A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
By: Greg Beard, 2011-2012 Governor

FINISHING STRONG!

Again, another great Convention - this time in Lafayette! As with the New Orleans Convention, there was a lot of great food, fellowship and fun.

I thank our Host Committee Chairman, Rick Latiolais, and his team of volunteers from the Lafayette clubs. They have been working endlessly for the past year making sure that this District Convention was one of the best we’ve ever seen, and it was.

I congratulate newly elected District Governor Robert Benoit and Governor-Elect Dr. James White for their successful bids as our leaders in 2012-2013. Also, I extend my congratulations to the Lt. Governors, who were installed at Convention.

BUT, we are still not finished. The “Finish Strong” attitude is about choice. You have the power to choose how your club will respond to the challenges ahead in these next couple of months. Last year at this time, I talked at the District Convention about “URGENCY” and “PASSION”. The Urgency is still here and the Passion must still be within us.

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HOLY ANGELS AKTION CLUB
By: Lee Jeter, Region VII District Trustee

The Kiwanis Club of Shreveport sponsored the first Aktion Club in Division 9 and the Aktion Club of Holy Angels Shreveport held its first meeting at 12:30 PM on Friday, July 20, 2012 at the Holy Angels Residential Facility in Shreveport, La.

The Aktion Club had 17 of the 20 members in attendance and 6 visiting Kiwanis members; LAMISSTENN District Trustee and Aktion Club Advisor, Lee A. Jeter, Sr.; Division 9, Lt.Gov Mary Ellen Foley; Kiwanis Club of Shreveport President Court Crow; Kiwanis Club of Shreveport President-Elect Rebecca Huff; Kiwanis Club of Shreveport members Gordon Blackmon and Charles Moore. Holy Angels Staff and Aktion Club advisors Jackie

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Carter and Mary Trash were both in attendance as well as other staff and faculty members. Each member showed their excitement as each member in attendance was wearing their club pins.

Aktion Club President - Michael LaPrease opened the meeting by sounding the gavel and the pledge was given by Vice President Austin Adkins. Vice President Adkins led the group in prayer prior to everyone going through the buffet line for a beautiful and deliciously prepared lunch. Other officers in attendance were Aktion Club Secretary, Jason Flowers and Treasurer, Cathy Pullium.

President LaPrease asked Shreveport Club President Court Crow to introduce all the visitors and for any remarks; Division 9, Lt. Governor Mary Ellen Foley was also given the opportunity to make remarks. She thanked the Shreveport Club for the initiative to start an Aktion Club of Holy Angles and wished the club success and pledged her support of the Club.

"We are so pleased to be able to work with Holy Angels in engaging the residents in service at the residential facility as well as throughout the community; we already have several projects lined up that the Aktion club will be involved in. The first major project will be the Middle School Football Jamboree on September 4, 2012" said Lee A. Jeter, Sr., Aktion Club Advisor for the Kiwanis Club of Shreveport.

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We can FINISH STRONG by:
--- developing relationships with friends, coworkers and others in our communities to share what Kiwanis is about - "changing the world one child and one community at a time". Have you asked someone to join in service to your community? There is still time.
--- committing to our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) by fulfilling our responsibilities to K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion clubs. There is still time to do just that.
--- making LEADERSHIP decisions for the good of our District by providing great educational opportunities to our officers and members. Our District leads and will continue to lead in making important decisions for Kiwanis International.

--- ending this year in the POSITIVE. And we are - Our District now has more members now than when we begin last October - And in fact we are approaching the 5000 member mark.

Last year I said, “Let us not get to this time next year and say “we should have done this, we could have done that”. Well, it's still time for us to FINISH this administrative year STRONG.

There is still time to invite someone to join Kiwanis; to join in the fun and fellowship of the greatest service organization in the world.

So, I say let’s FINISH STRONG. Will you?

