Plan to go to Kiwanis Mid-winter Conference
Feb. 21-22 in Prattville

Mark your calendars for Feb. 21-22, 2014, and plan to meet in Prattville for the Mid-winter Conference for the Alabama District of Kiwanis.

The meeting will again be held at The Legends Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

Registration forms should soon be available, said District Secretary Pat Manasco. “I want to encourage people to register with the hotel early, because they will cut off their Kiwanis conference rate around Feb. 1,” she said.

An evening of Kiwanis karaoke entertainment is planned, along with the usual Friday night dinner. “The karaoke will be a benefit for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project, and we may ask some folks to dress up as their favorite singer,” said Manasco.

“Be sure to bring your money -- how much would you pay for (past governor) Tammy Driskill to sing something by the Bee Gees, for example?” Think ahead about which Kiwanians could entertain with songs from the Beatles to the Bee Gees.

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Registration to open for Japan convention

Thinking about attending the 99th annual Kiwanis International Convention in Japan July 17-20, 2014?

It’s time to start planning. Registration will open online on Jan. 3, 2014; meanwhile, you can start doing some reading and research and applying for a passport, if you don’t have an up-to-date one.

The convention will be held at the

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New leaders at helm of Alabama District

By Patrice Stewart
Kiwanis Kourier editor

The new Kiwanis governor for the Alabama District has recruited helpers and begun working on adding members and building and strengthening clubs.

William L. “Bill” Phillips Jr. of Pell City was installed during the District Convention in Huntsville July 27, but his one-year term did not officially start until Oct. 1, when he took over the duties of governor from Wayne Sisk of Anniston.

Other officers and 14 division lieutenant governors also took office then. Brian Rodgers of Hoover-Metro moved up from vice governor to governor-elect. During the convention business session, Bob Palys of Cullman was nominated and elected to fill the vice governor post.

Phillips said at the installation banquet that he has made many new friends while visiting clubs around the state as he moved up the ladder toward the office of Alabama District governor. “I want to do more of that -- I want to help you grow and help us get stronger,” he said. “We’re losing members, but we can turn that around, and that’s one of my goals.”

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Governor Bill Phillips Jr. with many of his 2013-14 lieutenant governors after the installation ceremony (see list on Page 18).
Governor’s 3 goals for the year

Kiwanis will soon be celebrating a milestone: its centennial. We in Alabama have reason to be especially proud of this event and the unique role Alabamians have played in the formation and development of Kiwanis into the type of organization we now enjoy.

I am sure many of you are familiar with at least the basics of our early history and Alabama’s role, and I am sure we will all be hearing more about this in the coming months.

I am already seeing Kiwanis members wanting to get into a position to serve Kiwanis in some capacity during our centennial year. This shows pride in the organization we all love -- a pride I hope you also feel for Kiwanis. But we are not without our own set of problems.

Many are the same problems we have faced for the past 20-plus years, with loss of membership and the revenue associated with that loss being right up at the top of the list. I sincerely believe our problems can be fixed, and I intend to work hard this year to try to accomplish our goals.

But accomplishing these goals will take more than just our leadership and me working; it will also take YOU and all of us in the Alabama District working. I can’t think of a nicer birthday gift we can collectively give Kiwanis than to start into the 2014-2015 year with more of us to celebrate this great achievement.

So, what are my goals for 2013-2014? Many of you have heard me discuss them before, but they bear repeating. I have a number of things I would like to accomplish, but my primary goals for this year are very important to the overall health of our organization -- and if we are able to accomplish them, they will help achieve other things I hope we can get done.

The first goal is to increase our Kiwanis membership. This will be done through starting new clubs, as well as increasing membership of our existing clubs. As of the last report I have received, our district membership is listed as 3,813. I would like to see this total back above 4,000 this year, preferably by Midwinter Conference time.

The second goal is to encourage and strengthen our existing Kiwanis clubs.

The third goal is to identify and encourage development of Kiwanis leaders at all levels of Kiwanis.

During our District Convention, our International Trustee/Counselor Warren Mitchell held a session titled “Attitude is Everything.” Warren made the case for developing a positive and enthusiastic attitude about Kiwanis and what we want to accomplish and then following through with plans.

Are you excited about Kiwanis and our plans for 2013-2014? We have what I consider to be a great group of District officers in place who are ready and eager to work with you and your club to help you have a great and growing year. Let’s all start today to work toward a great year in 2013-2014.
All of us want this to be the best year it can be for Kiwanis. We like to be recognized for our efforts. One way to do this is to become a Distinguished Kiwanis Member, a Distinguished Club and a Distinguished Division. Read the requirements below, and place a copy where you will be reminded of them all year. The time to start work to be distinguished is today.

