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District convention July 26-28

Plan to gather under the Space Shuttle in Huntsville for a barbecue dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 26, when the 95th Alabama Kiwanis District Convention opens.

Other events during the July 26-28 convention will be held at the Huntsville Marriott next door to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

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The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville is hosting the convention, with Past Kiwanis Governor Ernest Hulsey as chairman.

Kiwanis members are encouraged to attend the convention, bring their families, and enjoy Huntsville and the many attractions — shopping, restaurants and museums — the area has to offer.

The two main dates to remember are the early — and



cheapest — registration deadline, with check received in mail by June 29, and the July 4 hotel deadline to get the convention rate.

Convention registration includes all Saturday workshops at the Marriott and the noon Interclub luncheon. All other

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KI president encounters zoo's giraffes

By Patrice Stewart
Kourier editor

Tom DeJulio's first duty was to feed the giraffes at the Birmingham Zoo their evening meal of leaves when they stuck out their long tongues.

A bumpy camel ride was the next event up for the Kiwanis International president after Division 6 Lt. Gov. Armand St. Raymond present-

ed him with a ticket.

Then came the more typical duties during DeJulio's April 22-23 visit to the Alabama District: a Southern-style fried chicken dinner plus a few words and acceptance of a T-shirt at Kiwanis Night at the Zoo, followed the next day by a lunchtime meeting talk to the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham. Then he



Kiwanis International President Tom DeJulio visits the Kiwanis Giraffe Encounter at the Birmingham Zoo. He and Kiwanians' children fed animals.

headed south on I-65 to attend Kiwanis Night at the Montgomery Zoo and address the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery.

Pledges by the Birmingham club, which is the biggest Kiwanis club in

the world with more than 500 members, made it possible for the Kiwanis Giraffe Encounter to open at the Birmingham Zoo in 2012. The Montgomery club ranks near the top

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You can still plan to go to Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver June 27-30, 2013

Keep up the good work, Alabama

Greetings to our Alabama friends! Ame and I enjoyed so much our visits to your District Convention and your Mid-Year Conference. You all make us feel so very welcome.

I speak with Governor Wayne (Alabama District Governor Wayne Sisk) often and know he is working hard to achieve his goals for this year. He is proud of his team of leaders who are out there every day, encouraging members to be the best they can be.

The Alabama District has a tradition of success, and this year should be no exception.

I would ask you all to continually recruit new members and look for sites where a Kiwanis Club is needed. We all need to support and grow our SLPS! These young students are future members and the leaders of tomorrow. Let's don't forget that this is the Year of Women — 25 years. Wow!

For our worldwide service project, this is the Year of Participation. It is vital that Kiwanians around the world

From the Counselor

By Dennis Oliver



rally around the Eliminate Project. I know Past Governor Tammy Driskill is leading the charge in Alabama.

You all have got to be so proud of the Jean Dean Reading Is Fundamental program, which is the No. 1 Reading Program in the country!

Oh, and while you are serving the wonderful children in Alabama, don't forget to have fun and realize what a privilege it is for you and me to belong to the greatest service club in the world!

I am so very proud to be your counselor this year and look forward to reviewing your success over these last few months.

Call on me if I can help in any way.

Yours in service,

Dennis

Dennis Oliver, International Trustee



Paul Palazzolo talks about the elements of a successful Kiwanis club

Palazzolo: 'What'll you take back?'

By Patrice Stewart
Kiwanis Kourier editor

Paul Palazzolo, who served as Kiwanis International president for 2009-10, talked about making the most of your Kiwanis experience and characteristics of successful clubs during the Alabama District's Mid-winter Conference.

No other experience matches the opportunity to make friends around the world through Kiwanis, said Palazzolo, who led a workshop and spoke at the Interclub luncheon.

The important question for those attending the Mid-winter Conference, he said, is "What will you take back to your club that will help make your Kiwanis experience better?"

Successful Kiwanis clubs, Palazzolo said, have five key elements:

1. Service: Helping someone, making sure it's relevant and "not just

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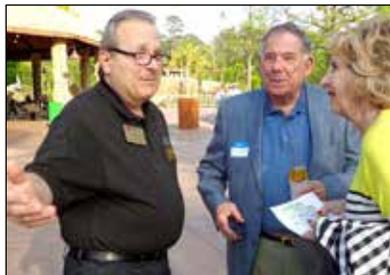
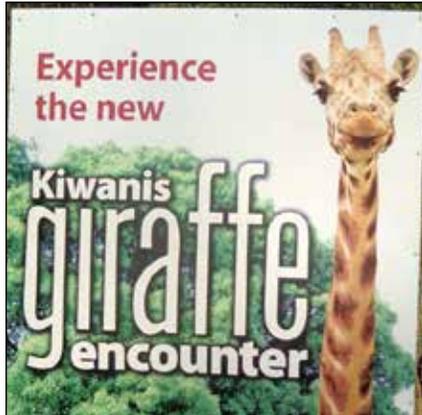
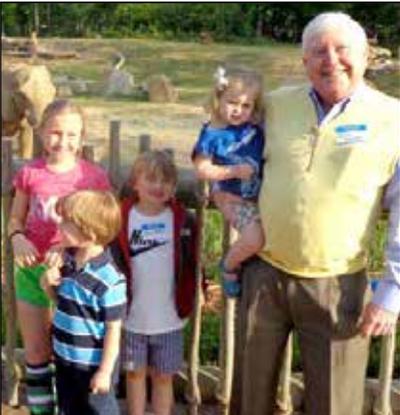
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Register now for the summer 2013 District Convention, scheduled July 26-28 in Huntsville



High-level meeting at zoo

Kiwanis Family Night at the Birmingham Zoo included feeding giraffes at the new Kiwanis Giraffe Encounter, riding camels and checking out turtles, snakes, owls and all kinds of animals. (Photos by Patrice Stewart)



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with more than 300 members, and it has also supported its local zoo with financial gifts. Kiwanis International was organized in 1915, with the Birmingham club chartered in 1917 and Montgomery in 1919.