ELECTION RESULTS FOR 2012-2013

By Charlie Ford, Executive Director

Robert P. Benoit, Sr., a member of the Kiwanis Club of Southwest-Lafayette, La. was elected as Governor of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District for 2012-2013 during the 94th Annual Convention in Lafayette, La. Dr. James A. White, of the Alexandria Kiwanis Club, was selected to serve as Governor-Elect.

Robert Benoit is the Chief of the Lafayette Fire Department, a position he has held since 1993. “Chief”, a native of Lafayette, La., joined the Southwest-Lafayette in June, 1997. He has held virtually every office in the club. He served as Lt. Governor of Division 7 in 2004-2005, and as Trustee of Region VI from 2006-2010.

James “Jeems” White is a practicing Otolaryngologist (ENT) in Alexandria, La. He began his Kiwanis-Family experience as President of the Bolton High Key Club in 1955-56, and 1956-57. He was instrumental in organizing the LaMissTenn District of Circle K, serving as an International Trustee of CKI in 1958-59. He has been a member of the Alexandria Kiwanis Club for over 40 years, serving as President in 2008-09, and as Lt. Governor of Division 11 in 2010-11.

The La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District welcomes both leaders to their new offices in 2012-2013, and wishes great success to both of these outstanding Kiwanians.
INTERCLUB RELATIONS
By: Cal Robbins, Interclub Relations Chair 2011-12

Distant Inter-clubs
One way to make an Inter-club fun is to visit a club some distance from your Club. You are meeting new people and truly get to experience something new. One way to make a distant Inter-club more enjoyable for your members is to car pool. Members get to know one another better on the ride to and from the Inter-club.

DIVISION 14 ACTIVITIES
By: John McCay, Lt Governor, Div. 14

What a great District Convention we had in Lafayette! It is always great to reunite with our Kiwanis family from all over the district and even meet some new family members. We had the Biloxi, Pascagoula, Orange Grove, Stone County and Gulfport Clubs in attendance. Talking with those who attended, everyone learned a lot to take back to their clubs. We have been working on plans for the 10th annual K.A.M.P. Kiwanis. Labor Day weekend is going to be the time for camp this year. If you would like to participate, please email me at revjmccay@juno.com. Division 14 is about all about the children in our communities as we live out our mission.

THANK YOU
I would like to say THANK YOU for your support in my run for Governor-Elect. I would like to congratulate Dr. James White and wish him the best as Governor-Elect. I know our district will be well served by the leaders we have in place. I was humbled by the standing ovation Sunday morning and I am very thankful for my Kiwanis family. I look forward to many more years of service with you in the great Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District as we approach the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis.

John McCay

By: Don Eye, K-KIDS District Chairman, C: 901-494-7496 F: 901-759-3046 doneye43@hotmail.com

Hello, fellow Kiwanians!
I have been looking through my picture album for the last school year. It surely was a great year for all our clubs and the wonderful staff that made it all possible.

We broke every record from the past years. The number of K-Kids increased dramatically.

The number of "Terrific Kids" also increased. We started new clubs and made the existing clubs even better. I think everyone should be very proud of how the 2011-2012 school year brought another positive experience to our youth.

I am especially proud of our faculty advisors. They are the key to a great program.

Before school gets up to speed for the New Year, go visit your advisor's principal and tell them what an excellent job the advisor has done. A little warm fuzzy sure makes the year start on a positive note. Remember, the advisor gets no extra pay for doing a fine job...the same amount you get.
DOES YOUR CLUB PRODUCE A NEWSLETTER?

By Vic Couvillion, Public Relations Committee Chairman

Recently I finished judging the club newsletter contest sponsored by the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International. Those who attended the convention in Lafayette learned who the winners were in this year’s contest. Judging the newsletters led to some reflection on club newsletters and some ideas that I thought it might be profitable to share with club leaders.