—Bill Phillips, 2013-14 Governor, Alabama District

### Kiwanis International

**2013-14 Distinguished Programs**

Members/Clubs/Divisions/Districts

**BASED ON THE SIX OBJECTS OF KIWANIS,**

**THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE AND THE ELIMINATE PROJECT**

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Mark the reached stars! The club must have 6 stars out of 7 to be a Distinguished Club. Distinguished Clubs receive: President lapel pin, Distinguished Club banner patch and certificate.

**Total Stars**

**Division** must have 1 new club at minimum, plus net increase in membership to be a Distinguished Club. Divisions achieving distinguished status will receive: Distinguished Lt. governor lapel pin.

**District** must have a net increase in membership and achieve a ranking in the top 25% of all districts in each region to be a Distinguished District. Districts achieving distinguished status will receive: Distinguished Governor and Secretary lapel pin, Distinguished District Certificate, and special recognition during the 2015 Kiwanis International Convention. Presidential Citation Certificate will be awarded to the top 25% of all district and Kiwanis nations not achieving Distinguished District status.

**Distinguished Member** must sponsor 2 new members and participate in 2 Kiwanis service projects. Distinguished Members will receive a letter from the 2013-14 Kiwanis International President and a Distinguished Member lapel pin.

**Have questions? Call the Kiwanis District Office in Birmingham at 205-945-1334**
Divisions 5, 6 joining in fundraiser: ‘Polar Express’ at Alabama Theatre

Divisions 5 and 6 are sponsoring a unique Kiwanis governor’s visit to Birmingham Dec. 14.

This is not the usual sit-down dinner, and all Kiwanis family members are invited to join in this holiday fundraiser plus fellowship time with Alabama District of Kiwanis International’s Governor, Bill Phillips.

Bring your families to enjoy “The Polar Express,” a holiday classic, at the historic Alabama Theatre at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

The doors will open at 1 p.m. A sing-along with the “Mighty Wurlitzer” pipe organ will be held before the show begins. Kiwanians expect to sit together in the balcony.

The 100-minute film tells of a doubting boy who, on Christmas Eve, boards a magical train that’s headed to the North Pole and home of Santa Claus.

Proceeds will benefit Kid One Transport, a Birmingham area nonprofit that provides medical transportation services for children and their families with a need.

All Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs, Action Clubs, Circle K Clubs and Builders Clubs are encouraged to come and celebrate the power of the Kiwanis Family and enjoy this afternoon of family fun and fellowship. Invite prospective members so they can see service in action.

RSVP to the District Office, 205-945-1334, so enough cookies and hot chocolate will be available for the reception time with Governor Phillips following the movie.

All movie tickets for this fundraiser will be $12. They can be purchased for $12 at the door of the Alabama Theatre, located at 1817 Third Avenue North, Birmingham 35203. To pre-purchase tickets and avoid lines, you can also go through the Alabama Theatre website, www.alabamatheatre.com ($12 plus a small processing fee), or to the box office.

Beasley publishes Florence club history

Kiwanian David Beasley of Florence undertook a big project when he researched and compiled “The History of the Kiwanis Club of Florence, Alabama” for the club’s 90th birthday.

The 475-page book by Beasley, published by Bluewater Publications, is an extensive compilation of the history of the first 25 years of the Kiwanis Club, from December 1922 to 1947.

He included a 36-page index with names of people and places to make it of interest to historians and genealogists, as well as Kiwanians.

In his research, Beasley used reports from the Florence TimesDaily newspaper archives that detailed club meetings, including members and guests in attendance. The history also includes club speakers and their topics, past presidents, meeting locations, special projects, awards, door prizes and club pianists.


Lee Freeman, director of history and genealogy at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, said Beasley’s book “fills a niche in the history of this proud civic organization by examining in great detail the history and activities of the club as reported in the Florence Times from the 1920s till today.”

Freeman said that Beasley set the historical context by including major newspaper headlines of the times “so that the reader gets a sense, not only of the history of the club,

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Ozark collects dimes in syringes to benefit KI’s Eliminate Project

This information was provided by Leah Harlow, secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Ozark.

The Kiwanis Club of Ozark, which celebrated its 90th anniversary Sept. 24, recently held a fundraiser for the Eliminate Project, the Kiwanis International global campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).

The club gave out empty 20ml syringes for supporters to fill with dimes and return to a club member during the month of August.

A total of 47 dime-filled syringes were collected, which raised $287 to donate toward the project.

Each day about 160 newborns die from tetanus, a disease that threatens millions of mothers and newborns as a result of unhygienic childbirth practices. The Eliminate Project will protect millions of women and their future babies who are at risk in more than 30 countries.

