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DCON 101



What is DCON?

DCON is short for District Convention.

All Kiwanians Must Register

Registration fees defray convention expenses including the facility, speakers, food, entertainment, programs, name tags, materials, etc.

Club Delegates

Each chartered club in good standing is allowed three (3) voting delegates and three (3) alternates. Delegates participate in the House of Delegates where elections and amendments are held and considered.

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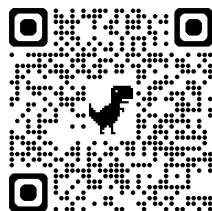


Convention Service Project

The DCON 2025 service project is supporting the Madonna Learning Center and the Madonna Aktion Club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Germantown. Donate at the QR below to your support!

Inter-Club Credit

Clubs may receive inter-club credit at the Fellowship Luncheon on Saturday, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Germantown. Clubs with 20 or fewer members must have 2+ present; clubs with 21-30 members, must have 3+ present; and clubs with 30+ members, 4+ present.



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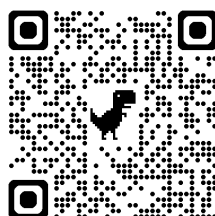
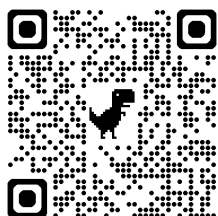
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Digital Program

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DCON Evaluation

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KIDS NEED KIWANIS

Kiwanis helps kids around the world. Clubs serve our communities and the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty. We are generous with our time, creative with our ideas, and passionate about making a difference - while having fun along the way.

For more than a century, Kiwanis has created opportunities for children to be curious, safe, and healthy regardless of the community in which they live.

When you give a child the chance to learn, experience, dream, grow, succeed, and thrive, great things can happen.

THE KIWANIS MISSION

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

THE KIWANIS VISION

Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide - so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

KIWANIS SERVICE

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage approximately 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families, and projects.

CELEBRATING & FOSTERING INCLUSIVENESS

In 2008, delegates at the Kiwanis International Convention adopted a resolution that encourages and empowers clubs to create environments that develop and nurture mutual respect for all, and to celebrate the inclusiveness of all Kiwanis members. The language reads:

Therefore, be it resolved that the delegates assembled at the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida, and all Kiwanis leaders and members take action to create a culture and club environment that develops and nurtures mutual respect for all and celebrates the inclusiveness of our beloved Kiwanis.

THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

The Objects of Kiwanis are the values guiding our organization. Delegates approved the six permanent Objects of Kiwanis at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado.

OBJECT 1

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

OBJECT 2

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

OBJECT 3

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

OBJECT 4

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

OBJECT 5

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

OBJECT 6

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.



GOVERNOR'S WELCOME

Greetings Kiwanians of LaMissTenn!

It is with great joy and anticipation that Kim and I welcome all Kiwanians to our district convention to celebrate you, Superheroes of Service!



As we gather here in the vibrant city of Memphis, Tennessee—famous for its soulful music, rich history, and warm southern hospitality, immerse yourself in the spirit of this remarkable place. Together, we gather as heroes of service and fellowship, united by our shared mission to make a lasting difference in our communities. From the banks of the Mississippi River, to the lively streets echoing with blues and rock 'n' roll, Memphis offers us not only a dynamic backdrop for our convention, but also endless inspiration to fuel our passion for service.

During the convention, we have curated a series of workshops designed to inspire, engage, and energize every Kiwanian. Whether you are seeking fresh ideas, practical skills, or opportunities to collaborate with fellow leaders, these sessions promise to spark your creativity and renew your passion for service. Embrace each moment, participate wholeheartedly, and let the energy of our collective purpose propel you to continuing to search for that “sweet spot” for service both here in Memphis and beyond.

So, may the energy and camaraderie of this convention infuse our time together with creativity, joy, and purpose, to create lasting friendships, and extraordinary opportunities for growth and community impact.

Welcome, one and all to Memphis and — let's make this convention truly super!

Be your invincible you,

Claude Vinson, 2024-2025 Governor

HOST CHAIR'S WELCOME

Welcome to DCON 2025! We are here to learn, network and celebrate our accomplishments as well as prepare for the transition to a new leadership.

We celebrate Claude for his many accomplishments, sense of humor and steadfast eye on the goal. We opened two new clubs and solidified plans to strengthen individual clubs.



We thank all our sponsors who so generously supported our convention; these are the same people who support our individual clubs throughout the year. You can meet them through their ads supporting fundraising efforts, sometimes you will spot them flipping pancakes, helping a child learn to read, helping at a golf tournament or even frying turkeys. They are there; they are the backbone of Kiwanis.

As you go through your convention packet you will find an assortment of goodies. You will find a deck of cards. There are 52 weeks in a year. Use them to invite one person to a Kiwanis meeting every week. You will find an “Ask me about Kiwanis” button; wear it proudly wherever you go. Use your notepad to write down prospective members and highlight the people you will call first.

No convention would be complete without our basket raffle. Each club has the opportunity to donate a basket for the raffle. Proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Foundation in their efforts to provide scholarships, community service grants to clubs and AED reimbursements.

Thank you for joining the convention, have fun, meet people, and get to know your elected officers.

Sue Olsson, 2024-2025 DCON Host Chair



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CONVENTION AGENDA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th

Dress: Business Casual

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| 10:00am | District Foundation Board Meeting
<i>Promenade 3 Invite only</i> |  |
| 11:00am | Kiwanis Pavilion & Park Tour | |
| 12:00pm-4:50pm | Registration & DCON Service Project
<i>Directors Foyer</i> | |
| 12:00pm-4:50pm | District Foundation Room
<i>Tennessee Ballroom C</i> | |
| 1:00pm-1:50pm | Past District Officers Organization (PDO) Meeting
<i>Southeast A Presiding: Chairman Bill Gaddis, Jr.</i> | |
| 2:00pm-2:50pm | Past District Governors Meeting
<i>Southeast B Presiding: 2022-2023 Governor Bruce Hammatt</i> | |
| 3:00pm-3:50pm | DCON 101: Welcome Session for First Timers
<i>Southeast B Presiding: Sue Olsson, DCON 2025 Host Chair</i>
First time at DCON? Learn how to make the most of your DCON experience! | |
| 3:00pm-3:50pm | Pep Rally for 2025-2026 Club Presidents & Lt. Governors
<i>Southeast A Presiding: Marcel Lashover, Governor-Elect</i>
All 2025-2026 Club Presidents and Lt. Governors are invited to meet with Governor-Elect Marcel Lashover to discuss his goals and plans for the new Kiwanis Year. | |
| 4:00pm-4:50pm | Friends of the Foundation Reception
<i>Tennessee Ballroom C Friends of the Foundation Only</i>
Thank you to Friends of the Foundation contributors for your continued support! Not a Friend of the Foundation? Sign up at the door and join the fun! | |

