Ramsey’s Ramblings!

Greetings Kiwanis Friends!

This Kiwanis Year has really started off with a bang! I’ve made two Governor Visits, one to Region 6 and one to Region 3, and I’ve attended my first Key Leader Weekend. You should check out our Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Facebook Page for more details about those trips. I had a great time, and made some memories that I won’t forget for a long time. Thanks to everyone who played a part in making those visits so wonderful.

Key Leader was an outstanding weekend program on leadership, and I just want to strongly encourage you to send sophomores and juniors especially to these weekend training events. The young people get so much out of them, as well as do the adult chaperones. You just have to experience it to understand how meaningful the weekend truly can be.

I want to encourage each of you to attend our Mid-Winter Conference that’s coming up on February 11-12, 2011 in Natchez, MS. Our Kiwanis International President, Sylvester Neal and his wife, Doris, will be in attendance, and we would like to have a lot of Kiwanis members there to meet and greet them. Sylvester is Lighting the Fire for Service in Kiwanis, and he is very interested in helping our organization be the best it can be. Also, our International Trustee and Counselor, Sue Petrisen, will be in attendance and will share some ideas on Generations and how everyone has different needs and how they can acquire different things from Kiwanis involvement.

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SUSAN A. “SUE” PETRISIN - KIwanis Club of East Lansing, Michigan
KIwanis International Trustee

Susan A. “Sue” Petrisin of Lansing, Michigan, was elected to a three-year term as a Kiwanis International Trustee in June 2010, at the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.

Sue is a 22-year member of the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing, Michigan, and has served as its Circle K and Key Club advisor, and sponsored youth committee chairman. She earned honors as distinguished president in 1995-96. At the district level, she served as governor in 2001-02, chairman of the strategic planning committee, Circle K and Key Club administrator. Prior to joining Kiwanis, Sue was Circle K International Vice President in 1985-86 and distinguished governor in 1984-85, and was Key Club governor in 1979-80 and Key Club district secretary/treasurer in 1978-79.

A life member with 22 years of perfect attendance, Sue is a Diamond-level four Hixson Fellow for the Kiwanis International Foundation, as well as a recipient of the foundation’s Tablet of Honor and a member of the Heritage Society. She also served as foundation trustee from 2006-09. She was a member of the Key Leader Advisory Council and is a Key Leader lead facilitator. Before her election as trustee, she served on the international committee on leadership education.

Sue holds a master’s degree in human resources and labor relations and bachelor’s degrees in food science and dietetics from Michigan State University, Lansing. She is assistant director for human capital management, residential and hospitality services for the university. She is active in service to the university and her community.
KIWANIS GOAL - WE MUST START STRONG AND FINISH STRONG

By: Bascom Allen, International Trustee

The strength of Kiwanis is evidenced by the commitment of individual Kiwanians to serve our communities and the children of the World. As volunteer members of our great organization, Kiwanis leaders, like all of you, are challenged to motivate and encourage club members to pursue the vision for growing Kiwanis. This growth will come through service, membership, and great fellowship. Our success is measured by those heroic efforts of dedicated Kiwanians who work to change the World, one child and one community at a time. Fellow Kiwanians, we are running in a race to grow Kiwanis!

Bobby Dodd, former Georgia Tech football coach, tells of a game in which Georgia Tech was leading 7 to 6, with just a minute to go. Dodd told his Quarterback, “Whatever you do, hold on to that football; do not pass the ball.” Ten yards from the opposing team’s goal, with seconds ticking away, the quarterback began to execute the next play. He just couldn’t resist throwing a pass. It was intercepted. The opponent rushed toward the Georgia Tech goal line. The entire Tech team had given up the chase - except the quarterback. He continued to chase the opponent and somehow was able to tackle him. The ball was fumbled, and the quarterback recovered it.

Georgia Tech won the game 7 to 6. After the game, the losing coach said to Coach Dodd, “I will never understand how that quarterback was able to do what he did.” Dodd explained, “Well, it’s actually quite simple--your boy was running for a touchdown; my boy was running for his life.”

Today, Kiwanians run a very serious race to change the world one child and one community at a time. We run the race with great enthusiasm and passion. We must give it our ALL…ALL THE TIME. Just like the Georgia Tech Quarterback, Kiwanians are involved in a mission which requires “running for life.” Dedicated Kiwanians run this race for one purpose only! We run to serve others, to change lives! We must start strong and finish strong, no matter what.

We work to help make this world a better place for all children and all people. Nobody is left out of our efforts. To succeed in this race, we must prepare ourselves. Just as hours of training and hard work are necessary to make great athletes, the same goes for a really great Kiwanis effort.

Part of our preparation for success in this race is to give it undying commitment. We cannot start strong and then “drop the ball” or slide into a decline as time goes by. We must show unyielding commitment as we work daily to grow a stronger, larger Kiwanis body. More Kiwanians mean more and better service.

To succeed in this great race, we must constantly persevere. Not every effort will merit celebration. Kiwanians, our overall efforts are not always easy - run and done so to speak. Our task, as the greatest service organization around the world is to equip ourselves to run the race before us with patience, consistency and perseverance. And, to always make it to the finish line!