In Birmingham, members and their families enjoyed getting close to and feeding the giraffes on a specially designed platform in the new Kiwanis Giraffe Encounter area. The giraffes seemed to like the attention, as well as plenty of space to roam in their big enclosure.

Elephants and other beasts and birds of Africa are their neighbors in the 14-acre Trails of Africa section, which opened in 2011.

DeJulio told Birmingham Kiwanians that along with "enjoying the company of a Kiwanis giraffe and my first camel ride, I thrilled at the sight of the smiling faces of children at the Birmingham Zoo. This is just one of the many projects you support in your community that is having such an impact."

The Birmingham club is a "flagship" club, he said, not because of its numbers "but because of its capacity and impact on the global and local community." That impact, for example, is shown by offering scholarships to young leaders such as those honored at the April 23 meeting.

"Your example sends them the message that the true scholar looks beyond the books and into the community and the world around it, to realize that learning is more than a mastery of facts," DeJulio told the Birmingham club.

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—Tom DeJulio,
international president



International president in Montgomery

When Kiwanis International president Tom DeJulio visited Montgomery for the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery zoo event, he presented his "Our Children, Their Future" flag to Montgomery president Russ Dunman (left photo). DeJulio was presented a framed key to the city by Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange, who is a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery. The club has donated to the zoo many times over the years, said its executive director, Andrea Screws.

District."

He noted that when Kiwanians create a Zoo School, or promote literacy, or honor servant leaders with scholarships, "they are promoting the distinctive Kiwanis brand of youth development. They are connecting with the future, inspiring others with a service mission, and advocating for a better future."

Within the Kiwanis global network of over 600,000 family members, more than half are under the age of 22, he noted, and all must remain "connected" in service.

DeJulio also talked about the Eliminate Project in both Birmingham and Montgomery. Within a couple of days, he was heading to Haiti to kick off a two-week vaccination campaign for the Kiwanis worldwide project to eliminate maternal and neonatal teta-

nus.

"All Kiwanians who serve under the same banner and who wear the same pin are inspired by the global impact we all have on children, including those whose lives we are saving and protecting by eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus disease in 30 nations. There are millions of faces we may never see smiling, but we know we are saving them from an agonizing death by tetanus," said DeJulio.

"I want to thank you for your continuing support for this noble cause we call our Global Campaign for Children. It is living the First Object of Kiwanis and transforming lives, including our own, when Kiwanis does God's work on earth anywhere a child suffers," he said.

"Our troubled world needs more love placed in it, but love has no meaning without service. Kiwanis service, as displayed here in Birmingham, is love in action.

"Thank you for your living the Six Objects of Kiwanis, our unchanging core values, that will continue to guide us in our service for 'our children, their future,'" said the KI president, referring to his 2012-13 theme.



Pat Manasco by the Vancouver harbor during a preview visit this year.

KI to convene in Vancouver

There's still time to head for Vancouver for the 98th annual Kiwanis International Convention June 27-30.

At least 55 from the Alabama District are already registered, according to District Secretary Pat Manasco, and you can register on site and join them for workshops, general sessions and exhibits in the Vancouver Convention Centre at 1055 Canada Place.

Alabama District Kiwanians have been assigned to the Renaissance Vancouver Hotel Harborside. A District Dinner on June 27 will include a 2½-hour harbor cruise and

buffet, said Manasco. A June 28 performance will feature The Midtown Men, who sang in the original Broadway cast of "Jersey Boys."

Each club can have two delegates seated in the business session if they fill out the required delegate forms, she said.

Totem poles, whales, gardens, mountains, ferries and seaplanes are among the attractions to see between convention activities.

Complete details on registration, hotels, agenda and more are on the KI convention site online. Go to www.kiwanisone.org/vancouver.

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meals/events must be ordered separately on the convention order form. Attendees not participating in one of the 7 a.m. Kiwanis breakfasts on Saturday (past and present governors, lieutenant governors, club presidents, Reading Is Fundamental) can enjoy breakfast on their own.

More events are listed on the registration form, including the 7 p.m. Saturday Governor's Banquet and the 8 a.m. Sunday Memorial Prayer Breakfast.

All Kiwanians must register at the Kiwanian rate. Only non-Kiwanians qualify for the spouse/guest rate. All spouses/guests must be registered to attend any convention event, such as the Governor's Banquet.

There are three ways to register for the convention:

- By mail with a personal or club check through June 29. This is the lowest cost method to register for the convention, but registration and check must be received by June 29 to get the early registration rate. If your mail registration arrives after this date, you will be charged an additional late registration fee of \$45 that must be paid by check or cash at the on-site registration desk prior to receiving your registration packet.
- Online with payment by credit card through July 21. A 4-percent credit card/convenience fee will be charged in addition to your total Kiwanis registration fee if you choose to register online at this website: <http://www.cvent.com/d/5cqt7>.
- On site with cash or check — the most expensive way to register, since it will cost \$145 vs. \$100 for early registration. However, it will be the only way to register after the July 21 cut-off for online registration.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Huntsville Marriott, 256-830-2222 or 1-888-299-5174.

When you reserve your room at the Marriott, ask for the Alabama District Kiwanis Convention room rate (\$95 plus tax and surcharge) for standard double occupancy room. Reservations must be made by July 4 to receive this rate. High-speed internet access will be provided in rooms at no additional charge.

Convention fee refunds: Situations change and one may

New things to see in Huntsville

Huntsville is constantly evolving, improving and moving forward.

There have been many changes in the Rocket City since the Alabama District of Kiwanis held its summer convention there in 2007.

