown Kiwanis Club



in the city limits of Germantown, not be covered by flood insurance, and in the five weeks between the flood event and the application deadline must have begun the mitigation/restoration process with documentation of at least \$2000. The Emergency Management team provided the survey of all reported damage showing the level of water inside the affected homes, and detailed in three major categories: 3-5 feet, 1-3 feet, and under 1 foot.

The City of Germantown allocated \$250,000 to start the contributions, and Shelby County provided an additional \$100,000 to support this flood relief fund. Civic clubs, neighborhood associations, church groups, corporate headquarters, local businesses, and individuals from within and outside the community of Germantown all pitched in to help. The Kiwanis Club of Germantown contributed \$5000, along with untold hours of documenting and disbursing these funds. Our club has a long and successful relationship with our city and its residents, and we are continuing this tradition . . . ”one child, one community at a time.”

In the early hours of Friday, June 7, 2019, the homes of over 150 Germantown families received devastating losses due to a flood identified by the University of Memphis Earth Sciences research team as a “one in 25,000 year event.” In a matter of hours, a microburst of 10-12 inches rained/poured down, creating from three to five feet of water in many homes. By daylight the water was gone, so many people from outside this area had no idea how severe the damage was to these families.

City officials and staff immediately recognized the need for a major fund-raising effort to help with the financial relief for the affected families. To achieve this goal, the City of Germantown turned to the **Kiwanis**

Club of Germantown to manage this fund through its 501(c)(3) Charitable Account, designated to a special account at Iberia Bank for this occasion. The Board of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown voted unanimously to accept this project, as it has in many collaborative projects with the city for over 55 years. Kiwanis reached out into the community for volunteers to serve on a Review Panel to evaluate applications; eventual representation included skills and experience in home inspection, home improvement, construction, insurance, and management of charitable fund accounts.

The requirements for application were minimal: Applicants must be owner-occupants of their home with-

New Kiwanis Clubs in Greenfield & South Fulton, Tennessee!

By Anna Clark & Linda Ramsey, Martin Kiwanis Club

The first official meeting of the new **Greenfield Kiwanis Club** was held on Wednesday, September 11th, at 8:15 p.m. at the Greenfield Community Room. Interested persons in the community were invited to attend.

Officers for the new Greenfield Kiwanis Club are as follows: Kim Foley, president; Lori Rash, president-elect; Rachel Lovell, treasurer; and McCall Scates, secretary. Board members are Tara Tansil-Gentry, Beth Scates, Karrie Radford, Kirk McCartney, and Stacy R. Coleman.

Other charter members as of now are Natalie Scates, Mae Tansil, Robert Lovell, Bradley Bodine, Joel Dethloff, Linda Ramsey, Shelley Featherston, Ray Ann Dudley, Carla Marie Brewer Lee, Adam Kail, and Joseph Andrew Woodruff.

Kiwanis empowers communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis Club.

Interest meetings were held in Greenfield on August 1st and August 10th. On August 26th-29th, a Kiwanis Blitz was held with approximately 20 people from the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Kiwanis District coming to West Tennessee to help build Kiwanis Cubs in Greenfield and South Fulton.

The Martin Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the Greenfield Kiwanis Club, and the **Union City Kiwanis Club** is sponsoring the **Twin Cities Kiwanis Club** in South Fulton, Tennessee.



EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY - The new Greenfield Kiwanis Club is committed to empowering the community to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children. Members of the new Greenfield club, members of the sponsoring Martin Kiwanis Club, and others from the Louisiana-Mississippi Kiwanis District are as follows: front row, seated (l to r) Lori Rash, Tara Tansil, Kim Foley, Stacey Coleman, Kirk McCartney; second row (l to r) Linda Ramsey, Maya Rash, president of Greenfield Key Club; Mary Elizabeth Bell, Mae Tansil, Natalie Scates, Rachel Lovell, Carla Lee, Steve Foley; back row (l to r) Frank Black, Blake Holliman, secretary Greenfield Key Club; Bryce Holliman, treasurer Greenfield Key Club; Thomas Tansil, Joel Dethloff, Beth Scates, McCall Scates, Shelley Featherston, Karrie Radford, Ray Ann Dudley, Adam Kail, and Bruce Hammatt, governor-elect of the LaMissTN Kiwanis District.

Gulfport Gives a Facelift to the Bayou View Baseball Field

By Ed Blakes, Gulfport Kiwanis Club

The Bayou View Baseball Facility consists of six fields which are used by approximately 680 kids, ages 5 through 14. These are the only ball fields available in the City of Gulfport. Boys play baseball on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights during the summer months. Girls play softball on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The batting cages were unsafe and in disrepair. The nets around the fields were also in disrepair and a safety issue and were in need of being replaced with bigger nets. In October of 2018, the **Kiwanis Club of Gulfport** initiated and coordinated a project to renovate the batting cages and replace the nets around the fields. It was a win/win solution in that several entities were brought into our project.