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th

Dress: Business Casual

5:00pm

Opening Session

Tennessee Ballroom A & B / Dress: Business Casual

Presiding & Call to Order: Claude Vinson, Governor

Introduction of the 2024-2025 District Officers

Posting of Colors: American Legion Dept of Tennessee

Star-Spangled Banner: Veronica Vinson

Pledge of Allegiance: Kimberly Jackson Lt. Governor Div 1A

Invocation: Lorri Alles, Region 3 Trustee

Defining Statement

Welcomes: Sue Olsson, Convention Host Chair

City of Memphis

City of Germantown

Introduction of Convention Guests

Keynote Speaker: David Pickler, Pickler Wealth Advisors

Super Recruiters

Introduction of Candidates for Governor, Governor-Elect, & Vice

Governor for 2025-2026

Announcements

Dinner on your own

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David A. Pickler is an award-winning wealth advisor and attorney, and serves as President and CEO of Pickler Wealth Advisors, Pickler Law, and Co-Founder of Pickler Accounting in Collierville, Tennessee. He is also the Founder and Executive Director of APEF.

David has built his personal and professional life on the principles of civic leadership, public education advocacy, and philanthropic investment.



CONVENTION AGENDA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th | Show Your K Day

Wear your Kiwanis attire and show your pride in our great organization!

- 7:00am- **Past District Officers (PDO) Breakfast**
8:15am *Tennessee Ballroom D & E | Ticketed Event*
Call to Order: Bill Gaddis, Jr., Chairman
Invocation
Business: PDO Organization Information & Updates
Program: Bruce Hammatt, District Governor 19-20 & 22-23
- 8:00am- **Registration & DCON Service Project**
11:00am *Directors Foyer*
- 8:00am- **District Foundation Room**
12:00pm *Tennessee Ballroom C*
- 8:30am- **General Session**
9:30am *Tennessee Ballroom A & B*
Presiding: Marcel Lashover, 2024-2025 Governor-Elect
Pledge: Tracy Cameron, Lt. Governor Div 2
Invocation: Rhonda Lorio, Lt. Governor Div 7
2024-2025 Club Newsletter & Facebook Awards:
Donna Leggett, Public Relations Chair



PDO BREAKFAST

Step into the wild heart of Louisiana & discover the thrill of alligator hunting in the swamp—where tradition, nature, & adrenaline come together! Learn how we pass down safe, respectful hunting skills to the next generation while exploring the rich ecology of our wetlands. Join Past Governor Bruce Hammatt for unforgettable stories, hands-on teaching tips, & powerful visual aids that bring the swamp to life! And watch as our friend & Past International President Bert West is hailed to safety from this remarkable environment.



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2025-2026 Circle K Governor:

Dylan Weinrich, Louisiana State University

2025-2026 Key Club Governor:

Lyndsey Griffith, Kenner Discovery Health Sciences
Academy High School

K-Kids Speaker: Rya Fondren, Germantown Elementary School

Greetings from 2024-2025 KI President, Lee Kuan Yong

2025-2026 Goals & Objectives: Governor-Elect Marcel Lashover
Announcements

9:45am-10:30am Education Workshop Session I

MEMBERSHIP

Build. Nurture. Retain.: Strengthening Membership for a Lasting Impact

Southeast B

Presenter: Laura Gilliland

Gain practical strategies to grow your club by strengthening membership, deepening engagement, and fostering meaningful connections that lead to lasting impact.

FUNDRAISING

Raise More, Give More: Unlock Your Potential (40+ members)

Southeast A

Boost your club's fundraising success and amplify your community impact, featuring insights from various LaMissTenn District clubs. Panel discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Likes to Leads: Cracking the Social Media Code

Southeast C

Presenters: Donna Leggett & Jennifer Kelly-White

Navigate the world of digital outreach with helpful tips to enhance engagement and turn followers into club supporters.

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SLP's	<p>Empowering Young Leaders: Engaging Key Club <i>Directors 1</i> Presenters: Key Club Governor Lyndsey Griffith & Key Club DA Assistant Jessica Hightower Strengthen partnerships with Key Club (high school students) through mentorship, shared service, and meaningful collaboration. Learn how to sponsor a Key Club in your community!</p>
LEADERSHIP	<p>From Member to Leader: Your Climb Starts Here! <i>Lakeview 1</i> Presenters: Claude Vinson, Marcel Lashover, & Andrew Dozier Chart your leadership journey with insights into District roles, essential steps to serve, and ways to make a lasting impact through Kiwanis.</p>
SERVICE	<p>Memorable Service & Signature Projects <i>Lakeview 2</i> Presenters: Chelsey Roy & Jackie McKinnon Build your club's identity through impactful service and learn how to develop standout projects that resonate locally and leave a lasting impression.</p>
DEVELOPMENT	<p>Enneagram Workshop 1 (9:45am to 11:25am) <i>Directors 3</i> Presenter: Abby Howe Learn about your Enneagram to discover your internal motivations and promote personal growth from coach and educator, Abbey Howe!</p>

10:40am-11:25am Education Workshop Session II

MEMBERSHIP	<p>reMembering: reConnect, reEngage, & reVitalize Your Club <i>Southeast B</i> Presenter: Marcel Lashover Revitalize your club by rebuilding connections and reenergizing engagement through proven membership strategies.</p>
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FUNDRAISING

Raise More, Give More: Unlock Your Potential (< 40 members)

Southeast A

Boost your club's fundraising success and amplify your community impact, featuring insights from various LaMissTenn District clubs. Panel discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

Create a FREE Website for Your Club

Southeast C

Presenter: Tom Castonzo, KI Director of Information Technology
Learn how your Kiwanis club can get a no-cost website through Kiwanis International's free hosting offer — perfect for boosting visibility and simplifying communication.

SLPs

Partnering for Impact: Engaging Circle K

Directors 1

Presenters: Circle K Governor Dylan Weinrich, & Circle K DA Jennifer Kelly-White

Amplify service and leadership by building strong connections with Circle K (college students). Learn how to sponsor a Circle K club in your community!