Bascom

Bascom Allen, Kiwanis International Trustee
GOVERNOR-ELECT TRAVELS AS PART OF HIS COMMITMENT

By: Greg Beard, Governor-Elect

I have recently returned from Governor-Elect Training Conference at the Kiwanis International Headquarters in Indianapolis. What a wonderful experience meeting the other fifty (50) Governor-Elects from around the world and the International staff. The three (3) day conference was under the direction of Alan Penn, our to-be International President for 2011-12. The conference consisted of workshops from communication, messages, and volunteers; much like what we do in our own educational training sessions.

But there was one special event that made an impact on me: Kids Against Hunger.

The governor-elects and staff gathered on an evening to assemble 20,000 simple and nutritious packaged meals that will be shipped to Haiti in an effort to reduce the starvation as result of the earthquake. It was an amazing sight to see so many meals packaged in just about an hour. The food packets contain a nutritionally complete mixture of meal, vegetable, soy and rice. The conference was not only beneficial to me as for learning and fellowship, but to also participate in an event that will make a difference in a child and a community.

Ramsey’s Ramblings!

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Rhonda Vrell from Kiwanis International will also be attendance at our Mid-Winter in Natchez, and she will be offering some growth strategies. As Rhonda informed us at Lt. Governor Training this year, Kiwanis is on a down-hill spiral and unless we grow, Kiwanis could cease to exist in our lifetime. None of us want that to happen, so we must be open to some new ways to achieve growth in Kiwanis, and in our district. I have asked each Lt. Governor and each Club President that I have met so far to work on planting some seeds for growth and to explore alternatives for growth in our divisions. It doesn’t happen overnight. I have been working on a new club for Greenfield, Tennessee along with my club members since August of this year. So I know from personal experience that it takes time, but we have to get starting and the time is now!

Some other program ideas that we are thinking about for Mid-Winter are sessions on How to Put the “WOW” into Kiwanis, Public Relations & Marketing Efforts for Kiwanis, SLPs, Yes, We are a Global Organization, New Club Mentoring, On to Geneva, Sharing Kiwanis Fundraising and Service Projects Ideas, AEDs - Our District Service Project, and We will Grow, We Will Grow, We Will Grow to name a few. So please put February 11-12 down on your calendar and plan to be in Natchez, Mississippi. It’s a beautiful place, we’ll have some exciting programs, and you just may want to spend the weekend.

Also, don’t forget to plan to attend the International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland. We have some great pre and post tours planned by InConTra and Tumlare. Then in August, you’ll want to come to Tunica, Mississippi for our District Convention. Not only will we have great programs, but also you might have good luck at the tables, there will be some great entertainment, and there are some great golf courses. So why not take advantage of learning more about Kiwanis and get some vacation time simultaneously. I am proud to serve you as Governor, and if there’s anything I can either do to help, please don’t hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Linda

Linda Ramsey, Governor

As part of my commitment to serving you, I will continue to travel to clubs in our great LAMISSTENN District. Not only with Kiwanis clubs, but with meetings with our District’s Circle K leadership in Pineville at the T.I.O.G.A. leadership training conference and the Key Club District Board in Baton Rouge, all in an effort to share with our Kiwanis family. For December, I’m looking forward to attending a Pancake Day/Pictures with Santa with the Houma club then set to speak at the Oaks club in Baton Rouge, then Winnfield in January. So as you can see, traveling is no problem. If your club has an event or service project, please email me with the information. My email address is gregbeard@aol.com.

As we close 2010, I wish all a Merry Christmas and look forward to a Happy New Year in 2011.

Greg
ON-TO-INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - GENEVA

By: Greg Beard, On-to-International Convention Chair

It is my privilege to be appointed by Governor Linda Ramsey as the On-to-International Geneva District Chair. As such, I want to invite you to join other fellow Kiwanians on a trip of a lifetime—Geneva, Switzerland, for the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention July 7-10, 2011.

Registration is now open. The convention registration fee includes full access to the Exhibit Hall, Kiwanis Family Store, regular and feature forums and general sessions. Meals are not included. A name badge is required to attend any convention activity. For more information on registration, see www.KiwanisOne.org.

In addition to Kiwanis programming, speakers, workshops, business and entertainment, take advantage of the many sights and sounds of the gateway to Europe. Geneva prides itself on being a super sleek, cosmopolitan, beautiful and cultured city. There is something for everyone including museums, a great art scene, architecture, restaurants, high quality shopping and wonderful scenery.

Our District has chosen InConTra Inc./Tumlare as the official travel company. InConTra has developed all-inclusive tour packages for us that include airfare from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Jackson, Memphis to Geneva, airport transfers, offering four (4) night hotel accommodations of four (4) categories of convention hotels based on quality, price and location: Gold, Silver Spa, Silver and Bronze, along with daily breakfast, convention shuttle service and sightseeing in and around Geneva. Additionally, pre and post European convention tours are available. For more information, see www.kiwanisgeneva2011.com.