It costs just $1.80 to provide a series of three vaccine doses to women of childbearing age. But in many areas, especially those where health care is limited, millions of women have not been immunized.

The Eliminate Project will provide funds to immunize women of childbearing age, protecting both them and their future babies. More information about the Eliminate Project can be found at www.kiwanis.org.

These syringes, which are filled with dimes, helped the Ozark club raise money for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project. Shown in August are project coordinator Leah Harlow, left, and club president Randy Brannon.

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but of how the club fits into the wider sweep of history ... local, national and international.

“I hope all of the clubs will produce a similar history,” he said.

Florence attorney James Engelthaler said the “extensive research and work invested by David Beasley into this book is incredible. It is a ‘must read’ for anyone interested in how ordinary citizens and community leaders strived to improve their club, community and nation through the annals of history.”

Beasley grew up in Jasper and Montgomery. He earned a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Samford University in Birmingham and a master’s degree in personnel management from Troy State University in Montgomery.

He worked as a hospital pharmacist in five locations around Alabama and served as president of the Alabama Society of Hospital Pharmacists. He also was in the Alabama Air National Guard.

Beasley and his wife, Ellen, a nurse practitioner, are now retired and use their talents in volunteer roles as members of the Kiwanis Club of Florence. He has served as Division 2 lieutenant governor and as an Alabama coordinator for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project, while she has been club secretary and pianist. Married 45 years, they have three children and five grandchildren.

While Beasley also enjoys researching his family heritage, he believes the Eliminate Project addressing maternal and neonatal tetanus is an opportunity to help resolve a worldwide problem.


Beasley is also available to speak to clubs and groups; contact him at 1dbeasley@comcast.net or 256-767-7610.

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Beach Boys or Tammy Wynette to Taylor Swift.

The conference will turn to membership growth and other topics on Saturday. Guest speaker Greg Beard of Alexandria, La., a past governor of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District, will talk about growth and the Eliminate Project during workshops and the interclub luncheon. He is Kiwanis International’s Region 2 membership growth chairman and recently accompanied KI president Gunter Gasser to see the Eliminate Project at work in Madagascar.

—Patrice Stewart, Kourier Editor

The summer convention of the Alabama District will be at the Battle House Renaissance Hotel in Mobile Aug. 1-3, 2014

Deadline for the winter edition of the online Kiwanis Kourier is Jan. 2, 2014
Alabama District Kiwanis history

This is the second in a series of articles on Alabama District Kiwanis history compiled by Bob McCurley, who has served as an Alabama District Kiwanis Governor and as a member of the boards of Kiwanis International and its foundation.

First 6 Alabama clubs were formed by 1919

With the chartering of Kiwanis’ first club in Detroit, Mich., on Jan. 21, 1915, Kiwanis caught the excitement of the new century. The first Alabama club was formed in Birmingham only two years later. However, by that time there were already 40 clubs in 12 states and Canada.

In the fall of 1918, the Alabama-Florida District was organized. The clubs within these two states remained as one district until the International Board met in 1924, when the two states were made independent and separate districts of Kiwanis International. During these formative years the first six clubs in Alabama were: Birmingham, Mobile, Gadsden, Huntsville, Selma and Montgomery.

Birmingham Kiwanis Club

On Feb. 28, 1917, Dr. A. D. Durham of Oakmont, Penn., arrived in Birmingham and went to the office of Dr. Percy A. Woodall, an old friend of many years and a fellow member of the medical profession. Dr. Durham explained that his mission to Birmingham was that of organizing a Kiwanis club, an organization composed of leading business men whose motto was “We Trade” – and who were interested in improving the community and incidentally in promoting business for themselves. Dr. Woodall was a Rotarian but gave Dr. Durham the names of some nine or ten leading businessmen of Birmingham as a nucleus with which to start.

Dr. Durham took the list of names from Dr. Woodall and soon had enough names on an application for a charter and forwarded it to Kiwanis International in Detroit. The charter was granted May 19, 1917. The first president of Birmingham Kiwanis Club was W. C. Bonham, who served through the year of 1917.

A year later the Birmingham Club reached a membership of 100 members and was under the guidance of J. Mercer Barnett as club president. He would later become Kiwanis International’s fourth president.

Mobile Kiwanis Club

The second club in Alabama was organized in Mobile on April 22, 1919. It was officially chartered June 4, 1919. Officers were H. Austill Pharr as the first president; Bernard Baum, vice president; William Buck Taylor, treasurer; and B. F. Adams, secretary.

