Ramsey’s Ramblings!

Dear Kiwanians,

This will be my last opportunity to write to you as Governor of the great Historical District of Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee. I want to thank each of you for your willingness to participate and to serve this wonderful organization of ours...Kiwanis. This has been a tremendous year for me, and I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Governor. I owe a huge thanks to Charlie Ford, Beverly Cain and Pam Morgan, our District Office Staff, for all the tremendous work they do behind the scenes, and I have extended my thanks personally to each of them. I also wish to thank the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, the Lt. Governors and the District Committee Chairs for all their hard work this year. We have been successful this year because of you. It is definitely a team effort, and no one person can do the job without the help of everyone.

We have just returned from the District Convention in Tunica and had fun, food, fellowship and education on how to make our clubs even better than they currently are. It was a wonderful convention, and thanks to all of the host committee from Memphis for their efforts to make this convention possibly. The unique thing about our convention location was that we have the opportunity for entertainment from the casino area should we chose to take advantage of it; however, we are also at a hotel location that is away from the casino so if you don’t wish to take advantage of that opportunity, you don’t have to do so. Hotel and the convention center staff were absolutely the best, which made everything go so smoothly. The restaurants and shops in the local area offered true southern hospitality.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-ELECT

By: Greg Beard, 2010-2011 Governor-Elect

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as the 2011-12 Governor of our Great Historical Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee (LaMissTenn) District of Kiwanis International. It was a privilege and honor to be elected at the 93rd Annual District Convention in Tunica, Mississippi.

Last year at this time, we set our goals to support Governor Linda Ramsey in her vision to lead our great District and to spend the next year visiting clubs in the District to introduce ourselves and getting to know you. This has not changed. We have less than two (2) months until October 1st and we must continue with Governor Linda’s plans for this year. Over the next couple of months, Lisa and I will continue to visit clubs and will be attending several Officer Installation Banquets in September/October.

October 1st is just a date, a date for changing names of leadership. It is not stopping or ending, not starting or beginning - it’s a time we continue to serve you, the members. Our District leadership is committed to you and your club. In September, the District website will have updated and new information about the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year. Particularly, be looking for information on my goals for next year, the Distinguished Criteria for members and clubs (which has a big, big change for next year—no point system), the seven (7) Mid-Year Regional Conferences, the 2012 International Convention in New Orleans (yes, in New Orleans—our own backyard) and the 2012 District Convention in Lafayette, Louisiana. These three (3) events will be packed with opportunities for education, fellowship and fun. You don’t want to miss any of them.

Still, I need your help. If you have a fundraiser, an activity, a community project or just a club meeting, and you would like for me to attend, please email me the information at greg-beard@aol.com.

Last year, I challenged you to grow in service and membership, and to be a contributor to your club and community. Have you done this? This year, as every year, we can make a difference by changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Making a difference in the life of a child - isn’t that what we do?

Sincerely,

Greg
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’ MESSAGE
By: Sylvester “Syl” Neal, Kiwanis International President

Fellow Kiwanians

Membership and recruiting should continuously be a major focus of every club. At every meeting we get to ask our members to bring a guest and thank the current members who do. 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 join us to change the world. Find a small group of people who want to join but their time or commitment makes it difficult. Consider making them a club satellite where you combine meaningful service and have a welcoming environment you are guaranteed a successful membership drive. Remember, service is our fuel for growth...so let’s light this organization on fire!

To see President Neal’s video message go to www.kiwanisone.org

93rd ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION – TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI

Article submitted by: Frank E. Davis, Convention Host Chair

The 93rd Annual LAMSWTN Kiwanis District Convention convened on Friday, August 5th, at Harrah’s Casino and Resort in Tunica, MS. In spite of the excessively hot Mississippi Delta weather (heat index well over 100), it was a great Kiwanis event.

During the Opening Session we were treated to some wonderful music provided by "Ladies First", an A Cappella choir from St. Agnes Academy in Memphis. It was amazing to hear such wonderful music being made by high school teenagers, several of whom are members of the St. Agnes Key Club. This was followed by our keynote speaker, Coach Tony Franklin (currently Offensive Coordinator for the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs), author of "Victor's Victory". He provided a truly inspiring message and emotional story of his involvement with Victor Hill, a high school football player from Birmingham, AL, who died of cardiac arrest during a football drill. These events led to an AED device being used to save the life of another Birmingham student not too long thereafter. This is also the book that led Linda Ramsey to encourage the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District to adopt our current AED project. Since our AED Project was adopted several years ago, we know of five lives that have been saved. And as this article is being written, we have received sketchy details of a 6th life saved by a Kiwanis AED in a school near Linda Ramsey’s hometown of Martin, TN.

The convention also gave us the chance to learn more about our recently adopted Kiwanis International endeavor -- the ELIMINATE PROJECT. This is Kiwanis Internationals effort to raise $110 million by 2015 to eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus, which currently takes the life of a baby every 9 minutes. It takes only 3 shots at sixty-cents each to protect a mother and baby. Our district effort to support this tremendous cause will be lead by former District Governor Dennis Oliver and his wife, Ame. Please make sure that your club is educated and fully supporting this very worthwhile project.

Convention attendees also had the chance to meet International Trustee, Dr. John Button, and his wife, Debbie, of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada. Dr. Button is a 30+ year Kiwanian with a true love for Kiwanis and a passion for "Serving the Children of the World". The leaders of our district will benefit greatly in the coming year under the guidance and support of Dr. Button.

The convention was adjourned on Sunday, August 7th, after fully celebrating the success of Governor Ramsey. Many of us literally "Danced with the Governor". We also formally installed Governor Greg Beard and Governor-Elect Robert Benoit and prepared for the 2011-2012 year under their leadership.
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Tony Franklin, the author of Victor’s Victory, was our Keynote Speaker on Friday night at the Opening Session, and there wasn’t a dry eye in the house after his speech. He shared with us about the day that he was at the practice when the 15 year old, Victor Hill, lost his life because there was no AED readily available. As many of you know, Tony’s book was our inspiration for the AED Major Emphasis Project, and due to that initiative, at least six people’s lives have been saved in our district alone. Another life was saved this morning at Martin Middle School in Martin, TN. I don’t know the details at this time, but I know that an AED placed in the school by Kiwanis was used on the man, and he was taken to the Jackson, TN hospital and the most important thing is that he survived. We need to complete this project so that no one else loses a life unnecessarily.