LEADERSHIP

Expand Service by Sponsoring a New Club

Lakeview 1

Presenters: Donna Leggett, John Gherardi, & Sue Olsson

Broaden Kiwanis impact by sponsoring a new club — bringing service to new communities and helping ensure the organization's continued growth and legacy.

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SERVICE

Protecting Your People & Your Purpose: Risk Management & Youth Protection

Lakeview 2

Presenters: Patrice Cusimano & Michele Crosby-O'Neal

Strengthen your club's commitment to safety with key practices that minimize risk and prioritize youth protection — ensuring your people, purpose, and service remain secure and impactful.

11:35am-12:20pm **Education Workshop Session III**

MEMBERSHIP

Inspire & Engage New Members through Orientation

Southeast B

Presenter: Claude Vinson

Spark enthusiasm and build lasting connections through welcoming orientations that empower new Kiwanis members from day one.

FUNDRAISING

Grant Success: Secure Foundation Funding for Your Club

Southeast A

Presenters: Lenny Simmons & Tom Long

Learn about grant opportunities from the LaMissTenn District Foundation and Kiwanis International Children's Fund to support impactful projects and increase your service footprint.

COMMUNICATIONS

Unlocking Digital Fundraising

Southeast C

Presenters: Tom Castonzo, KI Director of Information Technology

Discover effective ways to raise more for your club through digital platforms. This session covers tools, tactics, and trends to help you maximize your online impact.

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SLPs

Building Strong Character & Future Leaders with Key Leader
Directors 1

Presenters: Linda Ramsey & Rebecca Huff

Explore the impact of Kiwanis Key Leader events — held annually in both North and South Districts — and learn how they build character and leadership in youth.

LEADERSHIP

Building Better & Avoiding Pitfalls: Insights in the New Club Experience

Lakeview 1

Moderator: Greg Beard

Join fellow new Kiwanis clubs in a round robin-style exchange of successes, challenges, and practical strategies.

SERVICE

Grow Your Reach by Mastering Community Collaborations

Lakeview 2

Presenters: Brittany Barton & Craig Caskey

Learn how to identify and activate meaningful partnerships through strategic collaborations with local businesses and nonprofits.

DEVELOPMENT

Enneagram Workshop 2

(11:35am to 12:20pm & continued 2:15pm-3:00pm)

Directors 3

Presenter: Abbey Howe

Learn about your Enneagram to discover your internal motivations and promote personal growth from coach and educator, Abbey Howe!

12:30pm

Fellowship Luncheon

Tennessee Ballroom A & B

Official Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown

Presiding: Marcel Lashover, Governor-Elect

Call to Order: Linda Fisher, Kiwanis Club of Germantown President

Pledge of Allegiance: Amanda Johnson, Lt. Governor Div 12

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America the Beautiful: Stacy Spinosa Johnson

Invocation: Donna Osburn, Lt. Governor 15

Defining Statement

Address: Tim Sheppard, 2025-2026 International Counselor

DCON Convention Service Project:

Jo Gilbert, Madonna Learning Center

2024-2025 Lawperson, Firefighter, & Teacher of the Year Award:

Oscar Brown, Service Chair

District Foundation Update & Awards: Tom Long, President

2024-2025 Signature Projects

LaMissTenn Hall of Fame

Announcements & Adjournment

2025-2026 BOARD COUNSELOR

Tim Sheppard of Cheyenne, Wyoming, U.S., was elected to a three-year term as a trustee during the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He serves as a trustee for the United States and Pacific Canada regions of Kiwanis.



A Kiwanis member since 2009, Sheppard is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne. At the club level, Sheppard has served numerous years on the board of directors, including as secretary and president (2014-2015). In the Rocky Mountain District of Kiwanis, he has served as governor (2018-2019) and as membership chair and membership area director on the international level. He is a lifetime member and has received a Walter Zeller Fellowship.

Sheppard credits his Kiwanis moment to a time before he was a Kiwanian; when he presented to the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne in 2008. As he says, “the club was incredibly warm and receptive. I found myself wondering why I wasn’t a part of this organization.”

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th | Show Your K Day

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2:15pm-3:00pm **Education Workshop Session IV**

MEMBERSHIP

Fuel Your Future by Recruiting Younger Leaders

Southeast B

Presenter: Darren Green

Energize your club's growth and sustainability with fresh strategies to engage emerging leaders and build a vibrant, future-focused Kiwanis experience.

FUNDRAISING

Build a Legacy with a Club Foundation

Southeast A

Gain insights on how to create a 501(c)(3) club foundation and explore the benefits of having one—from expanding fundraising opportunities to increasing community outreach.

COMMUNICATIONS

Create & Share Engaging Club Newsletters

Southeast C

Presenters: Gary Graham & Tom Osburn

Craft compelling newsletters that strengthen connections and inspire action. Learn how to maximize impact through effective content and easy distribution tools.

SLPs

Grow Young Leaders with K-Kids

Directors 1

Presenters: Don Eye

Navigate practical steps for launching and growing K-Kids Clubs to inspire leadership and service in elementary school students.

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LEADERSHIP

Kiwanis Engage Overview

Lakeview 1

Presenter: Tom Castonzo, KI Director of Information Technology

Kiwanis Engage replaces Kiwanis Connect as the go-to platform for Kiwanis clubs. Learn about its core features, how it enhances club operations and deepens member engagement.

SERVICE

From Idea to Done: What You Need to Know About Project Management

Lakeview 2

Presenter: Craig Caskey

Turn club service ideas into reality through practical planning, clear organization, and strong execution.

Scan the QR code to access
available
Education Workshop Materials



- 3:00pm **Foundation Gift Basket Raffle Closes**
Tennessee Ballroom C
- 3:15pm **Club Bylaws Update Informational Session**
Directors 1 | Bylaws Committee Chair John Gherardi
- 3:15pm **Regional Council/Caucuses** (*if needed*)
If requested by the Trustee, meeting room will be announced at the end of the luncheon.
- 3:30pm **Foundation Gift Basket Winners Posted**
Tennessee Ballroom C

CONVENTION AGENDA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th | Show Your K Day

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4:00pm

House of Delegates & Meeting of District Foundation

Southeast ABC Ballroom

Presiding: Claude Vinson, Governor

Invocation: Dan Johnson

Nominations Committee Report: Jen Robertson, Exec Dir

Credentials Committee Report: Ralph Carter

Election of 2025-2026 District Officers

District Executive Director Report: Jen Robertson

Bylaws Amendments & Resolution: John Gherardi

District Foundation Annual Meeting

Presiding: Tom Long, President

ACG & Friends of the Foundation Awards

Nominations Committee Report: Marcel Lashover

Election of Foundation Board Members

2024-2025 Foundation Awards & Recognitions

Retirement of the 2024-2025 District Officers:

Tim Sheppard, 2025-2026 International Counselor

Adjournment

6:30pm

Governor's Re-Membering the 80s Party

Tennessee Ballroom A & B

Dress: 1980s

Ticketed event

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CONVENTION AGENDA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th

Dress: Business Casual

8:30am

Prayer Breakfast & Closing Session

Tennessee Ballroom A & B

Presiding: Claude Vinson, Governor

Invocation: Tracy Houck, Lt. Governor Div 6

Prayer Breakfast:

Presiding: Oscar Brown, Service Committee Chair

Devotional Message: Rev. Rufus Smith, Senior Pastor,
Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Memorial Service

Layperson of the Year Award

Closing Session:

Governor Claude's Closing Challenge

Elections Committee Report: Ralph Carter

Installation of 2025-2026 District Officers:

Tim Sheppard, 2025-2026 International Counselor

Exchange of District Officers' Banners

Governor-Designate's Remarks

Announcements & Adjournment

15 min

2024-2025 District Board Meeting

following

Promenade 3

Convention Host Subcommittees Chairs

Host Chair: Sue Olsson, *Germantown*

Attendance: Ham Smythe, *Memphis*; Paddy Harris, *Germantown*; Jerry
LaChapelle, *Germantown*; Linda Fisher, *Germantown*

Entertainment: Brad Moore, *Germantown*

Flowers & Decor: Brandy Miller & Susan Threlkeld, *Germantown*

Greeters: Walker Bradshaw, *Memphis*, Anna Yarkovsky, *Germantown*

Program Advertising & Sponsorships: Paddy Harris, *Germantown*

Registration: Ham Smythe, *Memphis*; Mike Russell, *Whitehaven*

Sergeant-At-Arms: Walker Bradshaw, *Memphis*

Service Project: Paddy Harris, Linda Fisher, Brad Moore, Tom Tompkins,
Germantown

NOTES

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Congratulations
to the
2025-2026
District Governor,
Marcel Lashover!



We Welcome You to Memphis!

Kiwanis Club of Memphis

One Child One Community at a Time



Ramp Build Project

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IN MEMORIAM

Their memories remind us of the Value of Friendship.
Our deceased members this year, with their years of Kiwanis service.

Peter Abel, East St. Mary (10 years)

Earnest Airhia, Moisant (12 years)

Charles Box, Columbus (50 years)

John Brasel, Millington (13 years)

Irene Burrus, Algiers (18 years)

Lloyd Call, Lakeside, Metairie
(14 years)

Auguste Cefalu, Amite (60 years)

Kimberly Champagne, Acadiana-
Lafayette & Broussard-Youngsville
(20+ Years)

Thomas Darensbourg, Red Stick, Baton
Rouge (8 years)

Charles Delk, Gulfport (57 years)

E Dunkin, Germantown
(51 years)

Maranda Evans, Pineville
(3 years)

Dorothy Harper, Louisville
(4 years)

John Heath, Gulfport (48 years)

Charles Hewes, Gulfport
(56 years)

John Horne, Memphis (42 years)

Michael Kurth, Calcasieu, Lake Charles
(3 years)

Taft Little, Corinth (57 years)

Dwight Manuel, Acadiana-Lafayette
(27 years)

Russell Mayeur, Hammond
(4 years)

Dennis O'Reilly, Southwest Louisiana
(25 years)

Aubrey Patterson, Tupelo
(50 years)

Trudie Pollard, Lake Charles
(1 year)

Donald Preau, Lakeside, Metairie
(12 years)

Charles Sanders, Pineville
(41 years)

Solon Scott, Greenwood
(16 years)

Linda Selph, Millington (7 years)

Patrick Setton, Hammond (14 years)

Diane Singletary, Ruston & Hammond
(34 years)

Samuel Speed, Germantown
(2 years)

Lehrue Stevens, Calcasieu, Lake Chares
(24 years)

Issac Thomas, Baton Rouge-Early Risers
(29 years)

Cordell Walker, Memphis
(27 years)

Jerry Wallace, New Iberia-Cajun
(39 years)

Leon Wilczynski, Northshore
Mandeville & Moisant (36 years)

Spencer Williams, Grenada
(24 years)

Jon Yeager, Hammond (17 years)

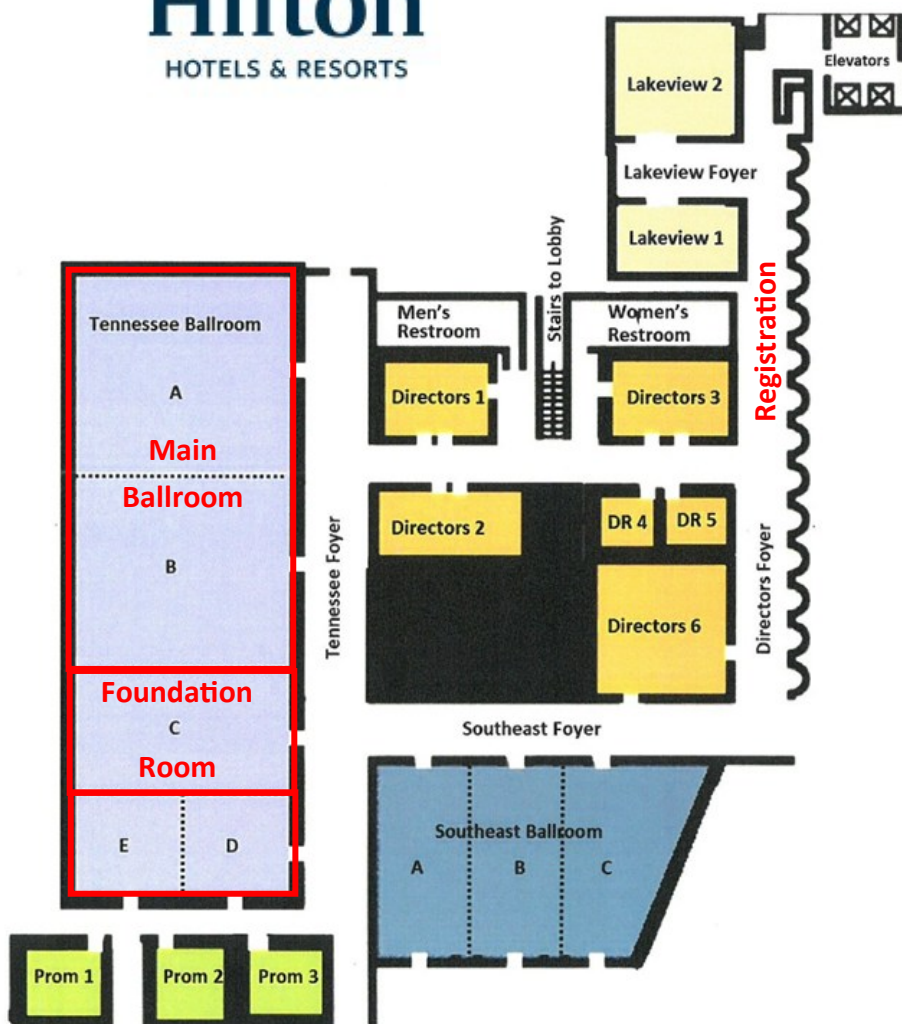
Ernest Young, Ruston (52 years)

