Greetings Kiwanians!

I hope all is well with you. It's been a great year thus far. I recently attended the Circle K District Convention and the Key Club Officer Training for the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District. It is inspiring to witness the enthusiasm of our K Family members. You must know that I am willing to do whatever it takes to make members happy when I am willing to take a pie in the face from the Circle K members. I owe our Governor-Elect, Greg Beard, for bidding for me to get a pie in the face. So, Greg, you'll get yours next year, dear friend! Ha!

On the last conference call with the Lt. Governors, I heard about great things that are going on in our district. We have some new Aktion Clubs, Circle K Clubs, and Key Clubs that are being built throughout the District. We are building a new Kiwanis Club in Slidell....thanks to Cynthia Bentley and Rick Danielson's assistance. There is interest in building a Kiwanis Club in Sterlington, LA. Thank you, Lori Adams, for your interest in making this happen. This is all wonderful news!!

At our last District Board Meeting this past weekend, we discussed our membership challenge. We have 100 clubs that have lost a member, so Dennis Oliver visited our meeting and discussed the idea of a membership challenge. May is membership month, so during May we are having a Membership Madness Contest. Our goal is to bring in at least 100 new Kiwanis members for the month of May! We want to encourage you to host a great program, invite a lot of people to your club meeting, invite them to join us in service. Let's work together and make this happen!! We can do it!!! I know we can!!!! Don't forget that former Key Clubbers and Circle K members are entitled to two years of free membership in Kiwanis. I know one of my guests in a couple of weeks is a former Key Clubber, and his reason for not being able to join initially was the cost involved. When I told him about this option, he immediately became interested again in joining.

Ramblings continued on page 2

**SOUTHWEST-LAFAYETTE KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES ROBERT BENOIT FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT**

Dear Kiwanis Family;

With great pleasure and honor I write this letter of endorsement for Chief Robert Benoit. I have known Mr. Benoit for over five years and have known him to be a man of great integrity and concern for mankind. Mr. Benoit is an outstanding citizen in the community and as Chief of the Lafayette Fire Department, he serves to protect and maintain the safety of citizens in the Lafayette and surrounding parishes.

Robert's leadership is impeccable. He truly has a passion and loyalty in providing the utmost training and education for all individual and demonstrates the knowledge needed to ensure a safety environment.

As a fellow Kiwanian, he has served the organization in every capacity of leadership. He has embraced the challenge of making children priority one, by serving one child and one community at a time. He's very intuitive and very aware of the needs of those around him. As President of Kiwanis Southwest Lafayette Foundation, along with our members we proudly endorse Chief Robert Benoit as a candidate for Governor elect for 2011-2012 of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District.

Respectfully,

Brenda Eccles, President
Kiwanis Club of Southwest-Lafayette
Ramblings continued from page 1

Also at our last Board Meeting the board decided to continue with Regional meetings on the years that we have International Conventions on the North American continent and Mid-Winters when we are away for our continent at least for the next three years cycle. The Board felt that this is the best way to service our membership. We also plan to continue with the AED project, so please continue to place AEDs in schools where they are needed. We’re nearing the 400 mark, and this is also a goal we would like to continue until our goal is accomplished. If you are aware of places where AEDs are currently, please let our District Chair, Pam Morgan, know so she can update our files.

I look forward to the upcoming Governor Visits to Region 1, 4, 5, 7 and 2. Thanks to you for making this happen. I am so proud to be a Kiwanian in this wonderful district. You all make it possible by all the wonderful service projects and the great things you do to serve the children and the communities of the world. God Bless you all!

My sincere thanks,

Linda

Linda Ramsey, Governor
Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’ MESSAGE

Fellow Kiwanians

In a few months we will be kicking off our new global campaign for children, the Eliminate Project. Kiwanis along with our partner US fund for UNICEF will eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the world. This project will reach the poorest most underserved women and children on earth. Kiwanis is paving the way for other interventions that will boost maternal health and child survival. It will take one hundred and ten million dollars and the dedicated work of each of you.

Next month is membership month. I challenge you to identify others who, like you, have a burning passion for service, those who give unselfishly of themselves and live the principles of Kiwanis. I challenge you to identify them and invite them to join the world’s greatest service organization. Invite them to help us change the world. And don’t forget to turn to this month’s Kiwanis Magazine for fresh and fun ideas for your major service projects.

Thank you for your commitment to be team players and for playing your card to the fullest. I’m glad you are on our team!

A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR-ELECT

By: Greg Beard, Governor-Elect

Well here we are in April with ½ of the Kiwanis year over (or is it better to say ½ still remaining—kinda like glass ½ full or ½ empty). Anyway, “business has picked up” with the conventions and training conferences.

On March 11-13, I was very fortunate to attend our Circle K (CKI) District Convention at the Cabot Lodge Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. It was a wonderful experience of seeing college students conducting their business. I congratulate the new officers and board and look forward to working with them for the remainder of this year and next. Also, we had a fun time when it came to the fundraiser of a “pie-in-your-face”. I managed to buy my way out of a pie with forking over some money so that our Kiwanis Governor Linda Ramsey could get a pie in the face.

Following CKI, Key Club held their New Officer Training Conference in Baton Rouge on March 18-19. Our high school leaders demonstrated their leadership skills during this weekend conference. Again, I also look forward to working with them.

Coming up: April 15-17th is the 68th Annual Key Club District Convention in Natchez, Mississippi and on May 13-15th is the Kiwanis Lt. Governor Training Conference in Baton Rouge. We are looking forward to October 1st.

In between conventions, we were able to make some “road trips”. Lisa and I visited the Starkville,

Continued on page 3
Governor-Elect message continued from page 2
Mississippi club on a night they did the concessions for Mississippi State basketball—it didn’t hurt that LSU was playing them and LSU pulled off a victory. After the game, my purple District Kiwanis shirt stood out among the burgundy shirts. Lisa played it safe with neutral colors.

On April 2nd, I was privileged to participate in the Kiwanis One Day project at the K-Bar-B Youth Ranch near Lacombe, Louisiana. With over 100 people attending (Kiwanis, Key Club and Circle K members), we had a great day of fun, fellowship and service along with some work on the buildings and grounds. If you have never been to the K-Bar-B, you are missing out. The K-Bar-B Youth Ranch is 60 acres of beautiful wooded land which was acquired by the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans in 1946. Until the early 1970s, it was used as a summer camp for underprivileged children, but now serves as a home for girls in foster care.

Next is Saturday, April 9th in Shreveport, Louisiana for Region 7’s “Read Around the Park”. Kiwanians and local dignitaries will read books to children with the goal of giving a new book to each child. Then on April 11th, a trip to the Biloxi club to speak to our members on the Gulf Coast. I am looking forward to this trip.