On Saturday morning the PDOs had their annual breakfast, and at the same time I presided at the First Timer’s Breakfast. Individuals at the First Timer’s Breakfast ranged from ones who had only been in Kiwanis for a few weeks to a few years. I reviewed the convention program with them, and explained the best way to get the most out of their convention experience, and explained to them also about divisions and regions represented in LAMISS-TENN, so they would know which caucus to attend as well as which regional event would be in their area. It was a good session, and we probably could have used a little more time.

We had some excellent workshops on Saturday morning which were planned by your Governor-Elect, Greg Beard. Some of these programs were offered more than once, and I encouraged the first timers to split up so that they could attend different workshops and bring a lot of different information back to their clubs. Our Luncheon on Saturday was excellent. We had some of the best food and best service I’ve ever experienced throughout the convention. Our International Trustee and Counselor, John Button, was our guest speaker. He spoke to us about the Eliminate Project and discussed how we can be a part of our new World-Wide Service Project. Every nine minutes a baby dies needlessly of tetanus, and during our convention time together 480 babies died of tetanus. For $1.80 per mother, maternal pre-natal tetanus can be prevented. Any contribution to Kiwanis International would be appreciated. Please check out the Kiwanis International website for more information on the Eliminate Project. We also recognized our Teacher, Layman and Fireman of the Year during the luncheon.

On Saturday night we retired our officers for this year, followed by a dinner dance entitled，“Dancing with the Governor.” The music was played by our DJ, Bob Blanchard, who does all our music and helps us with technology. Bob played some great dance music, he always does a tremendous job, and he is a great asset to our conventions. We all owe him a big thank you. It was a great evening!

On Sunday we concluded the convention with our traditional prayer breakfast, and we recognized our Layman of the Year. We also honored and remembered those Kiwanians who lost their lives during the past year. It was a great convention, and I hope that many of you were able to attend.

The Kiwanis International Convention was a great experience as well. I visited London and Paris prior to the convention, and then arrived in Geneva for the convention. At the Governors meeting with President Sylvester Neal, I discovered that we are plus 128 members in Kiwanis International. We need to finish strong this year so that we are still in the plus column by October 1, 2012. This year we are in the plus column in membership for the first time in several years. We had some great sessions and tours of the area. Our guest speaker and award winner, Jamie Leigh Curtis, was so impressed with Kiwanis and the things we are doing with the Eliminate Project that she became a Kiwanian in Geneva! It was a very special moment. After the convention, I chose the post-tour to take the Mediterranean Cruise to Italy, Spain, Sicily, North Africa, and France. I can’t tell you enough about how wonderful this trip was. I learned so much about the different countries and the cultures. I strongly encourage you to attend an International Convention in the future.

It’s been a wonderful year for me, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this opportunity to serve the children and the communities of the world! Thanks for your Kiwanis service!

Sincerely,

Linda

Linda Ramsey, Governor
Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District
“SPARK PLUG” OF A KIWANIAN!

Story By: Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

A frequently heard exhortation for members of Kiwanis is, “Share the K!”

For Cynthia Bentley of the Kiwanis Club of Ponchartrain in New Orleans that often heard plea has become more than just an expression—it has become a way of life. Cynthia doesn’t just recruit new members; she builds new Kiwanis clubs.

On May 8, 2010, Cynthia bore the broadest smile of all those gathered to mark the occasion of the chartering of a club she helped form, the Westbank Konnection.

All who make an attempt to charter a new Kiwanis Club are aware of this most challenging of endeavors and for most, chartering one club would be a once-in-a-lifetime achievement. However, Cynthia was not satisfied with the just the new Westbank Konnection Club. Shortly after that success, she began working to bring Kiwanis back to the Slidell community.

At one time, the Slidell Kiwanis Club was a force in the extreme Southeast Louisiana municipality. However, declining membership eroded the club’s involvement and Hurricane Katrina, which dealt Slidell a painful punch, ended interest in Kiwanis at the time as residents of hard-hit city were consumed with putting their lives back together.

Bringing Kiwanis back to Slidell became the new focus of Cynthia’s Kiwanis life. Her hard work was rewarded on July 28, 2011, when more than 100 Kiwanians from throughout Southeast Louisiana gathered for the chartering of the Camellia City Kiwanis Club in Slidell. Thirty new Kiwanians were named charter members of the Camellia City Club.

This “spark plug” of a Kiwanian is now at it again! She is currently working to form a third club, this one in LaPlace, La.

Sharing her “K” is not new for Cynthia Bentley. She has brought in more than five new members to her own club and at least 50 new members through the new clubs she has helped into existence.

Cynthia’s untiring work on behalf of Kiwanis has earned her praise from several sources. At the chartering of the Camellia City Kiwanis Club La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Governor Linda Ramsey singled out Cynthia for her tireless efforts on behalf of Kiwanis. Division 13 Lieutenant Governor Rick Danielson of the Mandeville-Northshore Kiwanis Club also had accolades for Cynthia’s efforts in spreading the good that results from a community’s having a thriving Kiwanis Club.

Recently, Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal conveyed the following message to Cynthia.

“Congratulations Cynthia and your FIRE crew. You are setting this District a blazing! My thanks to all who help open new clubs and offer opportunities to others to join our great Kiwanis family as you are doing. Do not stop recruiting just because you have hit the magic number. When others find out what we do, they will want to join also. You are throwing gasoline on this fire…keep it blazing,” Neal wrote.

In addition to her exceptional efforts at recruiting new members and building new clubs, Cynthia has been a force in her own club. She has served as president and is also a past lieutenant governor. She is active in all phases of Kiwanis and is an inspiration to her fellow club members and all those who know her.

Cynthia Bentley is truly the epitome of a Kiwanian who is ever eager to “Share the K!” She is an example that all her brother and sister Kiwanians might emulate. She has made the lives of countless individuals richer for having brought the Kiwanis message to their communities.

FIREFIGHTER, TEACHER, LAWMAN AND LAYMAN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

Story submitted by: Court Crow, President, Southeast Shreveport Kiwanis Club

Left: Past Governor Woody Wood (far right) of Pascagoula, MS and District Community Services Chairs presents the Firefighter, Teacher and Lawman of the Year awards. They were (from left) Jammie Summers of Martin, TN; Janey Jackson of Germantown, TN and Charles “Silky” Sullivan of Mandeville, LA. We commend each of these recipients for their service to their respective communities.