The initial board of directors were Marion J. Wise, L. G. Adams, John D. Meador, Adam Glass Jr., Judge Claude A. Grayson and Dr. Toxey D. Haas. In this group was a farmer, jeweler, cotton compress firm owner, cigar dealer, physician, judge and railway executive. Diversity continues to be a cornerstone of the Mobile club.

Gadsden Kiwanis Club

Friday, the 13th, is a suspicious day of any month to many people, but not to those faithful citizens of Gadsden. On Friday, June 13, 1919, Jeff Bailey and Andrew “Andy” Arab of Birmingham made the first move in organizing a Kiwanis Club in Gadsden. Bailey was a field representative for Kiwanis International with the responsibility of organizing Kiwanis clubs in Alabama and Florida. Arab was a member of the Birmingham club and the first District Governor of Alabama-Florida Kiwanis District.

On June 15, men gathered in the office of Judge William J. Boykin in the Stocks Building and accepted the invitation of Kiwanis International to organize the third Kiwanis Club in Alabama. On Wednesday, July 2, 1919, the first regular meeting of this group was held at the Printup Hotel and began regular weekly meetings each Wednesday. The Gadsden Club officially received its charter from Kiwanis International on Dec. 10, 1919.

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Huntsville Kiwanis Club

Huntsville was the fourth city to charter a Kiwanis club, officially organizing on July 14, 1919, the same day as the Gadsden club. It is, however, listed as the 150th Kiwanis club, one number higher than the Gadsden club. The first president, Clarendon Davis, presided over a membership which consisted of 53 charter members.

Selma Kiwanis Club

A few months later, on Sept. 24, 1919, the Selma Club was organized as Alabama’s fifth Kiwanis club. The Honorable Hugh Mallory, a Selma lawyer, was elected the club’s first president.

Montgomery Kiwanis Club

William Thomas Edmondson Jr. of the Alabama State Child Welfare Department is listed on the 1920 roster as the Montgomery’s first Kiwanian. His starting date was June, 1919. However, the official charter date was not until Oct. 31, 1919. Edmondson was one of the “original six of Montgomery Kiwanis.” The other five were Robert Andrew Hamrick, a retail druggist; Montgomery Kinzie Layton, Wholesale Drugs; Leroy Atkins Porter, Surety Bonds; William Pierce Chilton, president of the Paragon Press; and Leslie Fairchild, whose identity is the first of the several mysteries surrounding the early days of Kiwanis Montgomery. Dr. George Wheeler, who had been an associate member of Rotary, resigned and became the new Kiwanis club’s initial president.

Not long after the Montgomery Kiwanis Club received its charter in 1919, it elected to membership its first new member, John A. “Pete” Peterson. When he died on July 16, 1968, the membership of Kiwanis was astounded to learn that this shy, unobtrusive member who some thought was living on Social Security had left the club almost three quarters of a million dollars.

There are many more “Kiwanis stories waiting to be told.” If you have antidotes or stories you want to include in the history of these first clubs or any club, please send them. Anyone who may have information or pictures about these early clubs can email them to me, Bob McCurley, at rlmccurley@gmail.com, or to District Secretary Pat Manasco at the District Office in Birmingham or patriciamanasco@bellsouth.net.

The future editions of the Alabama Kiwanis Kourier during 2014 will include excerpts from other decades, along with articles about our sponsored youth organizations and District leadership.

A holiday gift idea: Buy tickets for the Jeff Foxworthy comedy show coming to Auburn Arena on Jan. 23, and help Reading Is Fundamental, too.

Order tickets to this Jan. 23, 2014, show in Auburn through Jean Dean Reading Is Fundamental, and you can help RIF at the same time. Through a partnership with the Hudson Family Foundation, Jean Dean RIF is selling tickets and then gets half of the $40 ticket cost, or $20 per ticket sold.

“What a great combo — helping kids get books in their homes plus an evening of fun for yourself, or as a gift for friends or family,” says Cathy Gafford, executive director of Jean Dean RIF.

For credit card purchases online, use the donate button on the website (jeandeanrif.org) and then email your receipt to jeandeanrif@gmail.com. Indicate that you bought tickets and whether you want to pick up your tickets on the Auburn campus or at the Jean Dean RIF office/warehouse in Opelika. You will then get an email reply with pickup times.