The Kiwanis Club of Gulfport gave the City of Gulfport \$12,000 to purchase new nets and L-screens for the batting cages and new nets to put up around the fields. The City of Gulfport purchased these materials, saving money on taxes. The Kiwanis Club of Gulfport was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the District Foundation to assist the club with this funding. The City of Gulfport cleaned up and replaced mats for the floor of the batting cages and installed metal poles set in concrete for the new nets around the fields. Seabees from the Naval Construction Battalion Center, located in Gulfport as a community project, installed the new nets in the batting cages and the new L-screens. Weaver Electric donated manpower and equipment to install the

new nets around the fields. As our President Will Symmes notes, “while this project has taken the entire Kiwanis year to complete, it was certainly a great use of our Pancake Day money. We have minimized costs and maximized the use of our funds by involving several entities as noted above in this project. Kiwanis has touched the lives of many children in Gulfport, not only this year, but in the years to come by making these fields again useable and safe.”



Hammond Hosts the Tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride

By Judy & Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club



Recently, the **Hammond Kiwanis Club** successfully completed the group's premier fundraiser, the Tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride. This year's ride attracted 325 riders from throughout the region and several riders from neighboring states of Texas and Mississippi.

Judy Couvillion, chairperson for the ride, said of the event, "We did it once again! Our annual Tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride was a huge success. We heard nothing but good things from the riders and a number of them asked why we don't offer two rides each year. It's comments such as that that makes it all worthwhile and lets us know that we are putting on a really good event for area cyclists."

Couvillion reported that the club made about \$13,000 on this year's Tour. "This will help fund our projects throughout the year. Though the weather

was somewhat cool early, and it did get hot later, the ride came off without any problems and no injuries to our riders. We have been doing this for 27 years and we think that we offer one of the finest bike rides in the state. Over the years we have learned what the riders want and we constantly seek to meet their needs," she said.

The Tour de Tangipahoa offers riders a choice of a 60-mile or 30-mile trip. The experienced riders complete the sixty miles in about two hours. The 60-mile ride sets out at 7:30 a.m. and all riders are back at the starting point by about 1 p.m. Along the way, the riders can refresh themselves at six rest stops. The rest stops, stationed at about 10-mile intervals, are stocked with sports drinks, water, ice, candy, salty treats, fruit and an exotic item, pickle juice. "Several years ago the riders asked for pickle juice . . . it restores their stamina, . . . so we provide that for them," Couvillion said.

Awaiting the riders at the event's conclusion is a pastalaya lunch. Volunteer therapists also offer the riders massages. A bicycle mechanic is on hand to assist rides with mechanical problems and deputies from the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office provide security for the riders.

Couvillion said of her fellow club members, "almost everyone in our club participated in this big event. Just saying 'thanks' for my wonderful fellow members is not enough. The Tour de Tangipahoa is a tremendous undertaking and it just would not be possible without the club's dedicated support. We had 47 Kiwanians participate in the tour and they accumulated 500 hours of service in the endeavor. Even though much work is involved, our members thoroughly enjoy working the tour because they know that the proceeds will go back to helping so many in our community. This is what Kiwanis is all about."



Hammond Club: Helping out on a Hot August Night

By Judy & Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club



↑ Vic Couvillion, who has been a member of Kiwanis for 48 years, wore the “K” on his cheek for the duration of the Hammond Kiwanis Club’s participation in Hammond’s Hot August Night event. The “K” was painted by a group of volunteers who were offering face painting.

Thanks to the generosity of The Cate Street Seafood Restaurant, the **Hammond Kiwanis Club** earned some extra funds that they can put into their Project Account for community enhancing projects. The club holds its weekly meetings at the Mezzanine, an annex to Cate Street Seafood Building, and the restaurant has assisted the club in sever-

al ways since the club began holding their meetings at the facility several years ago.

Each year, the Hammond Downtown Development District holds a unique event called Hot August Night. Hot August Night, designed years ago as a way to attract visitors to the Historic Downtown Area, offers a wine and beer stroll, live music, art shows and other activities. Patrons pay \$20 for a bracelet that allows them to sample wines and beers at many stops open for the evening. Cate Street Seafood was one of the stops and the restaurant managers asked the Kiwanis Club to maintain that stop.

Additionally, the restaurant donated a VIP dinner for six, valued at \$150, for the club to raffle. Proceeds from the raffle netted the club about \$800. Kiwanians participating in the event reported that they truly enjoyed the evening. A live band played music at the Mezzanine throughout the evening. The event allowed the Kiwanis Club to have exposure to the many visitors who came

to the venue.

At the same time club members enjoyed fellowship among themselves and through interaction with the visitors. “This unexpected windfall will fund our Kiwanis Happy Packs program for about two months,” said Judy Couvillion, chairman of the club’s Community Service Committee. She said of the event, “and speaking of ‘happy,’ the dozen or more Kiwanians who participated, along with some spouses had a great time at the event. Lots of laughs were shared during the evening. You just never know when an opportunity will arise to participate in a positive community event that also affords you the chance to raise some much needed funds for club projects. We look forward to doing this next year,” she concluded.



↑ Kiwanians Patrick Coudrain and Wayne Allen, at right, assist a patron at Hot August Night, a Hammond event that is designed to attract visitors to the city’s Downtown Historic District.



← Mayson Foster, a member of the Hammond Kiwanis Club, & Rose Ann Husser, a member of the Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club, are all smiles as they assist a visitor to the tasting booth at the Mezzanine in the Hot August Night event.