Right: Past District Governor and District Chair of the Human and Spiritual Values Committee, Court Crow (left) presents the 2010-2011 Lay Person of the Year Award to Shreveport’s own Mack McCar-ter for his contribution to the community through his development of Community Renewal International.
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A FEW IDEAS:

A significant way to recognize your Club’s Officers and Outstanding Members while supporting your District Foundation.

For a minimum donation of $100.00

The President’s Circle is a meaningful way to express your appreciation to your club president. With the President’s Circle, clubs can say “Thank You” and exhibit continued support for the programs of the District Foundation.

The Leadership Circle is a great way to honor members, families, and associates who have made an impact in the club. Take a good look around you and discover the many worthy individuals. The “Circle” distinctively serves as an honor for an individual, as a Kiwanian cannot purchase his/her own reward.

The Memorial Circle is in honor of a special person who has passed away, especially a fellow Kiwanian. The family of the deceased will receive the satisfaction of knowing a contribution was made on behalf of their loved one.

These “Circles” are a simple but meaningful means to support your community and your district foundation. Please make every effort to award and recognize individuals as we “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time.”

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ATTENTION, CLUB SECRETARIES!

The bill you receive in September for dues will also have a suggested Kiwanis International Foundation contribution for a listed number of members for the Annual Club Gift. You may change that number. Mail 2 separate checks in the same envelope, if you choose. The Kiwanis International Foundation gift may be sent at a later time.

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.
A firm handshake, a nice note or a pat on the back are great ways to say “thank you.” But sometimes we’d like to do more, especially when an outgoing officer, club member, or community leader has gone above and beyond to help kids in need.

By making a $2,000 donation for the Tablet of Honor or a $1,000 for the George F. Hixson Fellowship for a special individual, your gift does double-duty: the honoree knows how much his service means to your club and the Kiwanis International Foundation pays it forward by serving even more children.

Whichever award you choose, the person you’re honoring will receive beautiful commemorative items that they will cherish for a lifetime. Tablet of Honor recipients get a custom-engraved plaque, lapel pin, and pocket crest, while George F. Hixson Fellows receive a lapel pin and two numbered medallions on blue-and-white ribbons: one to be worn and another encased in a custom-engraved walnut display box.

It’s easy to make your gift online at [www.kiwanis.org/foundation/tablet](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/tablet) or [www.kiwanis.org/foundation/hixson](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/hixson), where you can also learn more about each honor. Or you can call 1-800-549-2647, ext. 267 (toll-free in the US), or +1-317-217-6267.

**Annual Club Gift Key Reason Kiwanis Is Able to Help Children**

The Kiwanis International Foundation’s annual club gift campaign is pretty simple. The more your club gives, the more the foundation gives back to directly help the children of the world lead happy, healthy, and productive lives.

Beyond the satisfaction of helping others, your club receives a nice reminder of your generosity in the form of an annual giving banner patch. And your participation helps Circle K and Key Club students in your district attend college. The more clubs in our district that participate each year, the more our district can receive in matching scholarship funds from the foundation.

Visit [www.kiwanis.org/foundation/ACG](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/ACG) to make your club’s annual gift using our convenient, secure online form at [www.kiwanis.org/foundation/ACG](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/ACG) or download the club giving brochure and remittance form to fax or mail. What an easy way to make such a big difference! Gifts received by Friday, Sept. 30, will count toward the 2010-11 year for your club and your Division’s Lt. Governor.

**2011-2012 Kiwanis District Dignitaries Installed**

International Trustee, John Button took to the podium and installed the 2011-2012 Lt. Governor’s, Trustees, Governor-Elect and Governor at the Sunday Prayer Breakfast.

Pictured left to right are Christine Berard, Lt. Gov. Div. 17; Hollis Crowder, Div. 16; Francis Cothren, Div. 15; Rev. John McCay, Div. 14; Mickey Parker, Div. 11; Mary Ellen Foley, Div. 9; Greg Beard, Governor; Clarissa Preston, Div. 8B; Kim Champagne, Div. 7; Barbara Bailey, Div. 6; Ira Snyder, Div. 4B; Patrice Cusimano; Otha Britton, Civ. 1A. Standing at the podium is John Button, International Trustee.
Once again, the clubs in our District showed their support for YOUR District Foundation, by participating in the Gift Basket Raffles. Over 3700 tickets were sold at $1 each to take a chance on winning one of the 50 gift baskets or a special get-away weekend at the Beau Rivage. Translated into funds for YOUR Foundation … that’s $3700!!!! Convention goers enjoyed the variety of baskets this year, as blue and red tickets filled the chance bags! Popular baskets included dining gift cards, family board games, delicious treats from all over our district, tool box, handmade jewelry, champagne & bubble bath, tail-gaiting, fishing tackle box & rod …... the list gets better and better every year! YOUR District Foundation Board wishes to express their sincere gratitude for all those participating in the Gift Basket Raffles – from the clubs who donated the items to the people who bought tickets. We couldn’t have done it without you!!!

The following Division/clubs/individuals donated baskets:

1A Martin (2)
1C Bartlett, East Memphis, Germantown, Memphis, Union City, Whitehaven
3 Laurel
4A Big Easy, New Orleans, Pontchartrain, St. Bernard-Arabi, Third District, West Bank Konnection
4B Kenner North, Lakeside, 4B Division
7 Acadiana-Lafayette (2), Lafayette, Southwest Lafayette
8A Charlie & Sharon Ford, The Oaks (2)
8B B.R. Early Risers, Cortana, South Baton Rouge
9 North Shreveport, Shreveport, Southern Hills
10 Columbus
11 Alexandria, Susie Drell, Natchitoches, Vernon, Winnfield
12 Southwest Contraband
13 Amite, Camillia City, Greater Covington
14 Gulfport, Orange Grove, Pascagoula, Howard Lock – Beau Rivage Package
15 Natchez Trace, Vicksburg
16 Oxford
17 New Iberia (2)