InConTra has a goal to make everyone traveling to Geneva feel like they are on an individual trip. They can help with your travel plans from doorstep to doorstep. They will have representatives to greet everyone individually at the airport and at each of the different hotels which are offered as convention locations. They also can provide excursions and tours right in Geneva or within a short coach ride - castles; quaint villages; waterfalls; lakes; vineyards; cable-car rides to the tops of mountains; train rides, including one to the “Top of Europe,” tours of chocolate or cheese factories; and riverboat cruises. They offer guided tours throughout Europe including stops in Paris, Cologne, Brussels, Amsterdam, Italy, Austria and Germany.

Again, this convention provides a chance for the trip of a lifetime—I hope you join me in Geneva.

Greg

Henry Nash, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus of the District Foundation

Dr. & Mrs. Henry Nash celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 20th.

Dr. Henry Nash and his beautiful wife, Frances, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family and friends.

Henry was a long-time member of the Starkville Kiwanis Club, serving as Lt. Governor in 1977-78, and as District Governor is 1982-83 District Governor. Henry now holds dual membership in the Starkville and the Tupelo Kiwanis Clubs.

The District Foundation Board of Directors elected to honor both Henry and Past Governor Gene Maier for the dedication they both made to the creation and development of the District Foundation, by naming the Foundation’s highest honor, in their name – The Henry W. Nash ~ Eugene J. Maier Tablet of Honor.

Henry is now retired from Mississippi State University, where he served as the head of the Marketing Department, and lives in Tupelo, Miss.
ELIMINATE
Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus

Momentum is building toward the launch of our next worldwide service project: the Global Campaign for Children and the ELIMINATE Project for eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). Since the project announce nounce-ment, Kiwanis International (KI) and Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) have begun the planning phase of the campaign. But the project fundraising and service launch will be released at the 2011 International Con-Convention in Geneva.

With The Eliminate Project, KI and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate MNT. This deadly disease steals the lives of 60,000 innocent babies and 30,000 mothers each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating - tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. To eliminate MNT from the Earth by 2015, 129 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take $110 million which consists of just three (3) doses of a 60-cent immunization to pro-tect mothers, who then pass on the immunity to their future babies. Together, Kiwanis can help UNICEF can stop this disease.

Although the fundraising campaign has not officially launched, early gifts can be made to the KIF for the ELIMINATE Project. For additional information about The Eliminate Project, go to: www.TheEliminateProject.org

YOUNG CHILDREN/PRIORITY ONE PROJECTS CAN BE FUN!

By: Neil Simmons, YCPO International Committee

When you survey the many Young Children/Priority One projects that are suggested for Clubs by Kiwanis International, you find some real fun. Here are a few examples:

1. Kiwanis Baby Shower – Have a baby shower at your Club meeting and invite the manager of the new baby ward at your local Hospital. Expectant moms can be found at some non-traditional settings including: homeless shelters, prenatal health clinic, child birth classes, women’s centers for abuse/domestic violence, teen parent programs, correctional facilities, orphanages, for example. Your Club’s woodworkers could refinish an old dresser, Key Club could decorate the meeting room, donations of diapers, formula, car seat are wrapped and presented as gifts. What fun.

2. Prevent Lead Poisoning – Even low levels of lead in a child’s blood can permanently lower the child’s intelli-gence and development. Yet lead is in old paint, water pipes and dirt around houses and highways. Your Club members could get testing equipment and like detectives could pinpoint lead problems in your community.

3. Promote Reading – You Club could adopt a classroom, dress in costumes and read to children at schools in your community. Presenting a book to each child will warm the hearts of your members and mean so much to the child.

These and other projects are described in bulletins available to you from Kiwanisone.org and from your Dis-trict Clair – Lee A. Jeter, Sr. (ljeter0511@yahoo.com) 318-221-7474 or 318-230-5678.
Revised CLE Curriculum to aid officers, clubs

The Kiwanis International Board, including our own Trustee Bascom Allen, has been intricately and carefully engaged in a complete revision of the Club Leadership Education curriculum, reports, Dee Drell, the District’s Master Instructor. At the recent Governor’s orientation held at the international office in Indianapolis during the last week in October, master instructors from all over the Kiwanis world were asked to join in the discussions. A new CLE curriculum has now been prepared and is in near-final form, with only minor revisions left to complete. The revised curriculum is the result of a renewed strong emphasis from the international board, and was effected through the fine efforts of a special revision committee at the international level; that group included master instructors from several districts, included many with actual hands-on experience in presenting past CLE sessions, and was designed to be more practical in scope than some prior CLE curricula. The new materials are expected to be finalized and distributed by January 31, 2011. The revisions are designed to try and better balance the “nuts and bolts” of running an excellent Kiwanis club with instruction on the leadership qualities and responsibilities also necessary to claim a great Kiwanis year.

Also new are requirements for recertification of Kiwanis Certified Instructors. Final approval for those who will handle instruction for the districts will be at the international level. All in all, the revisions to the program are designed to build better Kiwanis-wide consistency in the club education process. The CLE revisions are only the first step, however, as the education department is looking at other possible educational efforts and materials. Our district has been and remains at the forefront in trying to expand and better our educational offerings.