For the month of April, I wish you a wonderful Easter.

Greg

YOUNG CHILDREN/PRIORITY ONE
“YOUNG CHILDREN/PRIORITY ONE CAN BE FUN!”

By: Neil Simmons, YCPO International Committee

Your Kiwanis Club can have a lot of fun doing Young Children/Priority One Projects in your community and can provide a needed service.

The “Once upon a Time project” provides stories for young children to listen to over the telephone. By dialing a special number at your local library, the child can listen to a fairy tale read to them by a Kiwanian. Just think of the fun recording these books. Call your local library, they have the equipment (paid for by the federal government) just waiting to be used.

The “Reading Around America project” can be fun for your club as you distribute bikes and cd players to children in elementary schools that read books. Think of the fun picking up the bike, bringing it to a school, pulling the winning ticket and awarding the bike. Just the glee and smiles on the children’s faces will melt a Kiwanian. For more information you can call Robert Comeaux with the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club at 504-309-6911

Some Clubs present dictionaries to all of the elementary children in their community. For more information and details you can call Woody Wood, with the Pascagoula Kiwanis Club at 228-327-1940

Your Club can make an impact! Most Kiwanis Clubs view their roles within their respective communities with a great deal of foresight. Key aspects to operate an effective club and have some fun are:

1. Evaluating both children’s issues and community needs on a ongoing basis.
2. Conducting Yung Children/Priority One service projects to respond to those identified needs.
3. Maintaining an active membership roster of community-minded people who have both the desire and ability to serve.

Most service projects in your Club are linked to the Young Children/Priority One program. This initiative places continuing focus on the needs of children in pediatric trauma, safety, child care, early development, infant health, nutrition and parenting skills.

In the LaMissTenn District, many of our Club projects are helping the elderly, promoting literacy, supporting youth sports, responding to disasters and supporting specific persons in need. Wheelchair building, painting a community building, sending kids to camp, and being a fishing buddy are all projects where Kiwanis Clubs shine all over the District.

Thanks for all you do!

For more projects and ideas call Lee A. Jeter, Sr., District Chair at 318-746-0622

www.lamisstenn.org April - May Issue 3
MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION AND CLUB DEVELOPMENT
By: Dee D. Drell, Membership Education & Club Development

DATES, LOCATIONS OF CLE ARE FINALIZED! SAVE THE DATES!
Master trainer Dee Drell and the Certified Trainers have finalized the dates and trainers for the 2011 Club Leadership Education training sessions. Please review the dates below and mark your calendars.
If you have any questions please contact Dee at Dee_Drell@lawd.uscourts.gov 318/473-7420

Date...............City....................................Trainer
June 4th...........Alexandria, La.................Mark Simmons/Kevin Domingue
June 4th...........Memphis, Tenn...............Tom Smith/Lauren Call
June 4th...........Rayville, La....................Neil Simmons/Jim Leggett
June 11th..........Biloxi, Gulfport, Miss........Bascom Allen/Fred Banks
June 11th..........Lake Charles, La...............Nettles Brown/Kevin Domingue
June 11th..........Shreveport, La...............Mark Simmons/Chuck Strong
June 18th..........Baton Rouge, La...............Dennis Oliver/Lauren Call
June 18th..........Lafayette, La.................Fred Banks/Court Crow
June 18th..........Oxford, Miss..................Dee Drell/Chuck Strong
June 25th..........Houma, La....................Nettles Brown/Stephanie Crow
June 25th..........Martin, Tenn..................Bascom Allen/Tom Smith
July 23rd..........Jackson, Miss................Neil Simmons/Jim Leggett
July 23rd..........New Orleans, La.............Court Crow/Stephanie Crow
July 30th..........Northshore Mandeville, La.....Dee Drell/Jim Leggett
August 5th........Tunica, Miss..................TO BE NAMED

DISTRICT FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2011 CIRCLE K SCHOLARSHIPS
The La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2010-2011 Circle K District Scholarships:

Ianisha S. Chairs, a graduate student in Sociology, and a member of the University of New Orleans Circle K Club.
Lillian M. Grappe, a sophomore majoring in English, with a minor in French and a member of the Louisiana Tech Circle K Club.

Both young ladies will receive a one-year scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of $1,000.00, made possible by the District Foundation, and a matching grant by the Kiwanis International Foundation.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION LAUNCHES 2010-2011 CAMPAIGN
By: Eva Abate, 2010-2011 District Foundation President
What a great turn-out for Mid-Winter Conference in Natchez, MS... 62 Baskets were donated by Clubs and Members for the Gift Basket Raffle! The gift Baskets were able to raise over $3,400 for Your District Foundation. The creativity of the baskets stirred interest in “taking a chance” to win. The 62 Baskets brought a lot of fun and excitement for members as they discovered the many themes and delivered satisfaction to all the many winners.

Funds raised will go directly to Your District Foundation to award Community Service Grants, AED Grants, and Scholarships throughout the District. In this way we are all winners. Our goal for the District Convention is to double the amount! Hope we can count on your club’s support and your members’ support, when we gather in Tunica, MS in August!

Eva B. Abate

www.lamisstenn.org April - May Issue
**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
*By: Julia S. Carter, District Chair Kiwanis International Foundation*

**Tidbits About Your International Foundation**

**Help KIF serve the children with the Sustaining Donor Program**

Every day your club is helping children in your community and the Kiwanis International Foundation raises funds to make your service projects and student scholarships a reality. Help serve children in need around the world through KIF’s Sustaining Donor Program. It’s the key giving program for individuals who want to make a big impact in children’s lives. Your gift makes a huge difference: $50 = 10 children’s books, $15 = 7 meals, $100 = 5 pairs of shoes, $175 = 1 after-school program for an at-risk child.

For more info, visit www.kiwanis.org/foundation/giving. Gifts may be sent to the Kiwanis International Foundation, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

**Skip-A-Meal, benefit children**

Most clubs participate in Skip-A-Meal during the last week of April, but all Kiwanians are welcome to participate by giving online at www.kiwanis.org/foundation/skipameal or mailing your contribution to the foundation: Kiwanis International Foundation, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Start planning now for Skip-A-Meal and help children in need. Traditionally held during the last week in April, Skip-A-Meal encourages Kiwanis-family members to send the cost equivalent of just one meal to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. Individual or club participation is crucial to continue serving the children of the world. Report your Kiwanis-family club’s commitment to participate in this event and receive a Skip-A-Meal, year-dated patch.

**Penny for your search? Use GoodSearch and Kiwanis benefits**

Do you Google? Now you can search online AND support the Kiwanis International Foundation! Use GoodSearch and one penny will be donated to KIF for each search. Simply enter your search term, then enter the number 340955 in the box that says *Who Do You GoodSearch For?* and click *Verify*. GoodSearch is an Internet search engine based on Yahoo! technology that allows you to raise money for your favorite charity, at no cost to you. For more info, visit http://www.goodsearch.com/about.aspx#faq
The foundation is prepared to provide additional funding for disaster relief needs in Japan and will work with Kiwanis clubs and the Japan District to identify those needs.