An initial observation is that apparently the publication of club newsletters, what we once called “bulletins,” is on the decline or most clubs are not interested in entering the district contest. When I first began judging the newsletters more years ago than I care to remember, we would have about 50-60 entries. Alas, this number has shrunk to about 20. Thus the thrust of this article: to encourage those clubs that do not have a newsletter to initiate one; and if you do have a newsletter, to please enter it in the contest for the 2012-2013 Kiwanis year which starts October 1.

The incredible change in methods of communicating over the past several years has brought about many new and innovative ways to transmit a message. Chief among these, of course, is the internet. Many clubs have decided that sending out an “electronic” newsletter is quicker, easier and cheaper that printing such a document according to old and traditional methods.

Before weighing in on the pros and cons of the various ways a newsletter can be transmitted, I feel obliged to once again make an observation that I have passed on many times over the years: there is no such thing as a bad newsletter! The very first audience that club officers should address is their own members. If the members are not kept abreast of what the club is doing, then projects, fund raisers, social events and every other thing a club attempts will be less successful than it could be. Interclub communication is an absolute must if a club is to be truly successful. Great communications among club members leads to better retention, more fellowship and more successful programs.

Entering your newsletter in the district contest is simple: mail at least five copies of your newsletter to the district office in Baton Rouge or if your newsletter is published on-line, e-mail copies to Beverly Cain at district headquarters. If you do this, you will automatically be entered in the contest.

I contend that every club has one paramount choice when considering the prospects of keeping members informed: establish a newsletter! Whether it is done via the internet, printed on paper and mailed or distributed at meetings, CREATE A NEWSLETTER. Every club, no matter its size, should have at least one member who is capable of compiling information and seeing that it is disseminated among the members. This is the bedrock of any club’s attempt to convey the Kiwanis message.

Every club is different and each approaches its activities in various and unique ways. How your club chooses to produce a newsletter is something that should be determined by the officers. I must confess to a preference for a printed newsletter. If members of my Hammond Kiwanis Club did not receive their monthly newsletter, “The Bugle,” I’m sure I would hear from them. Our club mails out monthly bills and we send the bill with the newsletter cutting down on postage costs. A printed newsletter out lining the club’s activities has a permanence about it. The member can save the newsletter for future reference. Besides, we have several members in our club who do not have internet service and without the printed newsletter they would be left out of the “loop.”

With the amazing graphic possibilities of the modern computer, designing a newsletter has never been easier. Kiwanis International even offers a template on-line that a club can use as a model format for a newsletter. All you have to do is fill in the spaces and compose headlines. Photographs, which dress up a newsletter, can also be easily added. It’s not that hard.

When conducting workshops at district conventions I frequently hear the complaint, “I can’t write a news story!” Certainly not all of us are gifted writers. However, one need not be a Pulitzer Prize contestant to write a straightforward, factual news story. We all manage to communicate through talking, just write the story as if you are talking to someone.

If you need any tips on how to start a newsletter or on how to improve your existing newsletter, please call on me at any time through the following means of communication: telephone (985) 345-8127, cell phone (985) 351-3332, on e-mail at blaise47@att.net

Looking back on this year’s district contest entries, I must say that while the numbers were few, the quality was very good. I found the newsletters to be entertaining, informative, interesting and could not help but observe how valuable they were to their clubs. Choosing winners is always difficult, and this year it seemed especially challenging. At the conclusion of the judging, though, I had one conviction thoroughly set in my mind: every club that submitted a newsletter was a very successful, busy club doing great work in their communities.

I like to think that the newsletters helped shape the success of the clubs that utilized them.
MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS

As we are settling into our daily routine (TIME ON THE JOB, SHOPPING, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?), the UNICEF staff are on horseback, on a scooter, or walking to the most remote villages at the end of the road delivering vaccines for tetanus.

The vaccine which needs to be delivered cold will save the lives of babies who are dying every 9 minutes. As you recall, the mother needs 3 sixty cent shots ($1.80) which will protect her and all of her future babies. Today, as 160 babies die, your gift and mine will go toward the 110 million dollar pledge to announce to the world in 2015 "NO MORE MNT!"

THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE GREATEST HEALTH STORIES IN HISTORY!

Now, as Paul Harvey would say----, here is the rest of the story.

Besides the shots, we are educating these women to take better care of themselves. The benefits of this will be far reaching for years and years--long after the Eliminate Campaign has successfully been completed.

QUESTION: What do Alexandria, La., South Baton Rouge, La., Denham Springs West Livingston, La., Acadiana-Lafayette, La., and Gulfport, Miss. have in common?

ANSWER: These are our FIRST 5 MODEL CLUBS!!!!!! ($750.00 PER MEMBER) Thanks to each for stepping up. We are seeking and expect many more of our clubs will commit soon. It really is DOABLE!!!

Consider----funds come from:
1. Member gifts
2. Division/District Foundations
3. Club treasuries
4. Projects for Eliminate
5. Community partners

Who is your Club Coordinator?

URGENT REQUEST!!!! IF YOUR CLUB DOES NOT HAVE A MEMBER WHO WILL HANDLE YOUR club coordinator RESPONSIBILITIES, CALL ME TODAY!!

LATEST RESULTS:
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL GIVING----14 MILLION DOLLARS
LAMISSTENN GIVING----$300,000 (SAVES 111,000 BABIES)

LAMISSTENN'S RANK (Out of 48 different Districts)
1. Total Gifts--18th
2. Total Dollars Per Member---18th
3. Walter Zellers-----12th

If you haven't already, GET INVOLVED TODAY WITH YOUR PERSONAL/CLUB GIFT. It will take each of us to celebrate the victory in 2015: NO MORE MNT!!!!
Key Clubbers from around the LaMissTenn District converged on Orlando for the Key Club International Convention in Disneyworld during the first week in July. The District tour started with free time in Disney followed by four days of Convention where the new Key Club International President, Vice President and Board were elected along with all of the amendments that were voted. The new International President is Rebecca Riley from the Alabama District, International Vice President is Caitlin Stroup from Minnesota-Dakota District. LaMissTenn’s International Trustee will be Betty Sterns from Cal-Nev-Ha KIWINS District.

Our District had a few honors as well. E.D. White High school of Thibodaux won the Single Service contest for International. Governor Rachel Benoit won the Robert F. Lucas Distinguished Lt. Governor award. Past Lt. Governor Austin Wells was the speaker for the Eliminate Project dinner. Division 6 LT. Governor Will Rudnicki was the final act for the talent show which received a standing ovation from the Key Clubbers.

The Convention was full of informative forums and interactive sessions. Our days were never ending, full of Key Club activities and caucus. The Convention ended Saturday night with an 80’s Neon dance which had the room full of disco lights and neon shirts in the Grand Ballroom.

The next day the group headed to Universal Studios for a couple of days in the park. I think everyone had a good time at Key Club International Convention. I want to thank my fellow chaperones during the trip. Anthony Simmons of Kenner North Kiwanis, Cathy Simmons of the New Orleans Kiwanis Club and Sandra Borne helped make the trip a success.

During the month of August I hope you are able to meet with your Key Club officers and prepare a club activity yearly calendar. Make sure all of the new Key Club officers and advisers are trained and know what they need to do during the upcoming year. Any help that you may be need please contact me at GlennBorne@live.com.

The LaMissTenn Key Club Board is still in need of a few Lt. Governors. If you have any candidates for Division 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D (Memphis area), Division 2 (North West Mississippi area), Division 7A (Lafayette area) and Division 10 (Mid-East Mississippi area) please contact me.