At the district level, educational programs will be implemented through the newly-appointed educational committee. This committee, headed by our own Nettles Brown, has already scheduled the first of what will be several meetings to work on implementation of the CLE instruction plans for 2011. All indications are that we will continue to have excellent instruction that gains high marks from participants. Watch these pages and other district office publications for more detail on the CLE’s for 2011. We’re excited about it all and hope you will be too. Good CLE instruction, and your club’s participation in it, is critical to our success!

CORRECTION

In the last issue of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. News the new District Office address was incomplete. The correct and complete address is:

5319-B Didesse Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808-6401

FIREFIGHTER, LAWMAN, AND TEACHER OF THE YEAR

By: Richard “Woody” Wood, Community Services Chair

It’s not too early to start thinking about your club nomination for a Firefighter, Lawman, or Teacher of the Year. The criteria for these awards are included on this page. Also remember that our District Foundation awards a $250.00 grant to each winner who in turn will donate it to the charity of their choice. All nominees must be sent to me no later than July 15, 2011.

Send Nominations to:
Richard W. “Woody” Wood, Chairman, District Committee on Community Services
3507 Woodcrest Drive Pascagoula, MS 39581-4455 Ph: 228-327-1940
E-mail: rwood1500@aol.com
“FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR” AWARD

“Honor a firefighter in our district (Kiwanian or non Kiwanian), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, service above and beyond the call of duty”

The District Foundation will make a $250 grant to a preferred Charity in the name of the recipient of this award.

CRITERIA:
1. Any person who is employed by a fire fighting/protection agency, community, city, state.
2. Nominees may be Kiwanians or non-Kiwaniams, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
3. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but nominations must be approved by the Club’s Board of Trustees.
4. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio which would justify the worthiness of the individual. The portfolio should include a resume and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee. Also letters of recommendations and snapshots will be helpful, but not mandatory. Statements of the nominee’s involvement in civic, family, and Kiwanis affairs (if a Kiwanian) should be included.
5. The District Chairman on Community Services must receive nominations by JULY 1, 2011.
6. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Community Services, whose decision is final.
7. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient to be presented the award at the District Convention.
8. The District Committee shall reserve the right to decide each year, based on the quality of the nominations received as to whether the award will be presented.
9. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection. The club will be responsible for making any travel arrangements necessary to get the award winner to the convention for the presentation. The District will provide meal tickets to the Fellowship Luncheon for the winner and his/her family, if accompanying.

“LAWMAN OF THE YEAR” AWARD

“Honor a lawman in our district (Kiwanian or non Kiwanian), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, service above and beyond the call of duty”

The District Foundation will make a $250 grant to a preferred Charity in the name of the recipient of this award.

CRITERIA:
1. Any person who is (or retired from) employed by a law enforcement agency, the judicial or correctional system – an administrator of justice.
2. Nominees may be Kiwanians or non-Kiwaniams, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
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"TEACHER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

"Honor a teacher in our district (Kiwanian or non Kiwanian), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, service above and beyond the call of duty"

CRITERIA:
1. Any person who is employed by an educational system as a classroom instructor.
2. Nominees may be Kiwanians or non-Kiwani ans, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
3. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but nominations must be approved by the Club’s Board of Trustees.
4. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the individual’s love/respect for students, dedication, ability to work with colleagues and superiors, involvement in extracurricular/school-related functions. The portfolio should include resume, letter of recommendations, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee. Statements of the nominee’s involvement in civic, family, and Kiwanis affairs (if a Kiwanian) should be included.
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FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

By: David Lindsey, Finance & Fundraising Committee Chair

Does your club have a Committee on Finance and Fundraising? This group is responsible for preparing a budget of estimated income and expenses for submission to the board of directors, as well as any recommendations it may have on financial matters of the club. It also is responsible for securing the funds necessary to meet budget requirements. For fundraising ideas check this out! www.kiwanisone.org Member resources page, finance and fundraising dlindsey@bankonresource.com

Your Foundation is unveiling its new Mission Statement:

By: Eva Abate, District Foundation President

“To provide financial assistance for Kiwanis projects and programs within our District.”

Will you be the ONE to make “every penny count” and change the World forever? Your Kiwanis District Foundation accepts donations for Memorials, and contributions In Honor of a Group or Individual. Your contribution to the Foundation makes a “Special Gift” for someone who has everything. Acknowledgements will be sent and your gift will touch the heart of those you love.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Eva Abate, President
LA-MISS-TENN Kiwanis District Foundation 2010-2011

www.lamisstenn.org    December-January
ANNUAL CLUB GIFT IS IMPORTANT
By: Julia S. Carter, District Chair Kiwanis International Foundation

The Annual Club Gift program plays a vital part of the Kiwanis International Foundation’s ability to help fellow Kiwanians by funding grants to Kiwanis clubs, divisions, and districts projects, as well as providing matching scholar-ship funds for Key Club and Circle K students’ higher education goals. Making sure your club participates in the Annual Club Gift is critical. Please take the time to make your Annual Club Gift contribution and help maximize the amount of support that your Kiwanis International Foundation can provide to your clubs, your divisions, and your districts for the important work which they do.