Kiwanis International – Rhonda Vrell

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

1) Robert Benoit and fiancée Jennifer Tyler accept the Governor-Elect Banner from the Alexandria Kiwanis Club. Holding the banner is Brenda Eccles, President of the Southwest Lafayette Kiwanis Club, home club for Robert.
2) Retired Governor Linda Ramsey celebrates with her son Brett Ramsey and his wife Jessica Ramsey.
3) Only in Kiwanis could you see an outgoing and incoming District Governors dancing with each other. That’s called “Passing the Baton.”
4) Three VIPs (from left): 2011-2012 Governor-Elect Robert Benoit, Governor Greg Beard and our District’s Nominee for International Trustee next summer at the International Convention in New Orleans: Dennis Oliver of Gulfport, Miss.
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 Pontchartrain** is working with the Emma B. Bromon Liberty House, a program designed to address the key causes of homelessness as well as its effects and offers transitional home for 15 families for up to two years. This program gives training in basic life skills such as parenting, budgeting, work, spiritual growth and stress management. The on-site Child Care Center allows parents to work off-site and be assured that their children are safely cared for. The funds from the $500 grant help provide items for the day care center. Accepting the check from President Cynthia Bentley is Sheila H. St. Etienne, Executive Director, EBB Liberty House.

**The Oaks Kiwanis Club** has worked for several years with the Special Olympic Track and Field Meet, held in the Greater Baton Rouge area. The timing clocks were antiquated and desperately needed updating, so The Oaks decided to purchase new clocks and donate them to the Area Games Management. During the Special Olympics, held in April, the new timing clocks were a big success; as they simplified the timing of the events, and gave the athletes better results. Cost of Project: $1425. Grant Awarded: $711.38.
DISTRICT GROWTH
By: Dennis Oliver, District Growth Chair Email: DMOKiwanis@aol.com Phone: 228-832-6786

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN/WOMEN

My Kiwanis Friends, along with the privilege of belonging to the greatest service club in the world, you and I are asked to bring in new members to do even more service. We know we lose a few for various reasons, so to maintain our commitment to serving the children of the world (and our local community), it is crucial to always be recruiting.

The challenge before us:

CAN you and WILL you recruit at least one new member in these last 2 crucial months in our club year?

Note: If for some reason you are uncomfortable doing this, would you write the name/names of possible prospects and give it to your club president to follow up?

If 5000 members of the LAMISSTENN District will simply ask those we come in contact with, we could reach so many more children.

WHO IS YOUR NEXT NEW MEMBER PROSPECT????? (NEIGHBOR, FRIEND, BANKER, DOCTOR, SPOUSE, CO-WORKER, MAYOR, SPEAKER AT YOUR CLUB, KEY CLUB ADVISOR??)

Your Governor, Linda Ramsey, said yes last September that she WOULD have an increase in membership. Well, guess what!! At the end of June she was plus 41, the best our District has been since 1997!!!!! PLEASE-----PLEASE-----PLEASE SIGN UP AT LEAST ONE MORE BY SEPTEMBER 30TH HE/SHE WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!!!! Dennis Oliver

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do something I can do."…………. Helen Keller

LIVES ARE BEING SAVED
By: Pam Morgan, Major Emphasis Project- AEDs Chair

Another life is saved by an AED in Martin, TN!

This is at least the 6th “save” that we know of in the LaMissTenn District. On Monday, August 8, a man working on the school’s air conditioner in the Martin Middle School cafeteria and went into Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The school nurse performed CPR and used the AED to shock him several times before paramedics arrived. This AED was placed there in 2007 at the beginning of our AED Project by the Martin Middle School Builder’s Club. Fireman Jamie Summers, also a Kiwanian, did the training for the school staff. Coincidentally, at the District Convention in Tunica, Jamie received the Fireman of the Year Award. Congratulations, Jamie!

In July, the life of a freshman football player at Breaux Bridge High School was saved by early CPR and the use of the AED furnished to the school by the de Pont Breaux Kiwanis Club. The coaching staff, at the urging of the principals and school nurses, had practiced a simulated incident, and that training paid off by saving this young man’s life. Other saves occurred at Bon Lin Middle School in Shelby County, TN; Covington High School, Covington, LA; Lafayette High School, Lafayette, LA; and a previous one in Martin, TN.

Kiwanians are making a difference in their communities! Lives are being saved by the AEDs placed in schools.

Many clubs in our district have embraced the importance of the AED Project and have continued to place AEDs in schools every year. How do they do it? They have a plan to make sure every school in their area has an AED, and they follow through. They take the time to find donors and sponsors to cover the cost. They work with the schools to write grants and raise money. They are committed to making a difference - doing what Kiwanians do best.

These are just some of the outstanding clubs that have shown they won’t quit until all their schools are protected with AEDS: Algiers, Germantown, Green ville, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Laurel, Martin, Northshore Mandeville, Pascagoula, Tupelo, Waynesboro.

Is your club a Distinguished Club? Your club can earn 20 points by participating in the Major Emphasis Project and donating an AED to one school this year. Don’t miss out on earning these points and the opportunity to save a life.

Make a difference in your community - today!
ALAN PENN
Medina, Ohio, USA (Ohio District)

PERSONAL INFORMATION
Family: Wife, Jeri; two children; two grandchildren
Profession: Educator, school administrator
Education: Bachelor’s and master’s degrees, The Ohio State University
Hobbies: Volunteering, family activities, traveling, reading, golf, collecting PEZ

PENN ELECTED 2011-12 PRESIDENT

Alan Penn was elected 2011-12 president at the 96th annual convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

“I’m committed to our mission of serving the children of the world,” says Penn, who is a member of the Medina Breakfast, Ohio; All Ohio-eMedina and Tombstone Virginia City, Montana Kiwanis clubs. “As well, I am devoted to our new global campaign for children, The Eliminate Project, and to growing Kiwanis worldwide.”

The House of Delegates also elected these new international officers and board members:
President-elect: Thomas E. DeJulio, Kiwanis Club of Fordham, Bronx, New York.
Vice president: Gunter Gasser, Spittal an der Drau, Austria.
Trustees, United States and Pacific Canada: Jane M. Erickson, Bellevue-Offutt, Nebraska; Stephen T. Hill, Norwalk, Connecticut; Warren F. Mitchell, Greeley, Colorado.
Trustee, At Large: Clinton Green, Napier, New Zealand.

At the 2011 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention this past March, Lee Kuan Yong of the Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Kiwanis Club, was elected to represent the Asia-Pacific Region on the Kiwanis International Board.