As school gets started in August our Key Club Rallies will soon be the topic for Key Club Board. Our Kick Off Rally is in Slidell Louisiana at Northshore High School on September 22. The full schedule will be out soon. I hope to see you at the Rallies in September and October.
2011-2012 COMMUNITY SERVICE RECIPIENTS HONORED AT DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Richard “Woody” Wood, Community Service Chair

Pictured left to right are:


Thanks to every club that submitted a nominee for these awards. It is not too early for your club to consider selecting a nominee from your community for 2012-2013. The criteria for these awards can be found on the district website.

LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR

By Court Crow, Human and Spiritual Values Committee Chair

During the annual Prayer Breakfast on the closing morning of the 2012 District Convention, Katy Spurlock of Germantown, Tennessee was recognized as the Lay Person of the Year. She was nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Germantown, Memphis, Tenn.

Court Crow, District Chair of the Human and Spiritual Values Committee, said during his recognition, that there were several excellent nominations but Spurlock’s passion for the children of inner city Memphis shown through.

Gene Cashman of the Urban Child Institute, in his letter of endorsement, said, “I sincerely believe Katy knows she was not called to be successful but to be faithful to her call in all endeavors and that is one of her greatest strengths.”

Spurlock is currently the Director of Education and Dissemination at the Urban Child Institute of Memphis. In this role, she plans, budgets and executes strategies to educate both the public and young children – particularly from birth to 3 years of age.

Crow, in his presentation of the award, pointed out that the recipient’s mission and the stated goals of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee to serve the children of the world parallel each other perfectly.

The District Committee on Human and Spiritual Values hopes to have even more quality nominees to consider for this recognition.

STARKVILLE KIWANIS DONATES $10,000 TO EXCEL BY 5

The Starkville Kiwanis Club donated $10,000 to the Oktibbeha County Excel By 5 Coalition and donated $500 each to the OCH Auxiliary and Sally Kate Winters Family Services in West Point at its meeting Tuesday.

Excel By 5 works to improve children’s overall well-being by age 5 by granting certification to communities that substantially improve early child care and education, health and safety, family and parent support and community involvement. Doug Ferguson, chair of the Starkville Kiwanis Club’s Major Emphasis Committee, said the OCH Auxiliary provides coloring books, stuffed animals and other comforts to children admitted to the hospital, and Sally Kate Winters Family Services helps children in need of foster care. All three, he said, advance Kiwanis International’s goal of supporting children’s wellness and growth.

“Starkville Kiwanis Club awards around $50,000 a year to youth organizations in Starkville and surrounding communities,” Ferguson said, “and that’s something we’re proud of.”

Goodman said the coalition also sponsors workshops and support activities for teachers, center directors and parents at the Emerson Family Resource Center. Ferguson said Kiwanis awarded $2,100 to Emerson for birth classes earlier in the year.

Marco Nicovich, Starkville Kiwanis Club president, said Kiwanis raises its funds through volunteers who run concession stands at Mississippi State University athletic events.

“All of the proceeds from those concessions are donated to local charities working with youth in our community,” Nicovich said. “The main goal of Kiwanis is to change the world one child and one community at a time.”

For more information contact: Claybourne Taylor, President cdtaylorsr@impulsoft.com
YOUR District Foundation Finalizes Grants…

Does your club need $500, $750 or even $1,000 to complete that service project?? Your District Foundation can help! Matching grants are available, but you have to act NOW!!

September 1, 2012 is the final day for accepting requests from clubs for a grant during this Kiwanis Year. The process is extremely easy (see the criteria and form at the end of this newsletter).

Only 2 AED grants remain for this Kiwanis Year!

The great, historic La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District has put 380 AED’s in our schools across the District, since we began this District-wide project in 2008. UNBELIEVABLE! Thank YOU and your clubs for supporting this project. For this Kiwanis Year, there are only 2 grants of $500 remaining. Deadline for submission is September 1, 2012. You can use the inserted AED grant form at the end of the newsletter.

Cathy Simmons and Donna Osburn show off the District Foundation Puzzle Campaign for the 2012-2013 Kiwanis year.