The foundation is accepting unrestricted contributions for disaster relief. To donate, visit [www.kiwanis.org/foundation](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation) or mail contributions designated as “disaster relief” to Kiwanis International Foundation, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

**Fast fact: 150,000 service projects sponsored each year by Kiwanis Clubs!**

### DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS - as of April 5, 2011

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Club</th>
<th>District</th>
<th>International</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dyersburg</td>
<td>$390.00</td>
<td>$390.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Martin</td>
<td>$285.00</td>
<td>$285.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McKenzie</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Fulton</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Union City</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jackson, Tenn</td>
<td>$125.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paris</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paris-Lakeway</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>River City Savannah</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bartlett</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collierville</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cordova</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Memphis</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Germantown</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kirby Pines Golden K</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memphis</td>
<td>$605.00</td>
<td>$605.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Millington</td>
<td>$110.00</td>
<td>$110.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whitehaven</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clarksdale</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greenville</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greenwood</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grenada</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Columbia</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hattiesburg</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hub City, Hattiesburg</td>
<td>$80.00</td>
<td>$80.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laurel</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meridian</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Petal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Waynesboro</td>
<td>$90.00</td>
<td>$90.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Algiers Morning Edition</td>
<td>$400.00</td>
<td>$400.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Big Easy</td>
<td>$140.00</td>
<td>$140.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Orleans</td>
<td>$130.00</td>
<td>$130.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pontchartrain</td>
<td>$170.00</td>
<td>$170.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saint Bernard-Arabi</td>
<td>$305.00</td>
<td>$305.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Third District</td>
<td>$130.00</td>
<td>$130.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>West Jefferson</td>
<td>$140.00</td>
<td>$140.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Westbank Konnection</td>
<td></td>
<td>$105.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crescent City Eye Openers</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dawn Busters</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kenner North</td>
<td>$250.00</td>
<td>$250.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lakeside, Metairie</td>
<td>$125.00</td>
<td>$125.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Moisant</td>
<td>$115.00</td>
<td>$115.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clinton</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flowood</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hinds-Madison</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Jackson</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pearl</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rankin County</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University Center</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bastrop-Achivers</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Columbia</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monroe</td>
<td>$180.00</td>
<td>$180.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rayville</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>West Monroe</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abbeville</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acadiana-Lafayette</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crowley</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eunice</td>
<td></td>
<td>$145.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gateway Lafayette</td>
<td></td>
<td>$50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lafayette</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
<td>$1,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Opelousas</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Southwest-Lafayette</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
<td>$100.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Audubon</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denham Springs</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iberville</td>
<td></td>
<td>$75.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Livingston</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSU</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oaks, B. R., The</td>
<td>$300.00</td>
<td>$200.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pointe Coupee</td>
<td></td>
<td>$209.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baton Rouge</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baton Rouge Early Risers</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City of Central</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

www.laminsstenn.org April - May Issue
Cortana .................. $300.00 $300.00
D.S., West Livingston ........................................
Red Stick ........................................ $160.00 $160.00
South Baton Rouge ...................................... $80.00
St. Gabriel ........................................ $85.00
Walker ........................................
Zachary ........................................ $100.00
DeSoto Parish ........................................
North Shreveport ........................................
Shreveport ........................................ $195.00
Southeast Shreveport ........................................
Southern Hills ........................................ $100.00 $100.00
Columbus ........................................ $250.00
Columbus, Magnolia ........................................ $100.00 $100.00
Starkville ........................................ $405.00
Alexandria ........................................ $525.00 $525.00
Central Louisiana ........................................
Jena ........................................
Natchitoches ........................................ $490.00 $490.00
Ola ........................................ $150.00 $145.00
Pineville ........................................
Vernon ........................................ $200.00
Winnsfield ........................................ $210.00 $210.00
Calcasieu, Lake Charles ........................................
De Ridder ........................................ $120.00 $120.00
Jennings ........................................ $95.00
Lake Charles ........................................ $205.00
Lake Charles North ........................................
Rosepine ........................................
South Lake Charles ........................................ $500.00
Southwest Contraband ........................................ $115.00 $115.00
Sulphur ........................................ $145.00
West-Cal ........................................ $125.00
Amite ........................................ $265.00 $265.00
Franklinton ........................................
Greater Covington ........................................ $140.00
Hammond ........................................ $370.00 $370.00
Northshore Mandeville ........................................ $420.00 $420.00
Ponchatoula ........................................ $215.00
Biloxi ........................................ $295.00 $295.00
Gulfport ........................................ $100.00
Hancock-West Harrison ........................................ $50.00 $75.00
Lucedale ........................................ $100.00
Orange Grove ........................................ $115.00 $100.00
Pascagoula ........................................ $325.00 $325.00
Picayune ........................................ $100.00
Stone County ........................................
Brookhaven ........................................
Natchez Trace (The) ........................................
Pike County ........................................
Port City ........................................
Vicksburg ........................................
Amory ........................................
Booneville ........................................ $100.00
Corinth ........................................
New Albany ........................................ $275.00
Oxford ........................................ $65.00
Tupelo ........................................ $715.00
De Pont Breaux ........................................
New Iberia ........................................ $500.00 $500.00
New Iberia-Cajun ........................................
St. Martinville ........................................ $300.00 $300.00
Jonesboro-Hodge ........................................
Ruston ........................................
Ruston-Sunrise ........................................
East St. Mary ........................................
Houma ........................................ $300.00
South Lafourche ........................................
Thibodaux ........................................

**DISTRICT GROWTH**

By: Dennis Oliver, District Growth Chair Email: DMOKiwans@aol.com Phone: 228-832-6786

**THERE IS A NEED!!!!!**

Our clubs have an opportunity to open up a "whole new world to a group in your community who so badly want to have friendship, feel connected, show they have value, and give back to the community.

Yes, what you do is organize an AKTION CLUB.

The Aktion Club is for mentally and/or physically challenged young adults who welcome the opportunity to join and share their talents and reach to fulfill their potential.

Individuals who are physically disabled can belong to a regular Kiwanis Clubs. Aktion Clubs are specifically for intellectual and/or developmentally disabled individuals. Organizers have mixed all disabilities into one Aktion club and those who only have a physical disability do not necessarily want to be included with people who are developmentally disabled therefore allowing them to join a regular Kiwanis Club.

Today there are 450 clubs and 9,000 members in 7 countries. In the LAMISSTENN District there are 2 active clubs (Martin, Tennessee and Mandeville, Louisiana). There are plans for 6-8 new clubs this year.