Here is a brief list, with many more details put together by the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau (Huntsville.org) and posted on the Alabama District website:

- Renovated Propst Arena and Mark C. Smith Concert Hall at the Von Braun Center.
- Expansion to 13 galleries at Huntsville Museum of Art.
- New Baron Bluff building at Burritt on the Mountain
- Huntsville Botanical Garden entrance enhancements and "Giant Garden, Little Me" exhibit
- Davidson Center and 3D Theater at the U.S.
- Space & Rocket Center
- Black Holes: Space Warps and Time Twists at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center
- Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt
- Bridge Street Town Centre and the Westin Huntsville
- Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment
- A.M. Booth's Lumberyard party space
- Huntsville Ghost Walks
- Greene Street Market

not be able to attend the convention due to factors beyond their control. Registration fees will be fully refunded if a request is submitted in writing to Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, P.O. Box 19022, Huntsville, AL 35804 and received prior to June 29. Between June 30 and July 21, one-half of the registration fee and one-half of all meals ordered will be refunded. Cancellations after July 21 will receive no refund. If registration was made on-line by credit card, the 4-percent convenience fee will be forfeited.

For more information, see http://alabama.kiwanis.org/public_district/index.aspx. Have questions or need clarification? Contact Mike Roddy, 256-971-9607, email: KCOH.CON@gmail.com.

95th Alabama District Convention**Order by Mail Only****Kiwanis International**

July 26-28, 2013 - Huntsville, Alabama

Hosted by: The Kiwanis Club of Huntsville

Huntsville Marriott
5 Tranquility Base
Huntsville, AL 35805

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Kiwanis Office	Current	Past	Elect
Club President			
Club Secretary			
District Governor			
Lieutenant Governor			

Name:	Last:	First:	
Address:			I am (Circle One)
City:	Zip code:		Delegate
Day Phone:	Other phone:		Alternate Delegate
	email:		Delegate at Large
Club Name:	Division:		

If you are not from the Alabama District, please enter your District here:

For hotel reservations please contact the Huntsville Marriott 256-830-2222 or 1-888-299-5174

Ask for Alabama District Kiwanis Convention group rate – \$95.00 plus tax and surcharge.

Event	Number	@	Fee \$	Total
Kiwanian early registration (received by June 29, check only)		@	100.00	
Kiwanian late registration (after June 29 on-line http://www.cvent.com/d/5catv7)				
Kiwanian registration at the convention (cash or check only)		@	145.00	
Spouse/guest early registration (received by June 29, check only)		@	30.00	
Spouse/guest late registration (after June 29 on-line @ http://www.cvent.com/d/5catv7)		@	45.00	
Spouse/guest registration at the convention (cash or check)		@	45.00	
Spouse/guest name for badge:				
Friday Schedule (July 26, 2013)				
Reception at US Space & Rocket Center 6:30 pm		@	28.00	
Saturday Schedule (July 27, 2013)				
Breakfast – 7:00 am at Marriott				
Governors (past and present)		@	20.00	
Lieutenant Governors and current Presidents		@	20.00	
Reading is Fundamental		@	20.00	
Interclub Luncheon - 12:00 at Marriott				
Included in registration for member		@	None	
Spouse/guest Included in guest registration		@	None	
Governor's Banquet - 7:00 pm at Marriott		@	38.00	
Sunday Schedule (July 28, 2013)				
Nondenominational Memorial Prayer Breakfast - 8:00 am at Marriott		@	22.00	
Total Due				
NOTES: Payment must accompany registration				
Convention meals must be pre-paid at the time of registration				
Identify any special meal/dietary requirements and for whom:				
Identify any other special requirements and for whom:				
Mail check payable to Huntsville Kiwanis Club Convention. Mail form and check to Richard Elmes, P.O. Box 19022, Huntsville, AL 35804				

Make a difference; don't just talk

By **Tammy Driskill**

District Eliminate Project Coordinator

I hope that you will take 5 minutes out of your day to see why we, as Kiwanians, are endeavoring to save the lives of millions of mothers and children across the globe.

Maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) kills one baby every nine minutes -- that's 60,000 babies every year who will never grow up, make their mothers laugh, play with friends or dream about the future.



Tammy Driskill

The effects of the disease are excruciating -- tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

A significant number of women die from MNT each year, too.

An Irish proverb says, "Nodding the head does not row the boat." Think of how many times you have discussed a problem in this world, only to shake your heads and throw up your hands, feeling helpless.

This is a project each club and each member should

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



support because it allows us to make a difference and not just talk about a problem. I rented a movie last week and could have saved the life of a mother and all future children for the same price.

Take time to learn more, give, and spread the word. You can request a speaker to come brief your club on the benefits and progress of the Eliminate Project.

The District Board has authorized a limited number of \$250 Challenge Grants for clubs seeking to purchase a Zeller Fellowship (\$1,250) to honor a club member or member of the community. Your club can receive this grant by committing \$1,000 to the Eliminate Project.

Contact me at 256-504-9773 for details.

Key Club member aids Eliminate

Anna Dillard, a Key Club member at Florence High School, zeroed in on a way to raise money for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project.

As a senior, Anna chose supporting the Eliminate Project as her National Honor Society community service project.

She made some eye-catching poster boards for her project, which was titled "Eliminate = Zero maternal/neonatal tetanus." Then she sold Zero brand candy bars for \$1 and also offered another \$1 option, Life Savers candies.

The money quickly began adding up. On March 8, Anna presented a check for \$320 to the Kiwanis Club of Florence.

That donation will save 179 mothers and their unborn babies.

Anna's mom, Wray Dillard, is a board member of the Kiwanis Club of Florence who said she is "very proud of my daughter's hard work."

This is not the first Kiwanis project for Anna, either. After seeing her mother work on Pancake Day prep and clean-up, along with greeting guests in between, Anna was one of the Key Club members working Pancake Days in 2011 and 2012. She also sold tickets for the event.



From left, Florence High School Key Club member Anna Dillard presents \$320 check for the Eliminate Project to Juli Moritz, president, and Michael Broder, immediate past president of the Kiwanis Club of Florence. The other photo shows her project.





