The Governor’s Gab

By: Jeems White, 2013-2014 Governor

We’re baaaaack! :) A small contingent of dedicated stalwart Kiwanians endured the 12+ hour’s transpacific flight each way to represent Lamisstenn at the International Convention (ICON) in Tokyo/Chiba, Japan. We had great fun, fellowship and learned a lot about relevant service to children. "Irasshaimase" is the Japanese word for "welcome" and the hosts did this amazingly. The two key themes and messages of ICON this year were 1) The Eliminate Project, with one final year remaining, and 2) The Formula, just in the first year of the five-year plan.

Next summer at the Gala 100th Anniversary Convention of Kiwanis in Indianapolis we will complete The Eliminate Project in partnership with UNICEF and will celebrate wiping Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus off the earth..... which means that less than one newborn per thousand live births will contract the disastrous and fatal disease in any country. Twenty-four countries remain where multiple babies die every day now because their mothers have never received protective tetanus immunizations. We all have a great imperative to complete this project and improve the world one child at a time by preventing their deaths.

The Formula is our 5-year member-led action plan to build new clubs and support/enhance existing clubs. We are building a strong team in Lamisstenn to accomplish this. We came back from Japan with lots of exciting ideas and enthusiasm for both completing The Eliminate Project and for moving along with success in Lamisstenn with The Formula plan.

Now post-jetlag it’s time to "Kick It Up a Notch" as Emeril Lagasse says. Are you just goofing off, relaxing, sweltering and biding time during these last two months of the 2013-2014 Kiwanis year? OR have you made plans and started action to really make a difference for your club, your community and the children of the world? The last lap is an important part of any race. There are many other metaphors that emphasize success in a project, sports competition, etc. ...... things like "carrying the
ball across the goal line," finishing strong, etc. Please refer to the "Finishing the 2013-2014 Kiwanis Year With a Bang" summary elsewhere in this Newsletter and please absorb and accept the enthusiasm we brought back to you from Japan.

Domo arigato gozaimass.
Jeems:

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Continuing a life of service

Since 1924, it has been an Object of Kiwanis to render altruistic service and build better communities. For many Kiwanians, it is our lifelong mission. I am excited to announce it will be easier for many younger Kiwanians on that journey.

In April, the Kiwanis International Board granted associate Kiwanis membership to all members of Key Club International and Circle K International 18 years and older. This membership status allows younger Kiwanians to stay connected to our organization and participate in service opportunities and special events. We hope this will encourage them to continue a life of service with Kiwanis.

This decision works in tandem with The Formula as we strengthen Kiwanis for the next century of serving the children of the world. These younger Kiwanians already have a heart for service. It is only natural they continue to improve the world in the Kiwanis name. With their help, it is my hope that every community around the world knows the good work of Kiwanis.

Through service we become more tolerant of our differences and more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to understand others and to see the good in everyone. Instead of trying to change others, we recognize that everyone and everything has something to teach us. Let’s continue making Kiwanis stronger.

Gunter Gasser, 2013-14 President Kiwanis International

Thoughts to ponder!
Each day that I login to my computer, I automatically login to my Facebook account, as many of us do. As I scroll through all the post I often come across words of wisdom...some good...some silly...most political...but often enough there are some worth repeating. So I’ve selected a few that I thought would benefit us on a day-to-day basis. I hope you enjoy. Beverly Cain

"Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re price-less.” — Sherry Anderson

“Do it NOW...sometimes LATER becomes NEVER!”

A bad attitude is like a flat tire! You can’t go anywhere until you fix it!
MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ELECT, 2013-2014 JOHN McCAY, III
By John McCay, Governor-Elect 2013-2014

“Kiwanis Takes Over Marriot” was the news all around town! We went to downtown Jackson and we took over. Although there was a ballet competition going on at the same time, it was obvious who the Kiwanians were. Over that weekend, we fellowshiped, celebrated accomplishments, recognized individuals, remembered past members, elected leaders, raised money for the District Foundation, made new friends, went to breakout sessions, met Susan and most of all had FUN. I hope that you will make plans now to attend the next District Convention in 2015 that will be held in Memphis. This will be a celebration of our great organization’s 100th anniversary.

However, before we make it to Memphis to celebrate, we have to end this Kiwanis year and get the 2014-15 year started. When we review this year, we find that our clubs have had a tremendous impact on the lives of children and our communities. There were numerous service hours dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. But we know our work in our clubs, divisions or districts does not end on September 30th - it only continues. We continue the legacy because there are many children within our communities we still need to serve.

As you begin to make your plans for next year, please keep a couple of goals in mind. We all want to make a difference through the work we do; therefore, dedicate yourself to doing the best you can. Let’s finish the Eliminate Project by showing this deadly disease that Kiwanis finishes what it starts! We told the world we would eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus and we need to keep our word. There is also the Formula, a plan to grow our great organization by strengthening our existing clubs and forming new clubs in communities that are being robbed by not having a Kiwanis club. Most of us were asked to go to a Kiwanis meeting and as they say, the rest is history. Who could you ask to join you at a meeting? Also, hanging over us this year is a historical milestone that we can capitalize on. We will celebrate 100 years of dedicated service to our world and that is a story we need to share!

Your team of 2014-15 Lt Governors, Trustees, District Chairs and I are ready to put on the mantle and continue the great work of Governor Jeems and his devoted team. Thank you Governor Jeems for your leadership over this past year. So, I would ask us all when we go to bed tonight and ask ourselves, “did I make a difference,” what will your answer be? Thank you for everything you do!

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ELECT, 2014-2015
By Gary Graham, Governor-Elect 2014-2015

I am deeply honored to have been voted as your Governor-Elect for 2014-15. I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me. Your district’s leadership team will strive hard to make LAMISSTENN the best it can be and the premier District in Kiwanis International. There are so many exciting things coming up this year as we celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis, implement “The Formula”, and wrap up ELIMINATE. I am eager to work with Governor John and the Trustees to move the District forward and as you read this, we will have already started for the coming year. Without a doubt we will have many opportunities to grow, give more service and continue to have fun. We have many dedicated Kiwanians and vibrant clubs that are more than willing and able to start the second century of Kiwanis off with a bang as only Kiwanians know how to do. I will be traveling around the District a lot this year with Governor John not only spreading the word about the great things Kiwanis is doing but to listen and highlight the great things you are doing. Sometimes it seems we keep our candle under a bushel basket way too much. But when you get to be a 100 years old you have something to be truly proud of. So let’s show our communities what we are all about. We are, indeed, the Great and Historic Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. Let’s share the enthusiasm, service and fun. But do not be shy about letting everyone know about it.