Tickets must be purchased through RIF before Dec. 10. Thanks for supporting Jean Dean RIF, a project of the Alabama Kiwanis Foundation through which young children are read to by volunteers and then given books to take home.
K-Family Day

Working together for RIF

About 150 volunteers from Kiwanis, Circle K and Key clubs all over the state gathered for K-Family Day at the Jean Dean Reading Is Fundamental warehouse in Opelika Sept. 21. When they stopped work for a barbecue lunch with board members, RIF executive director Cathy Gafford announced that they had already labeled about 11,000 books and inventoried another 22,300, with more ahead. Several generations of K-Family members participated, including second-term Lt. Gov. Margaret Murphy of Monroeville, whose grandson Sage Gregson attended with Troy University Circle K and helped her unload RIF warehouse shower gift items. Drawing attention was the newest K-Family member, Lucas Parker Beard, son of Meg and Tom Beard, grandson of Cathy and Doug Gafford and great-grandson of Past Governor Joe Dean, who turned 91 on Oct. 27, and the late Jean Dean.
K-Family readies books

Photos by Patrice Stewart
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Vulcan club holds charity golf event

This information was given to the Kiwanis Kourier by Luther Jarmon Jr., a member of the Vulcan club and lieutenant governor of Division 6.

The Kiwanis Club of Vulcan in Birmingham recently held its 15th annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Highland Park Golf Course.

Winning first place was the team of Fred Horn, James Gaddis, Gaines Hearn and Sidney Gunn.

Coming in second was the team of State Sen. Roger Smitherman, Crystal Smitherman, Rovoyl Land and Glennon Bazzle.

Crystal Smitherman took two more honors: women’s longest drive and women’s closest to the pin.

Ernest Richardson had the men’s longest drive, while Arthur Bailey took men’s closest to the pin honors.

The Kiwanis Club of Vulcan, founded April 4, 1980, is committed to serving the community. It sponsors Key Clubs and a youth service club and supports several nonprofit organizations, as well as several historically black colleges and universities.

The club also encourages academic excellence by awarding scholarships to high-achieving high school seniors.

Club meetings are held each Tuesday at 7 a.m. at the Alabama Power Co. office at 600 18th St. N., Birmingham.

Former lieutenant governor from Ozark dies

Betty Green Galloway, who was the first female member and first female president of the Kiwanis Club of Ozark and also lieutenant governor for Division 11, died Oct. 26, 2013, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan.

She was 77 and a resident of the Echo community.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Oct. 30 at Ward Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Marcus Wingard and Major Wiley Collins officiating. Burial followed in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Mrs. Galloway, who served as president of the Chamber of Commerce of Ozark, was retired from the Commercial Bank of Ozark.

At the time of her death, she was employed by Human Resource Consulting Inc. as a contractor for F.A.C. Specialists in Dothan. She was known for her love of soldiers and their families.

Survivors include her husband, John A. Galloway Jr. of Skipperville, two sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family requested that memorial donations be made to the Alabama National Guard Foundation, 1720 Congressman W.L. Dickinson Dr., Montgomery.
Mark the annual Mid-winter Conference in Prattville on your calendars: Feb. 21-22, 2014

Participants from six of the 10 Aktion clubs around the state attended the second Leadership/Training Conference in Jackson’s Gap. The photo below shows talent show winners.

80 Aktion Club members learn, socialize, serve at Camp ASCCA

By Glenda Selman
Alabama District Aktion Club Administrator


We had 80 participants, including caregivers and advisers from six of our 10 clubs. It was a fun weekend with workshops, socials and a service project. When registering, each participant received a tote bag, T-shirt, pen and pad to use throughout the weekend.

Friday night was an opening session with icebreakers so members could meet people from around the state and make friends with whom they have kept in touch through emails.

The cookout was donated by the Homewood-Mountain Brook Kiwanis Club. After dinner, everyone went outside for a campfire s’mores social, singing and making friends.

Saturday included workshops, a service project, and an evening social with a talent show.

The workshops were conducted by Brian Rogers, Colean Bailey, Tammy Driskill, Eugene Rogers and Glenda Selman. Aktion members were able to learn leadership skills, have officer training, and find out about ways to raise money for Eliminate and SCAW projects, as well as sharing ideas for socials, fundraising and projects by various clubs throughout the District.

We were also privileged to have Kiwanis Governor Wayne Sisk and Governor-elect Bill Phillips and their wives join us for lunch, where both men addressed the group.

The Aktion Club members were excited to have the past governors and current governor, governor-elect and vice governor of the Alabama District of Kiwanis International present. Aktion Club members were able to meet with these officials and express their excitement about being a part of the Kiwanis family.

The service project on Saturday was requested by Camp ASCCA, so Aktion Club members painted the equestrian fence.

The afternoon social included the splash pad, which was very welcome in the hot afternoon, as well as putt-putt golf and a team-building bocce ball competition.

Two teams consisting of members from different clubs worked together to see who would get to put a pie in the face of the District administrators. Both I and Eugene Rogers, assistant District administrator, received pies in the face. Aktion Club members enjoyed that part of the weekend and would like to make that a conference tradition.