Inverness club's Kiwanis One Day project

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Inverness carried out their Kiwanis One Day project April 13 at the Owens House. Cindy Greer is the director of Owens House, which is the Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center in Columbiana. The project included landscape upgrades, concrete pad improvements, front porch sanded and painted, back deck pressure washed and stained, new hand rails installed and a barrier rail sanded and painted. Kiwanis members assisting were Randy Williams, Ricky Reaves, Bob Butler, Eric Swindle, Sabrina Young, Theresa Davis, Pam McLeod, Nancy Tillery, Evan McCauley, Louis Steed and Janet Collum; not pictured: Randy Boswell and Guy Roemen. The club gave a big thanks to companies and groups assisting with the project: Alabama Power APSO GSC Chapter, H&H Commercial Waterproofing and Landmark Landscape Group Inc.

Remember to donate auction items to raise money for the Alabama Kiwanis Foundation and Reading Is Fundamental during the District Convention in Huntsville July 26-28.

Circle K leaders can get training at summer event

Alabama District Circle K Administrator David Womack wants Kiwanis clubs to encourage college freshman and sophomore leaders to apply to attend the 2013 Circle K International Leadership Academy July 30-Aug. 4.

"The Circle K International Leadership Academy in Indiana is a fantastic leadership experience limited to 80 attendees," Womack said.

"The \$600-plus actual cost is underwritten by the Kiwanis International Foundation, dropping the cost to attendees to \$145 plus their transportation there. This fee is about a quarter of the actual cost to put on the leadership training and includes housing, food, and the leadership training materials and facilitators."

"It would be good if Kiwanis clubs offer to pay or assist them on the \$145 cost," said Womack. "I need people to register and pay fees now."

Womack also has funds available from the Kiwanis District Foundation that can be used for a partial reimbursement after the event, depending upon the number from Alabama who attend.

The Leadership Academy will be held at Waycross Camp & Conference Center in Morgantown, Ind., and Womack expects that students will carpool to this event.

For information, see www.circlek.org/leadershipacademy or contact Womack, (205) 886-5823.

Womack also said congratulations are in order for the newly chartered club in the Gulf Division of Circle K. The Alabama Southern Community College Circle K is sponsored by the Monroeville Kiwanis Club.

"Monroeville club secretary Phillip Allen really helped us there in finding the right adviser for us on campus," Womack said. "He and Monroeville are to be commended for their support."

"When I went down to speak at one of their meetings in the fall, even the president of the college, Dr. Reginald Sykes, was there to bless their efforts. He is a Kiwanian and also a fellow Mississippi State Bulldog alumnus," said Womack.

This gym activity, top photo, welcomed Aktion Club members to the District Leadership Conference in Birmingham. At bottom, Aktion Club members from many districts in New Orleans enjoyed entertainment by a blind magician (back row, left).



Aktion Clubs are growing in Alabama, elsewhere; more than 10,000 members

By Glenda Selman

District Aktion Club Administrator

Kiwanis International sponsors 400 Aktion Clubs around the world with over 10,000 members — the fastest-growing sponsored program in Kiwanis.

Alabama Aktion Clubs are growing, too, with nine clubs and 167 members, plus several possible clubs.

Two new clubs were chartered last summer: Exceptional Foundation GC, sponsored by Daphne-Spanish Fort Kiwanis Club, and Valley Haven School, sponsored by Valley Kiwanis Club.

This past year the Aktion Clubs in Alabama made a difference at the International level, the district level and the local level.

Last year the Moody Aktion Club

attended the International Training Leadership Conference held in New Orleans in conjunction with Kiwanis International and Circle K International conventions.

Members of the Moody club helped with projects and attended meetings, workshops and socials, as well as enjoying the sights of New Orleans. They made friends with other Aktion Club members from around the country and were able to interact with Kiwanians. The Moody club also received the third-place award in the Aktion Club International scrapbook competition. The Huntsville and Moody clubs also had participants in the speech competition.

This year, we hope that more clubs

will enter. The four competition areas include individual speech and poster competitions and club scrapbook and single service.

The Aktion Club speech and poster competition theme is "Making a Difference." Rules and submission forms can be found on the website aktionclub.org, under contests.

Alabama Aktion Clubs, in addition to their many local projects, are also participating in two International projects: Kiwanis International's Eliminate project and Aktion Club International's Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) project.

Aktion Club Eliminate Week is May 6-10, which allows Aktion Clubs and their Kiwanis family clubs to focus on raising funds and awareness. Aktion clubs have raised money locally to help the Alabama District and Kiwanis International eradicate maternal-neonatal tetanus.

For Sleeping Children Around the World, the Aktion worldwide project, individual clubs donate \$35 for a bed kit to be given to a child in a needy country. The kits are made in that country, and items generally include toiletries, bed items and school clothes.

The Gadsden Aktion Club has raised enough money to fund more than 20 kits since the beginning of the project. Members put clean soda cans in various locations, including their homes, and ask for change. The change in one can

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usually will buy at least one bed kit. For more information see SCAW.org.

Local projects for Alabama Aktion Clubs are many and varied. They are based on the local club's area of need. Military units have been adopted by Aktion clubs, with members writing letters to deployed service personnel.

Nursing homes are another project that several clubs enjoy. Some visit with residents and bring flowers and cards. Other clubs enjoy singing and having parties for them.

Clubs have cleaned streets, parks and other areas as needed. Some make baskets for children, create jewelry to raise funds and help Kiwanis and other organizations with projects as requested. Aktion Clubs around the state make a difference in the lives of many needy people in their local area.

At the District level, Aktion Clubs participate in District socials and Leadership Conferences. Last year clubs met in Birmingham for a Bowling Blast, which also included great food, bonding with other club members from around the state, a dance and a souvenir.

The second Bowling Blast was scheduled for May 11 in Homewood, with bowling in Hoover. The \$10 fee covered bowling lanes and shoes, snacks and lunch, a workshop on designing cards, and a souvenir. We hope many Aktion Club participants from around the state enjoyed the fellowship, made new friends while seeing some from last year, and took away fond memories and full stomachs.