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International Convention news
Prince Akishino and Princess Kiko of the Japanese Imperial Family welcomed members and guests to the 99th Annual Kiwanis International Convention during Opening Sessions ceremonies in Japan.

Canada’s Button to lead Kiwanis in 2014-2015
At the 99th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Japan, John R. Button was elected to serve as International President. His term begins October 1, 2014. The first female President-Elect was also elected, Susan A. Petrisin and will be followed by Vice President Jane M. Erickson.

Other election results are:

President: John R. Button, Ridgetown, Ontario, was elected to serve as Kiwanis International president.
President-elect: Susan A. Petrisin, Michigan District.
Vice president: Jane M. Erickson, Nebraska-Iowa District.

Delegates rule on proposed amendments, resolution.
Convoked at the 99th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Japan, the House of Delegates approved a bylaws amendment that will establish stronger disciplinary provisions to help protect the organization and the youth it serves.
In addition, delegates adopted a resolution directing the Kiwanis International Board to investigate the use of online voting on business matters normally conducted at convention. The resolution directs the board to initiate the study, with a report due to the delegates at the 100th annual convention in Indianapolis, June 25-28.

Other House of Delegates decisions are:

Approved:
… To restate the existing authority and responsibility of the board to comply with ‘best practices’ for nonprofit organizations.
… To clarify provisions related to filling a vacancy in the office of Kiwanis International trustee.
… To provide greater flexibility in district operations, in agreement with proposed revisions to the Standard Form for District Bylaws.
… To ensure that every Kiwanis club in North America is protected from liability through affordable directors and officers insurance coverage (D&O).
… To establish stronger disciplinary provisions to help protect the entire Kiwanis organization and the youth we serve.

Withdrawn:
… To provide a two-year waiver of Kiwanis International dues for persons who have recently served in the military. The proposal had been submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Cascadia, Oregon.

Referred to committee:
… To eliminate the required separation of subscription funds to allow them to be applied to various printed, electronic and digital communication vehicles now commonly used by Kiwanis members.

Watch for the September 2014 Kiwanis magazine, which will include coverage of the Kiwanis International, Circle K International and Key Club International conventions.
See the convention through the eyes of your fellow Kiwanians. Search for #ki2014 on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or check out our Storify page for the full scoop.
District Convention news

The 96th Annual Convention of the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District of Kiwanis International was held the weekend of June 20-22, 2014 in Jackson, Miss. If you were there, thanks! From the reports received, I believe that you should have had an enjoyable time. If you were not there, sorry, but you missed a lot of fun and fellowship!

After the motivation speeches by Past International President Steve Siemens on Friday night and Saturday morning, and the educational workshops to better prepare our officers and members on how to manage their clubs and provide community service, the delegates assembled on Saturday afternoon and elected our District Officers for 2014-2015:

**Governor:** John M. McCay, III, Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss. Kiwanis Club.

**Governor-Elect:** Gary S. Graham, Baton Rouge, La. Kiwanis Club.

**Trustees installed:**
- **Region I:** Otha Britton, Martin, Tenn.
- **Region II:** Christian Heinkel, Columbus, Miss.
- **Region III:** Jan Robertson, Flowood, Miss.

The District has some great days ahead - we thank you for being a Kiwanian, and especially for being a leader in Kiwanis!

Sincerely,

Charlie
Charles Ford, Executive Director
La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Governor John McKay and Governor-Elect Gary Graham. The Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District is in very good hands and I look forward to serving with this leadership team as we grow our membership. Carol and I enjoyed our experience during this campaign and getting to know many of you better.

Thanks to all who supported us and hope we can count on you again in the future.

Fred Pitts, Tupelo, Miss. Kiwanis Club

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIWANIS SERVICE

By Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

Over my 25+ years of Kiwanis membership I have had the pleasure and opportunity to serve my club and community in many ways. I belong to one of the outstanding Kiwanis clubs in the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District…the Kiwanis Club of Germantown, Tenn. I have served as club President (twice), and Lt. Governor (twice) and served as a District Committee chairman on several different occasions. The most rewarding District office has been my three years as Region I trustee under three outstanding governors, Greg Beard, Robert Benoit and Dr. James White, where we have interacted with our SLPs and district Kiwanis clubs, setting policy and solving problems.

Why do I write this note, you ask? To urge you as Kiwanians to serve your clubs and district in a leadership capacity at a time when it seems harder and harder to find members willing to take that responsibility. The rewards and personal satisfaction will make you a better Kiwanian and person.

INTER-CLUBBING

By Cal Robbins, Inter-Club Chair, 2013-2014

Inter-club with Service Leadership Organizations

I discussed Inter-clubs with Service Leadership Clubs in an article earlier in the year, but I feel the subject is important enough to discuss again. One of the requirements of the Inter-club competition is to Inter-club at least once each quarter with a Service Leadership Club and if your club sponsors more than four Service Leadership Clubs you need to Inter-club with each sponsored club at least once. The District Inter-club Competition is not the reason we should be Inter-clubbing with our Service Leadership Clubs. It is just the right thing to do, the Kiwanis way of doing things. This demonstrates our interest in and commitment to our Service Leadership Clubs. These Inter-clubs also expose our members to the great things our Service Leadership Clubs are doing. Our members will see firsthand that sponsorship of a Service Leadership Club is one of many truly worthwhile things our club does.

The End is near and so is a New Year for Inter-clubbing

It is time to begin wrapping up your Inter-club activities for this year. You need to get those last Inter-clubs done. You worked hard all year, you do not want to let down in the last months. You need to meet with you Club Secretary and be sure all your Inter-clubs have been reported on the Monthly Club Report. If you failed to report and Inter-club on the Monthly Club Report, your Club Secretary can amend the applicable report to report the unreported Inter-club.