Hammond Honors Community Members for Service

By Judy & Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

The Hammond Kiwanis Club recently awarded a Zeller Fellowship to Kevin Brunelle & Earl Roy, managers of the local Albertsons Grocery Store for assistance that the store has given the Hammond club over the past several decades.

In 1991 the Hammond club, searching for a fund raiser to support local community projects, decided to hold a bicycle ride. The club named the event the Tour de Tangipahoa and the ride has been the club's major fund raiser ever since. Andy Gibb, who was a member of the club at the time the first ride was staged was also manager of Albertsons. His store donated all the food items and the ice needed for the club's rest stops on the tour de Tangipahoa and for the dinner that was offered the riders at the event's conclusion. Andy Gibb passed away a number of years ago but Albertsons has continued its support of the Tour de Tangipahoa ever since.

"Over the years, Albertsons has donated thousands and thousands



Kevin Brunelle, left, and Earl Roy, managers of Hammond's Albertsons grocery Store, show the Zeller Fellowship recently awarded them by the Hammond Kiwanis Club. Albertsons has donated food items for the club's tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride since the ride's inception 27 years ago.

of dollars in food and other items for our Tour de Tangipahoa. Without their support, we could not have realized the successes that our bicycle ride has become. Words just cannot express the great deal of gratitude that our club, and the community, owes to Albertsons. Not only are the two current managers generous to our club, but they also support Southeastern Louisiana University athletics and other community projects. We just thought it

would be special to recognize Kevin and Earl for all that they have done for our club," said Judy Couvillion, chairperson for the Tour de Tangipahoa.

Brunelle and Roy were especially appreciative of the honor when they learned that the Zeller Fellowship presented to them would save many lives that would otherwise be threaded with neo-natal tetanus in developing countries. Both expressed their gratitude to the club for the recognition rendered to them. The Zeller was presented at a recent club meeting. When the duo was recognized, the members rose to give them a standing ovation. Club President Ron Abel said at the award ceremony, "the relationship that we have with Albertsons is a very special one and it shows how much can be accomplished when a Kiwanis Club partners with a business to accomplish some great things in a community. We are especially grateful for what Albertsons has done for our club over the years."

Small Club of Lucedale Makes a BIG Impact

By Janet Schnurr, Lucedale Kiwanis Club



As a small club in a small town, the **Kiwanis Club of Lucedale** is trying to make a big impact! This year we partnered with a local organization, Saving Our Youth, for an annual Back to School event. On July 27th, our club volunteered our time and funds to provide a fresh grilled hot dog lunch to local students and their families! Along with the community members providing lunch, the event also provided donated school items, backpacks and uniforms to over 400 students. This event provided supplies to many students who can not afford to go back to school shopping and takes stress off the local education administration. We were thrilled to be part of the event and loved seeing the smiling faces of our community. The event has been growing the past few years, with funding coming entirely from one of our own Kiwanis members, Terra Johnson and her family. This year our Club was able to help the event grow even more by partnering with the amazing organization. We hope to continue to help them in future events.

We are continuing our efforts to grow our club and our reach, and will be having our Signature fundraiser October 26th, 7 p.m. at the East Central Community Center in Hurley. The event is a Halloween Drawdown, if you are interested in sponsoring or attending, please email jschnurr@cspire.com for more information!

Lakes Charles: Making a World of Difference

By Tori Hebert, Lake Charles Kiwanis Club

The **Kiwanis Clubs of Lake Charles** has been serving our community for 100 years. In that time, nine additional clubs have been chartered in the region and collectively we have over 250 volunteer members and 200 affiliate members. Kiwanis is an integral part of the history of Southwest Louisiana.

When the members of the Lake Charles club began talking about how a centennial could be celebrated, one of the first agreements was that all of the area clubs would be invited to participate. The second decision was another unanimous vote that the 100th birthday celebration was not about the clubs, but about the families that we strive to serve.

With these things in place, we found a partner in CHRISTUS Ochsner St. Patrick Hospital, a Children's Miracle Network Hospital, where a need for NICU family support was present. Both CHRISTUS and Kiwanis have devoted their efforts to serving families and children for a century. This common ground led to the development of the Kiwanis Family Fund.

A little party never killed nobody and our community members showed up in droves. The Kiwanis 100th Birthday Bash was held on March 11th at L'Auberge Casino Resort where over 400 guests enjoyed live music, a delicious meal and a fun night out with friends and family. Over \$50,000 was raised at the event and was



donated to the CHRISTUS Ochsner SWLA Foundation to establish the Kiwanis Family Fund.

The fund is a lasting legacy to help families with special needs children to access the very best pediatric care while being treated at CHRISTUS Ochsner Lake Area Hospital's NICU, Labor & Delivery and Kid's Team outpatient therapy program.

Each participating Kiwanis Club, CKI, Aktion Club and Key Club in Southwest Louisiana also received a donation to benefit their service leadership projects.

Kiwanis Club of Long Beach Re-Chartered

By Susan Weller & Howard Lock, Long Beach Kiwanis Club



Hurricane Katrina left the **Kiwanis Club of Long Beach** without a place to meet. The Bell was the only item saved from the devastation. Some members transferred to Orange Grove. After Katrina it was hard to find a place to meet. It took some time to start rebuilding the effort. It fell to Howard Lock to rebuild Long Beach. He was able to assemble a team that had built twelve clubs in Division 14. Three members had built clubs in other areas of the District.