Let's talk about your community?

The core values for club members:
1. CHARACTER BUILDING
2. LEADERSHIP

www.lamisstenn.org  April - May Issue  7
3. INCLUSIVENESS
4. CARING FOR OTHERS

The motto: "WHERE DEVELOPMENT HAS NO DISABILITY"

Members often are involved with food drives, cleaning up a park, visiting nursing homes, car washes, recycling projects, etc. They are always available to "ring the bells" at Christmas time for the Salvation Army.

Two Kiwanis clubs may go together to sponsor a club. (Key Club and Circle K may partner, also.)

There is tons of information on www.Aktionclub.org.

Ame and I have had a chance to visit Aktion Clubs in North Carolina, and I can tell that love and appreciation is so evident for Kiwanis providing them the avenue to build their self esteem and give back to the community.

Important facts:
- 200 million people have an intellectual disability.
- 30% of those with an intellectual disability also have a developmental disability.
- 20% of all Americans have some form of disability.

For more information, please contact:
EVELYN BLYTHE - P: 731-587-6665 - EM: ebythe@frontiernet.net
DENNIS OLIVER – P: 228-832-6786 - EM: DMOKiwanis@AOL.com

"TO THE WHOLE WORLD I MAY BE ONLY ONE-----TO ONE I MAY BE THE WHOLE WORLD."

HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES
By: Court Crow. Human and Spiritual Values Chair

DISTRICT RECOGNITION OF LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR

I hope your clubs have begun to see where the Human and Spiritual Values of Kiwanis help to make us different from other purely service or social organizations in our communities. Many of our fellow Kiwanians actually see their Kiwanis experience as one of their personal ministries. Giving back to their communities is simply the spiritual collateral they put back into the communities to make them a better place to live and raise their families.

Start planning now to recognize a Lay Person of the Year (yes, Layman of the Year) for the spiritual role models they are in the community. This person can be a Kiwanian but certainly doesn’t have to be. Identify your recipient for his or her contributions to your community through their efforts of a “human and spiritual values” nature. In other words, do you see someone making your community better outside their individual church.

I’m not going to give an example because I don’t want to limit your imagination. “Think outside the box.” Or in this case, “Think outside the church.” Is your recipient touching lives … maybe specifically the lives of children, but don’t limit yourselves there, either.

Send your nominations to Court Crow, District Chair, PO Box 52269, Shreveport, Louisiana 71135-2269 or crow52269@aol.com. The review committee will need a cover letter from the Kiwanis Club nominating the person and whatever documentation you can include (other letters of endorsement or recommendation, news articles, etc.)

The District will recognize these at the District Convention next summer at the District Convention in Tunica and I hope we have several recommendations from clubs throughout the District.

Does your club have a brilliant fundraiser or a notable service project.....do you want to share it? The Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Kiwanians want to know! So please share those great ideas with the district by submitting them to editor@lamisstenn.org. The unrivaled will be chosen and used in the most current newsletter.
**Center Stage**

Club projects come to life on Center Stage, where we spotlight Kiwanis’ best stories. Read, see and hear about amazing projects from around the world. These are stories you’ll remember, and want to share again and again. Be inspired to join the movement and change the world one child and one community at a time.

Do you have a story that we need to know about? Share your story with our team. centerstage@kiwanis.org

http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/discover/our-story/Center-Stage.aspx

---

**CLUB ELECTION REPORT NOW OPEN ONLINE**

All clubs using the Kiwanis One system can access the 2011-2012 club election report now. Please encourage your club to use the online system to report their election results. The online reporting became available on April 1, 2011.

Clubs can also make changes for the current year, if needed. All club secretaries can complete this election report online, no paperwork. There is easy access via the secretary login to www.KiwanisOne.org. For more details, visit the online reporting overview page at www.KiwanisOne.org/reporting.

For those who are still not utilizing the Kiwanis One system, they may download the form from the Kiwanis website via this link, http://community.kiwanisonline.org/media/p/2390.aspx. This will be on the website by Wednesday, April 6, 2011.

---

**WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:**

**GENEVA**

---

Languages: Official language is French. Other languages spoken include English and German.

Temperature: The average high temperature in Geneva in July is 78 (25 C); average low, 56 (13 C).

Vaccinations: No vaccinations are required to enter Switzerland.

Visas: Travelers requiring a visa to enter Switzerland should ensure that it entitles them to re-enter after having visited neighboring countries. A valid passport is essential for excursions into France and Italy and, for certain nationals, visas must be obtained beforehand. For up-to-date details on visa requirements, go to the Swiss Federal Office for Migration and click Services at the top of the page.

Currency: Switzerland’s currency is the Swiss franc (CHF). Surrounding European countries use the euro.

Gratuities: Tipping is not necessary for meals in Europe; service is included in the price of the meal.

Banking: There is an ATM machine outside of Palexpo, where the convention will be held.

---

**Internet:** There will be free wireless Internet access in the convention center hall and in the conference rooms, but NOT in the exhibit and sessions halls. Check with your hotel for information regarding Internet access.

**Electricity:** 230 volts. Five-star hotels have converters in each room. Most hotels will have a limited number of adapters(converters) available, so it’s best to bring your own.

**Meals:** Breakfast is free at all the Kiwanis/Kuoni hotels. It is a full meal, consisting of cold cuts, cheese, scrambled eggs, sausages, bacon, fruit, pastries, fruit juice, cereal, etc. Similar breakfast costs an average of 40 CHF.

**Telephones:** Be aware of time differences if you’re calling outside your time zone. Calling cards can be purchased. Plans are available depending on your phone service provider. Skype may be used on some phones with free Wi-Fi access.

---

www.lamisstenn.org  April - May Issue  9
MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS - "ELIMINATE"
Submitted by: Dennis Oliver, Gulfport, Miss.

On the heels of one of the "GREATEST HEALTH STORIES IN HISTORY" when Kiwanis over the last few years virtually eliminated IDD, a new Worldwide Service Project is announced.

On June 24th last year in Las Vegas, UNICEF Ambassador and movie star, Tea Leoni, gave an impassioned speech of appreciation to Kiwanis International for pledging to raise 110 million dollars over the next 5 years to eradicate MNT.

CHANGING THE WORLD FOREVER----AGAIN!
In 40 countries a child dies every 9 minutes due to:
1. Lack of immunization (tetanus)
2. No pre-natal care
3. Unclean delivery conditions
4. Improper post partum care
THE GOOD NEWS----IT CAN BE PREVENTED!!!
WHAT IF YOU COULD SAVE A BABY'S LIFE?
YOU CAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!-------HERE'S HOW!