**As of July 1, 2025*

VENUE MAP



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STANDING RULES FOR THE HOUSE

Rule 1: Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates.

Rule 2: Only delegates with official delegate credentials may present or speak on motions and vote.

Rule 3: No delegate may speak more than 3 minutes at a time unless allowed to do so by a majority vote of the delegates.

Rule 4: No delegate may address the assembly a second time on the same question until all delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.

Rule 5: Any main motion or amendment shall be written, signed by the maker and seconder, and presented to the Executive Director before it is moved.

Rule 6: The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.

Rule 7: Debate shall alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against a motion.

Rule 8: A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.

Rule 9: Debate on any proposed resolution or amendment to the Bylaws, including all amendments thereto, shall be limited to 20 minutes.

Rule 10: A motion to move the previous question will not be in order until 15 minutes of debate has taken place or all microphones are clear.

Rule 11: Candidates for the office of Governor, Governor-Elect, and Vice Governor may have one nominating speech not to exceed three minutes and a second from the platform not to exceed one minute.

Rule 12: Nominating speeches for officers may not be waived.

Rule 13: Any candidate who is unopposed for office may be elected by a voice vote.

Rule 14: Any of the above rules may be suspended by a majority vote.

Rule 15: Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International, the Bylaws of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District, and these standing rules.

KIWANIS 2024-2025

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Until 9/30/2027

2024-2025 LT GOVERNORS

Division 1A	Kimberly Jackson	Twin Cities Ken-Tenn, TN
Division 1C	Paddy Harris	Germantown, TN
Division 2	<i>Vacant</i>	
Division 3	Tytil Nicholson	Waynesboro, MS
Division 4A	Alfred Lotz	Third District, LA
Division 4B	Valerie Johnson	Tri Parishes, LA
Division 5	Jacob Windham	Pearl, MS
Division 6	Tracy Houck	Ruston, LA
Division 7	Rhonda Lorio	Acadiana-Lafayette, LA
Division 8E	Matthew Robinson	Red Stick, Baton Rouge, LA
Division 8W	Cherryl Matthews	eLaMissTenn, LA
Division 9	Stacy Adams	Southern Hills, Shreveport, LA
Division 10A	Girault Jones	Grenada, MS
Division 10B	Melonie Kight	Tupelo, MS
Division 10C	Zandra Conner	Amory, MS
Division 11	Daniel Wilburn	Pineville, LA
Division 12	Amanda Johnson	North Lake Charles, LA
Division 13	Scott Samford	Greater Covington, LA
Division 14N	Glendia Cooper	Louisville, MS
Division 14S	Scarlett Green	Biloxi, MS
Division 15	Donna Osburn	Vicksburg, MS
Division 17	Debbie Stevens	East St. Mary, LA

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2024-2025 DISTRICT KEY POSITIONS

Aktion Club Administrator	Judy Couvillion, Hammond, LA
Bylaws & Policies	John Gherardi, Lafayette, LA
Circle K Administrator	Jennifer Kelly-White, Thibodaux, LA
Circle K Admin Asst	Sid Guedry, Hammond, LA
District Bulletin Editor	Tiffany LaPorte, Ascension, LA
DCON Coordinator	Jen Robertson, Pascagoula, MS
DCON Host Chair	Sue Olsson, Germantown, TN
District Membership Chair	Angela Crooms, Greenville, MS
Finance	Ralph Carter III, Columbus, MS
Human & Spiritual Values	Dennis Oliver, Gulfport, MS
International Convention	Jen Robertson, Pascagoula, MS
Key Club Administrator	Danny Williams, Ponchatoula, LA
Key Club Admin Assts	Anna Kate Broussard, Pine Belt, Htbg, MS
	Jessica Hightower, Twin Cities, TN
Key Leader, North	Linda Ramsey, Martin, TN
Key Leader, South	John Magness, Sulphur, LA
Kiwanis Children’s Fund	Leonard D. Simmons, New Orleans, LA
Leadership Dev Cdtr	Greg Beard, Alexandria, LA
	Nettles Brown, Natchitoches, LA
Major Emphasis Project, AED	Pam Morgan, Cortana, Baton Rouge, LA
Past Governors	R. Bruce Hammatt, Baton Rouge, LA
Public Relations	Donna Leggett, Ascension, LA
Risk Manager	Patrice D. Cusimano, St. Bernard-Arabi, LA
Service	Oscar Brown, Millington, TN
Youth Protection Manager	Michele Crosby O’Neal, Denham Springs, LA



PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

1976-1977	Paul David Self, South Lake Charles, LA
1989-1990	L. Nettles Brown, Natchitoches, LA
1991-1992	Travis W. Vance Sr., Port City, Vicksburg, MS
1996-1997	Leonard D. Simmons Jr., New Orleans, LA
1997-1998	William C. Boyd, Memphis, TN
2001-2002	Jacob F. Vallelungo, PhD, Crescent City Eye-Openers, LA
2002-2003	Larry L. Mobley, Amite, LA
2003-2004	Fred L. Banks, Denham Springs-West Livingston, LA
2006-2007	Dennis M. Oliver, Gulfport, MS
2007-2008	David A. Pickler, Germantown, TN
2008-2009	Russel G. Kercher, Northshore Mandeville, LA
2010-2011	Linda Ramsey, Martin, TN
2011-2012	Greg Beard, Alexandria, LA
2012-2013	Robert P. Benoit, Southwest-Lafayette, LA
2013-2014	James A. “Jeems” White, M.D., Alexandria, LA
2014-2015	John M. McCay III, Orange Grove, Gulfport, LA
2015-2016	Gary Graham, Baton Rouge, LA
2016-2017	R. Fred Pitts, Tupelo, MS
2017-2018	Otha Britton, Martin, TN
2018-2019	Eva Abate, Southwest Louisiana, LA
2019-2020	R. Bruce Hammatt, Baton Rouge, LA
2020-2021	Patrice D. Cusimano, St. Bernard-Arabi, LA
2021-2022	Richard L. Latiolais, Lafayette, LA
2022-2023	R. Bruce Hammatt, Baton Rouge, LA
2023-2024	John Fry, Union City, TN



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PAST DISTRICT OFFICERS ORGANIZATION

Membership in the PDO is open to any member of a chartered Kiwanis club in the District, who has served as a District Officer.