Team Members are: Dennis Oliver, International Children's Fund; Rogena Mitchell, International Club Specialist; Governor-Elect Bruce Hammatt (now Governor); Gary Graham, District Chair for Membership; Travis Moore, Division 14 Lieutenant Governor; Larry Atkins, President of the Biloxi Kiwanis Club; Laplace Jackson, Jr., Past Lieutenant Governor of Division 14; Rhett Hamiter, President-Elect of the

Orange Grove Kiwanis Club; and Howard Lock, Secretary of the Orange Grove Kiwanis Club.

Governor Eva Abate (now Immediate Past Governor) Installed the Club Officers: Jerry Olson, President; Kathleen Kozlowski, President-Elect; Deb Kurts, Treasurer; and Howard Lock, Secretary.

Also, Governor Abate presented the Charter to President Jerry Olson and Howard Lock with a Legion of Honor, representing 25 years of service. Long Beach Mayor George Bass presented Club President Jerry Olson with a City of Long Beach Proclamation. Proclaiming Monday, July 1, 2019 as "Kiwanis Day," the Mayor said, "This recognizes the re-establishment of the Kiwanis Club of Long Beach as another action demonstrating Long Beach's revival from Katrina's destruction." The Mayor also said, "I am pleased to see such a large attendance."

Jerry Olson then presented the Mayor with an Honorary Certificate of Membership and said, "Your dues bill will arrive next week." Former Key Clubber and Soloist, Piper Leith sang "God Bless America." She was just fantastic.

Pictured above from left to right:

1. Mayor George Bass presents Long Beach Kiwanis Club President Jerry Olson with a City of Long Beach Proclamation.
2. Region III Trustee Barbara McCay, Division 14 Lieutenant Governor Travis Moore, Governor Eva Abate, Governor Elect Bruce Hammatt, and Long Beach Kiwanis Club President Jerry Olson
3. Governor Eva Abate presents Legion of Honor Award to Howard Lock for his 25 years of Kiwanis Service.

Memphis Club: Keeping Busy!

By Dianne Polly, Memphis Kiwanis Club

The Memphis Kiwanis Club had a very busy couple of weeks in August. We were the host club for the district convention and enjoyed meeting so many fellow Kiwanians from our district. A few of you took us up on our invitation and joined us at our social hour the night before the conference. We ordered and received perfect weather for the cruise down the Mississippi River. The following weekend we had our annual picnic which this year was held at the Redbirds baseball game. And although it rained and the game was postponed by two hours, those that stayed had a great time and the name of our club was acknowledged on the neon screen. Unfortunately no one caught one of the many foul balls.



New Orleans Teams up with Boys & Girls Club

By Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans (KCNO) teamed up with the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Louisiana (BGCSELA) for their BLUE DOOR BLUES GALA of 2019. During a night full of auction items, fabulous food and bluesy jazz music, KCNO members assisted wherever needed . . . setting up, auction table or wine pull. It was a great partnership!

KCNO member and BGCSELA Development Director, Debi Ryan, said it was an extremely successful night, and raised over \$85,000 for the four Boys & Girls Clubs located in the Southeast Area of Louisiana.

The mission of Boys & Girls Club of America is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

New Orleans Enhances Sporting Events for Community Schools

By Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis Club

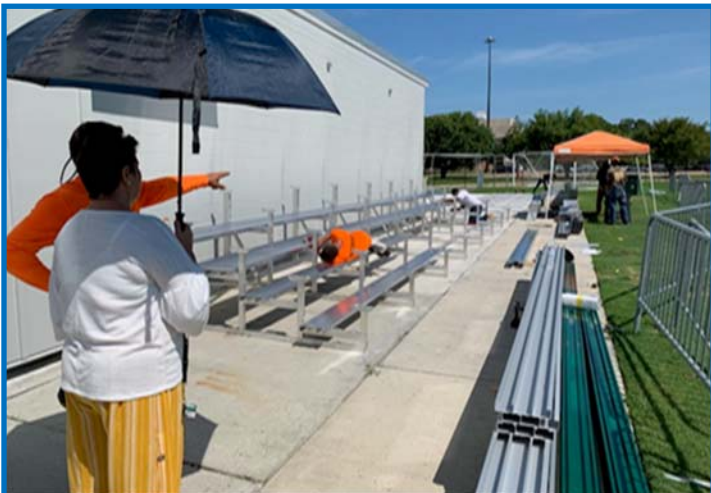
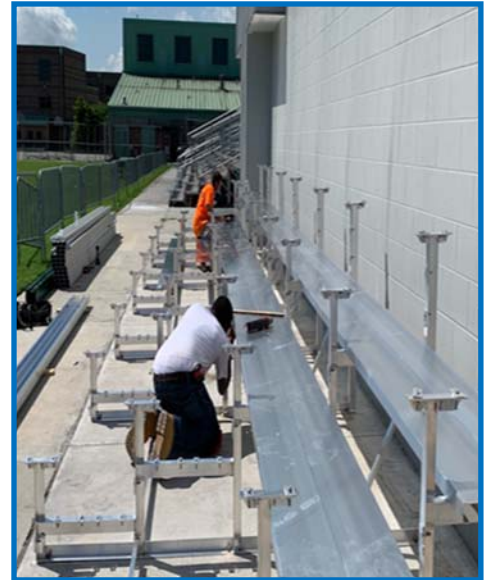
The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans (KCNO) sponsors the Key Club of Ben Franklin High School. Being a sponsor for the Sponsored Youth goes way beyond just attending meetings with the Key Club – it includes working with the school. The relationship between the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans and the Ben Franklin High School goes back to 1991, when the Key Club was chartered. Since then, the two clubs have intertwined their service throughout the community.