With the partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis will provide three 60 cents shots ($1.80) to mothers in these "end of the road" villages. When a mother is properly immunized, she is usually protected during her child-bearing years, and her newborn is also protected. The hope is she will also be trained in better ways to take care of herself.

WHAT CAN I DO?

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZES DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Kiwanians who were recently recognized as Kiwanis International Distinguished Members for the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year.

Each member recruited 2 new members into their club and will receive a lapel pin and year recognition disk.

Dennis Oliver, Gulfport, recruited: Tracy Jackson and Claudia M. Appel.
Catherine L. Simmons, New Orleans, recruited: Christian Delorca and Michelle Toups.
Leonard D. Simmons, Jr., New Orleans, recruited: Suzanne J. Smythe and Adam Cunha.
Cynthia Bentley, Ponchartrain, N.O., recruited: Darrel Monteverde and Sharon Wegner.
Iva B. Rigby, Stone County, recruited: Donald B. Breland and Tommy Jones.
Lisa Mowen, West Jefferson, Harvey, recruited: Lisa Melendon and Janys Craddock.

To qualify for distinguished member, a club member must:
• Sponsor two (2) new members.
• Attend either a midyear conference, International convention, or district convention. Equivalent meeting may be Kiwanis University, Zone or Regional Conference, or other district event.
• Participate in two (2) or more Kiwanis service efforts.
The club president will verify those Kiwanians qualifying for Distinguished Member recognition. Distinguished Members will receive a lapel pin and recognition at the 2012 Kiwanis International Convention.

You can visit http://www.kiwanisone.org/MemberResources/Membership/DistinguishedMemberForm.aspx

To nominate a member in your club for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis International Distinguished Member!
WELCOME TO LA.-MISS.-W.TENN. DISTRICT’S NEWEST MEMBERS

Abdel-Sayed, Myriam - Lafayette, La.
Adams Middle School - Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.
Basco, Angela M. - Pineville, La.
Baugh, Jr., Roy - Monroe, La.
Benton, Leslie - Hinds-Madison, Miss.
Bishop, Jim - Pearl, Miss.
Blake, Shannon - Winnfield, La.
Blenden, Heather - Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.
Brooks, Ferritta C. - Natchez Trace (The), Miss.
Buckley, Molly T. - St. Bernard-Arabi, La.
Byrd, Brian - Pearl, Miss.
Carrie, Miesner G. - Union City, Tenn.
Carver, Clinton P. - Denham Springs, La.
Case, Lori J. - East St. Mary Parish, La.
Castille, Patrick - New Iberia, La.
Cherry, Dannan M. - Biloxi, Miss.
Cooper, John W. - Union City, Tenn.
Danton, James A. - Picayune, Miss.
Desouza, Jennifer L. - Memphis, Tenn.
Deutser, Joel D. - St. Bernard-Arabi, La.
Dillon, Matthew L. - Pearl, Miss.
Doega, Gerald P. - Pointe Coupee, New Roads, La.
East Jefferson H.S. - Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.
Ecole Classique H.S. - Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.
Elliott, Mara - Southern Hills, La.
Emfinger, John H. - Rankin County, Jackson, Miss.
Ford, Brian M. - Abbeville, La.
Gibens, Brad - Tupelo, Miss.
Gilbert, Dakota L. - Oxford, Miss.
Grace King H.S. - Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.
Greer, Amy - New Albany, Miss.
Guerra, Amy - Kenner North, La.
Guillard, Debra - Lake Charles-North, La.
Guillot, Sean - Pearl, Miss.
Halbert, Florence - Kenner North, La.
Hanson, Twenda - Southwest Contraband, L.C., La.
Headrick, Sara Lea - Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.
Hoggatt, Holden - Jennings, La.
Huffman, Joshua - Pineville, La.
James, Angela - Natchez Trace (The), Miss.
Jefferson, Lila - Monroe, La.
Lamb, Graham D. - Clarksdale, Miss.
Landry, Gregory - Abbeville, La.
Lyles, Jennifer - Pearl, Miss.
McGee, Elizabeth M. - Kenner North, La.
McNew, Delia S. - Monroe, La.
Mims, Bill - Tupelo, Miss.
Moton, Paul - Tupelo, Miss.
Mt. Carmel Academy - Dawn Bustere, Metairie, La.
Oubre, Laura L. - East St. Mary Parish, La.
Ovetton, Lexlee - Cortana, B.R., La.
Pulver, Timothy - Stone County, Miss.
Riser, Clark - Southern Hill, La.
Roach, Trey - South Lake Charles, La.
Romero, Shane M. - New Iberia, La.
Samson, Kenyatta K. - Natchez Trace (The), Miss.
Sevenker, Larry - Kenner North, La.
Sing, Joseph A. - Memphis, Tenn.
Smart, Jenny - Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.
Smith, Jake - Pearl, Miss.
Smith, Glenn W. - Grenada, Miss.
Smith, Jene S. - Lake Charles-North, La.
Swetman, Tanner - Biloxi, Miss.
Taylor, Toshia - Pearl, Miss.
Thorton, Kesha - Pontchartrain, N.O., La.
Vitalis, Neal - New Albany, Miss.
Wales, Angela Bennett - Denham Springs, La.
Walker, Robert - South Lake Charles, La.
Walton, Robin - Tupelo, Miss.
Walton, Cathy - East Memphis, Tenn.
Watkins, Colene - Germantown, Tenn.
Watson, Karen R. - Germantown, Tenn.
Woodard, Adam - De Ridder, La.
Wright, Barbara B. - Pineville, La.
Thank you and the Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for YOUR support of YOUR District Foundation. Through personal donations as well as the Annual Gift Campaign from Kiwanis Clubs, YOUR District Foundation is able to assist clubs in the District with AED GRANTS and COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS for such projects as:

**Kiwanis of Vernon** has kicked off its “Babies First Book” Program. The program entails of donating books for the welcome package given to all newborns at the two local hospitals. Books were donated to Byrd Regional Hospital which averages about 40 births a month and Bayne Jones Army Community Hospital which averages about 55 births a month. Project cost: $2,200. Grant awarded: $1,000

---

The **DISTRICT PROJECT** of placing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all schools within the District is currently in its third year. Kiwanis Clubs have joined with partners in the community as well as YOUR District Foundation to make a difference. The simplified AED Grant application can be found on the District website ([www.lamisstenn.org](http://www.lamisstenn.org)), click on the link “District Project: AED”. The amount of the AED grant is $500 per club, at one (1) per administrative year.

**AED GRANTS** have been awarded to the following clubs, **so far this year**:

- Amite
- Southwest Contraband
- Northshore Mandeville

The following are pending board approval at the April Foundation Board Meeting:

- Germantown
- Greenville
- Pascagoula

**Zoll Medical**

AED unit
K-KIDS

Share the K-Kids club story

The Kiwanis K-Kids club advisor is encouraged to do his/her best to share information about amazing K-Kids club service projects with the community. Here are some helpful tips to assist in promoting the K-Kids club's good work.