Gift Baskets donated by clubs and individuals line the tables for viewing. The foundation raised $4197.00 by raffling off the gift baskets.

LINDA RAMSEY RECIPIENT OF DIAMOND LEVEL ZELLER

Linda Ramsey, Past Governor of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District, receives her Diamond Level Zeller from International-Elect Trustee Dennis Oliver of the Kiwanis Eliminate program at a recent meeting of the Martin Kiwanis Club.
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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.

James W. Pryor - Tupelo
John A. Roberts - de Pont Breaux

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT’S NEWEST MEMBERS

Adams, Jeremy I. - Vernon
Barton, Eve – Northshore Mandeville
Barton, Richard – Northshore Mandeville
Beasley, Debora - Biloxi
Blatter, Lois W. - Algiers Morning Edition
Blecken, Ann D. - Kirby Pines Golden K
Bogan, Jeffery C. - Waynesboro
Burke, David D. - Pearl
Busby, Patrick - Waynesboro
Chabaud, Chase E. - Cortana
Clark, James R. - Martin
Cook, Dianne - Kenner North
Corley, Belinda T. - Biloxi
Cosby, Scott - Northshore Mandeville
Cossich, Connie - Northshore Mandeville
Cothern, Claire P. - The Natchez Trace
Crawford, Mike R. - Pearl
Cusimano, Nunzio S. - St. Bernard Arabi
Fedorchak, Jeffrey A. - Memphis
Frederick, Glenda - South Baton Rouge
Glynn, Beverly - Northshore Mandeville
Grisaffi, Patricia 0- New Iberia
Halliburton, William - Alexandria
Hankel, Judy - Northshore Mandeville

Harmon, Ben - River City Savannah
Johnson, Daniel - Memphis
Jones, Annie C. - Martin
Julien, Betty - Pontchartrain
Loesel, Ron - Algiers Morning Edition
Melville, David R. - Amite
Monroe IV, Donald C. - Hattiesburg
Montague, Brett - Hattiesburg
Ott, Ana - Northshore Mandeville
Palo, Melissa L. - Memphis
Pickering, Kenneth E. - Algiers Morning Edition
Prejean, Joshua H. - Denham Springs
Sheeley, Charles E. - South Lake Charles
Sicuro, Diane - Biloxi
Thigpen, Sally E. - Monroe
Vallier, Brian K. - South Lake Charles
Waitz, Douglas - Lafayette
Walker, Logan B. - Collierville
Webb, Brandon S. - Biloxi (BancorpSouth)
Williamson, Joshua E. - Houma
Wilson, Mindy - Memphis
Wood, Laura A. - Rayville
Workman, Ronnie - Union City
**KIWANIS COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER**

*By Neil Simmons, Young Children/Priority One Chair*

Every expectant mom deserves a baby shower, a celebration of a new beginning and a warm welcome for her and for her new baby.

Expectant moms can be found at traditional and non-traditional settings including: homeless shelters, prenatal health clinics, child birth classes, womens centers for abuse/domestic violence, teen parent programs, clients of midwives, homes for unwed mothers, correctional facilities, orphanages and community homes for special needs moms.

Examples of two successful “Community Baby Showers” that became annual events and the signature Young Children: Priority One project for Kiwanis Clubs and their Kiwanis families.

**EXAMPLE ONE**

A Kiwanis Club includes Key Club and K-kids in the Baby Shower Planning and Event:

The community Birthing Center Nursing Director was invited to the Kiwanis Club meeting to a “Baby Shower”. The YC:PO Committee sent invitations to club members, Key Club and K-kids inviting them to a Baby Shower one month later. The carpenters and woodworkers in the club refinished an old dresser and made a changing table/dresser combination as a shower gift. The quilters/ knitter club members designed and made a layette. Key Club members decorated the meeting room and created a child-safe, colorful mobile for the crib. K-kids designed table mats, using their hand prints as the decoration. Donations of diapers, formula, car seats, and diaper bags were wrapped. After dessert of cake and ice cream (donated) and playing Baby Shower games honored guest opened all the gifts. Digital photographs of the shower gifts were saved. The delivery of the gifts to expectant mom was left to the discretion of the Center Director.