I hope you had a successful Inter-club program and that it helped make your Club a better Club.

A word to the incoming Presidents, by now you should have scheduled or have had your President’s training. You should be planning to make your year the best ever for your club. You should have or will soon appoint an Inter-club chairman and committee for the 2014-2015 Kiwanis year. You need to meet with the chairman and committee members to formulate a goal for your Inter-club program. That way the Inter-club Chairman can plan for the coming year and hit the ground running on October 1, 2014.

Future District Conventions and Conferences

2015 Mid-Winter Conference - Visit of Int’l President, Dr. John Button * February 6-7, 2015 * Natchez, Miss.

Future International Conventions

2016 International Convention – June 23-26, 2016 * Toronto, Canada
2017 International Convention – July 14-17, 2017 * Paris, France

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Preferred Charities

As Kiwanis International Preferred Charities, partnering organizations commit to providing various in-kind promotion and access benefits. In exchange, organizations are recognized as Kiwanis International Preferred Charities, and Kiwanis will encourage local club support via fundraising and service projects.

Our current Preferred Charities:

Boys & Girls Clubs of America, is comprised of 100 clubs across the nation. The organization provides a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

In 2008, Kiwanis International joined in a memorandum of understanding with Boys & Girls Clubs of America to foster, nurture and establish a legacy of serving children—a cornerstone mission for both organizations.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada, is comprised of 100 clubs across the nation. The organization provides a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

Kiwanis has partnered with Boy Scouts of America to ensure boys, young men and women may grow in character, citizenship responsibility and leadership to achieve their greatest potential.

Key Club participates with Children’s Miracle Network by sponsoring fundraising events. Key Club members also participate in service projects at their local children’s hospital.

Kiwanis International, CKI and Key Club partner with the March of Dimes to give every baby a healthy start. Kiwanis-family members raise thousands of dollars annually through various programs, including its signature event, March for Babies.

Kiwanis International and its family of clubs joined forces with UNICEF to virtually eliminate iodine deficiency disorders during the Worldwide Service Project for IDD. Now, Kiwanis and UNICEF are partnering again on The Eliminate Project. Our global campaign for children will raise US$110 million by 2015 to reach some of the world’s poorest and most underserved women and children and help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the planet.
Prayers at Kiwanis Meetings

Kiwanis Clubs often begin and end their meetings or special events with Invocations to invoke the Lord’s blessings on the food, guidance for the club’s deliberations or planning for our service to the children of our area.

Our Christian or spiritual foundation is essential to our successes and to attracting men and women who may see Kiwanis service as simply an extension of their personal ministries. When we offer prayers, the only caution we probably need to consider is that the identity of each person’s “God” may be different from ours.

We generally don’t have that dilemma here in our District, but we are an international organization and our membership can easily include people who are Jewish or other nationalities/religions. We never want to hesitate to express our spiritual tenants (see Objects 1 & 2 below) but we must never step on other Kiwanians’ beliefs.

Here is the prayer that Kiwanis International published several years ago and is used by many Kiwanis clubs as their weekly benediction:

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Dear Lord:
In Thy infinite goodness and mercy, look down upon Thy children in this hour of need.
Grant unto us the light and the wisdom to know Thee and to serve Thee.
And give us the strength and courage, with Thy help to face whatever the morrow shall bring.
And grant us peace.
Amen.
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Or, of course, each individual club can have Kiwanians give an invocation personally. At least one club wrote and now recites this prayer weekly. It may be a model for your club.

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Dear Lord,
Thank you for this day that we gather here in Kiwanis fellowship.
Bless this food that we have before us.
Bless the efforts of this club to help the children of the world.
Hear our prayers, both spoken and unspoken.
Guide us in our Mission.
Amen
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Just continue honoring the first and second Objects of Kiwanis. They help make us unique among international service organizations.

The First Object
To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

The Second Object
To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
ONLY 50 WEEKS REMAIN!!!!!!!

Club Leaders, I am asking you today to positively approach a 5 year pledge that will save or protect thousands of mothers and all of their future babies from a horrible unnecessary death from tetanus.

You have all heard the story of how $1.80 (three $.60 shots) of vaccine prevents this happening.

What information can our Eliminate Team provide you/your members/board for you to make a positive decision? Do you need a presentation? Call me!

June 2015 your LAMISSTENN District will report 2.3 million dollars in gifts or pledges. It will take each of our clubs to celebrate the victory!!!!

CAN I COUNT ON YOUR CLUB??????

MODEL CLUB: We have 28 committed to be a Model Club. They are combining member gifts, projects, and seeking community partners to average $750.00 per member. Broken down the Model Club pledge is $150.00 per member each year for 5 years or $12.50 a month for 5 years. They account for 68% of our total giving and are proud of how their club members are responding to the challenge.

YOUR CLUB CAN DO THIS!!!!!!!

Now it is so very vital that every club pledge at some level:

… Model Club--$750.00 per member over the next 5 years---pay out 2019

… Silver Level--$500.00 per member

… Bronze Level--$350.00 per member

Pledging allows UNICEF to schedule field visits to provide shots (delivered cold) and educate women on safe birthing practices.

I WOULD LOVE TO TALK TO YOU SOON------CALL ME!!!!

The news that rocked the Kiwanis World!!!

MADAGASCAR ELIMINATES MNT---WOW!!!! A great victory for our members who have accepted this opportunity to reach out to those who can't help themselves. (Kiwanis began with 39 countries----only 24 remain with 3-4 ready to come off the list.)

We are truly sending a message across the world that Kiwanis cares about children----wherever they live. You and I are a safety net for the poorest most underserved women in the world.

I am asking you today!!!

DON'T TURN YOUR BACK.

OH, HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR WALTER ZELLER FOR YOUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT?

UNATTACHED CASH:

If your club has sent in $$ to International that was not designated for an award for a member, you can use those $$ as a grant.