By participating in the Annual Club Gift program, your club will receive a 2010-11 chevron banner patch to display on your club’s banner, thus showing that your club made a difference one club and one community at a time. Remember also that an Annual Club Gift donation earns your club points towards Distinguished Club Status.

Please consider a gift of $5 per member, if possible. Your participation at a $50 or $100 amount per club would be appreciated.

WHO WAS YOUR KIWANIS MENTOR?
By: Norm Umholtz; Club Mentoring Committee Chair

Mine were Greg Cruice, Russ Kercher, Harry Weigel, Herb Leopold, Lenny Simmons, Coby Nungessor, Gary Bair, Bobbie Whidden, Mary Lu Pilgrim, Linda Leger, Ross Lassenstine, Marvin Gay, Earl Ogeron, Charlie Ford, and many more-each and everyone a dedicated Kiwanian. They represent the corporate knowledge at all levels of the Kiwanian family.

Take a minute to think back on your service in Kiwanis-from your first club visit to the present. Reflect on the one person that had the most influence on you becoming active in club functions. Who was the person who coached you? I’d be willing to bet that you remain friends with that person to this day.

Are we providing that same mentorship to new and perspective members? Or are we allowing them to die on the vine. Are we nourishing them, coaching them, training them to become active and knowledgeable members of their clubs?

Some ideas to prevent withering and shrinking on that vine are:

Club officers take an assessment to ensure your club is:

- Making a good first impression—this is a must.
- Make the new member feel at home with a warm greeting. Do this at the door.
- Club President recognize the new member, his/her business also mention the family.
- During the indoctrination period place emphasis on the district organization and the international organization.
- Explain the WEBINAR program located at Kiwanisone.org. This is super training for all Kiwanians.

Use your club’s chain of command from the president to your youngest member to develop the new member. Assign the new member a job. That is what he or she wants! They are seeking service for the community. Our responsibility is to find their NICHE! Invite the new member to participate in club projects. Initiate a buddy program where an assigned member is a buddy to the new member explaining all the functions of Kiwanis. Motivate club members to get involved with the new member. This can be a learning experience for both. Invite the member to a board meeting—Invite member to join a committee.

TRAINING! TRAINING! TRAINING! is the key. The more we learn about Kiwanis the more valuable we become to our club and the community. Visit the District Website at www.lamisstenn.org and the International website at www.KiwanisOne.org for more information.

I again mention the webinar program at the International web address as a very professional online hour long seminar of Kiwanis programs. EXCELLENT!! Explain the world wide program ELIMINATE.

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**Kiwanis Mentor**  
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**Now Put Your Game Plan To Work!**

Use your leadership, administrative, personal, and training skills along with your ability to give good advice and direction to feed and grow the new member. With some miracle grow and a little drop of encouragement, step back and observe the new member sprout. **All District Members!** (MENTORS)  
Most new members are inquisitive and ask a lot of questions. If for some reason you do not have the answer, explain to the new member that you will find the correct reply for them. This is very important - follow up and find the answer ASAP. Then explain it to the new member. He or She will feel that you care and you just may be planting that seed of your next club president. **Always answer the new member’s e-mails.**  
Thank You.  
**Yours in Kiwanis,**  
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**HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES**  
**LOOK AT HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES WITH FRESH EYES IN OUR CLUBS**

By: Court Crow. Human and Spiritual Values Chair

Kiwanians, take a fresh look at the first of our six Objects: to give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life. Let’s find new ways to bring these ideals to our clubs’ and communities’ attention.

a. Be sure that each club meeting starts with an Invocation. May I suggest that we ask different Kiwanians to offer the Invocation each meeting, not the same person. I know change can shake things up, but having the same person may make the whole opening “fall-in-a-rut” while a different person shares that responsibility or privilege.

b. Be sure to end each meeting with the Kiwanis prayer. May I suggest the following Kiwanis prayer; it won’t take more than a couple of weeks to learn:  

“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 the courage, with Thy help, to face whatever the morrow may bring. And grant us peace. Amen”

c. Start planning now to sponsor a Community Prayer Breakfast … or a Prayer Breakfast for your K-Family … or a Prayer Breakfast for the young athletes of your community (co-sponsored with FCA) for the spring. Plan one for the spring to get 2011 started on the right spiritual foot. Your civic leaders will always show up and invite two or three different religious leaders to lead.

d. Start your planning now to recognize a Lay Person of the Year (yes, Layman of the Year) and, maybe, a Young Leader of the Year (high school or college) recognized for the spiritual role models they are in the community. The District will recognize these at the District Convention next summer and I hope we have several recommendations from clubs throughout the District.

e. Include short devotion or spiritual messages in your weekly or monthly newsletters. “Borrow” these from any source you may have: other Kiwanis newsletters, radio spots you hear on your local station. If you receive THE COMPASS, the e-newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Southeast Shreveport, there is almost always “Spiritual Aims articles” you may borrow at any time for your newsletters. I probably “borrowed” them from someone else, too. (If you don’t receive it, send me your email address and I’ll add you to our mailing list.)