Amendment results
The House of Delegates had two proposed amendments on its agenda during the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva. Neither was considered, due to a lack of a motion:
A proposal from the Kiwanis Club of Blue Island, Illinois, to establish real-time online broadcasts of convention activities.
A proposal also from the Kiwanis Club of Blue Island, Illinois, to establish real-time online voting during convention.

Help fight childhood obesity
Get ready, get set, get out and play! Help combat childhood obesity with Nickelodeon’s 8th annual Worldwide Day of Play on Sept. 24, 2011. Your Kiwanis club can sponsor a Worldwide Day of Play event by hosting an afternoon of fun, physical activities for local youth. How about a hula-hoop-a-thon? Or what about a volleyball tournament? Check out pro-social.nick.com for more ideas. Invite K-Kids clubs, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K clubs to participate and volunteer. And don’t forget to register at nick.com/thebighelp for a chance to see your club’s name on TV!
Stimulate your senses at Kiwanis International Convention 2012

In New Orleans, Jazz fills the streets, mingling with the aroma of hot beignets. Pralines stick in your teeth as you watch the riverboats paddle by. It’s sensory overload in this little corner of the American South that’s big on European flavor. It’s a place like no other. It’s New Orleans.

Come be a part of the crowd that’s expected in New Orleans for Kiwanis International Convention June 28–July 1, 2012! Experience the workshops, entertainment, business and celebration of 25 years of women in Kiwanis. Together, let’s recognize our successes and make plans for the future.

Special concert with Aaron Neville

New Orleans native Aaron Neville will perform during a special ticketed event for Kiwanis members at the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Over the past five decades, the indelible spirit of New Orleans has been synonymous with the musical dynasty known as the Neville Brothers. For Aaron Neville the solo artist, there is an equally intimate connection between his music and the faith that has sustained him for his entire life. Through challenge and tragedy, he’s managed to thrive, protecting both his heart and his voice. Ask him how and he says simply this: “He, who sings once, prays twice.”

Neville celebrates his 50th year in recorded music with the release of his latest album, "I Know I've Been Changed," a musical masterpiece that showcases his talents in grand New Orleans style.

Plan to attend convention in New Orleans, and don't miss the chance to see Aaron Neville perform in this special event that is only for Kiwanis members!

Joe Pratt, Lakeside Kiwanis Club is the host chairman for the New Orleans Convention.

Check it out and start planning at www.kiwanis.org/neworleans.

New Kid On The Block

Welcome to Camellia City Kiwanis Club organized on May 31, 2011! Club Counselor and TAG Member, Cynthia Bentley and Lt. Governor of Division 13, Rick Danielson, worked together to make it all come together. The Kiwanis Clubs of Northshore Mandeville and Pontchartrain sponsored the new club.

The traditional club meets at the Le Café De Bon Temps on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Serving as officers of the club are:

President: Pete Cavignac, Primary Phone: 985/646-0818 Email: pcavignac@whitneybank.com
Secretary: Shelley D’Antoni, Primary Phone: 985/646-6025 Email: sldantoni@whitneybank.com

Charter Membership:

Arthur, Loretta  Collins, Michael Keith  Logan, Cynthia Alfred  Sharpe-Brackett, Dawn
Blanchard, S. Michele  Cooper, Chaleta  Lynch, Gerry  Solomon, Gloria
Boudreaux, Daniel  Cossé, Michael Joseph  O’Neal, Mary  Venable, Samuel James
Boyd, Robert S.  Cousins-Smith, Elizabeth  Riddell, Sharon  Wagner, Sheila
Brackett, Troy W.  D’Antoni, Shelley  Rivarde, Lisa  Wiggins, Robbie J.
Busco, Kathleen  Dicarlo, Vincent E.  Rucker, Hannah
Cager, Deletta  Farbe, Wanda J.  Ruiz, Stacey
Cavignac, Peter  Koehl, Ann-Marie  Sanford, Jeanette M.

The La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District wishes the Camellia City Kiwanis Club much success in their commitment to changing the world one child and one community at a time.
"ELIMINATE"
MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS
IT'S OFFICIAL!!!!!!

By: Dennis and Ame Oliver, District Chairs for the Eliminate Project.

The Kiwanis ELIMINATE project to raise 110 million dollars by 2015 "officially kicked off at the International Convention in Geneva. For the past few months you have heard a great deal about the need to reach these women in 38 countries in remote, impoverished areas who need education and three $.60 ($1.80) shots to allow them and their babies a healthy birth.

160 babies will die today (one every 9 minutes). This is tragedy and preventable!

SO-------WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

Personal commitment: You and I should have a plan in mind as to what our gift may be over the next four years.

1. $300.00 saves 175 children
2. $625.00 saves 350 children
3. $1250.00 saves 700 children
4. $2000.00 saves 1100 children

The potential for larger giving:
1. Lead Gifts--$100,000
2. Major gifts--$25,000

My Kiwanis Friends, This is not a duty or a "GOOD MEMBER" requirement. THIS IS JOINING HANDS WITH ALL OTHER MEMBERS AND DISTRICTS ACROSS THE WORLD AND SAVING CHILDREN'S LIVES.

CLUB COMMITMENT:
1. $100,000 Club will raise this amount over the next 4 years (saves 55,000 lives).
2. Model Clubs will raise $350.00 up to $2500.00 per member. (When these commitments are made they should be submitted to International.)
3. Clubs who have 100% of their members contribute will get special recognition.

REMINDER:
1. Clubs sending $2000.00 by September 30th will be recognized as Charter “YEAR OF LEADERSHIP” members.
2. Members who wish to be a Charter "WALTER ZELLER FELLOW" may do so by September 30th. (275 Walter Zeller Awards have been delivered.)

URGENT!!!!!! DISTRICT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Multi-level Divisional Coordinator--2-1 pending
Divisional coordinator--21 - 2 filled
Club Coordinators--Open

Please see Ame or me, if you feel that you want to be on the forefront of Kiwanis saving the world's children------ AGAIN!!

Dr. Francois Gasse, a pioneer in the field of tetanus, reminded 800 Kiwanians at the International Convention that a disease so old that it is mentioned in the Bible and one whose cure was discovered in the early 1900's would make the world applaud this great Kiwanis victory in 2015. We are available to you to help you get started.