How to promote your K-Kids club:

1. Identify media outlets like local newspapers, radio stations, television stations, newsletters and websites; then compile correct contact information.

2. Build relationships with the people who work at these outlets, calling to ask reporters the best way to contact them and what they'd like to know about your club.

3. Prepare your PR tools, starting with a fact sheet about your club, and send it to the outlets you've identified.

4. Identify two club spokespeople and work with them until they can speak confidently and knowledgeably about your club activities and Kiwanis as a whole.


Kiwanis webinar - April 12 at 8 p.m.

Kiwanis K-Kids club advisors are invited to participate in a webinar about how to make service projects, socials and meetings more fun; how to capture a member’s passion to make their Kiwanis experience meaningful, and how to engage all members in membership recruitment at this April 12 webinar starting at 8 p.m. Eastern time. Advisors can register at www.KiwanisOne.org/webinars Webinars also are archived online to watch later.

Educate K-Kids about Kiwanis using videos

Encourage Kiwanis K-Kids club advisors to subscribe to the Kiwanis International official YouTube video channel at www.youtube.com/kiwanisinternational Subscribers are notified when new videos are posted. This is a great way to keep K-Kids members up-to-date about what's happening in Kiwanis.

K-Kids is the youngest and fastest growing service organization for elementary students worldwide. These clubs are ideally suited for students in grades 1 through 5 (ages 6 to 12).

K-Kids is a "student-led" community-service organization, which operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body.

K-Kids clubs can also be established in a community-based organization. Such organizations might include, but are not limited to: community library, Boys Club, Girls Club, YMCA, YWCA, or a church.

K-Kids is unique because it's sponsored by a local Kiwanis club, composed of leading business and professional people of the community.

Help those affected by recent disasters * Kiwanis International Foundation

The Kiwanis International Foundation is now accepting donations designated for disaster relief. Funds collected will be granted to relief efforts. Donations also may be sent to:

Kiwanis International Foundation, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268

For questions, contact Kiwanis International Foundation at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 254 (U.S. and Canada only) or +1-317-217-6254 (worldwide). E-mail: foundation@kiwanis.org.
BUILDERS CLUB

Welcome!
Crescent City Christian Builders Club sponsored by the Kenner North Kiwanis Club.
Faculty Advisor: Alasia Ledford, aledford@cchristian.net
Kiwanis Advisor: Carolyn Curl, lapeops99@msn.com

Share the Builders Club Story
The Kiwanis Builders Club advisor is encouraged to do his/her best to share information about amazing BC service projects with the community. Here are some helpful tips to assist in promoting the BC's good work.

How to promote your BC club:
1. Identify media outlets like local newspapers, radio stations, television stations, newsletters and websites; then compile correct contact information.
2. Build relationships with the people who work at these outlets, calling to ask reporters the best way to contact them and what they’d like to know about your club.
3. Prepare your PR tools, starting with a fact sheet about your club, and send it to the outlets you’ve identified.
4. Identify two club spokespeople and work with them until they can speak confidently and knowledgeably about your club activities and Kiwanis as a whole.

For other ways to enhance your public relations skills, see the “Rekindle Your Public Relationship” article in the March 2011 issue. Link: www.keyclub.org/magazine of Key Club magazine. Kiwanis International also provides public relations guidance at www.keyclub.org/prtools and www.keyclub.org/prmanual.

ADORA SVITAK: WHAT ADULTS CAN LEARN FROM KIDS
A fun reminder on how much we have to learn from children: TED Talk: Adora Svitak
http://www.ted.com/talks/adora_svitak.html?ref=nf

About this talk: Child prodigy Adora Svitak says the world needs "childish" thinking: bold ideas, wild creativity and especially optimism. Kids' big dreams deserve high expectations, she says, starting with grownups' willingness to learn from children as much as to teach.

About Adora Svitak: A prolific short story writer and blogger since age seven, Adora Svitak (now 12) speaks around the United States to adults and children as an advocate for literacy.

Join Facebook Group: http://www.facebook.com/BuildersClub
In service,
Meghan
Meghan Ward-Bopp • Kiwanis International Builders Club Specialist mwardbopp@KIWANIS.ORG

KEY CLUB...LEaderSHIP of Service!
2011-2012 Key Club Convention
The 68th Annual LaMissTenn District Convention will be April 15-17 in the historic Natchez, Miss. The convention theme is "Key Club... The LeaderSHIP of Service." That's right it is a nautical theme and it is going to be an amazing convention! There are many activities that take place at convention including many contests, caucuses, talent show, Get-Acquainted Dance, Governor's Ball, and much more.
**Aktion Club** inspires adults living with disabilities to play a part in their communities and really make a difference. You’ll start noticing abilities long before disabilities as Aktion Club members become their hometowns’ newest leaders.

Here’s what you need to know about starting an Aktion Club. You can access forms to download at [http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=377](http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=377)

1. **Find**
   - The first step is finding advisors, members and a place to meet.
     - **Site and sponsor** - Your home base (and meeting place) may be at a community center or other facility. A Kiwanis club will sponsor your club-offering both financial support and hands-on guidance—and a CKI or Key Club can co-sponsor. Who will help steer your club in the right direction? It takes two: an advisor from your site and an advisor from your local Kiwanis club.
     - **Club structure and organization** - **PR and marketing tools** - Tools such as posters and brochures will help you spread the word about your club and recruit your first members.
     - **Core members** - Often a core group of members helps assess the club’s potential, create a prospect list, promote the club and find other members.

2. **Plan**
   - Once you’ve laid the groundwork for your club, it’s time to get organized, file paperwork, train club leaders and build enthusiasm.
     - **Organize** - Put all the pieces together. Get together with new members to adopt club bylaws, officially elect officers and directors, plan your club’s meeting schedule and start brainstorming service project ideas.
     - **Charter** - The chartering process makes your club a reality. Once the work is done, plan to celebrate with a special ceremony.
     - **Train** - Make time to train officers, create a budget and set goals for your club.

3. **Serve**
   - Once your club is official, you’ll be ready to reach out to the community and make a difference through meaningful service projects.
     - **Think before you serve** - Service is where community needs and member interests meet. Explore the possibilities!
     - **Take action** - Empower yourself with liability information, project ideas and tips on working with people with disabilities.