The District Leadership Conference



In the Philippines, children received bed kits funded by Aktion Clubs. The girl at front left holds a sign showing that her kit came from the Aktion Club in Gadsden.

held in Birmingham Aug. 18 last year was a success, with workshops led by the Alabama Kiwanis District Governor, Aktion Club Administrator and Assistant Administrator and an instructor from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

This first District-wide conference was a one-day event with workshops for officers, club members and advisers, a social time and food. Everyone enjoyed visiting with other clubs and left with ideas for service and socials.

Details will be available soon on our second District Conference, a two-day event in late August at a camp in Alabama. The third Aktion International Conference will be held at Jameson Camp in Indianapolis, Ind., Sept 6-8.

Aktion Clubs are showing people

how to be leaders, how to have fun, and how to make a difference in the lives of everyone they come in contact with. If you don't have an Aktion Club, you are missing out on a great opportunity to work with people who love life, enjoy helping others, and, of course, really like to eat and have great socials.

Alabama Aktion Clubs are where the Aktion is — so come join one of our clubs for a service project or social, and if you don't have an Aktion Club near you, start one.

For more information, contact Dr. Glenda Selman, Aktion Club administrator, at glenda.selman@gmail.com, or Eugene Rogers, District assistant administrator, at volunteer@exceptionalfoundation.org



At left, Aktion Club members in Alabama enjoy a bowling outing, assisted by Kiwanians. At right, the Aktion Club from Moody is shown at the Aktion International Conference in New Orleans.



Party at the ballpark

On opening night, about 129 Kiwanians, friends and family shared a party deck and supper at the new Birmingham Barons stadium in downtown Birmingham. The inaugural game on April 10 was the first District-wide fundraiser for the Eliminate Project, raising about \$500.



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doing what you've always done for 30 years."

2. Fun: Make sure your Kiwanis membership experience is fun. "Sometimes you need to plan fun things, whether it's an outing to a dinner theater or ball game, a family picnic or a holiday party. We need to enjoy each other's company while doing all this service."

3. Notoriety: Make sure your Kiwanis road sign heading into your community is sparkling. "Let the media in your backyard know about your service projects; let your presence be known."

4. Development: The most successful Kiwanis clubs are represented at district and international events, where learning and training take place.

5. Family: It's important to work alongside other groups in the K-Family (Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, Aktion Club, Key Leader) and help them with your time and money.

The shared Kiwanis experience is important, too, Palazzolo said. "Nothing beats being intro-

duced to boiled peanuts in Dothan" and other such experiences, he said, recalling memories of his year as KI president.

He mentioned some experiences shared with George Aiken, who was the Alabama District governor during Palazzolo's year as president, and then presented a Zeller award to Aiken.

He also mentioned other friends made through Kiwanis, including Past Governor Ed Humphries of Alabama, noting that they served in the same class of governors in the late 1990s.

"These individuals are like family," Palazzolo said.

He thanked all Kiwanis family members for "making time in your busy lives to be here this weekend, and for taking time every day to be a Kiwanian in your community."

Palazzolo noted that the 100th anniversary of the founding of the first Kiwanis club in Detroit will be marked on Jan. 22, 2015, with celebrations globally and in Detroit, as well as at the June 2015 International Convention in the headquarters city of Indianapolis.

Show your club's appreciation

Kiwanis International offers these tips on acknowledging members' contributions:

- People like to hear their names. Report members' work at meetings and other public opportunities. Name the individuals.
- Applaud extra effort. Acknowledge a club member for going "the extra mile."
- Vary types of recognition, from informal thanks and spontaneous treats to formal events.
- Recognize the person: "You did a great job!" as opposed to "This is great work!"



50-year pins in Florence

The Kiwanis Club of Florence honored two members with 50-year pins on May 3. President Juli Moritz presented pins to Robert L. Gonce, left, a past president of the club, and Hollis J. Wilson, center.



Students gathered from around the state in April for the Alabama District Key Leader weekend at Camp ASCCA in Jackson's Gap.

Learning servant leadership

Students attend yearly retreat with help from Kiwanis

By Jamie Brabston

District Key Leader Administrator

The 2013 Alabama District Key Leader weekend once again successfully provided the opportunity for students from around the state to learn and grow as servant leaders, while having an amazing time and forming new friendships.

This year our event was held at beautiful Camp ASCCA in Jackson's Gap. Kim White was our lead facilitator, and the students enjoyed her presentations and leadership so much that many asked if she could come back every year. It is truly exciting to hear these students talk about returning next year.

Key Leader would not have been successful without the dedication of the entire Alabama District leadership team. They spread the word about Key Leader, recruited students to attend and also provided financial support for students. Thank you all for your support.

We really appreciate the time and enthusiasm of the four superior students who participated as student facilitators: Nichole Morris and Tucker McCaleb, both of whom attended Key Leader last year, and Alex Smith and Kyle Bacchus.

These students showed us all what servant leadership looks like — it often means letting others learn to lead, as well. The students in their "neighborhoods" truly enjoyed and were rewarded by the leadership of these outstanding young people.



Both indoor and outdoor exercises are part of this leadership program for students in eighth through 12th grades.

We also appreciate the financial support of the Key Club and the Foundation for their generous financial scholarships which aided several students to be able to attend.

Of course, Key Leader cannot happen without the

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dedication of our adult chaperones. This year, we were fortunate to have Kiwanian Kevin Yates return again as the photographer extraordinaire. Please visit our Facebook page (Alabama District Key Leader) to see many photos of the fun and challenging team building exercises and other events from the weekend.

We were also blessed to have Melissa Purdy return as a chaperone. She is a high school science teacher from Alexandria High School who has proven to be a dedicated, supportive member of our Key Leader team.