Please don’t make this committee one of little consequence. There are so many ways that our clubs can emphasize our first Object and many Kiwanians feel that their clubs broaden their personal ministries in our communities. Let’s make 2010-2011 a year we can remember for our reigniting our love for Human and Spiritual Values.
DISTRICT GROWTH

By: Dennis Oliver, District Growth Chair

JUST A MEMBER

I was attending a meeting not long ago. I was a little early and a young lady came in and in our conversation, I asked her a question about her club. She said she didn't know the answer, she was just a member. As I thought later about that answer, it became so clear to me that the member is the very most important part of Kiwanis.

You and I, as members, do the projects, take part in fundraiser's, add our enthusiasm to club meetings and represent Kiwanis in our community. The International President, Sylvester Neal, is a member (FIRST) of a local club. So you see our responsibilities are awesome but the rewards are even greater when a child in your community smiles and says thank you.

WHY DO WE STAY?

1. Fun
2. Fellowship
3. Make the community a better place to live.
4. To be a more informed citizen.
5. Networking
6. Give back to those less fortunate.

7. Touch the lives of children.
DID I SAY FUN???

WHY SHOULD WE STAY?

Kiwanis members are needed more today than any time in history, and we can't help being proud of belonging to the greatest service club in the world.

1. Kiwanis has virtually eradicated IDD in the world.
2. Kiwanis is the only service club with sponsored clubs in every grade level of schools.
3. The LAMISSTENN District is placing AEDS in every school in the District.
4. Kiwanis will again spearhead a great health story with "ELIMINATE." (Providing tetanus shots for mothers in 40 countries where a child dies every nine minutes.)
5. Every local club is doing all possible to touch the lives of children in their community.

It will take all of us and hopefully many more you will ask, to continue to serve all these wonderful children who need the Kiwanis experience.

I ask you today to answer International President Sylvester's call to "LIGHT OUR FIRE FOR SERVICE!"

Thank you.

Dennis
Dennis Oliver, Growth Chairman
Email: DMOKiwani@aol.com
Ph: 228-832-6786 C: 228-343-5444

"ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

HEROES GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

By: Pam Morgan, Major Emphasis Project- AEDs Chair

During this holiday season as we count our blessings, I am thankful for heroes. Some of my heroes are the Kiwanians who have recognized the importance of placing AEDs in schools to save lives. Other heroes are the First Responders - those people who are present when someone suffers cardiac arrest and who bravely begin CPR and use the AED until paramedics arrive. Most often these First Responders are teachers, coaches, principals, students - people like you and me.

Do we really need AEDs on school campuses? Let’s ask some of the people whose lives were saved by some of my heroes. They were saved by the use of AEDs that were provided by Kiwanis clubs right here in the LaMissTenn District.
1. A 42-year old father picking up his son from Bon Lin Middle School in Shelby County, TN was saved by an assistant principal and a nurse, using CPR and the AED. (August 2009)
2. A mother of 3, attending a performance at Covington High School in Covington, LA was saved by a nurse on site, using CPR and the AED. (October, 2010)
3. A football umpire on the sidelines of a football game at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, LA was saved by early CPR and the AED. (November, 2010)
4. A 7th grader in Martin, TN was saved by the use of an AED at an away football game. (Sept. 2010) Even though the AED was not one provided by Kiwanis, his family has teamed up with the Martin Kiwanis Club to raise money for portable units for school teams. They have purchased 4 units and raised $3300 to buy more.

All of these survivors and their families are grateful to the Kiwanis clubs that provided the AED, the first responders on the scene, and the paramedics. They know that about 95 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital. Survival is directly linked to the time between the onset of cardiac arrest and defibrillation.

Will your club follow the example of the Martin TN Kiwanis Club that has provided an AED for every school in their county? I am thankful for the many clubs that have provided AEDs to schools and have become heroes by giving the gift of life.

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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.

Robert T. Bryant - North Jackson, Miss.
Br. Martin L. Close, Jr. – Starkville, Miss.
James E. Davis – Laurel, Miss.
James D. Denton, Jr. – Starkville, Miss.
Annie Durand – St. Martinville, La.
James Herman Hines - North Jackson, Miss.
Ken Hollis - Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.
J. D. Holloway - Columbus, Miss.
Lloyd D. Jackson - Desoto Parish, Mansfield, La.
Sherman C. Justus - Amite, La.
William G. Karns - Baton Rouge, La.
Wilmer J. La Pointe - Algiers Morning Edition, N.O.
Don R. Lambert - Corinth, Miss.
E. J. LeBlanc - Northshore Mandeville, La.