---

**Inaugural Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference**

Save the date! The inaugural Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference will be hosted in Indianapolis at the Kiwanis International Office September 9-11, 2011. This event will be the first of its kind in Aktion Club history! More details coming soon!
CIRCLE K UPCOMING CONVENTION
Kari Quinnelly, Circle K Administrator districtadmin@lmcirclek.org

Article submitted by: Beverly Cain, Bulletin Editor

The 2011-2012 Circle Board of Directors was recently elected at the 52nd Annual District Convention.
Governor: Ashton Horne, University of Southern Mississippi
Secretary/Treasurer: Brittany Jackson, University of Southern Mississippi (appointed by the board)
Bulletin Editor: Eboney Brown, Grambling State University
Bayou South Lt. Governor: Non-Elected
Delta Central Lt. Governor: Ryan Ruhr, Millsaps College
Gulf Coast Lt. Governor: Janisha Chairs, University of New Orleans
Natchez Trace Lt. Governor: Brittany Page, Mississippi State University
Piney Hills Lt. Governor: Joseph Joseph, Grambling State University

Mark Simmons, Past Governor, of the Baton Rouge-Early Risers was appointed as the Assistant District Administrator of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Circle K.

Traditionally at the Circle K Convention the members have a fund raiser, popularly known as the “Pie Auction”. Members and clubs bid on pies, of which sometimes go for as much as $300. Once they win their pie they are awarded the pleasure of plunging it into the face of an honorable member of the Kiwanis Family.

Governor, Linda Ramsey was unfortunate to have Governor-Elect Greg Beard put up enough money to buy a pie to be thrown in her face. All money collected from the pie auction goes to the Circle K Tomorrow Fund. $558.00 was raised at the “Pie Auction”!

Thanks Governor Linda for being such a great sport!

BUILDERS CLUB DONATE $650 TO CARL PERKINS CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

Article submitted by: Myrna Johnson, McKenzie Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Middle School Builders Club presented a check for $650 to the Carroll County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. The monetary gift will be used to give children and families necessary items for school and home in addition to education and information supplies. The Builders Club held a dance as their fundraiser to support this project.

A child is abused every 7 seconds. In this country, one out of every four girls and one out of every six boys are reported as sexually abused. 90% of prisoners on death row were abused as a child. In Tennessee, more than 100 are reported daily for abuse or neglect. One third of abused and neglected children will later abuse their own children. Make a difference, one child at a time – Break the Cycle. The Mission of the Center is to provide support to families in preventing and dealing with child abuse in West Tennessee and to help both parents and children meet practical needs of preserving and improving the quality of family life. The Exchange-Club-Carl Perkins Center of the Prevention of Child Abuse is now offering the Relative Caregiver Program, which provides support for those caring for the children of a relative. Donations, such as from the Builders Club, helps the Center give children the most precious gift of all – the hope of a brighter future without pain and fear.

The Kiwanis chapter of McKenzie sponsors the Builders Club at McKenzie Middle School with Rikki Curtis leading the student club. Builders Club offers an opportunity for middle school-aged students to work together in service to school and community, to foster the development of a strong moral character, and to encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation. The Builders Club motto is “We Build”. As the motto indicates, Builders Club is for young people who want to take positive, constructive action to build a better world for themselves and others.
GERMANTOWN ELEMENTARY K-KIDS SPEAK AT KIWANIS MEETING
Article submitted by: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown, members of the K Kids club from Germantown Elementary along with many of their parents attended the weekly meeting where the winners of the annual K Kids speech contest were presented. The members entertained the Kiwanians with their winning speeches. K Kids is a Kiwanis sponsored service club for Elementary School aged children.

Pictured(left to right): Riggs Dowty, First Place, Bryant Dacus, Second Place, Makaila Smith, Fourth Place, and Alison Griffin, Third Place.

(Picture by Don Eye)

PASCAGOULA KIWANIS CLUB VISITS 2ND GRADE CLASSES AND HAND OUT 850 BOOKS

Second-graders at Gautier Elementary School had special guests in their classrooms Thursday morning.

Seven members of the Pascagoula Kiwanis Club, with books in hand, were at the school to read "Click, Clack, Splish, Splash," a picture-counting adventure book by Doreen Cronin.

As one of their community service projects, Kiwanis members have been visiting all second-grade classes within the Pascagoula School District this week to read and hand out 850 copies of the book.

Each book has each student's name in it, said Kiwanis member Richard Wood.

"We made all the labels, put their names on them and put them in the front of the books, to make it personal," Wood said. "It's a fun project. We love to do it."

After the students received their own copy of the book, Kiwanis President Erin Willcutt started the program. Along with the Kiwanis members, the children began reading out loud, "I farmer sleeping. 2 feet creeping. 3 buckets piled high. 4 chickens standing by" until they reached the end.

The book is about Farmer Brown who fell asleep and some of the animals on his farm go on a fishing expedition. After the reading, club members asked the children questions about what they had just read.

"We try to do that to get participation from them," Willcutt said.

Along with the schools in the Pascagoula School District, club members will be reading to students at Resurrection Elementary and to nine classes at Vanclave Lower Elementary.

Of the 65 Kiwanis members, those who visited Gautier Elementary with Willcutt and Wood were Wood's wife, Eva Wood, Pat Cotten, Ellen Matthews, Betty Carter and S.T. Phillips.

Wood said each year the Kiwanis Club partners with Scholastic Books to give away copies of a particular book, chosen with the help of area librarians, to ensure that the books are accelerated reader qualified.

GERMANTOWN KIWANIS SECRETARY AWARDED INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED SECRETARY

Article submitted by: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

Ben Lane, secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown was recently recognized with the Distinguished Secretary Award from Kiwanis International for the 2009-2010 administrative year.

Congratulations Ben on your outstanding service to your club and community!

Pictured presenting the award is Club President Elizabeth Wojcik.

www.lamisstenn.org April - May Issue 17
Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club sponsors Marigny Elementary K-Kids and Terrific Kids Programs

Article submitted by: Dana Hladky, Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club

Northshore Kiwanis has recently chartered the first Terrific Kids and K-Kids programs in the Mandeville area. In January, Northshore Kiwanis honored the first group of Terrific Kids at Marigny Elementary. Students who are reaching their academic or behavior goals have continued to be recognized monthly as their classroom Terrific Kid. Those students and their families are invited to the Terrific Kids breakfast. Members of Northshore Kiwanis have been on hand to distribute certificates, pencils, and pins.

The K-Kids of Marigny Elementary have an after school monthly meeting of 150 kindergarten and first grade members. Some Northshore Kiwanians have enjoyed participating in the meetings as volunteer helpers or guest speakers. In addition to their monthly service project and activity meetings, the K-Kids have sponsored a school wide monthly collection drive. They have collected such things as dental supplies for the Keep Dentistry Alive program in Granada, Nicaragua and soft drink pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald in New Orleans. The club also partnered with Northshore Kiwanis during the holiday season to collect coats in support of Northshore’s annual Coats for Kids project. Our sponsorship of the Marigny K-Kids has provided many opportunities for us to work together in service to our community.