Last but not least, we were blessed to once again have the support of two wonderful Army recruiters, Sgts. Rick Smarr and Jay Bilski, whose presence was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and adults. We truly could not have had a successful weekend without Rick and Jay, and they have also volunteered to assist us in recruiting students for next year.

Please be reminded of the Army's generous support of Key Leader, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Army and KI Key Leader. Their "gift" to all students through the "march2success" program provides a free resource for students that includes SAT and ACT preparation work and practice tests.

In case you're still asking yourself, "What is Key Leader?" ...

Key Leader is Kiwanis International's



It may look like fun and games, but these team-building exercises led by facilitators are part of every Key Leader weekend, says Alabama District Key Leader Administrator Jamie Brabston.

service leadership program for eighth-through 12th-graders and is a fun-filled weekend event comprised of small and large group activities, interactive events, and presentations from a professional facilitator that focus on servant leadership. It is an opportunity for "emerging leaders" who need that extra push to become true leaders in schools and communities.

We are already looking forward to Key Leader 2014 (the date is not yet set, but we anticipate that it will be in April again). Please consider joining

the Key Leader team now to help us market and recruit emerging leaders in your community to make plans to attend Key Leader next spring. We must continue this program as it offers so many benefits to our youth. Without the support of the entire Kiwanis family, we will not be able to offer this opportunity to our kids.

For information, or to find out how you can help, please visit www.key-leader.org or contact Jamie Brabston, Jamie.m.brabston@gmail.com (256-679-6341).

Kiwanis help for books lost in fire



A \$1,000 donation by the Alabama District of Kiwanis International to Pollard-McCall Junior High School will help replenish the book supply at the school following a fire at the school's library a year ago. Wayne Sisk (center right), governor of the Alabama District of Kiwanis, presented the disaster relief check to principal Hugh White, center left. They were joined by local Kiwanis members as well as faculty, students and staff at Pollard-McCall and members of the McCall Volunteer Fire Department. (Photo courtesy of The Brewton Standard)

Celebrating 2011-12 success

Tammy Driskill of Gadsden, governor of the Alabama District of Kiwanis for 2011-12, passed out thank-yous and recognitions during the awards dinner on Friday night of the Mid-winter Conference.

The celebration of success dinner Feb. 22 in the Marriott Legends Conference Center was headlined by the announcement of seven Distinguished Lieutenant Governors and 31 Distinguished Clubs for 2011-12.

"We are here tonight to celebrate our success and recognize just a few of the individuals and clubs who make the Alabama District great," Driskill said.

She named service leadership administrators and assistant administrators: K-Kids, Philip Selman and Rob Burton; Builders Club, Kevin Yates; Key Club, George Price and Paul Sexton; Circle K, David Womack and TJ Martin; Aktion Club, Glenda Selman and Eugene Rogers; Key Leader: Jamie Brabston and Michael Hodge.

Driskill recognized Master Trainer Ernest Hulsey for working diligently at conventions to provide training for club officers.

She also thanked KI Foundation liai-



Tammy Driskill at awards banquet for her year as governor.

son Olivia Humphries "for making several beautiful dresses that I'm sure some young girls have worn proudly and happily." Making pillowcase dresses and other clothes for children was a service project Driskill promoted during her term.

During her year as governor, she said, "We continued 2010-11 Governor

Colean Black's vision to provide a little relief to children affected by disaster by donating, along with the women of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church and the K-Kids/Builders/Key Clubs and faculty of Episcopal Day School in Gadsden, more than 115 pillowcase dresses and, for boys, 90 pairs of shorts and T-shirts and 400 backpacks stocked with school supplies."

Driskill said the District last year chartered three new Kiwanis clubs, "including our first Young Professionals club," and many SLP (youth) clubs.

"The Key Leader weekend was a resounding success," said Driskill. "Also, we came together for Tri-K Day to support the Alabama Kiwanis Foundation and Reading is Fundamental, which is so important to children in Head Start programs around the state.

"We continue to work towards our goal to raise \$2 million to Eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus around the world," said Driskill. "At the same time, you and your clubs are taking care of needs within your communities, raising money by selling pecans, flipping pancakes, putting on fairs and many other endeavors."



Distinguished Lt. Governors

(Left to right)

Division 1: Michael Hodge

Division 6: Armand St. Raymond

Division 14: Ervin Dailey

Division 8: George Aiken

Division 10: Pat Padgett

(Not pictured)

Division 7: Paul Jackson

Division 9: Bruce Buehler

For more about awards for 2011-12, see the next two pages.

Clubs recognized for 2011-12



These representatives accepted special District awards for clubs' achievements in areas such as community service and club administration, Key Club and Circle K work, boys' and girls' work and major emphasis program.

Special District awards

Several clubs received special District awards for their achievements during 2011-12:

- **Monroeville:** The Erskine Ramsey Award for the best all-around Kiwanis Club for community service and club administration.

- **Dothan:** Past Governor John N. White Key Club Award for the Kiwanis Club making the most significant contribution in Key Club work.

- **Tuscaloosa:** Lt. Governors' Circle K Award for the Kiwanis Club making the most significant contribution to Circle K work.

- **Bessemer:** Past Governors' Boys and Girls Award to the Kiwanis Club making the most significant contribution in boys' and girls' work other than Key Club and Circle K.

- **Florence:** Albert J. Tulley Major Emphasis Award to the Kiwanis Club making the most significant contribution in the Major Emphasis program.