The Saturday night pizza dinner was provided by the Gadsden branch of Regions Bank. A talent show and dance followed. Aktion Club was joined for the evening’s festivities by Circle K Kiwanis Family Relations Committee Chair Aundrea Bevis.

Sunday morning included speech contestants and recognition of the talent show winners. The Alabama Aktion Club District has its own Michael Jackson impersonator, among many great singers and other performers.

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Make it possible for a high school student to benefit from Key leader

By Jamie Brabston
District Key Leader Administrator

The Alabama District Key Leader Team has been busy during the summer and early fall of 2013. The addition of Emme Martinez, Key Club representative/co-chair of Key Leader, has been a tremendous asset!

Emme and I held a well-attended workshop at the Kiwanis District Convention in Huntsville and appreciated the support of many Kiwanians. We are hopeful that these and others will help make Key Leader 2014 the most successful Key Leader event the Alabama District has ever seen!

We will be returning to beautiful Camp ASCCA in Jackson’s Gap for Key Leader 2014, which will be held April 11-13, 2014. We anticipate another educational, fun-filled weekend, with more team-building exercises.

This fall, we are busy marketing Key Leader to Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs, schools and pretty much to anyone who will listen! Emme and I attended the fall training of the district Key Club Board to present information on Key Leader. The whole Key Club Board appears to be “on board” with us to market Key Leader and help recruit attendees. Many showed interest in returning as student facilitators, to help lead small group activities.

Of course, we are also marketing Key Leader to non-Key Clubbers, and we need your help! It is hard to imagine that any Kiwanian cannot name at least one eligible teen who would benefit from this life-changing event, as Key Leader alums describe it.

Who do you know who is an “emerging leader,” who needs that extra “push” to develop confidence? To realize potential? Any student (8th - 12th grade) may attend! Don’t let your division or your community be the one that fails to take advantage of this opportunity for your youths.

This fun, Kiwanis-sponsored leadership education weekend focuses on service leadership and five core principles: integrity, growth, respect, community and excellence.

We are always looking for more team members and chaperones, but there are so many other ways Kiwanians can help. Many students need sponsors, financial assistance, transportation to and from the event, and/or simply a “nudge” to sign up!

The cost is $200 ($175 if a Key Club member), and that includes meals, lodging, T-shirt, manual and more. Some scholarships are available.

If you would like to have someone speak to your club about Key Leader, or if you need more information, please contact me at (256) 679-6341 or email jamie.m.brabston@gmail.com.

Jamie Brabston

These students learned techniques to help “emerging leaders” when they attended the 2013 Key Leader event at Camp ASCCA in Jackson’s Gap. Kiwanis clubs can help sponsor students for the next event, April 11-13, 2014.

Hello, Kiwanians!

I enjoyed attending the Kiwanis District Convention last July in Huntsville, talking about Key Leader and getting to meet so many wonderful leaders in service.

Key Leader was such a great experience for me. Key Leader taught me how to become a better servant leader, a better listener, and how to have confidence in my abilities. That is why I want so many others to be able to attend Key Leader and gain these skills as well.

This year is going to be a great year for Key Leader! Please continue to spread the word about Key Leader, and keep the date in mind: April 11-13 at Camp ASCCA.

If you have any questions, please email me at emme.martinez@alabamakeyclub.org or Key Leader Chair Jamie Brabston at jamie.m.brabston@gmail.com.

—Emme Martinez
Key Club representative/Key Leader co-chair

Learning how to listen and lead with confidence ...

Learn more about the Kiwanis International Convention in Japan July 17-20, 2014
Alabama Circle K is warming things up

By Zach Nolen
Circle K Governor, Alabama District

As the colder months arrive and the air begins to cool, the Alabama District of Circle K International is starting to warm things up across the state.

After a successful Tri-K event with record numbers of Circle K members helping organize books in the Jean Dean Reading Is Fundamental warehouse in Opelika, the Alabama District Board of Circle K has set its sights on planning additional great and impactful events.

Each of our lieutenant governors has been busy with a divisional fall rally. The goal is to bring Circle K members from around each division together and to form bonds that transcend the boundaries of their campuses.

The themes for the rallies this year will tie directly into the theme for District Convention, which is “CKI – Making a World of Differences” and will take members around the world to show the impact that CKI is making, not only in their local neighborhoods, but around the world.

Planning for the annual Alabama Leadership Academy has been under way. This district event, scheduled for Camp Lee in Anniston November 1–3, allows attendees to hone their leadership styles and abilities. Circle K members are divided into small groups and participate in team-building exercises and small group discussions to allow them to uncover their leadership values.