Dennis Oliver, DMOKiwanis@aol.com, 228-832-6786 or 228-343-5444
Ame Oliver, oliverame@aol.com, 228-918-3191

In Memoriam

He left us quietly, His thoughts unknown, But left us a memory, We are proud to own;
So treasure him Lord, In Your garden of rest, For when on earth, He was one of the best.

George Estes, III – Gulfport, Miss.
Dianne Helmer - Eunice, La.
Arthur Herr - Germantown, Tenn.
Perry Lomax – Laurel, Miss.
Boyd McMullan – Baton Rouge, La.
Stephen Pearson - The Natchez Trace, Miss.
Elton Pody – Alexandria, La.
Raymond Prusa – Lake Charles, La.
Charles Quin – Cortana, La.
WELCOME TO LA.-MISS.-W.TENN. DISTRICT’S NEAREST MEMBERS

Abshire, John - Alexandria
Accettella, Verena - Alexandria
Alexander, William - Corinth
Arant, Jr., Andy T. - Oxford
Baile, Cathy - North Jackson/Madison
Barnett, Amanda - Alexandria
Barrios, Wendy - Kenner North
Beach, Jr., David L. - Moisant
Beachum, Steven R. - Union City
Bennett, Johnnie R. - Corinth
Benton, Leslie - North Jackson/Madison
Biddlecome, Jr., James M. - North Jackson/Madison
Blanchard, Allen, Jr. - de Pont Breaux
Brewer, Morgan - Alexandria
Broussard, Ryane - Acadiana-Lafayette
Brunson, Elise - Lafayette
Burns, Ed - Gulfport
Butler, Vera - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Caldwell, Jr., William K. - Ponchatoula
Cantrell, Edward C. - Biloxi
Carmichael, Sara S. - Meridian
Carpenter, Susan D. - St. Martinville
Carpenter, Aaron - Olla
Carter, Theresa G. - Orange Grove Gulfport
Castleberry, Thornton - North Jackson/Madison
Cathey, Stewart - Monroe
Chaisson, Dr. Anita C. - Abbeville
Coleman, James - Natchez Trace (The)
Culbreath, Susan E. - Union City
Curry, David W. - Alexandria
DeLoach, Wendell B. - Alexandria
Delury, John M. - Abbeville
Dever, Robert J. - Orange Grove Gulfport
Dickerson, William K. - Germantown
Dominick, Ms. Chalon - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Donnes, Richard J. - Moisant
Dugas, Dana - St. Martinville
Dzindzio, Timothy F. - St. Martinville
Elliot, Luke S. - Lafayette
Farmer, Craig - Moisant
Flurry, Allan W. - Stone County
Freeman, Jennifer - Natchez Trace (The)
Fulbright-Dent, Moya - Germantown
Gassery, Earl T. - Gulfport
Guidroz, Jr., Tyrus L. - Moisant
Guidry, Lori M. - Acadiana-Lafayette
Haindel, Gary - Baton Rouge
Hairston, Bruce - Moisant
Hinton, Chris - Natchez Trace (The)
Houssey, Margie - Greater Covington
Hunt, Kristy - Amory
Johnson, Malia C. - Kenner North
Jones, Janice - Eunice
Jones, Dr. Sandra R. - Bartlett

Justin, Proctor - Ponchatoula
Kearns, Rebecca - Alexandria
Kemp, Richard M. - Corinth
Kreswell, Debra M. - Eunice
Lamb, William R. - Oxford
Leonards, Benjamin - Lafayette
Lewis, William - Tupelo
Lis, Billie - Acadiana-Lafayette
Llull, Carol - Greater Covington
Lyons, Timothy Brad - Greenville
Mangus, Larry - Corinth
Massey, Mike - North Jackson/Madison
McClintock, Misty - Alexandria
McDougald, Mary - Moisant
McNemar, Shelley - Ponchatoula
Membre, Mary - Moisant
Memphis Redbirds - Memphis
Miller, Harold L. - North Jackson/Madison
Monneajahn, Huey R. - Moisant
Mouton, Sarah - Southwest-Lafayette
Mumford, Sharon B. - Big Easy, New Orleans
Munlin, Malissa - Moisant
Newman, Matthew A. - North Jackson/Madison
Nowell, Gary Q. - North Jackson/Madison
Orchard, Lindsey - Kenner North
Ott, III, George - Greater Covington
Peary, Wanda - North Jackson/Madison
Person, Robin - Natchez Trace (The)
Rivers, Lynn - Natchez Trace (The)
Rogers, Mitchell - Moisant
Schafer, Loveness - Louisiana State University, B. R., La.
Schexnayder, John E. - Moisant
Simonetti, Madeline R. - Memphis
Slaton, Jeanita K. - Denham Springs
Smith, Tanisha - Tupelo
Smith, David W. - Lafayette
Smith, Charles - North Jackson/Madison
Steib, Brian E. - Ponchatoula
Summerour, James Andrew - Alexandria
Tanner, Douglas F. - Port City, Vicksburg
Tate, Donna M. - Cortana, Baton Rouge
Thompson, Shelly Rena - Gulfport
Tzotzolas, Lester G. - Vicksburg
Wagner, Mary Louise - Germantown
Walton, Tyler M. - Meridian
Warren, William E. - Germantown
Way, Kevin P. - Alexandria
West, Louis - Pointe Coupee, New Roads
Wester, Jeremy Heath - Alexandria
Williams, Andranell - Southeast Shreveport
Wilson, Michael P. - Grenada
Wiltz, Vincent - Southwest-Lafayette
Wingard, Roy M. - North Jackson/Madison
**KIWANIS OF ST. BERNARD-ARABI MAINTAINS FLAG POLE IN ARABI**

*Story submitted by: Robert Showalter, St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club*

For over 25 years, the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard has been maintaining the Flag Pole and Signpost at the entrance to the Parish on St. Bernard Hwy. Every six months, the Kiwanis Club has supplied a replacement flag for the weathered flag so that a new flag is always present at the entrance to St. Bernard Parish. With the assistance of the St. Bernard Fire Department, replacement and discarding of the flags is done in a very professional manner. This service program enforces the values of the Kiwanis Club in promoting the civic responsibilities of our members. Our flag is a symbol of our freedom and the Kiwanis Club of St Bernard is honored to provide this service to our community.