(Left) Northshore Kiwanis President Tatem Ruiz-Richard (left) and Rick Danielson, Lt. Governor District 13 (right) with the kindergarten and 1st grade Terrific Kids at Marigny Elementary.

(Right) Northshore Club President Tatem Ruiz-Richard presents Terrific Kid Ella Guillory with her certificate at a recent Terrific Kids breakfast, as Marigny Elementary principal Leslie Martin looks on.

(Left) Marigny K-Kids collected toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss during February’s dental supply collection drive to benefit the Keep Dentistry Alive program in Granada, Nicaragua. Pictured (from left) are Northshore Kiwanis member and Marigny K-Kids advisor Dana Hladky and guest speakers Northshore Kiwanis members Bill and Linda Wayman who spoke about Keep Dentistry Alive. Marigny K-Kids members Jacob Rester, Izzy Harrell and Bella Melancon are also pictured as they present the Waymans with over 300 dental supplies!

As the District Bulletin Editor, I aim to give you the most up to date information happening in the District and at Kiwanis International. I don’t always have all the information. So if you have club news or you are a committee chair, Trustee or Lt. Governor, please send me your exclusive information or updates, or messages to editor@lamisstenn.org

I want to thank the many contributors to the April - May Issue of “The La-Miss-W.Tenn District News”. I am so pleased and impressed with you and the very wonderful articles that you sent. Please keep up the good work!

Wishing you a Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Beverly Cain

www.lamisstenn.org April - May Issue 18
PASCAGOULA KIWANIS STARTS 2 NEW SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Article submitted by: Richard “Woody” Wood, Pascagoula Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula started two new Service Leadership Programs in February. At Jackson Elementary School in Pascagoula. We recognized over 25 BUGS (Bring UP Grades Students) and over 25 Terrific Kids. Each student was presented with a Certificate and a BUG or Terrific Kids Pencil.

![Jackson Elementary School BUGS Program](image1)

![Jackson Elementary School Terrific Kid Program](image2)

ST. BERNARD KIWANIS CLUB WITH THE HELP OF ST. BERNARD PARISH LAUNCH NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In the late 1980's, there was a class action lawsuit filed by the residences of St. Bernard Parish against a local refinery. The monies had all been distributed with the exception of about $90,000. The Judge on the case had to decide where to release the balance of the money. Fortunately, the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard had a very high profile here in St. Bernard Parish and had a very good reputation for doing great things in St. Bernard Parish. The Judge decided to award the monies to the St. Bernard Kiwanis Foundation for the sole purpose of the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund to be awarded to a St. Bernard High School graduate each year.

Since, we had our own foundation it was a natural for us to do this. All the attorneys involved in this class action agreed to this and thus the St. Bernard Kiwanis Foundation accepted the funds. An endowed fund now rest with the St. Bernard Kiwanis Foundation to fund this scholarship each year. Thus, a St. Bernard student will receive a $4,000 scholarship every year in perpetuity. This is the first year of this scholarship and the press release was the formal announcement of this. This demonstrates the confidence that the people of St. Bernard Parish have for the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard and the high regard they have for their service to our community.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 15-17: Key Club District Convention, Natchez Convention Center
April 24-30: Kiwanis International Foundation Skip a Meal
May 13-15: Lt. Governor Training Conference, Baton Rouge, La. – Holiday Inn South
May 25: Deadline to register online for the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention
July 7-10: 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva, Switzerland
August 4-7: Kiwanis District Convention, Tunica, Miss. – Harrah’s Resort
October 1: 2011-2012 Kiwanis year begins.
Divisions 13, 8A, 8B, 4A and 4B Come Together for Official Governor’s Visit & Kiwanis One Day at the K-Bar-B Youth Ranch

What a huge success! Over 140 Kiwanians and Key Clubbers from 31 clubs converged on the K-Bar-B Youth Ranch, in Lacombe, LA for one large scale service project and Official Governor’s visit. Governor Linda, Gov-Elect Greg and 5 Past Governors from the LAMSTN District all participated in planting, tree trimming, framing, painting, gardening, brick-laying, sorting clothing … the list was endless! A delicious lunch of jambalaya and bar-b-que chicken, from the Cortana Club fed the masses. Regional Trustees Gary Graham (5) and Kathy Webb (4), along with Lt Govs Rick Danielson (13), Jason Schwartzenburg (8A), Nancy Wertz (8B), Lydwina Hurst (4A) and Dan McCormick (4B) planned the event.

Key Clubs: North Lake Christian * St. Scholastica Academy * Lakeshore * Bonnabel, * John Curtis * Mandeville High

www.lamisstenn.org April - May Issue 20
Skip-A-Meal

Kiwanis-family members and non-members who send the cost equivalent of just one meal help fund numerous programs that directly benefit children. The Skip-A-Meal program benefits the Kiwanis Children’s Fund, sponsored by your Kiwanis International Foundation.

Individual or club participation is crucial to continue serving the children of the world. Join the Kiwanis family by skipping just one meal during the last week in April. Your support will help fund the growing number of grants provided through the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Use our convenient, secure online form to make your Skip-A-Meal gift

How you can help

First of all, make Skip-A-Meal a fun-filled event. Think outside the box when devising your program. For example, invite a local dietician to discuss healthy eating habits, have a club pitch-in and vote for the best dish, or use Skip-A-Meal as a way to kick-off a weight-loss program.

- Begin publicizing the event before the designated Skip-A-Meal week. Download a handy brochure about KIF club giving programs.
- Inform your lieutenant governor of your club’s plans.
- Schedule an appropriate speaker who can inform your club members about Skip-A-Meal at least one month prior to the event.
- Send e-mail reminders to your members two days before your club meeting. Call those who do not have e-mail.
- Skip the meal at your weekly club meeting and contribute the cost of that meal, or bring your meal and contribute what you normally would spend.
- Report your success to your lieutenant governor and/or your Foundation District Chair.
- Send your contribution to the Kiwanis International office by using the guide below.

Be part of the team

Every Kiwanis-family member, and non-Kiwanian, is able to participate in Skip-A-Meal. K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, Aktion Clubs, Kiwanis Junior Clubs, and Kiwanis clubs are eligible!

Places of worship, schools, businesses, other service and civic groups, government offices, and more can help make a difference to children worldwide through their contributions.

Report your success

Along with your contribution, please include the following information:

- Club name
- Club key number
- Contact person's name
- District
- Number of people participating
- Money collected

Mail to:
Kiwanis International Foundation
3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268
Please remit Skip-A-Meal funds without delay.

Health note

Skip-A-Meal should not include any individual with diabetes who is either on insulin therapy or taking any glucose-lowering medication. If a person is under a physician's care, please consult a doctor before participating in this activity. In this situation, participation can be accomplished by a cash donation.