Many other exciting things are happening in the Alabama District outside of events. Several campuses are in the process of organizing their own Circle K clubs. Many of these campuses are in the final stages of chartering, and we look forward to welcoming them into the Kiwanis Family.

We are also continuing in our One Spark campaign to raise money for Jean Dean RIF.

It is also time to begin filling out forms for awards for outstanding officers, members, advisers, alums, service and achievement. Pay special attention to the deadlines, because nine of these applications are due by our winter board meeting Jan. 17, while the other six are due March 1 at our District Convention.

All in all, with all of the things happening, it is an exciting time for the Alabama District of Circle K. For more information, email me at zach.nolen@alabama.circlek.org.

International Aktion awards go to Alabamians

An Aktion Club from Alabama and a member of another Aktion club have won awards at the international level. This K-Family club, like most others, has international competitions that many clubs enter, according to “This year we have two clubs that are included in the winners,” said Glenda Selman, Alabama District Administrator for Aktion Clubs. They were listed on the Aktion Club website at the end of October.

Helen Bishop of the Huntsville Aktion Club won third place in the speech contest. A DVD of her speech at the Alabama Kiwanis District Convention in Huntsville was entered.

The Moody Aktion Club won third place in the single service contest. One member died, and the club planted a tree in a park in her honor and placed a memorial at that site.

“We are proud of our clubs, and we want the Kiwanis District to know about the impact of Aktion Clubs,” said Selman.

It was a great weekend which was supported by the Alabama Kiwanis Foundation, Pat Manasco, District leaders and the great members, caregivers and advisers of the Alabama Aktion Clubs.

Many ideas were taken away from the workshops, while participants bonded with other members and formed great memories in anticipation of next year’s conference.
District convention
Huntsville, July 26-28
Photos by Patrice Stewart

Japan (From Page 1)

Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex in the city of Chiba, near Tokyo.

“Registration will be $185 until April 1,” said Alabama District Secretary Pat Manasco, and then it goes to $235 until May 15 and to $250 starting on-site July 16. “Please let the district office know if you are thinking about going to the convention,” she said.

“There will be no shuttle buses because all convention hotels are so close to the convention center.”

Kiwanis International has worked out special rates for airfare, airport transfers and four nights at a convention hotel, including breakfast. Tum­lare Destination Management has pre­and post-convention tour packages for Kiwanians wishing to see more of Japan, as well as Cambodia, Vietnam, China and Hawaii.

Four-night Chiba hotel and air packages (from major U.S. gateways) start at $1,899 for those sharing a room, or $2,079 for singles (if you fly from three major California airports, those prices drop to $1,599 and $1,789). Airline taxes and security fees are expected to run about $585 extra.

District convention
Kiwanians gather in Huntsville

Support Reading Is Fundamental with readers and donations for books and other needs

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Mark the annual Mid-winter Conference in Prattville on your calendars: Feb. 21-22, 2014

Rocket reception
At U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville

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Interclub luncheon awards

Many Zeller honors were passed out during the interclub luncheon at the District Convention in Huntsville, along with the Jean Dean Courage Award and other recognitions. Past Governor Tammy Driskill hung a Zeller medallion around the neck of her dad, Ray Driskill of Huntsville West, a past lieutenant governor, while Wayne Sisk of Anniston also received one from the district as he neared the end of his term as governor. The large group with Zellers includes Karla Moons of Mobile, Margaret Murphy of Monroeville, Charles Jones of Huntsville, Sharon Lane of Huntsville West and Mike Roddy of Huntsville. Laura Allen of Jackson upgraded her Zeller to Diamond Level One, while John Burroughs of Tuscaloosa got a Zeller in memory of his mother, the late Joann Jordan Johnston of Birmingham; they are congratulated by luncheon speaker Jeff Wolff, a past governor of the Capital District who recently viewed Zeller fundraising dollars at work in Cambodia to Eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus.

Barbara McCurley of Tuscaloosa is presented a J. Mercer Barnett honor by Mike Winstead, Alabama Kiwanis Foundation president. She is the wife of Bob McCurley, a past Kiwanis International trustee and past governor of the Alabama District. This recognition, which benefits the Alabama Kiwanis Foundation, is named for an early Kiwanis International president from Birmingham. Another Barnett went to Tom Hayward of Chickasaw and was accepted on his behalf by fellow club member Ervin Dailey.