Daniel K. Lee - Jackson, Miss.
William F. McElroy, Jr. – Memphis, Tenn.
Troy Menard - Shreveport, La.
Dr. Pat B. Moseley - Ruston, La.
Robert M. Myers - Memphis, Tenn.
E. Murray Parker - East Memphis, Tenn.
Henry N. Princehouse - Shreveport, La.
Bernard W. Schmaltz, Jr. - Hancock-West Harrison
Bascom D. Starling - Lafayette, La.
Lester J. Thompson - Biloxi, Miss.
Dr Kirby A. Vining – Ruston, La.
Charles W. Wilson - Ruston, La.
George W. M. Wright - Houma, New Iberia, La.
Johnny Wyatt - Shreveport, La.

WELCOME TO LA.-MISS.-W.TENN. DISTRICT’S NEWEST MEMBERS

Abramson, Josh - Tupelo
American Red Cross - Pascagoula
Anderson, Patricia J. - Natchez Trace (The)
Auidirsch, Billy R. - Winnfield
Baer, Clint D. - Lafayette
Barkley, Glen - Oxford
Barnett, Edwin W. - Germantown
Barnett, III, Marvin Wesley - Germantown
Bavarian Wealth Mgt. - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Benton, Robin - Sulphur
Chance, Chelsey - Southeast Shreveport
Chauhan, Chirag D. - Germantown
Clark, Jacob Scott - Lafayette
Coco, McKenzie - Third District, New Orleans
Counts, Andrew L. - Pascagoula
Creel, Chad - Monroe
Cudworth, Michael - Laurel
Finister, Dorothy - Big Easy, New Orleans
Fortner, Kim - Rankin County, Jackson
Frugue, Janie D. - Sulphur
Hammatt, Noel - Baton Rouge
Haney, James E. - Paris-Lakeway
Harvey, Kimberly - Pascagoula
Hobgood, Bria - Lafayette
Horton, Albert C. - Pascagoula
Johnson, Noah - South Baton Rouge
Langley, Terry P. - Southeast Shreveport
Lippincott, Bonnie - Third District, New Orleans
Lippincott, Robert G. - Third District, New Orleans
Luc, Gwen - East St Mary Parish
Mallard, Clark - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Marquez, Grisel - Greater Covington
Martin, Rosaline - St. Gabriel
McPhaul, Jo Ann - Port City, Vicksburg
Melancon, Philip R. - Lafayette
Miley, Kristen L. - Baton Rouge
Mitchell, Lori - Southwest Contraband, Lake Charles
Monika, Ray - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Nobles, Terri R. - Moisant
O'Quinn, Frank - Baton Rouge
Padia, John - Sulphur
Page, Allen - Martin
Palo, Giles - Germantown
Partridge, Mary K. - Greenville
Perilloux, Brenda C. - Natchez Trace (The)
Perkins, Walter Lee - Monroe
Red Cross - Pascagoula
Robertson, Elizabeth - South Baton Rouge
Rossetti, John Reed - Germantown
Suttle, Beth - Sulphur
Tanksley, Deanne L. - Natchez Trace (The)
Taylor, Kenny - Pascagoula
Tullos, Debbie L. - Sulphur
Vivian, Jackson - Pontchartrain, New Orleans
Whelan, James A. - Third District, New Orleans
Wilson, Mary - Rankin County, Jackson
Young, Joe - Oxford
YOUR FOUNDATION @ WORK...

Thank you and the Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for YOUR support of YOUR District Foundation. Through personal donations as well as the Annual Gift Campaign from Kiwanis Clubs, YOUR District Foundation is able to assist clubs in the District with COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS for such projects as:

**KIWANIS CLUB OF SHREVEPORT** and other Kiwanis Clubs in Division 9 built “KIWANIS PARK” as part of the Caddo Parish Sheriff’s Department program known as “SAFETY TOWN”. Here, children are instructed by Caddo deputies and Shreveport firefighters to be able to recognize a dangerous situation and not be afraid to report it to a caring adult. The children practice safety skills in an interactive environment. The KIWANIS PARK will allow the children to learn “stranger-danger” in a park environment, as well as welcome respite from inclement weather.

Project cost: $5,000. Grant awarded: $1,000.

**Kiwanis Clubs in Divisions 8A and 8B** rallied together to host the first “Kids Health & Safety Expo”. Collectively the clubs worked together to assemble over 60 exhibitors at Cortana Mall all for the children of our community. Among the exhibitors were firefighters, lawmen from the sheriff’s office and city and state police, health agencies, American Red Cross, Baton Rouge General Medical Center, Department of Health and Hospitals, Baton Rouge Hearing and Speech Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse, motorcycle awareness, Community Association for the Welfare of School Children, eye, hearing and dental screenings, Kids ID programs, Mayors office, Parish Library, water safety, social services, children’s fitness programs, just to name a few. There was also entertainment and door prizes.

Project cost: $2,000. Grant awarded: $1,000.
FAMILY PUTS KIWANIS FIRST IN LIVES

In the world of community service, mother, daughter and father team and fellow Kiwanians Court, Stephanie and Rebecca Crow are a force to be reckoned with. "We put Kiwanis first in our lives," Rebecca Crow said of her daughter and herself. "We do club things during the week and on weekends. We even do things in the evening."