Example: Your club sends 2-3 hundred dollars at different times of the year. Use that money that is unattached to purchase a Zeller. You would just add the difference. If you need more information about this, call me.

100% PARTICIPATION:

Generally all members in your club participate in some way for Eliminate---either donating, working on project, etc. The next time you send a check include a roster so International can send you a 100% PARTICIPATION PATCH!

Did you know $625.00 given or pledged saves a baby each day of a whole year?
My friends there are so many ways for your club to get involved today. This project has reminded me how I am blessed—for so little we can be a Blessing to 160 mothers who will not take their babies home today. LET'S TALK AS YOU MAKE YOUR 5 YEAR PLAN.

**Oliver’s Travels Are Never Ending!**

Dennis Oliver continues to travel the District educating and securing donations for the Eliminate Project. He recently visited the Denham Springs Kiwanis Club in La. to present his Eliminate program. A few members from the D.S., West Livingston were on hand for an interclub.

Pictured left is the D.S., West Livingston Club Interclubbing with the Denham Springs Club. Members left to right are Past Governor Fred Banks; President-Elect of the Denham Springs Kiwanis Club, Rhonda Cardaronella; and Dennis Oliver.

Pictured right is Earl Benton, a 60 year Charter Member of the Denham Springs Kiwanis Club with Dennis Oliver.

**MANY MANY THANKS, LAMISSTENN DISTRICT!!!**

The NO BAKE SALE was a big success!!! We appreciate all of your donations and participation in our District Project for District Convention!! At total of $4056.93 was donated.

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

- Autumn Simpson--Kiwanis International Office
- Walter Campbell-- Acadiana-Lafayette, La. Kiwanis Club
- Rick Vessell—Vicksburg, Miss. Kiwanis Club
- Jan Jones—Bartlett, Tenn. Kiwanis Club

I hope that many of you will come to Baton Rouge for the BOWLING FOR BABIES! And join the Alexandria Club in their Pampered Chef party. If anyone needs more information concerning these events, let me know. Again, THANK YOU!!!

Ame and Dennis Oliver

**PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE**

Erected to make the way easier and safer for those who follow an Inukshuk represents safety and nourishment, trust and reassurance. It symbolizes cooperation, balance and unselfishness. Each stone, while separate, supports and is supported by the one above and below it. No one piece is any more important than the other. As we Kiwanians celebrate 100 years of service and enter our second century, the message of the Inukshuk shows us The Way Ahead.

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The Great and Historic Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Foundation has been undergoing a renovation.

Back in 2008, the Foundation Board had a dream to create an Endowment of $500,000. That’s a big dream. But the Board believed, the goal was set, the structure was put in place and the Endowment has surpassed its goal. The Endowment Fund now stands around $575,000. That investment in our future will now be used to supply extra funds for Kiwanis projects and programs in our District. Don’t get too excited. It doesn’t mean we will stop asking for money! We will always need your help to continue the great work of this Foundation.

Members helped us complete that goal with seven River of Life’s awarded this year (so far) and six of them awarded at District Convention.

Our Mission is unwavering: To provide financial assistance for Kiwanis projects and programs within our District.

To bring this mission to the forefront, we have changed the look of the Foundation.

Our new logo has two hands that represent Kiwanians Clubs, both large and small, serving their communities. The swirl represents movement. Now that the Endowment is fully funded, the Foundation is moving forward. We want you to see this new logo and know that we are here to help you and your club to move your projects forward.

Our new tag line is “Driving Big Dreams”. We are very excited to be able to fully fund bigger projects with larger grants than ever before. With money coming in from the Endowment and your Annual Club Gifts, we will be able to offer grants of up to $5000 with no match.
Our marketing campaign during convention was about dreams. We showed you dreams that the Foundation has already turned into realities as well as collected your dreams. We were very excited to collect over 40 dreams that could be turned into realities. But you have to help us help you by filling out a grant application! The time frame for grants this Kiwanis year came to a close July 1, 2014 but will reopen in early October 2015.

I want to share with you a story about one dream the foundation has already helped turn into reality. Did you know that kids are going hungry right here in our District? The teachers noticed that the kids were very lethargic in class on Monday morning but were better during the week. They discovered that the children had lunches at school during the week but many did not have food for the weekend. That’s when the Hammond Kiwanis Club stepped in. Their dream was to have a backpack with food that these kids could take home every Friday during the school year. That is a pretty big dream. They have made it a reality and now have up to a dozen volunteers every Thursday during the school year making up to 100 Hammond Kiwanis happy packs with an assortment of nonperishable kid friendly foods and books. They cover every child in five class rooms of Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten at Woodland Park Elementary School in Hammond. The backpacks come back to school on Monday and some have thank you notes from either the child or the parents. The smiles and excitement of the children as they see what they get in their backpack make it all worthwhile.

Hopefully you can see now how this great Foundation can fund your Club’s dream.

You can find our contact info on the District Website www.lamisstenn.org on the Foundation link. All the information that you need to have the Foundation further Drive your club’s dreams are posted there.

District Foundation Board of Trustees in force working the gift baskets!
Left to right are: Donna Cafferata, member; Rebecca Crow, member; Jan Robertson, Lt. Gov. Div. 5; Donna Osburn, President; Cliff Giffin, member; Cathy Simmons, Secretary; Claude Vinson, member; Travis Moore, Lt. Gov. Div. 14; Otha Britton, member; Robert Benoit, Imm. Past Governor.

District Foundation President
Donna

47% of the clubs in our District have contributed to the District Foundation’s Annual Club Gift! Thanks to the following clubs for contributing! We appreciate you!

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**Mission, vision and core values**

At the Kiwanis International Foundation, our mission is to financially assist Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world. After all, that service makes up Kiwanis’ own mission. So the work of our foundation helps the Kiwanis family of programs change children’s lives—often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of clubs and districts.