Last year, Ben Franklin High School received a grant from the Brees Dream Foundation and the NFL to renovate their sports’ facility. New locker rooms, concession stands, and the field were all updated as part of a “Community Field” for other schools in the New Orleans

area. Moving forward, the school wanted to expand the seating capacity for the Home Team as well as Visitors to over 1,000 seating capacity, so they turned to their sponsor club, the New Orleans Kiwanis Club, for assistance.

After a field trip to the site, the Board of Kiwanis Club of New Orleans spoke with their club about helping out Ben Franklin; which in turn, would assist many other schools in the New Orleans community without facilities for playing their sports. The club agreed, wholeheartedly, and donated **\$49,050** to Ben Franklin for the expansion of the bleachers. Installed over the summer, they await the new school year’s sporting events!

#KidsNeedKiwanis!



Little Free Pantry: A Community Collaboration

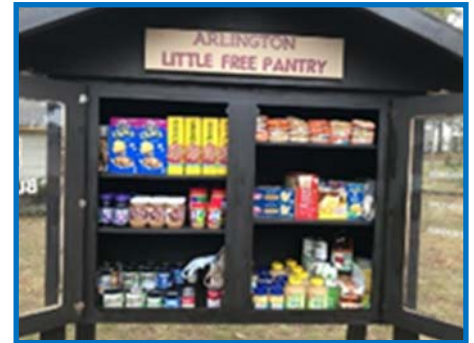
By Pastor Gordon Myers, Northeast Shelby County Kiwanis Club

In the Summer of 2017, local resident Ray Ghazali posted the picture of a “Little Free Pantry” with motto: “Take what you need, leave what you can” on the Arlington Tennessee Facebook page and asked for community input. Based on overwhelming response, on August 3, 2017, at an open community meeting, a plan to install a pantry box containing donated basic non-perishable boxed and canned food items was approved. Anyone experiencing a need could simply access the contents without any qualifications, restrictions, paperwork or embarrassment.

Living Word Lutheran Church hosted the first pantry box providing maintenance, management, installation site, and storage space. Community collaboration flourished. The newly formed **Kiwanis Club of**

Northeast Shelby County agreed to sponsor the program providing support for collecting food donations and raising funds. A local Girl Scout troop offered to be involved in the construction. Volunteers applied their talents and time to design and build the pantry box, supplied building materials, and installed the structure adjacent to Living Word Lutheran Church’s parking lot.

Since opening in October 2017, various community organizations and clubs, schools and churches as well as countless individuals have enthusiastically supported the pantry out of concern for neighbors. Over time, the use of the pantry has increased dramatically and, with tremendous community support, continues to meet the expanding needs.



The Arlington Little Free Pantry has proven to be a wonderful tool in meeting many community needs:

- The need for food
- The need to make a difference
- The need to be connected to each other

South Lake Charles: Bench Restoration at Middle School

By Edward J. Hebert, D.D.S., South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club



On August 30th, 2019, members of the **South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club** completed a bench restoration project and delivery of a “Buddy Bench” to FK White Middle School and participated in the ceremony at the school with the students. The club started the project in April with a series of service days that ended on August 30th.

Members of the club restored 11 benches that had been originally placed over 20 years ago and were in disrepair. I had spoken with Principal Owen Clanton about what he perceived as the most need at the school. He felt for the benefit of the students, their moral, and something they could be proud of, we chose this project. We had 4 service days from April through August of this year. We took apart the old benches, sanded and re-painted the metal supports and placed new lumber. We stained the new lumber and then using the old bench lumber as a template, put the benches back together. The project was dressed off by placing pine straw and bark mulch around the benches as well as the area where the new “Buddy Bench” was placed. We had a total of 15 club members participate on various days of the project.



From iPads to Cook-off

By Jennifer Kelly-White, Thibodaux Kiwanis Club

Providing quality educational opportunities are an on-going concern in any town and thanks to the **Kiwanis Club of Thibodaux**, they presented 25 iPads and a special locking, self-charging storage unit to Hi-5, a local non-profit which provides after school mentoring programs and empowers families through consistent investment in opportunities by giving them a roadmap to reach their full potential. Enhancing technology for their after school mentoring program has been an

area of need and on July 24th, Kiwanis donated 25 iPads which will remain in the facility, improving the education of children in our community for years to come. Everyone is giving a Hi-5 and pictured are Kiwanians and Hi-5 board members (holding iPads).

From helping the youth to college students, Thibodaux Kiwanis showed its support for the Nicholls State University Colonels during its 2nd Annual Huddle Up 5K Run/Walk & Tailgate Cook-Off contest. This signature fami-

ly-friendly event helps celebrate the beginning of the fall sports season at Nicholls. Our Kiwanis club returned this year as defending champs hoping to extend our reign (and we most certainly did!). This year our team cooked and prepared Polynesian Pork Sliders with marinated grilled pork tenderloin, purple cabbage slaw and grilled pineapple on a toasted sweet Hawaiian roll - delicious and a crowd favorite!



Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities Ken-Tenn Organized

By John Fry, Union City Kiwanis Club

The last week of August a team of Kiwanians from 6 states converged in the far northwest corner of the LaMissTenn District with one goal – to open a new club. After some onsite planning and three full days of canvassing and recruiting along the Ken-Tenn state line, the **Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities Ken-Tenn** was organized with 46 charter members – one percent of the population.

Prospective members of the new club brought non-perishable food items to the organizational meeting and as a result were able to donate over 270 items to a local food pantry. The new club, sponsored by the **Kiwanis Club of Union City**, hopes to continue the work that the original South Fulton club began in 1971 and continued until 2013.



Highlights from Union City

By John Fry, Union City Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Reading Program Returns to Union City

After a regrettable hiatus, the **Kiwanis Club of Union City** proudly reorganized their reading program for Pre-School students at Miles Head Start in Union City. Members of the Kiwanis club will read to four classes each Wednesday morning. Program chair Charlene Burpo and Club President-Elect Flynn Jowers kicked off this year's reading program the first week of September by reading to the young audience who hung on every word read from the pages.



Kiwanis Club of Union City Turns 80

On July 27th **Union City Kiwanis Club** President Selena Dozier rang the same bell to officially begin the evening's event that Past Presidents of her club have been ringing for the past 80 years. As members from the local Kiwanis club along with an interclub from The Kiwanis Club of Dyersburg (sponsoring club in 1919) as well as District Governor Eva Abate and her husband V.J. gathered to celebrate the past eighty years of service.

The anniversary celebration was held at a venue located on the same road that would have been traveled between Dyersburg and Union City in 1919. Governor Abate addressed attendees with her Love It, Live It, and Share It message. Club member Fred Hancock spoke about the history of Kiwanis and the Union City club and Lt. Governor John Fry assisted President Dozier in recognizing a few club members.

Long time club treasurer Margaret Moore was recognized with a Circle of Honor benefiting the LaMissTenn District Foundation for her years of service to the club and Fred Hancock was recognized with a 35 year Legion of Honor award. The thirty eight member club looks forward to another eighty years of service in the future.



Vicksburg Gets Involved

By Donna Osburn, Vicksburg Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Children's Fund Disaster Relief Grant



The Vicksburg Kiwanis Club received a \$5000 Disaster Relief Grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund to provide Flood Clean up supplies for the Backwater Flood Area.

The Forgotten Backwater Flood in the Mississippi Delta affected over 550,000 acres and over 500 homes. About 250,000 acres are agricultural. The flood began in February and the waters did not begin receding until late July. This was water

trapped between the Mississippi River Levee and the Yazoo River Levee. Normally the water flows through gates into the Mississippi River but the Mississippi River was so high for so many months the gates were not able to be opened and the flooding continued to grow with each rain the area received. The main road into the worst affected area did not reopen till mid-August.

Now the water has fallen, and people are able to get back to the properties and begin cleanup. The Vicksburg Kiwanis Club wanted to help by providing flood cleanup supplies. The club worked with the Emergency Management Office to determine what was needed by the homeowners. The club members put together 100 buckets and bags which included: safety glasses, disposable gloves, mask, bleach, comet, bug spray, dish detergent, fabric soft-

tener, laundry detergent, Lysol, mop, pine sol, scrub brush, towels, and trash bags.

The club members met at the United Way office on August 20th instead of the regular meeting place and had lunch and packed the buckets and bags. Attendance for this project was 25% greater than normal meeting attendance. The buckets and bags were distributed to local agencies in the affected area for easy pickup by the homeowners.

The Vicksburg Kiwanis Club wishes to thank the Kiwanis Children's Fund for allowing us to make this happen.



Summer Library Program



The theme for this year's Summer Library Program was "A Universe of Stories." We ended the year on July 18th with a celebration of our reading achievements starting with Magician Dorian LaChance who used fun aliens and books to talk about the wonders of space. Afterwards, the winners of each age category were announced and given a prize and the entire group of children participating in the Summer Library Program participated in the drawing for three free kindles and three \$50 gift cards. Over 130 people attended our closing celebration! We had many events through the summer for reading such as rocket building, astronaut training games, building light sabers and much more. We ended up with 210 participants who read a total number of 135,873 minutes! That's almost 2,300 hours of reading during the summer! Kiwanians and Key Clubbers helped throughout the summer at the many events held during the Summer Library Program. Together, we put in over 150 hours of service towards this project.

Baton Rouge: Service through the Decades

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

The **Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club** held its 100 year Anniversary Gala at Drusilla Place on August 10th benefiting the Kiwanis Family House. The Kiwanis Family House will provide temporary housing for families that have children in an extended treatment at one of the hospitals that serves the Baton Rouge area. During the event, Mayor Broome's Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Rowdy Gaudet, read a proclamation commemorating and celebrating 100 years of the club's service in Baton Rouge. Chuck Morgan, Cortana Kiwanis Club member, emceed the program along with club members Gary Graham and Joy Hammatt who shared the history of Kiwanis through the decades. Sixty year Kiwanian Gerard Ruth, from the Red Stick Kiwanis Club, shared a little of his own history. Both silent and live auctions were held and all attendees received a 100 year commemorative anniversary wine glass.