The annual Jean Dean Courage Award “for outstanding courage along life’s way” went to Bill Scott of Pell City, a member of the Pell City Kiwanis Club. Cathy Dean Gafford, left, presented the award, which is named for her late mother, to Scott, who was accompanied by his wife, Margaret, as well as their daughter, Loo Whitfield of Tuscaloosa. Gafford called Scott “a fine person and a fine Kiwanian” who had to deal with serious heart issues, along with his wife’s health problems and the loss of a son.
District 2013-14 leaders installed

Family members, predecessors congratulate officers taking responsibilities for new year

During the Governor’s Banquet, outgoing and incoming officers received pins, and Wayne Sisk of Anniston, outgoing governor, was given a plaque with gavel. Assisting with the installation was Warren Mitchell of Greeley, Colo., a member of the Kiwanis International board and counselor to the Alabama District. Incoming Governor Bill Phillips Jr. got help with his pin from wife Jean; also attending the installation dinner were their son, William Phillips III, his wife, Lori, and their children, Bill IV and Laura. Sisk’s wife, Toni, and Palys’ wife, Melba, helped their husbands during the ceremony. Past governor Joel Williams shared ideas with Bob and Melba Palys. Earlier, past governors Colean Black and Tammy Driskill had tips for Brian Rodgers.

These officers will serve for 2013-14:
Governor, Bill Phillips Jr., Pell City
Governor-elect, Brian Rodgers, Hoover-Metro
Vice governor, Bob Palys, Cullman
Immediate past governor, Wayne Sisk of Anniston
District secretary will again be Pat Manasco, Homewood.

Lieutenant governors for 2013-14
Division 1, Richard Hartz, Huntsville West
Division 2, James Stansell, Rogersville
Division 3, Pamela Sullivan, Jasper
Division 4, Betty Whisenant, Tuscaloosa
Division 5, Owen Bradley, Hoover-Metro
Division 6, Luther Jarmon, Vulcan, Birmingham
Division 7, Gerald Ware, Gadsden
Division 8, James Kendrick, Wedowee
Division 9, David Taylor, Millbrook-Coosada
Division 10, Pat Padgett, Auburn
Division 11, Stewart Marshall, Ozark
Division 12, Margaret Murphy, Monroeville
Division 13, Thomas Lott, Daphne-Spanish Fort
Division 14, Keith Graham, Azalea City, Mobile
Governor’s banquet
Huntsville convention
Photos by Patrice Stewart
Auctions fund Kiwanis service

Silent and live auctions raise funds for foundations and projects such as Reading Is Fundamental and Eliminate, the global fight against maternal/neonatal tetanus. At the District Convention in Huntsville, everything from a clone of a Toomer’s Corner oak tree to vacation trips were auctioned. Colean Black displayed the oak, and Cathy Gafford gave it to its new owner, Gray Marsee of Huntsville. Tammy Driskill, past governor and Eliminate chair, called attention to the cause with a display, while Mike Fleming hawked redneck wine glasses made with red plastic cups. Convention-goers bought sports prints, ball caps and pottery, while Pam Fleming and Ginny Hulsey counted the cash stuffed into blue jars on tables ($351 plus change). Kiwanians raised more than $4,000 for RIF and MNT during lunch and saved 566 lives.

Leaders
(From Page 1)

He listed three things he believes “are very important to the health of your club and Kiwanis International: increasing the number of clubs and members; strengthening existing clubs; and identifying and training new leaders.”

Phillips incorporated those into his goals for the year (see his column on Page 2 and requirements for “distinguished” honors on Page 3.)

‘Build enthusiasm’

He encourages lieutenant governors and other leaders to visit other clubs and listen, have interclubs and mingle, and “think outside the box to build enthusiasm.” He hopes to attract more younger members by having more clubs for Young Professionals.

While there are other goals, such as supporting Reading Is Fundamental, the Eliminate Project and K-Family service leadership clubs, he said his first three goals will be strong building blocks.

“Kiwanis is probably the best-kept secret out there,” said Sisk, in his final convention speech as governor. “But we are making a difference.” He encouraged clubs to share their successes and tell others how they did it. “The club experience must be rewarding,” he said.

Kiwanis International board member Warren “Mitch” Mitchell of Greeley, Colo., is counselor to the Alabama District this year. He and his wife, Joann, attended the District Convention in Huntsville, which started off with a Friday evening barbecue buffet at the Space & Rocket Center.

The next day, Mitchell shared information from International, helped install officers and presented a workshop on “Attitude Is Everything.”

Eliminate Project at work

The Saturday interclub luncheon speaker was Jeff Wolff, a past governor of the Capital District who talked about his trip to Cambodia to see the Eliminate Project at work, battling maternal and neonatal tetanus. He said they sometimes have to send the MNT vaccines in cold packs — "often on horseback over treacherous terrain.”

Wolff told Alabama club members that Ki “doesn’t want to take money away from community projects for Eliminate -- they want to add new projects to raise funds for Eliminate. This is the gift Kiwanis is giving the world to celebrate our 100th birthday in 2015.”