**EXAMPLE TWO**

Two rural Kiwanis Clubs join together to hold a Baby Shower:

Two rural Kiwanis Clubs (membership 25-30 each) jointly planned a community Baby Shower, the recipients were the girls from the local teen parenting program. After receiving permission from the school principal and the program coordinator, plans for the Kiwanis Baby Shower began. The program had 16 girls enrolled. Twelve girls were due to deliver babies within the next three months. The girls and their infants, children were bussed to the site, daily the infants and children went to the on-site age-appropriate nursery, while the girls/moms attended classes to complete the subject requirements for graduation. The Baby Shower was held in the program nursery at the conclusion of the school day. Healthy snacks and juice were provided for the girls/moms, teachers, child care workers and siblings, if age appropriate.

The expectant mom received her decorated diaper bag based on her anticipated needs, gender of the baby, feeding preference. The bags contained diapers, onzies, receiving blankets, infant thermometer, formula (vendor donated, baby bottle sets, board book, Kiwanis Bear, car seat, layette, shampoo, hair brush, voucher for baby picture series (donated by local photography store), and a gift card to a local store for $25.

The delivered mom received a tote bag with diapers, crib sheets, board books, safe age-specific toys, Kiwanis Bear, parenting tips publication subscription, photo voucher and gift certificate.
CONVENTION PICS


Lee Jeter and Kathy Webb are retired from the board by Greg Beard, 2011-2012 Governor. 2012-2013 District Lt. Governors are installed for the 2012-2013 Kiwanis year. Jan Robertson, Division 5, is pinned by Governor Benoit. Greg Beard Awards Kim Champagne with the Kiwanis International Foundation Distinguished Lt. Governor Award. Each club in Division 7 contributed $5.00 or more per member to the International Foundation.

Bruce Hammatt, Division 8B is pinned by Governor Benoit. Margaret Richard, President of the St. Martinville Kiwanis Club. Robert Benoit visits with Chuck Morgan at the Fellowship Luncheon. Steve Hill, Kiwanis International Trustee visits with Joy Hammatt, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club.


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CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT SUCCESS

Vicki Boudreaux, Executive Director of the Acadiana Youth, the Convention Service Project, and Walter Campbell, President of the Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club carry off baby items collected. Members attending the convention participated in the service project with open hearts and wallets and collected 522 items totaling $4,025.75. $50 in gift cards and $500 in cash was also collected. Marti Harrell from the New Iberia Kiwanis Club and Nicole Young-Lopez, Development Coordinator for Acadiana Youth man the station at convention. We offer many thanks to Marti Harrell who did an amazing job at coordinating the project. The Acadiana Youth expresses their sincere thanks to all those who made a donation.

LT. GOVERNOR OF DIVISION 8A STAYS BUSY

Picture left: Members of the LSU Kiwanis Club presented outgoing club President, Steven Parker, third from left, with the President’s Award. Parker had to relinquish his presidency due to a move out of state. Steve will be missed by the all members of the LSU Kiwanis Club. Pictured are Morris Welch, Treasurer; Blaine Grimes, Lt. Governor, Div. 8A; Steve Parker, outgoing President; Brian Ainsworth, incoming President; Blanche Cano, Secretary; and Bebo Wilkes, member.