*Photos: St. Bernard Fire department replacing the flag just in time for the 4th of July celebration.*

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**Disaster Relief for Japan**

*Helping the children of Sendai, Japan*

*Story submitted by: Cathy Simmons, Secretary, New Orleans Kiwanis Club*

September 2005, Cathy Simmons, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans received an email from fellow Kiwanians in the Kiwanis District of Japan. They witnessed the horrors of Hurricane Katrina enveloping the City of New Orleans, levees breaking and the flood waters rising. “What can we do? How can we help?”, they inquired. They collected funds during Kiwanis meetings and sent them to their Kiwanis Friends in the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans, to be used in the recovery. Fast-forward 5 and a-half years, March 2011. A horrific earthquake and Tsunami hit off the coast of Japan, causing unimaginable damage, loss of life and nations watching as the nuclear plants threaten even more catastrophic damage. Kiwanians in the Greater New Orleans area repeated the generosity that came their way 5 years earlier.

This time, it was Cathy who contacted friends living in Tokyo, Japan, to see what could be done for our friends half-way around the world. Individual Kiwanians as well as Kiwanis Clubs in the New Orleans answered the call for help. Within the next two months $6,729 was raised and sent directly to the Kiwanis Club of Sendai, Japan. In a response from Sendai’s Kiwanis Club President, those funds would go directly to the children’s project, to assist those children who lost one or both parents in the Japan disaster.

Yes, “what goes around comes around. I am proud of the Kiwanis Clubs in the New Orleans area, as well as individual Kiwanians who reached into their pockets to send funds to those in need – especially in these hard economic times”, said Cathy. “Simply put, KIWANIS stands for “Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served!”
VICKSBURG KIWANIS VOLUNTEERS ROLL UP SLEEVES, CLEAN WATER-LOGGED PLAYGROUND

By: Manivanh Chanprasith

The Waltersville Estates playground got a good cleaning Saturday morning as volunteers spruced up the area that had been covered in floodwater for weeks.

The effort was spearheaded by Vicksburg Kiwanis, a civic club that focuses on helping children and the community. About a dozen volunteers showed up to clean the 10,000-square-foot playground that took on water as the Mississippi River at Vicksburg swelled.

The record-breaking flood saw a May 19 crest of 57.1 feet, 14.1 feet above flood stage. Around 3,200 people were forced from their homes and businesses, and at least $1.15 million in federal disaster aid has been paid to individuals.

“We really wanted to do something for someone who was affected, but didn’t have the funds to repair what was affected,” said Kiwanis president-elect Ryan Lee.

“We’ve done playground rehab before at Good Shepherd (Community Center), so it’s something we’re familiar with.”

Kiwanis members contacted the United Way of West Central Mississippi, and the playground at the Waltersville, one of six Vicksburg Housing Authority subdivisions, was recommended.

“It is helpful to us for them to clean that playground,” said Dannie Walker, the VHA’s executive director. “It is a big part of the subdivision.”

The playground, built in the early 1980s when the subdivision was erected, is used by nearly 200 children, Walker said.

Kiwanis International Foundation awarded the Vicksburg club $5,000 for the project, and the Kiwanis District Foundation gave $725 for new playground equipment, Lee said.

Businesses also got in on the project.

Walmart donated a $100 gift card to purchase cleaning supplies, and River Region Health System donated $100 in water for volunteers. Anderson-Tully Co. provided mulch.

The Vicksburg Fire Department assisted in spraying off bleach that was applied to playground equipment.

Kiwanis members Martin Chaney, Jim Chaney and David Hosemann donated their tractors and their time.

“We’re just trying to help out the community, to try to make things nicer for these people who have suffered,” Martin Chaney said. “The kids need a place to play that is safe - and that’s the biggest thing.”

Members of the Vicksburg High School Key Club, the teen branch of Kiwanis, also assisted.

“I feel like I’m helping out somebody, so that’s always a good feeling,” said Dianna Kariuki, 16, the daughter of Benson and Cheryl Kariuki. Former Key Club member and VHS graduate SheAmbree James, 18, brought her mother, Jean, along. “I love helping others,” said SheAmbree, also the daughter of William James. “It’s a big help because I know not everyone would want to do this.”

Edward Wong, a history teacher and sponsor of the VHS Key Club, also put on his work gloves.

“Vicksburg Kiwanis is the parent club of the Vicksburg High School Key Club, and they invite our kids to lunch every week - and they give scholarships,” Wong said. “If they can do that for my kids, I can do this for them and for the community.”

“Now that phase I is completed - cleaned up - we know what will and will not work and we have quotes and should place an order for everything this week. We are expecting it to take 2-3 weeks to get the equipment and then we will install it,” said Tom Osburn, Vicksburg Kiwanis member.

“After the initial clean-up phase, the Housing Authority brought in an inspector to determine what could and could not stay. But our cleaning stopped them from just demolishing the entire thing! But we went on hold until they did the inspection,” Tom Osburn said.
GERMANTOWN KIWANIS CLUB INDUCT 2 NEW MEMBERS!

*Story submitted by Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club*

At the July 7th club meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Germantown inducted two new members.

Pictured (left to right): Kiwanis President Elizabeth Wojcik; Kiwanis sponsor Louise Bagby; new members Moya Dent and William Warren, Mayor; Kiwanis sponsor Sharon Goldsworthy, and Membership Chairman Steve Jackson.

GERMANTOWN KIWANIS CLUB INSPIRE PATRIOTIC SPIRIT

*Story submitted by: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club*

At the annual Germantown, TN 4th of July celebration and fireworks display, members of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown passed out miniature American flags and wrist bands to the huge crowd of adults and children gathered to picnic, listen to patriotic music and see the fireworks display. The flags and wrist bands were given to inspire patriotic spirit and remind everyone of the true meaning of Independence Day.

Kiwanians Wally Simpson and Ken Eddleman handout American Flags and wristbands to picnic goers.

GERMANTOWN SUPPORTS COMMUNITY THEATRE

*Story submitted by: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club*

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has made a donation to the Germantown Community Theatre to help support it's children's theatre programs and opportunities for the area youth. The Theatre is an integral part of the success the club enjoys with the Rising Stars Concert, formerly known as the Young Artist Concert, held every February at the Germantown Performing Arts Center.

Kiwanis focuses on the needs of children and the programs offered by the Community Theatre are ways that kids can learn, share and participate.