Distinguished Clubs

Division 1: Huntsville

Division 2: Florence, Sheffield

Division 3: none

Division 4: none

Division 5: Helena, Homewood-Mountain Brook

Division 6: Bessemer, Birmingham, Birmingham East, Vulcan, Birmingham Young Professionals

Division 7: Anniston, Gadsden

Division 8: Childersburg, Moody, Pell City, Sylacauga, Wadley, Wedowee

Division 9: Capitol City, Good Morning Montgomery, Montgomery

Division 10: Alexander City, Auburn, Dadeville, Valley

Division 11: none

Division 12: Monroeville

Division 13: Daphne-Spanish Fort

Division 14: Chickasaw, Citronelle, Mobile, Azalea City

Club service

These clubs received recognitions based on the "amazing service performed by dedicated club members," said outgoing Gov. Tammy Driskill:

Diamond (76 members or more): Auburn and Birmingham

Ruby (46 to 75 members): Huntsville and Homewood-Mountain Brook

Emerald (30 to 45 members): Azalea City, Alexander City and Dadeville

Coral (29 and fewer members): Vulcan and Daphne-Spanish Fort.



Thirty-one clubs earned "Distinguished" titles for 2011-12, and their representatives (top three photos) received certificates at the Mid-winter Conference awards night. The bottom photo shows those picking up awards for service on behalf of their clubs. For more about awards for 2011-12, see the previous page and the next page.



Honored for 2011-12 service

Administrators and assistants, left photo, for Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs were recognized by former Governor Tammy Driskill for their contributions during 2011-12. At right, Olivia Humphries, who is the Alabama District liaison with the Kiwanis International Foundation, was recognized for her skills in making pillowcase dresses. More Mid-winter Conference recognitions are on Pages 14 and 15.

Back RIF through run, birdies, auction

Lots of ways are coming up for you to support Jean Dean Reading Is Fundamental, says Cathy Gafford, executive director.

Ride or run to read

The annual Truel Watts Ride to Read Poker Run is scheduled for June 1. It is named for the late Alabama District of Kiwanis governor who started the motorcycle fundraiser. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. CDT at Big Swamp Harley-Davidson at Exit 62 off I-85, Opelika. Registration information is online at www.jeandeanrif.org.

The 2013 Run to Read event is scheduled for Nov. 2 in Opelika.

Birdies for Charity

Whether you play golf or not, you can make a pledge to Alabama Kiwanis Foundation/Jean Dean RIF through the Birdies for Charity fundraising program. Charities generate contributions based on the number of "birdies" you think will be made by Champions Tour players during the 2013 Regions Tradition Golf Tournament in Birmingham June 5-9 (or you can just make a specific contribution of \$10 or more to support the Alabama Kiwanis Foundation/Jean Dean RIF).

Either way, the entire amount goes to help get books to at-risk young children, and once your donation is made, you are eligible for prizes every Friday. If you happen to guess the right number of birdies, you get a "Stay and Play" package at the World Golf Hall of Fame in St. Augustine,



Reading Is
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Jean Dean RIF

Fla. The top 10 fundraisers through this event also get their donations matched by Red Diamond Coffee.

"I personally pledge \$50 for this fundraiser every year, and I challenge you to do the same," said Gafford. The first 10 people who pledge \$100 will get two free tickets from Jean Dean RIF to use during the tournament. And if you are a serious golfer and want to spend more time there, tournament volunteer opportunities are available through RIF. Contact Gafford at jeandeanrif@gmail.com for mail-in pledge forms or volunteer information.

Auction items

Another way to help fund RIF and send books home from Head Start with young children is to donate auction items. The annual Alabama Kiwanis Foundation/Jean Dean RIF

auction will take place at the Huntsville Marriott during the Alabama District Kiwanis Convention July 26-28.

You get a tax-deductible form by donating, and a selection of interesting, useful items when you buy – including Alabama and Auburn collectibles.

A new idea this year is for a pass-it-on section. Women might donate jewelry, such as earrings or necklaces that just aren't their style, and men might bring a tool they don't need or a tie that doesn't match their suit selection.

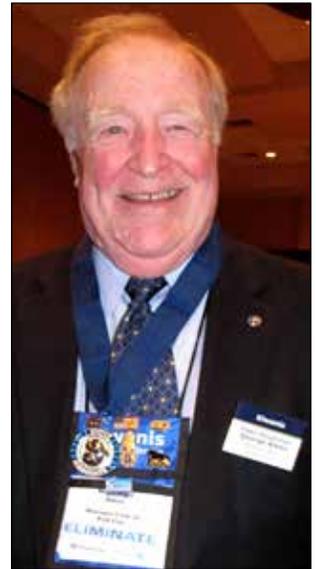
Many stores are willing to donate items if you just ask, Gafford said. "We hope every club will bring at least one item for the auction. We'll also be competing again between Alabama and Auburn items purchased."

If you have items before the convention, contact Gafford about donation forms and photos for the RIF website.

RIF Barnett Awards

Another way to help RIF is to donate an Alabama Kiwanis Foundation RIF Barnett by making a \$500 donation in honor of a club member, family member or community leader. RIF Diamond Barnetts are also available for a \$1,000 donation (or just \$500 if that person already has a Barnett). Donations are tax deductible.

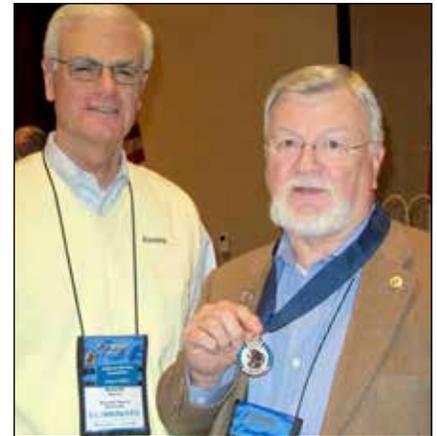
Contact Gafford at jeandeanrif@gmail.com, look at www.jeandeanrif.org, call 334-749-5631 or cell 334-750-9974, or send general donation checks to Jean Dean Reading Is Fundamental, P.O. Box 848, Opelika, AL 36803.