Picture right: Members of the Pointe Coupee Kiwanis Club gather for a group photo after a presentation on the Eliminate Project by Blaine Grimes.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKS TO GERMANTOWN KIWANIS CLUB

By Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

The special guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Germantown weekly club meeting on July 26, 2012 was movie and TV actor David Keith, probably best known for his role in the movie “An Officer and A Gentleman”. He passionately spoke to the members and guests about his involvement with The National Association to Protect Children and their efforts to ferret out pedophiles that use the internet to perpetrate crimes against children.
**Kiwanis International**

**Club Secretaries**

**First things first**

If you have not participated in New Secretary Education or Returning Secretary Education, it’s not too late. Visit [www.KiwanisOne.org/CLE](http://www.KiwanisOne.org/CLE) to complete the online Club Leadership Education modules.

You may also listen to the archived webinars available for each group—both new secretaries and returning secretaries. Either session will take only about an hour to complete. In fact, many of your questions about your role will likely be answered by completing the education program.

On the October monthly report, you’ll find this question: “Did the club secretary complete Club Leadership Education?” Check YES! to let us know that you viewed the webinar (or attended a classroom session or completed the online modules, if you choose either of these methods).

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**Dates To Remember**

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**Key Leader**

*By Linda Ramsey, Immediate Past Governor*

Below is a picture of a group of students completing the low ropes course at Camp Lakeshore in Eva, Tennessee at the first Key Leader Event which was co-sponsored by the LAMISSTENN and the KY-TN (Kentucky-Tennessee) Kiwanis Districts on May 4-6, 2012. Our Governor-Elect, Robert Benoit, has asked me, Linda Ramsey, to serve as Key Leader District Chair for the Northern part of our District for 2012-2013, and Kim Champagne to serve as Key Leader District Chair for the Southern part of our District for 2012-2013.

In the Northern part of our district, we will recruit students from northern Mississippi and West Tennessee, and the KY-TN District will recruit students from middle and east Tennessee and all of Kentucky. Next year we have set our date for Key Leader in the northern part of our district for May 3-5, 2013 at Camp Lakeshore again. If you would like to register as a chaperone for a Key Leader Event in your area, or if you know a student who would like to register, please go to [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org) to do so. You can register for Key Leader Events that will be held in the fall. Please put a line item in your Kiwanis budget for 2012-2013 to sponsor students attending Key Leader. If you need any recruiting tools, you can also download them from the Key Leader Website. It’s a life changing weekend for students. Key Leader is open to students who are members of Key Club as well as those who are not.
Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Kiwanis District Foundation

AED Grant Application

The La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation offers a limited number of $500 grants each year to assist clubs with this District Project. Therefore, Kiwanis Clubs may only apply for one (1) AED Grant per Kiwanis Year.

This Grant Application is submitted by the Kiwanis Club of:

For assistance with the purchase of an AED to be donated to:

I ________________________, Club President, hereby certify that the following criteria have been met by our Kiwanis Club, and respectfully request the District Foundation Board approve this AED Grant Application.

☐ By official action of our club’s Board of Directors, approval to submit this request was taken at the Board Meeting held on ___/__/20__.

☐ Our Kiwanis Club is in good standing with the District Foundation, having contributed at least $5 per member to the 2010-2011 Annual Gift Campaign, on ___/__/20__, in the amount of $______. (Check # ___)

An AED is being provided to the institution named above as outlined below:

☐ An AED was purchased on ___/__/20__, for the institution. A copy of the invoice and proof of payment is enclosed with this application for verification for reimbursement.

OR

☐ An AED will be ordered for the institution within the next 90 days. A copy of the invoice or proof of payment will be forwarded to the District Foundation for reimbursement.

NOTE: BOTH SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

Signed: ____________________________  /__/20__

Club President

Date

Signed: ____________________________  /__/20__

Club Secretary

Date

Print Name: ____________________________

Daytime Phone: ____________________________

Print Name: ____________________________

Daytime Phone: ____________________________

For District Foundation only – Do not write in this box!

AED Grant Application Received in District Office: ___/__/__

Date of Decision: ___/__/__

Date of Notification: ___/__/__

Foundation Board Decision: ☐ Approved  ☐ Not approved

Grant Committee Member contact: ____________________________

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