Starting the School Year off Right

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club members volunteered at Buchanan Elementary on August 8th, the first day of school, to help students find their way to new classes. Pictured are Noel Hammatt, Bob Downing, Joy Hammatt, Dorothy Kemp, Gary Graham, Principal Charlotte Britten, and Bruce Hammatt.



Biloxi Bingo for Charity

Biloxi Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Biloxi** hosted a Charity Bingo event on Sunday, July 7th at the Biloxi Elks Lodge located on Hwy. 90. Thanks to all that donated and came out! This is the club's main fundraiser.

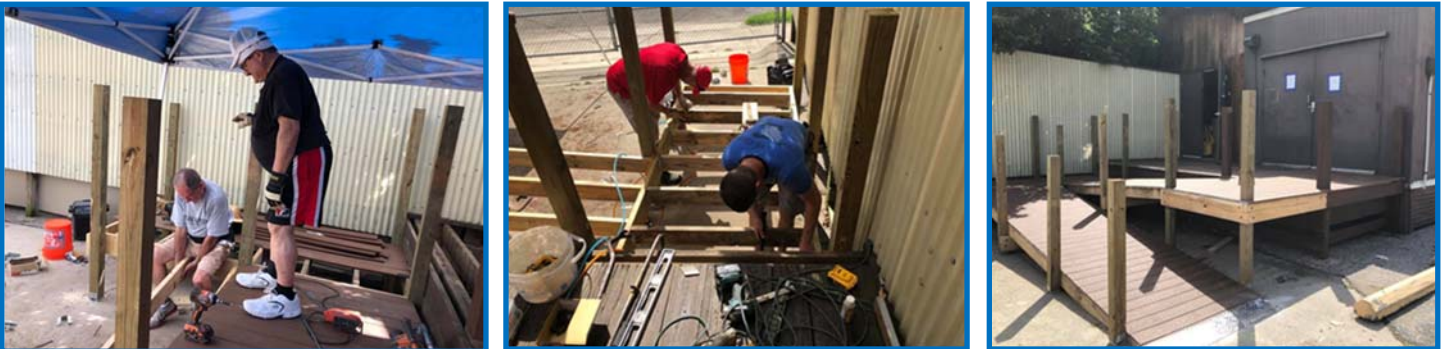


Dawn Busters Helping Out

Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Lantern Light Kitchen Dock Repair

In August, members of the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** completed the new Lantern Light Kitchen loading dock and ramp repair. Every Monday, members provide and serve hot meals to the homeless at the Lantern Light Kitchen.



Back-to-School Brigade

Members of the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** stuffed backpacks for the children of military families and handed them out at the Operation Homefront Back-to-School Brigade event held at the Naval Air Base in Belle Chasse in July. Members look forward to this event each year.

Dyersburg: A Blast from the Past

Dyersburg Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

An old photo of charter members of the Dyersburg Kiwanis Club, courtesy of J. C. Castellaw, was recently shared on the **Dyersburg Kiwanis** Facebook page. The Dyersburg Kiwanis Club was chartered on April 14, 1938. These members left a great legacy in Dyersburg!



Houma Sponsors Books for Bikes Summer Reading

Houma Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The Houma Kiwanis Club is a proud sponsor of the Book for Bikes Summer Reading Program which is implemented each summer through the Terrebonne Parish Library System. Participants have the opportunity to win new bikes through a raffle based on books read per person.



Greater Ouachita Serves

Greater Ouachita Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Members of the **Greater Ouachita Kiwanis Club** had a great time serving supper at MedCamps this summer. Volunteers always have as much fun as the kids! MedCamps mission is to improve the health and wellness of people living with chronic illness and disabilities through unique recreational and educational camping experiences.



In August, the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita** presented Bikes for Books at the Ouachita Parish Public Library's main branch. Kiwanis of Greater Ouachita gave ten bikes to ten kids who finished their summer reading programs at all ten branch libraries!

Lake Charles Knows How to Have Fun!

Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Lake Charles Kiwanis Club's first board meeting held on the lake during July was a success. When club members aren't volunteering in the community they're bonding with each other.



Lafayette Gives Back

Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In August, members of the **Lafayette Kiwanis Club** spent a day of service at J.W. Faulk Elementary School for the Love Our Schools Project.



LaMissTenn Represented at International Convention

Tupelo Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Representing the LaMissTenn District at the Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, FL from June 27th-30th are from left to right (standing): Governor-Elect Bruce Hammatt, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club; Dorothy Kemp, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club; Past Governor Fred Pitts, Tupelo Kiwanis Club; Joy Hammatt, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club; and Brad Prewitt, Tupelo Kiwanis Club President. Seated from left to right are: District Executive Director Charles Ford, The Oaks Kiwanis Club; Gay Lazare, The Oaks Kiwanis Club; Past Governor Gary Graham, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club.



Sprucing up for Pre-K and Labeling Books

Kiwanis Club of LSU Facebook Page

On July 27th, members of the **Kiwanis Club of LSU** volunteered at the LSU Early Childhood Education Laboratory Pre-school, cleaning up the playground areas, sweeping sand away, power washing sidewalks and equipment, and clearing weeds from the children's garden beds. Also, for community project day, the club labeled and sorted books for delivery.