In fact, our vision is to extend your Kiwanis impact. We strive to make sure your gift helps children in many places and many ways. And we succeed by holding fast to a set of core values:

- **Stewardship.** We are committed to meeting and sustaining donors’ confidence that our foundation will invest their contributions wisely and distribute them in keeping with the values inherent in the Kiwanis International mission.
- **Transparency.** We adhere to the [Donor Bill of Rights](#) to treat all constituents fairly and ethically and to be above board in all of our dealings.
- **Responsiveness.** We are relevant and proactive in meeting donors’ and grantees’ needs.
- **Legacy.** We give donors the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on the world.
- **Integrity.** We deal honestly in our interactions with all stakeholders.
- **Trust.** Through the integrity of our actions, we seek to earn and maintain the trust of our Kiwanis family and constituents.

Along with all these values comes accountability. Your gifts reflect your hope for children’s lives—and your trust in us. So we strive to earn that trust. We share records and reports that document gifts, grants and the people we serve.
THANK YOU! The Gift Basket room at the recent District Convention in Jackson, MS was quite successful for YOUR District Foundation this year because of YOUR generosity! 43 baskets were donated and over 3,800 tickets were bought for the raffle. Yes, that’s right! Because of YOUR generosity, whether in donating or buying tickets, we raised $3,819!!!

LaMissTenn clubs and their members are AWESOME!!!!

The District Foundation thanks the following clubs for donating baskets:
1A....Union City and Martin
1C....Germantown and Whitehaven
3......Columbia and Laurel
4A....Algiers, Big Easy, New Orleans, Pontchartrain, St. Bernard-Arabi and West Jeff
4B....Crescent City Eye Openers, Kenner North, Lakeside and Moisant
5......Flowood
7......Acadiana-Lafayette and Southwest-Lafayette
8A....The Oaks
8B....Baton Rouge, Cortana and South Baton Rouge
9......Shreveport and Southern Hills
10.....Tupelo
11.....Alexandria and Vernon
12.....Southwest Contraband
13.....Amite, Hammond, Northshore Mandeville
14.....Biloxi, Orange Grove and Pascagoula
15.....The Natchez Trace and Vicksburg
17.....St. Martinville

InContra Travel (Roxan Chen)

Submitted by Cathy Simmons
Fundraising Committee, LaMissTn District Foundation
Thank you and the Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for YOUR support of YOUR District Foundation. Through the Annual Giving Campaign from Kiwanis Clubs, gift basket raffles at Convention and Regionals, as well as personal donations from Kiwanis members, YOUR District Foundation is able to assist clubs in the District with COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS and AED GRANTS.

Grants Awarded for the 2013-2014 Admin Year:

AED grants … 5 @ $500 each were awarded to:
Meridian, Miss.; Southwest Contraband, Lake Charles, La.; Acadiana-Lafayette, La.; St. Bernard-Arabi, Chalmette, La.; and Jackson, Tenn.

Community grants … 5 awarded for a total of $4,450

- “Basketball for All Campers” – Kiwanis Club of Memphis, Tenn. sponsors children to attend Camp Phoenix (managed by local Boys & Girls Club). In addition to sponsoring the children, they do a project to benefit the camp. This year, they used the grant award of $1,000 to set up 2 permanent basketball goals at the camp.
- “Bikes for Books” – Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain, La. uses this program to encourage the students to read. They also want to encourage the students to expand their vocabulary and bolster comprehension, so they used the grant award of $450 to purchase 250 dictionaries to give to the second and fifth graders.
- “Council on Aging Renovation Project” – Kiwanis Club of Hammond, La. used their grant award of $1,000 to give the Council on Aging Center a much-needed face lift! They replaced the water heater, utility sink, and refrigerator and storage shelves and also installed new flooring and painted.
- “Improving ACT Scores” – The Kiwanis Club of D. S., West Livingston, La. has a mission to improve ACT test scores in their community. They used their grant award of $1,000 to design a program and purchase materials for students to receive guidance in preparing for the ACT in the upcoming school year.
- “Youth/Community Programs” – Kiwanis Club of Southwest-Lafayette, La. is revitalizing St. Anthony Park and Faith House Women’s Shelter. They are using their grant award of $1,000 to provide literacy programs for disadvantaged children, as well as providing educational seminars for women at the shelter that will offer strategies of coping with abuse, as well as finding jobs.

Thank you to the 2013-2014 Grants Committee (Cathy Simmons, Travis Moore, Donna Cafferata, Barbara Johnson, Tony Weaver, Charlie Ford and Donna Osburn) for their diligence and time in reviewing all 10 applications (5 AED and 5 Community) throughout this admin year.

Again, thank YOU and YOUR club for supporting YOUR Foundation. YOU made the difference in the life of a child and a community!
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE LASTING IMPACT

In 2013 Key Clubber, John C. Deeble from Fountainbleau High School, Mandeville, La. was the recipient of a $1000.00 scholarship from the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Foundation. A year later John’s mother, Sarah Deeble, sends a letter of thanks and appreciation and outlining John’s first successful year at college.

Dear Kiwanis District Foundation,

I just wanted to thank you again for selecting my son, John, as your LA-MS-West TN scholarship recipient for last year. I thought I’d give you an update of his progress to date.

I hope you realize what a positive impact these scholarships have in the lives of students! It’s one thing to have your parents support your efforts, but quite another when people who don’t know you give you a vote of confidence for your future endeavors. This award helped provide him with a strong desire to prove himself and be successful.

Receiving generous scholarship assistance meant he could concentrate on his studies and also undertake a more rigorous schedule. Even taking 18 and 20 credits, he was named to the President’s List for both Fall and Spring semesters. He was also selected as a Computer Based Honor’s Freshman of the Year.

Not having to work part-time also afforded him the opportunity to participate in community service activities in Tuscaloosa, AL. John participated in Circle K and four Habitat for Humanity builds. He also volunteered weekly as an intern for Forza Financial, Alabama’s first microfinance initiative. Their goal is to provide both educational and financial resources to help small businesses succeed. He was recently promoted to Director of Technology for next semester.

This summer he is working as a programmer for a small firm in New Orleans. He is enjoying the challenge of helping modify their custom software.

Thank you for helping him have a wonderful first year of college. I just wanted you to know that scholarship monies have a far greater impact than just their financial bases and they can create an upward spiral of success in several areas.