Chairman: Hughes D. “Bill” Gaddis Jr., Winnfield, LA
Vice Chairman: Michael Haffner, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA

Imm Past Chairman:

Secretary/Treasurer: Ralph Carter III, Columbus, MS

Member Representatives:

Expires 9/30/25

Division 6: Kari Quinnelly, Ruston, LA
Division 7: *vacant*
Division 8E: Bob Blanchard Jr., Cortana, Baton Rouge, LA
Division 8W: Laura Gilliland, eLaMissTenn, Baton Rouge, LA
Division 9: Rebecca Huff, Southern Hills, Shreveport, LA
Division 10A: *vacant*
Division 10B: *vacant*
Division 10C: Ralph Carter III, Columbus, MS

Expires 9/30/26

Division 11: Hughes D. “Bill” Gaddis Jr., Winnfield, LA
Division 12: *vacant*
Division 13: Judy Couvillion, Hammond, LA
Division 14: Lucky Langston, Orange Grove, Gulfport, MS
Division 15: Tom Osburn, Vicksburg, MS
Division 17: Calvin Carrier, East St. Mary Parish, LA

Expires 9/30/27

Division 1A: *vacant*
Division 1C: Chuck Strong, Memphis, TN
Division 2: *vacant*
Division 3: Leighton Miller, Pine Belt, Hattiesburg, MS
Division 4A: *vacant*
Division 4B: Alfred Lotz, Third District, LA
Division 5: *vacant*

Purpose:

- ◆ *To establish pride & spirit to promote attendance at all District events*
- ◆ *To update District history*
- ◆ *To form a speaker’s bureau*
- ◆ *To encourage Kiwanians to run for District offices*
- ◆ *To assist in new club building*
- ◆ *To promote the District Foundation*
- ◆ *To provide & encourage fellowship among District Officers past & present*

2024-2025 KEY CLUB DISTRICT BOARD



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Thibodaux, LA



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District Admin
Assistant
Hammond, LA



2023-2024 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS

The LaMissTenn District recognizes Distinguished Clubs that meet established criteria demonstrating special dedication to service, membership, strength, and Kiwanis education.

Twin Cities, TN	Ascension, LA
Germantown, TN	Walker, LA
Millington, TN	Louisville, MS
Dawn Busters, LA	Northshore Mandeville, LA
Acadiana-Lafayette, LA	Ponchatoula, LA
Carencro, LA	East St. Mary, LA
Lafayette, LA	

2023-2024 DISTINGUISHED LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

The LaMissTenn District recognizes Distinguished Lieutenant Governors that meet established criteria demonstrating special dedication to service, membership, strength, and Kiwanis education.

John Gherardi, Lafayette, LA, Div 7
Vicki Snowden, Leesville, LA, Div 11
Amanda Johnson, North Lake Charles, LA, Div 12
Lorri Alles, The Natchez Trace, MS, Div 15

2024-2025 DISTRICT FINANCIALS

Membership:

As of 10/1/2024	3,516 members
As of 7/15/2025	3,818 members
Net growth to date	102 members

ASSETS

\$432,235.02

Kiwanis District	\$314,282.89
Operating	\$19,147.59
Conventions	\$95,131.66
Savings	\$194,010.06
PDO	\$5,993.58

Key Club District	\$106,820.47
Operating	\$13,679.94
Savings	\$93,140.53

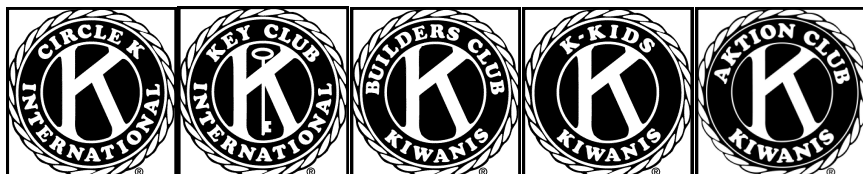
Circle K Club District	\$11,131.66
Operating	\$11,131.66

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

\$432,235.02

Current Liabilities	\$9,638.75
Equity	\$422,596.27

**As of July 1, 2025*



2024-2025 FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

President:	Thomas Long, Lafayette, LA
Vice President:	Jonathan Booth, Greater Ouachita, LA
Imm Past President:	Andrew Dozier, Abbeville, LA
Secretary:	Kimberly Jackson, Twin Cities Ken-Tenn
Treasurer:	Jen Robertson, Pascagoula, MS

Directors:

Terms expiring 9/30/2025

Region 3	Martin Kell, Rankin County, MS
Region 4	Alfred Lotz, Third District, LA
Region 5	Chelsea Brumfield, Ponchatoula, LA
Region 6	Thomas Long, Lafayette, LA
Region 7	Jonathan Booth, Greater Ouachita, LA
24-25 Gov	Claude Vinson, Germantown, TN
24-25 Gov-El	Marcel Lashover, Dawn Busters, LA
24-25 IPP Gov	John Fry, Union City, TN

Terms expiring 9/30/2026

Region 1	Kimberly Jackson, Twin Cities Ken-Tenn
Region 2	Floyd McIntyre, Columbus, MS
Region 3	Betty Carter, Pascagoula, MS
Region 6	Andrew Dozier, Abbeville, LA

Terms expiring 9/30/2027

Region 1	Sue Olsson, Germantown, TN
Region 2	Glendia Cooper, Louisville, MS
Region 4	Renee Picheloup, Third District, LA
Region 5	Heather Folks-Givens, Cortana, LA
Region 7	Craig George, Natchitoches, LA

As a non-profit, charitable corporation established in 1980 by the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District, the Foundation's mission is to provide financial assistance for Kiwanis projects and programs within our District.