Moisant Provides Kuts for Kids

Moisant Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On Sunday, August 11th, the **Moisant Kiwanis Club** held a “Day at the Fair” style event where members (with the help of sponsors and stylists) cut children in needs’ hair before the start of school. The club welcomed many Angels’ Place families.



Who Dat Bingo & Painting Tiles

New Orleans Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In August, **New Orleans Kiwanis Club** members had a great evening of “Who Dat Bingo” with the clients of Magnolia Community Services. Founded in 1935, Magnolia Community Services is a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Also, the club hosted another successful Painting with a Purpose on the night of Saturday, September 7th. The club thanks everyone that came out to help paint ceiling tiles to be used at Children’s Hospital.



Northshore Mandeville: Cooking for a Cause

Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

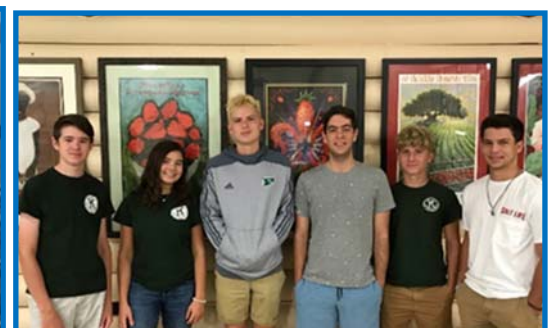
Congratulations to the **Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club** members for placing 3rd in the red beans & rice cook off at Bogue Falaya Hall in downtown Covington. Proceeds benefited United Way of SELA & Suicide Prevention.



Ponchatoula Celebrates Educators

Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On August 7th, the **Kiwanis Club of Ponchatoula** celebrated teachers and lifted them up in prayer at the club's annual Teacher's Prayer Breakfast as they began a new school year. They enjoyed a hearty breakfast of eggs, grits, sausage, biscuits and fruit and heard some inspirational words of encouragement from Dickie Nelson of Westside Baptist Church. The club presented the educators with many door prizes which is always a favorite. Club members will continue to pray for them throughout the school year and wish them much success! This event could never be possible without the help of so many! Special thanks to the **Ponchatoula High School Key Club** members.



BBQ and Bingo!

Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Members of the **Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain** and friends, Bettye Delarge and Kristi Hubbard, prepared and served grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and cake to bingo participants at Delille Inn, Monday, August 5th. This annual event preceded the monthly bingo. And back at it again later that month, club members along with friend, Brenda Harge, hosted a another barbecue and bingo at St. John Berchman's.



New Twin Cities Club Jumps Right into Service

The Twin Cities Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The newly formed **Twin Cities Kiwanis Club** held its first service project in conjunction with the club's first meeting. On Thursday, August 29th, members brought non-perishable food items to the meeting at South Fulton City Hall. On August 31st, members delivered the collection to Twin Cities Care food pantry. The food bank was in desperate need of canned meats and canned pasta items. The club's first service project was a great success and members are looking forward to many more!



St. Bernard-Arabi Presents Life Saver Award

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

St. Bernard Sheriff's Office Dep. Judy Bonicard received the **Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi** Life Saver Award at a banquet hosted by Kiwanis on July 16th at Rocky and Carlo's Restaurant in Chalmette.

Dep. Bonicard, a 15-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office who works in the Corrections Division at St. Bernard Parish Prison, was honored for her efforts to save the life of a patron at a local business in April, 2019.

On April 14, Sheriff Pohlmann said, Dep. Bonicard was working an off-duty, paid detail at a business in Meraux when she observed an adult female fall from her chair and become unresponsive. The female was not breathing, but had a faint pulse so Dep. Bonicard immediately started performing CPR and continued until Acadian Ambulance paramedics arrived on the scene. The female was transported to a local hospital after suf-



fering what appeared to be a seizure. Although the female did not survive, Dep. Bonicard's actions helped her have a chance at recovery.

Col. Kevin Sensebe, warden of St. Bernard Parish Prison and Dep. Bonicard's supervisor, said he is not surprised by his deputy's actions. "In the 15 years I have known Dep. Bonicard, she has exemplified what a caring, dedicated professional she is as a deputy of the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office," Col. Sensebe said. "She comes to work ready to handle

anything with a helping hand and genuine concern for everyone."

Dep. Bonicard feels humbled to receive such an award. "Being honored with this award shows that I made a difference by helping someone at a critical time," Dep. Bonicard said. "What I like most about being a deputy is serving and protecting the citizens of St. Bernard Parish."

Kiwanis Life Saver Committee Chairman Sam Catalanotto said the Kiwanis Club started presenting these awards more than a decade ago as a way to recognize first-responders in the parish for the work they do to protect the public. The award is presented quarterly to parish first responders chosen by the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department, he said. "They are the first people through the door, and usually the last ones out, in an emergency, putting their lives on the line everyday," Catalanotto said.

St. Gabriel: Caring for the Kids

St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club** participated in the Back to School Youth Prayer Breakfast and School Supply Giveaway. The event was held at the St. Gabriel Community Center on August 10th.



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By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor

Submit your article or photographs:

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CLUB: Club, Division Number, and Author

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