Sincerely,

Sarah Deeble
June 24, 2014

Mr. Charlie Ford
La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District
Kiwanis International
5319-B Didesse Drive
Baton Rouge, LA  70808-6401

Dear Mr. Ford:

Our Sunnybrook Family is delighted to know there are special people who share our passionate desire of bringing hope to children in desperate need. Your thoughtful remembrance will minister to the basic physical, spiritual and emotional needs of our children. Because of the generosity of friends who encircle us with such meaningful gifts, Sunnybrook Children's Home will be able to continue meeting the needs of kids for years to come.

Sunnybrook Children's Home has had 50 wonderful years of service to children. The seeds you help us plant into their young lives now will prayerfully fall on fruitful soil and reap a bountiful harvest in the lives of our children.

Thank you for touching our hearts and the hearts of our children with your very special donation of the backpacks, paper products, toiletry items, food, cleaning products and money. It is certainly needed at this time and will be used to care for the children.

Thank you again and may God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Rob Salley, Pys. D.
Executive Director

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K-Kids Winning Essay Speech Presented at Convention

By Meg Williams, Germantown Elementary K-Kids

After hearing her winning essay speech at the 96th Annual District Convention in Jackson, Miss. there were many request for copies of Meg Williams essay. Printed below is Meg’s speech.

A Blessing

A blessing. What is a blessing? We say the blessing at dinner. We say bless you when someone sneezes. But what really is a blessing? Is a blessing something someone gives you? Is a blessing something we say just in passing? Or is a blessing helping others?

Operation Christmas Child is one of my favorite K-Kids projects. We pack shoeboxes with personal items and toys and we send them to other boys and girls in other countries. The children that we give them to probably will not get any Christmas presents. When I picture the little girl opening up the box that I sent her, it makes me feel so happy inside! It makes me see that I have no reason to complain about not having the newest Wii game or UGG boots. I have more that I could ever need. To know that I was able to help someone else makes me realize that giving is the real blessing.

K-Kids has taught me the value of helping others. It made me see that I could use these lessons in my daily life. One of my best friends in my class is someone not exactly like me. I started out the year helping him with simple things like, writing down his homework in his agenda book or reminding him that food goes in his mouth not Kermit’s. You see his best friend is his Kermit the grog key chain. What started out as just helping a friend has turned in to so much more. He has taught me that being different is not a bad thing. He has made me see the world through new eyes. Even though we are different on the outside our hearts are the same and that is what is truly important. Some people might think my friend is weird or different just because he is not like them. But I see him now not as a student with high functioning autism but as my friend. Someone I can’t wait to see every day for his friendship is a true blessing.

So you see a blessing is much deeper than just a “bless you” or a mealtime prayer. A blessing is helping others and the people you help are the true blessings in disguise. For they help you more than you can ever help them. K-Kids is the definition of a blessing for it has taught me to count my blessings not in the number of things I own but to count my blessings through the friendships I have made by helping others.
96th Annual District Convention Photo Album

1. Gulfport, Miss. Kiwanis Club attends the 96th Annual District Convention! Pictured are Dennis Oliver, Travis Moore, Bill Kneasal, Tracy Jackson, Kathy Burns.
2. Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club attends the 96th Annual District Convention! Pictured are Kim Champagne, Amy Boudreaux, Rick Latiolais, Bill Penny, Billie Lis, Erin Rooney, Melanie Martin, and Craig Burkhalter.

1. Tabatha Kearns, Key Club Governor and Meg Williams, K-Kids speech winner.
2. K-Kids Speech winner is Meg Williams, Germantown K-Kids and Chelsea Rick, Miss Mississippi 2013.
3. Stephanie Crow and her governor...Jeems. Thanks for a great year Jeems.

Installation of 2014-2015 Lt. Governors

1. Charlie talks business with the hotel staff; 2. Registration table set to go; 3. Foundation Board meeting (Cliff Giffin, Donna Osburn, Otha Britton, Joe Keohane, Jeems White, Travis Moore and Robert Benoit).

1. Cathy Simmons, Rebecca Crow & Jan Robertson attend the Foundation meeting. 2. Some kids never grow up! Sid Guidry creates a food bug with leftovers. 3. Bill Penny & Jeems White visit at the credentials desk with Joe Pratt.

Random Convention Pictures.
Dee Drell conducts the Presidents training.

Past District Officers Meeting
Barbara Johnson, Rick Latiolais, Bill Gaddis, David Lindsey, Chuck Strong and Linda Ramsey.

1. Ame Oliver at the Eliminate display 2. Patrick Ewing, Int. Trustee; Jeems White, Governor; John McCay, III, Governor-Elect; 3. Jan Robertson, Convention Host Chair; Tony Yarber, Mayor of Jackson; Chelsea Rick, Miss. Mississippi 4. Bill Austin accepts the Newsletter Banner Patch and Certificate for winning First Place in the Silver Division (clubs with 71-100 members). (Bill Gaddis naps in the background)
La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Key Club
Attends International Convention in Anaheim, California

By Sharon “Mama” Ford, Tour Director

A Key Club group of over 50 travelled to Anaheim, California recently for the Key Club International Convention. Both students and adult chaperones and parents enjoyed the sights and sounds of the Los Angeles area.

The many sights included a city tour (complete with residential property value), famous movie star related locations, the famous Los Angeles Farmers Market, Hollywood Bowl, Graumanns Chinese Theater and the Walk of Fame. Additionally, a personal tour of the Nokia Theater (Academy Awards location), and Los Angeles' Griffin Observatory with a beautiful city of Angels overlook were extraordinary spots. An evening in Santa Monica complete with the Pacific beach and the famed Santa Monica Pier were our evening adventure. We also visited Rodeo Drive and Historic Olvera Street Marketplace. Of course, the World of Disney was at the doorstep of the convention Hotel location, so that was not to be missed.

During the convention an assembly of more than 1500 students led by our very own Rachel Benoit (past Governor and current International Vice President), elected the 2014-15 International Officers. A rollicking House of Delegates approved a small dues increase and handled a few other "hot topics". Vice President Benoit was stoic in her handling of the house and her southern charm kept things in order. Over 50 workshops were offered, as well as top notch speakers, dances, fund raising for Project Eliminate and some top awards for the Mighty "Blue hat wearing " Lamisstenn District Key Clubbers.