2024-2025 FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

ASSETS \$1,154,083.97

Operating	\$62,251.08
Endowment	\$61,103.19
Disaster Relief	\$29,229.20
CREATE Fund	\$1,001,500.50

LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$1,154,083.97

Current Liabilities	\$86.43
Equity	\$1,153,997.54

INCOME:

Annual Club Giving Campaign	\$16,213.97
Circle of Honor	\$291.00
Endowments:	\$3,750.00
Charles H. Ford	\$1,000.00
River of Life	\$750.00
Tablet of Honor	\$2,000.00
Friends of the Foundation	\$7,641.37
Gift Baskets	\$3,714.54
Interest	\$0.40
Kiwanis Children's Fund Rebate	\$2,016.00
Memorial Contributions	\$175.34

EXPENSES:

Administrative	\$10,437.90
<i>Account services, office expenses, taxes/fees, & board meetings</i>	
Fundraising	\$1,469.23
<i>Marketing, postage, awards, printing, & credit card fees</i>	
SLP Contributions	\$7,990.00
<i>Key Club & Circle K Scholarships & leadership training grants</i>	
Grants	\$31,690.38
<i>Service Grants, AED Grants, SLP Grants, Disaster Grants, annual award grants, etc.</i>	

**As of July 1, 2025*

Annual Club Giving (ACG)

Clubs may participate in the Annual Club Giving with a minimum donation of \$5 per member. The Foundation Board wishes to thank all those clubs that participated in the 2023-2024 Annual Club Giving to date, and especially for contributing at or above the minimal donation. The Board reminds other clubs that contributions are still being accepted.

ACG Club (\$5/member):

Alexandria	Houma	Pine Belt, Hattiesburg
Amory	Kenner North	Pontchartrain
Ascension	Louisville	Rayne
Bluff City	Lucedale	Ruston
Carencro	Memphis	St. Bernard-Arabi
Columbus	Moisant	Starkville
Dawn Busters	New Iberia	Third District
Dyersburg	Orange Grove	Tipton County
eLaMissTenn	Pascagoula	
Greater Ouachita	Pearl	

Governor's Club (\$6/member):

Biloxi	Rankin County	Winnfield
DeRidder	Twin Cities Ken-Tenn	Zachary
Natchitoches	Vicksburg	
Northshore Mandeville	Waynesboro	

Elite Club (\$8/member):

Gulfport	Martin	Southwest Louisiana
Lafayette	South Lake Charles	Walker

Founders' Club (\$10/member):

Acadiana-Lafayette	Germantown	Shreveport
Algiers	Millington	Southern Hills
Baton Rouge	New Orleans	Union City
Baton Rouge Early	Opelousas	West Jefferson
Risers	Pineville	Whitehaven
Big Easy	Ponchatoula	
Cortana	Red Stick	

**As of July 15, 2025*

2024-2025 GRANTS

\$3,000 in AED Grants

\$12,450 in Community Service Grants (CSG)

\$1,000 in New Club CSG Grants

\$825 in SLP Grants

**As of July 15, 2025*

2024-2025 KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Charlie & Sharon Ford Scholarship (\$3,500)

Lindsay Adams, Warren Central High School, Vicksburg, MS

Jean Beniot, Jerry Hafter, & Anthony Simmons Scholarships (\$2,000 each)

Alarryal Bradley, BR Magnet High School, Baton Rouge, LA

Sameen Enam, BR Magnet High School, Baton Rouge, LA

Tatum Watts, Warren Central High School, Vicksburg, MS

District Foundation Scholarships (\$1,000 each)

Ryleigh Johnson, South Fulton High School, South Fulton, TN

Marley Bufkin, Porters Chapel Academy, Vicksburg, MS

Asma Askar, Chalmette High School, Chalmette, LA

Virginia Feng, White Station High School, Memphis, TN

Adaria Crutcher, White Station High School, Memphis, TN

Tabitha Kadinger, Kenner Discover Health Sciences Academy,
Kenner, LA

2024-2025 CIRCLE K SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Carley Pinel, Nicholls State University (\$1,000)



2024-2025 Friends of the Foundation

Lorri Alles
Patricia Anderson
Jackie Appleton
Greg Beard
Pat Blazio
Jonathan Booth
Jennifer Brimm
Otha Britton
Nettles Brown
Oscar Brown
Chelsea Brumfield
Tracy Cameron
Scott Cannon
Betty Carter
Ralph Carter
Craig Caskey
James Clark
Glendia Cooper
Rae Cote
Lizette Coughlin
Judy Couvillion
Jackie Dardano
Andrew Dozier
Selena Dozier
Dominick Fimiano
Charlie Ford
Cathy Fry
John Fry
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Craig George

John Gherardi
Cliff Giffin
Linda Giffin
Laura Gilliland
Heather Folks-Givens
Gary Graham
Jamie Graham
Lillian Grossley
Pamela Hadley
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**As of July 15, 2025*

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Congratulations to the LaMissTenn

2024-2025 Super Recruiters

17 MEMBERS

Niko Tesvich, St. Bernard-Arabi

9 MEMBERS

Melvin Dussel, Dawn Busters, Metairie

8 MEMBERS

Kristine Koepp, St. Bernard-Arabi

Sue Olsson, Germantown

5 MEMBERS

Angelique Strother, Big Easy, New Orleans



Ruby K Award Recipients

Ruby K Awards recognize Kiwanis members for inviting new members - from five to 100 people and for multiples of 25 over 100.

Sponsored 5 Members:

Brian Ainsworth, LSU, LA	Kenneth L Gines, Greenville, MS
John Claude Arceneaux, Acadiana-Lafayette, LA	Yolanda Green, Big Easy, LA
Pat Blazio, Big Easy, LA	JaMorieyus Kittler, Waynesboro, MS
Lorilei Bozeman, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA	Rhonda Lorio, Acadiana-Lafayette, LA
Charlene Burpo, Union City, TN	Dennis Oliver, Gulfport, MS
Vivian Champaigne, Gulfport, MS	Seth Thenberg, Union City, TN
Selena Dozier, Union City, TN	Jeems White, Alexandria, LA
Serenna Garrett, East St. Mary, LA	Christina Williamson, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA
	Janean Wood, Acadiana-Lafayette, LA

Sponsored 10 Members:

Cathy Fry, Union City, TN
Richard Latiolais, Acadiana-Lafayette, LA
Debbie Stevens, East St. Mary, LA
Angelique Strother, Big Easy, LA
MiLisa York, Zachary, LA

Sponsored 15 Members:

Amanda Johnson, North Lake Charles, LA
Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA
Marcel Lashover, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA
Joe Marion, Pontchartrain, LA
Bob Rispoli, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA

Sponsored 30 Members:

John Fry, Union City, TN

Sponsored 40 Members:

Michael Haffner, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA

Sponsored 150 Members:

Melvin Dussel, Dawn Busters, Metairie, LA

**As of 1/2018 to July 15, 2025.
Any questions should be directed to memberservices@kiwanis.org.*

Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest

Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

GROUP 1 (clubs with 27 or fewer members):

- **Kiwanis Club of New Orleans' Ween Dream**
 - *Selection for Kiwanis International's consideration*
- Kiwanis Club of Millington's Goat Days Kiddie Land
- Kiwanis Club of Opelousas' Kiwanis Kids

GROUP 2 (clubs with 28 or more members):

- **Kiwanis Club of Germantown's 40 Years-Pavilion to Park to Benches**
 - *Selection for Kiwanis International's consideration*
- Kiwanis Club of Acadiana-Lafayette's Zydeco Pancake Breakfast
- Kiwanis Club of Algiers' Joey's Hope
- Kiwanis Club of Dawn Busters' World's Largest Cajun Injected Turkey Fry
- Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles' Spooktacular Coats for Kids
- Kiwanis Club of Lafayette's Rewards 4 Reading
- Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi's Krewe of Majestic Miracles Ball

*Scan for full project details
in the April District News.*



Foundation Endowments

The District Foundation offers four endowments to support the Foundation and increase the Foundation's capacity to provide grants and scholarships to LaMissTenn Kiwanis clubs.

JOHN T. ROBERTS FELLOWSHIP (\$500)*

The Roberts Fellowship honors the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District's first Kiwanis International President.



RIVER OF LIFE (\$750)*

Framed and numbered lithograph by local Baton Rouge artist featuring a steamboat sailing down the Mississippi River which connects the three states that make up the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International.



NASH-MAIER TABLET OF HONOR (\$1,000)

As the highest honor of the District Foundation the Tablet of Honor provides an opportunity for individuals, Kiwanis clubs, divisions, or organizations to honor Kiwanians, their spouses and friends, their clubs or other organizations. Individuals cannot honor themselves.



CHARLES H. FORD LEGACY (\$1,000)*

The Ford Legacy honors the District's longest serving Executive Director, Charlie Ford, who retired after dedicating 46 years to the District.



*Scan for all details on Endowments
and make a purchase*

**May be purchased over a two year period.*



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KEY LEADER SOUTH

November 14-16, 2025
Camp Istrouma
Greenwell Springs, LA

KEY LEADER NORTH

April 24-26, 2026
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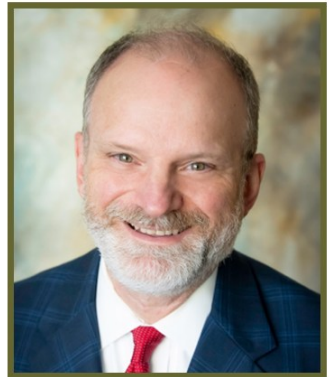
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Thank you Governor Claude Vinson for your unwavering commitment, inspiring leadership, and tireless dedication to Germantown Kiwanis and the Great and Historic District of LaMissTenn Kiwanis. You have made a lasting impact on our community and district. We have grown stronger, more united and better prepared for the future, not to mention WE had some great fun along the way.

Thank you for your vision, passion and the countless hours you have devoted to the Kiwanis Mission of One Child, One Community at a Time. You inspire us all.

- Allyson Smothers, Kiwanis Club of Germantown



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**2026 Mid-Year
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**LaMissTenn DCON
July 31 - August 2, 2026
Kenner, LA**

Kiwanis International Conventions

June 24-27, 2026
Manila, Philippines

June 17-19, 2027
Dallas, Texas

June 28-July 1, 2029
Las Vegas, Nevada



Linda Ramsey is seeking the LaMissTenn District Endorsement for International Trustee!



When I attended my first Kiwanis meeting, I knew I had to be a part of this great organization as the meeting was fun, meaningful and full of wonderful people. It wasn't long until I was President of our club, and then Lt. Governor of our Area. Then I attended my first convention, and I was hooked and have been ever since.

When I was Governor of LaMissTenn, I wanted to be involved in every aspect of Kiwanis. I made the Kiwanis Calendar my calendar so that I could attend every convention, conference and/or workshop that occurred. I am pleased to say that I have been involved in all our SLPs, either as a Kiwanis Advisor, Program Presenter or Event Coordinator. Together we change young lives worldwide.

I like to have a new goal on the horizon, and the next logical step would be to serve on the Kiwanis International Board. If I receive the LaMissTenn endorsement, I will keep us all connected from the Club to the International Levels and make sure your voices are heard. I hope that you will give me your support and join my campaign team and go to Manila, Philippines for the election next June 25-27, 2026 so you can meet my new friends.

- Linda Ramsey

PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8th

10am	Foundation Board Meeting <i>(invite only)</i>	Promenade 3
12pm-4:50pm	Registration & Service Project	TN Foyer
12pm-4:50pm	District Foundation Room	TN Ballroom C
1pm-1:50pm	PDO Meeting	Southeast A
2pm-2:50pm	Past District Governors' Meeting	Southeast B
3pm-3:50pm	2025-2026 Club Presidents & LG Pep Rally	Southeast A
3pm-3:50pm	DCON 101: Welcome Session for First Timers	Southeast B
4pm-4:50pm	Friends of the Foundation Reception	TN Ballroom C
5pm	Opening Session	TN Ballroom A & B

Evening: Dinner on Your Own

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th | SHOW YOUR 'K' DAY

7am-8:15am	PDO Breakfast <i>(ticketed event)</i>	TN Ballroom D & E
8am-11am	Registration & Service Project	TN Foyer
8am-12pm	District Foundation Room	TN Ballroom C
8:30am-9:30am	General Session	TN Ballroom A & B
9:45am-10:30am	Education Workshop Session I	
10:40am-11:25pm	Education Workshop Session II	
11:35am-12:20pm	Education Workshop Session III	
12:30pm	Fellowship Luncheon	TN Ballroom A & B
2:15pm-3pm	Education Workshop Session IV	
3:30pm	Regional Council/Caucuses	
4:00pm	House of Delegates & Annual Meeting of Foundation	Southeast ABC
6:30pm	Saturday Night Party <i>(ticketed event)</i>	TN Ballroom A & B

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th

8:30am	Prayer Breakfast & Closing Session <i>(ticketed event)</i>	TN Ballroom A & B
15 mins following	2024-2025 District Board Meeting	Promenade 3