Pictured at the presentation are (left to right): Kiwanis President Elizabeth Wojcik, Director of Outreach and Education for the Theatre, Megan Carter and Executive Director of the Theatre, Brent Davis.

To learn more about Kiwanis go to the web site: www.GermantownKiwanis.org

GERMANTOWN KIWANIS CLUB RECOGNIZES POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has recognized Lieutenant Michael W. Gray as the club's Police Officer of the Year for 2011.

Lieut. Gray is a 1984 graduate of Germantown High School. He joined the Germantown Police Department as a reserve officer in 1987 and became a full time officer in 1988. He has worked as a patrolman, a narcotics detective, and was a founding member of the special patrol operations unit. He was assigned to the DEA as a Task Force Officer. He was promoted to Lieutenant in March of 2007 and was assigned to supervise the 2-10 shift.

Lieut. Gray is currently Investigations division supervisor, responsible for overseeing daily investigations ranging from homicides to drug crimes and anything in between.

Captain M. W. Griffus comments that, "Lieutenant Gray's unique skills in investigating crime, writing arrest affidavits, search warrants, seizure warrants, subpoenas, etc. have been invaluable to the department. His experience has helped the detective division to maintain an 80% solvability rate for violent crime committed in Germantown. Lieutenant Gray has the knowledge and experience to step into any division on the Germantown Police Department and be a very effective supervisor".

The head DEA Agent in Memphis said, "...Mike Gray is the best task force officer we have ever had".

Pictured at the award ceremony are (left to right): Kiwanis President Elizabeth Wojcik, wife Donna Gray, Lieutenant Gray, and Kiwanis selection committee chairman Wood Phifer.
ST. BERNARD-ARABI KIWANIS CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Story submitted by: Patrice D. Cusimano, President, Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club recently awarded checks to the club's scholarship recipients. The club presents two scholarships - the J. R. Bienvenue/Kiwanis Scholarship, and beginning this year, the St. Bernard Kiwanis Foundation scholarship.

Pictured from L to R: Danny Bourgeois, scholarship committee; Melanie Benit; Gabrielle Facio; Ryan Gregoire; Kimberly Hirstius; Terraneisha Mitchell; and, Patrice Cusimano, club president and Lt. governor-elect of Division 4A.

NORTHSHORE MANDEVILLE KIWANIS CLUB CELEBRATES THEIR 25TH YEAR

On Thursday, August 11th, the Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club celebrated its 25 years of service by honoring its past presidents at a special breakfast. The group was founded in 1986 by friends Paul Ritch, Craig Lewis, David Lindsey and Ted Brandon. Today the club has 89 members that volunteer for numerous local and international service campaigns. The Mandeville club has placed numerous automated external defibrillators (AED’s) in local schools, raised funds for college scholarships, STARC, Project Graduation and the Children's Museum, just to name a few fundraisers.

The club looks forward to serving our community over the next 25 years. We are hosting our annual SKiwanis Run / 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, October 1st, then moving straight to our annual BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 16th. The club meets every Thursday morning at New Covenant Presbyterian Church on Hwy 22 at 7:15AM.

1) Past Presidents assemble for a photo.
2) Russ Kercher presents Lawman of the year to “Silky” Sullivan at his home club.
3) Greg Beard, Gov.-Elect, presents Lt. Governor, Rick Danielson with a plaque.
4) President Tatum Richard, chats with Governor-Elect Greg Beard and Executive Director, Charlie Ford.

SHREVEPORT KIWANIS CLUB PRESENT TEACHER, LAWMAN & LAYMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Pictured left to right are Past Governor, Court Crow; Kiwanian Ricard Corbett, Lawman of the Year; Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Club President and Region VII District Trustee; Kiwanian Sheryl Brown; Mack McCarter, Layman of the Year; Rebecca Crow, Lt. Governor, Div. 9; and John Georgiafandis, Teacher of the Year.

Does your club have a website? If you do and would like to have it published in the District Newsletter send your link to editor@lamisstenn.org
**IT'S PLAY TIME**

Nickelodeon will turn off its TV broadcasts for three hours (noon to 3 p.m. EST) Saturday, September 24, and Kiwanis is joining the fun.

The cable network and its sister channels (Nick Jr., Nicktoons and TeenNick), which features programs for children and youth 2-17 years, is organizing its eighth annual Worldwide Day of Play, encouraging its young viewers to turn off their televisions, computers, phones or any other electronic entertainment devices and go outside and play. Kiwanis clubs can participate in the day of fun by organizing outdoor play activities.

Because Kiwanis’ family of Service Leadership Programs falls within Nickelodeon’s audience, the Day of Play is an opportunity to play with a club’s K-Kids, Builders and Key Club—either as co-sponsors of the event or as participants.

Clubs may register their plans. Leading up to Nickelodeon turning off its channels in celebration of Worldwide Day of Play, clubs’ names will be included in a special scroll highlighting organizations hosting events. When programming resumes at 3 p.m. (EST), the channel will feature some of the best Day of Play projects, as well as continue to scroll the names of participating organizations.

For more details and tips on what you can do on Worldwide Day of Play, visit www.nick.com/thebighelp.

**SPouse AND GUEST PROGRAM**

Spouses and guest enjoyed the Paula Dean cooking demonstration at the Paula Dean restaurant. Welcoming the guest was a Kiwanis logo beautifully carved into a watermelon. Participants dined in the restaurant afterwards and each received a small gift. Center picture is Laurie Kercher. Picture to right is Penny Jeter, Betty Henson, Sharon Ford and Jennifer Tyler.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **October 1**: 2011-2012 Kiwanis year begins.
- **September**: **Builders Club** anniversary
- **September 9-11**: **Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference**, Indianapolis
- **October 1**: New Kiwanis year begins
- **October 1**: **Aktion Club** anniversary
- **October 1**: **K-Kids** anniversary
- **October 1**: Registration opens for **97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention**; New Orleans, Louisiana; June 28-July 1.
- **November 30**: **Annual Club Report** deadline
- **January 1**: Kiwanis Float in Rose Parade
- **January 21**: **97th anniversary** of Kiwanis' founding
- **February 15**: Deadline to propose Kiwanis International Bylaws amendments
- **February 15**: Deadline for submitting entries for Kiwanis One Day contest
- **February 15**: Filing deadline for **IRS Form 990** (U.S. clubs only)