The Westview Key Club, in Tenn. was recognized for First place in Single Service-Bronze division. E.D. White Catholic Key Club took home third place in non-traditional scrapbook. Francisco Navarro, of E.D. White Catholic High received first place in the Oratory Contest and delivered his outstanding oration to the entire convention. Three 2013-14 Lt. Governors were recognized as Robert F. Lucas outstanding Lt. Governors - Becca Autrey (Div. 11), Tabitha Kearns (Div. 7A), and Hunter Burkhardt (Div. 9).

For more detailed information on the convention, check out the Key Club International website or ask your Key Club Lt. Governor to attend a meeting and give you a full report.

“Mama” Ford
I love my Club!

By Nettles Brown, Membership Growth Chair

Can you say the same thing about your club? Does your club have exciting and educational meetings? Are you performing relevant service to your community? Is your club the “Best Show In Town?” Are your members made to feel important and needed?

Did your club president attend CLE at the District Convention? Did your club board members and officers attend the District Convention?

Are you a Kiwanian or just a Kiwanis member? Have you had a Kiwanis moment? Are you committed to your Kiwanis Club and to improving your community through quality service?

You have heard or read the story about the chicken and the pig wanting to feed a hungry family. The chicken wanted to serve bacon and eggs to the family. The pig was hesitant to agree as he would be committed and the chicken would just be involved. Kiwanis needs committed members.

Part of The Formula is to make your club the “Best Show In Town” and to make the club member feel important and needed.

Kiwanis International and Kiwanis clubs are at a fork in the road. One fork is to make changes that will make the club relevant for the future. The other is to continue down the same path we are traveling, losing members, closing clubs, and slowly dying.

Are you willing to be a part of The Formula and help us take the road less traveled?

Your club, our district, and Kiwanis International needs YOU!!!!

Contact me now at leshnett@gmail.com if you want to be on the TEAM. We need new club openers, club mentors/counselors, and regional coordinators.

BIG SURPRISE BY AKTION CLUB MEMBERS

By Wanda Farbe, Camellia City Kiwanis Club

The Aktion Club of Camellia City, Slidell held its regular June meeting at the STARC location on St. Ann Place.

The Kiwanis Adviser to the club, Wanda Farbe was totally surprised and quite touched by the thoughtfulness and kindness extended to her when president, Brittney Magee presented her with a painting of a schnauzer from club members at the end of the meeting. The painting was even more special because it was painted by one of the members. Farbe said she treasured the painting because it would always remind her of her beloved schnauzers, Fritz and Max who had recently passed within a month of each other.

Pictured 4 rows, left to right are:
1st row: Wanda Farbe, Brittney Magee, April Schrimsher
2nd row: Gwen Fleming, Susie Moore, Terri Galiano, Kourtney Veazey, Tricia Galloway, Mary Ann McNulty
3rd row: D’Andre Randolph, Mel Carter, Troy Hedrick, TJ Stephens, Cherrie Henderson Laura Muller, Alan Pittman
4th row: Stevie Kennedy and Mike Collins, President - Camellia City Kiwanis Club

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GERMANTOWN KIWANIS CLUB - A CORNUCOPIA OF GIVING!

All stories submitted by Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

Germantown Kiwanis President Steve Green (pictured left) presents a check from the club, in keeping with Young Children:Priority One to Peter Abell, Executive Director of Shelby County "Books from Birth". Books from Birth promotes kindergarten readiness and strengthens family bonds in Shelby County by providing a new, age-appropriate book at no cost to all enrolled children each month from birth to age 5.

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has awarded college scholarships to four recent high school graduates, three from Germantown High School and one from Briarcrest Christian School. They will be attending, the University of Colorado, University of Tennessee, Duke University and Sewanee. Pictured are scholarship recipients (left to right, front row): Renee Blevins, Natalie Sakaan, Christine Lee-Germantown High graduates and Tommy Davis, Briarcrest Christian School graduate. (Back Row: Kiwanis President Steve Green, Larry Cyr and Jason Wellikoff, members of the scholarship selection committee.

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has selected Ms. Kim Douglas for its 2014 Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Douglas Graduated from Germantown High School and Belmont University where she was on the softball team. She has taught in the Shelby County School system for 15 years and has been teaching at Germantown High School for the past 13 years where she is the assistant English Department chairman and currently sponsors the school newspaper. She is married to David Douglas and has 3 children. Pictured (left to right): Kiwanis President Steve Green, Ms. Douglas, and David Jackson-Kiwanis selection committee chairman.

At the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown on Thursday July 3, 2014 Brandy Miller was inducted into membership. Pictured at the induction ceremony are (left to right): Kiwanis President Steve Green, New member sponsor Susan Threlkeld, Brandy Miller, and Membership Chairman Steve Jackson.

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has presented Mr. Johnny Prince with the annual Municipal Employee of the Year Award. Mr. Prince is a warehouse supervisor for the City of Germantown. Pictured (left to right): Kiwanis President Steve Green, Selection Chairman David Jackson, Johnny Prince and his wife Susie.

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FINISHING THE 2013-2014 KIWANIS YEAR WITH A BANG

“People don’t plan to fail, but often they fail to plan.”

It is so easy to just coast, to have a “short-timers” attitude ….. and the hot days of summer always see lots of things slow down.

Are you a MANAGER or a LEADER?

Managers do things right, but Leaders do the right things.

Leadership success requires ACTION

1. Take a good look at the BIG PICTURE…. Now through Sept. 30th.
   2 months:  August and September
2. Don’t wait …. plan NOW….. and begin action immediately

HOW TO DO IT:

1. List what you have accomplished already this year, especially new things.
   (Enjoy basking in the satisfaction of a job well done…. For just a moment)
2. List things you “intended to do” but haven’t done yet.
   “Hell is paved with good intentions.”

3. Are there any NEW items you think are important and need doing now?
4. For each item, decide when and how it could best be done.
   Assign time frames for each item. Take personal responsibility and start. (Don’t wait to “let George do it.”)