Mid-winter honors

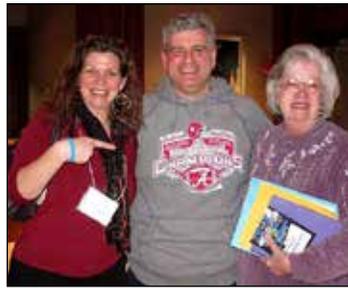
During the Interclub luncheon, Alabama Kiwanis Foundation president Mike Winstead presents a Diamond Barnett award to Cecilia Dailey as her husband, Ervin, watches; Toni Sisk (left) shares a Zeller moment with Alyson Mims, president of Anniston Kiwanis Club; Past Governor George Aiken is honored with a Zeller; Past KI President Paul Palazzolo gives a KI appreciation plaque to Pam Fleming for her term

on the KI board; Ernest Hulseley helps with the presentation of Zeller honors to Susan and Sherwood Anderson of Huntsville, plus a Diamond Zeller to David Beasley of Florence, who headed the state Eliminate Project for two years; Past Lt. Gov. Gordon Ruggles, shown with past Governor Tammy Driskill, gets a Zeller from his Sheffield club; and Governor Wayne Sisk presents a Barnett Award to Circle K Governor Kimbrlei McCain.



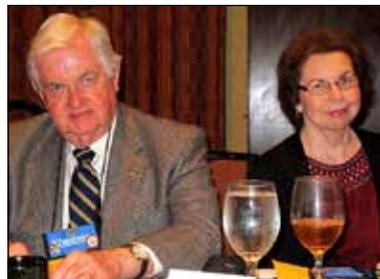
Plan now for you or your club to honor a spouse or Kiwanian with a Zeller, Hixson or Barnett award at the July 26-28 District Convention in Huntsville.





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Prattville, Feb. 22-23, 2013



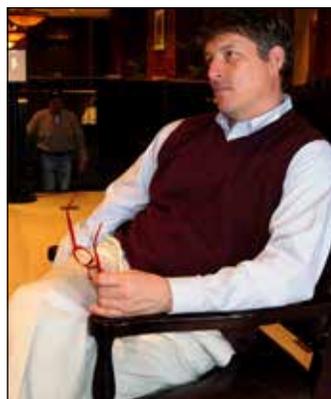
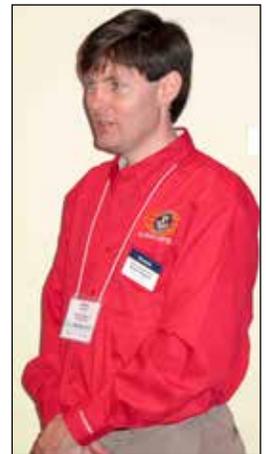
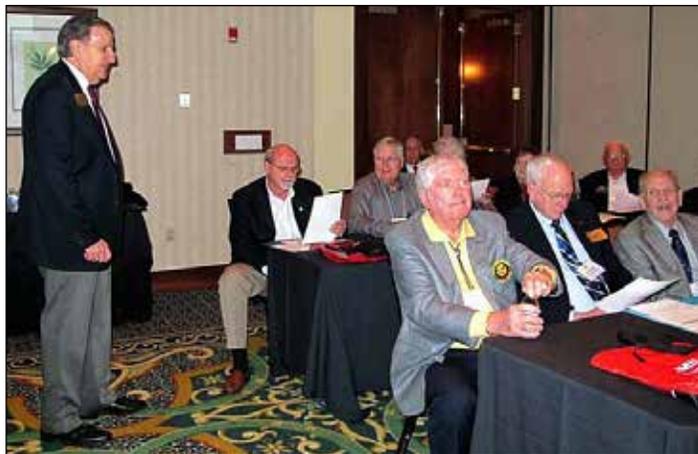
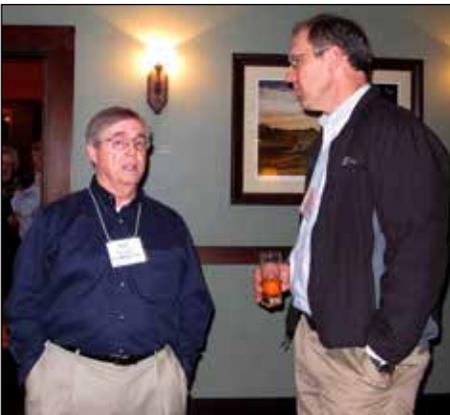
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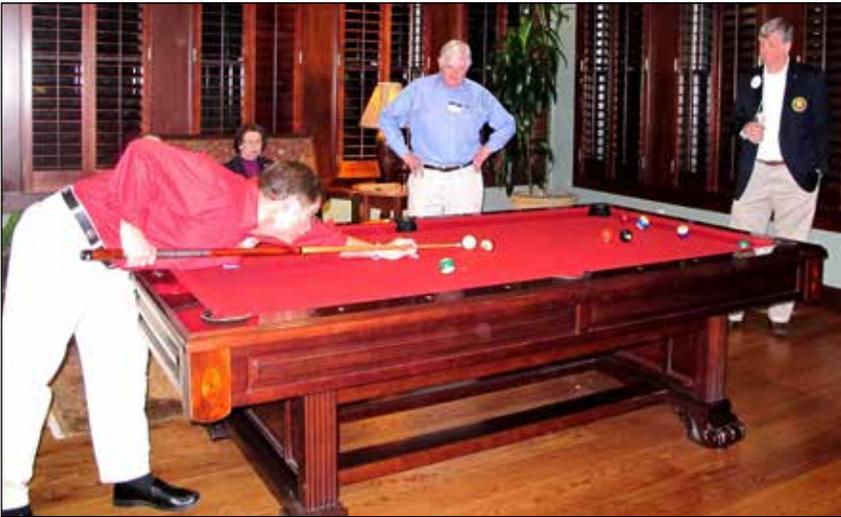


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Along with fun and fellowship, conventions offer training in leadership and club administration for lieutenant governors, presidents, secretaries and other officers and committee members. The next two opportunities will be:

- **June 27-29, 2013:** *Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver*
- **July 26-28, 2013:** *Alabama District Kiwanis Convention in Huntsville*

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