5. GET HELP. You can’t do it all. ASK others in your club to help and especially to take responsibility for all or part of the planned accomplishment.

6. Followup….encourage, motivate, beg, plead, twist arms, whatever it takes to GIT-R-DONE. Be the motivator, the action taker, the do-er.

7. Remember that success doesn’t just happen. It takes planning and work.
8. If your list of things to do is just too long to realistically get them all done, PICK the most important things and be sure they get accomplished by the end of September.

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Thanks to the efforts of the Hammond Kiwanis Club, a once filthy, grime-streaked little room near the kitchen of the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging’s Hammond Center is now a bright, gleaming facility with all new equipment that serves, to a far greater degree, the needs of the center’s staff and the hundreds of senior citizens who frequent the facility on weekdays.

The utility room, which was part of the kitchen facilities, included a rusty, leaking hot water heater, an ancient, filthy utility sink with a hole in one corner that drained water into a five-gallon bucket, a rusted out wheeled cart and old food storage boxes. All of that is now past history.

With a $1,000 grant from the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Foundation, matching funds from the Hammond club’s project account, and a weekend of toil and sweat by a special team of Kiwanians, the room was completely renovated. The project started with the purchase of a new hot water heater, utility sink, cart, hot and cold food storage containers and floor tiles. Paint and various plumbing supplies were also obtained. Purchasing the new equipment was the easy part for the Kiwanis team.

At the same time, the club also repaired a large refrigerator that played a role in keeping food cold for the center’s clients.

The project was complicated because of timing challenges. The work had to be done between the time the Center closed on a Friday at about 3 p.m. and the time it opened again at about 7:30 a.m. on a Monday. It was essential that hot water, a clean sink for washing food pans and the storage bins be available when the senior citizens arrived on the Monday morning.

Kiwanians Bret Schnadelbach, Mayson Foster, Buddy Balado, Marty Solis and Vic and Judy Couvillion commenced operations on a Friday evening and by the time they packed their tools away, the room was empty, the floor prepared for the new tiles and the walls were painted. On Saturday morning, the work continued. After new tile had been laid, the new hot water heater and sink were installed. The new rolling cart had been ordered earlier as well as the new hot and cold food storage containers. For many years, those containers had been held up by cinder blocks set on end. The Kiwanians replaced the unsightly cinder blocks with a new custom built platform. Finishing touches were added on a Sunday morning and when the staff returned to work on Monday, they were greeted with the great new facility.

Hammond Kiwanis club President Judy Couvillion who has long had an active interest in the work of the Council on Aging, said of the project, “This was a long cherished dream of our club. Not only was this room unsightly, it was a health hazard. The Center ran the risk of failing health inspections because of the condition of this facility. The Center has no funds for capital improvements to their old building so it was either Kiwanis does the work or the work does not get done. But, “We did it”! It was so gratifying!”

Couvillion also had praise for the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Foundation. “Without the grant from the Foundation we just could not have afforded to complete this project. I am so grateful for the foundation and for the wonderful Kiwanians who work to make it so successful. We certainly thank the Foundation for its assistance.”

Renovations to the utility room was not the first time that the Hammond Kiwanis Club has made major improvements to the Center. For many years now, the Hammond Club has unofficially “adopted” the Hammond Center which is a home away from home for a large group of senior citizens. Several years ago, the club undertook a thorough renovation of the center and with the help of other organizations, a grant from the Southeast Louisiana United Way and many hours of Kiwanis manpower the Center was largely refurbished and vastly improved. At other times the Kiwanis Club has built storage shelves at the facility and installed carpet.
The Center’s director, Beverly Brazil, was ecstatic when she returned to work on Monday morning and saw the great job done by the Hammond Kiwanis Club on the utility room. Brazil said that this was just the latest in all the great things that the club has done for the Council on Aging.

Summing up this latest project, Couvillion said, “This is really what being a Kiwanian is all about...seeing a very serious need in the community and meeting that need. It’s sometimes hard work, but the reward of seeing a project such as this one become a reality is worth all the time and effort”. That’s what we are here for, to ‘improve the world one...community at a time.”

OUT WITH THE OLD
Hammond Kiwanian Vic Couvillion removes the electrical hookups to the old rusty hot water heater removed from a utility room at the Hammond Center of the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging.

BEFORE
This is what the utility room at the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging’s Hammond Center looked like before the Hammond Kiwanis Club undertook its restoration. Note the filthy sink, the rusted out hot water heater, the grime streaked walls and broken tile.

AFTER
Freshly painted walls, new tile floors, a shiny new sink and hot water heater along with new food storage boxes show the changes made the Hammond Kiwanis Club in a utility room near the kitchen of the Council on Aging’s Hammond Center. The work was completed by the Hammond Kiwanis Club over a weekend. The new equipment was purchased with a grant from the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Foundation.

NEW FLOORS GOING DOWN
Hammond Mayor Mayson Foster, who is an honorary lifetime member of the Hammond Kiwanis Club, pitched in to help with renovations at the Council on Aging. He arrived at the Center very early on a Saturday morning to install the new tile so that other installations could follow.

CONSULTATION TIME
Vic Couvillion, Mayson Foster and Bret Schnadelbach, members of the Hammond Kiwanis Club, discuss plumbing procedures during the renovation of a utility room at the Hammond Council on Aging Center.

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Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club Has A Busy Summer

L to R: During four organized successful work days at Marigny Elementary school, members, along with members of the STARC West Aktion Club and teachers, worked to beautify the school grounds and begin the construction of an outdoor science classroom; we attended several interclub meetings.

Members were honored at special appreciation day hosted by the STARC West Aktion Club; we hosted an Eliminate Project fundraising event at the newly opened Southern Hotel in Covington, LA.

L to R: Several members volunteered at the local United Way Red Beans and Rice Cook-off; we hosted a back-to-school luncheon for our SLP faculty advisors and for our members interested in being a Kiwanis advisor to one of our 16 sponsored SLP clubs; Eight members attend the annual District Convention in Jackson.

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