That dedication was rewarded last month when each was named Kiwanian of the Year for their respective clubs: Rebecca Crow for Kiwanis Club of Southern Hills, Stephanie Crow for Kiwanis Club of Southeast Shreveport.

"I think it's very important for people who are able to help others who haven't had the same opportunities," said Stephanie Crow, a senior at LSUS.

Community service though, is nothing new to mother or daughter. The Crow family was active in the Kiwanis Club throughout Stephanie's childhood and, in fact, "from the moment she could talk she was at Kiwanis service projects with us," Rebecca Crow said. "We brought Stephanie up loving to serve other people." But the lineage goes back even further.

"My father was a Kiwanian," she said. "My parents taught me the same ideals, to serve other people." Some of the nonprofit agencies benefiting from that service include Providence House, Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission and the YWCA, Rebecca Crow said.

"We believe it's important to teach a young child the wonderful feeling you get when you help someone else," said Rebecca Crow, who teaches 2 year olds. "If you start at an early age to instill that love of helping others, they'll continue on with it as adults.'

DIVISION 13 NEWS

By: Rick S. Danielson, Lieutenant Governor of Division 13

The six clubs of Division 13 are off and running towards another great year of service to our communities and the children we serve. Just in the last few months, our clubs have sponsored some great events and projects which are making a huge difference. With this update, I would like to tell you about just a few of the things the clubs of Division 13 have been doing.

In late September, the Hammond Kiwanis Club sponsored their 19th Annual Tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride. This year’s event was the Hammond Club’s most successful one yet with over 600 riders participating, with rider coming from as far away as Texas. This is the Hammond Club’s biggest fundraiser of the year and an event that just keeps growing in popularity.

Just a few weeks ago, the Covington Kiwanis Club sponsored a massive cleanup project of the historic downtown Covington. With help from over 60 football players from St. Paul’s School, there was no trash to be found on the streets of Covington. The Covington Club is grateful for the wonderful help they received from the football players and the Mayor of Covington, as well as an active Kiwanian, was so appreciative of this help which came one week before one of Covington’s largest events – the Three Rivers Arts Festival.

Last weekend, the Northshore Kiwanis Club of Mandeville held their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Local Kiwanians and members from 8 Service Leadership Programs collected over 2500 canned goods and other perishable items that were donated to the Mandeville Samaritan Center.

The fall and holiday season is always such a busy time for all of our clubs and we have some wonderful programs and events planned between now and the end of the year. As a Kiwanian, I am so thankful for everything our clubs are doing and the difference our members are making every day. As the Lieutenant Governor of Division 13, I am grateful for the wonderful leadership teams that each of our clubs has in place and their dedication to serving their members, communities and children. Our year is off to another great start and I am just honored to be part of this team.

Happy Holidays to all!!

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CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

A life-long resident of New Orleans, Barbara Turner has lived in the Esplanade Ridge neighborhood since she was nineteen years old. In 1968, Ms. Turner's parents purchased this historic house at 2335 Ursuline Avenue as the home to raise their five children in. During Hurricane Katrina, Ms. Turner, her mother, and two sisters all evacuated to Selma, Alabama, by way of New Rose, LA. She returned home three months later to begin her rebuilding process and was saddened by the devastation of the city. She is hopeful, seeing this opportunity with Rebuilding Together as a blessing and sharing the exciting news with all of her neighbors. Ms. Barbara, a retired school teacher, currently lives alone in her 1-story home. An active member of her community for many years, Ms. Turner is one of Esplanade Ridge's most well-known residents.

The Christmas in October/Rebuilding Together project is sponsored by the Preservation Resource Center. They identify low income, elderly home owners who live in historic homes that need to be repaired. The Third District Kiwanis Club and the Brother Martin Key club supplied the workers. The work that they did included priming and painting the one story, wood frame house located at 2335 Ursulines Avenue in the historic Treme neighborhood.

Almost all of the people that worked on this project were from the Brother Martin Key Club. Cheri Tregre is the moderator for the Brother Martin Key Club and a member of our club who help organize the key club members. Cheri Tregre, Brian Trascher, and Michael Toso worked with about 25 members of the Brother Martin High School Key Club to complete the project on Saturday, October 2.

The Third District Kiwanis Club has been participating in this project since 2002 and they are looking forward to doing another house next year.

PANCAKE DAYS!

Have you ever noticed how many pancake fundraisers there are in our district? LOT’S of them! And there are a lot of other outstanding projects in our District….raising thousands of dollars! Please yours with us.

PANCAKE POURING –Kiwanian Fred Hancock skillfully pours out pancake batter over a rotating cook top at the recent Union City Kiwanis Club Pancake Day. Standing by, is fellow Kiwanian Shane Dodson, ready with his spatula. The two chefs were among a team of Kiwanis members who participated in the Kiwanis Club’s annual Pancake Day at Union City Middle School. Several club members were relegated to kitchen duty, while others worked the floor making sure there were plenty of pancakes, sausage and drinks on hand for visitors. About $2,500 was raised during the special event to help finance the club’s community service projects.
PARIS-LAKEWAY KIWANIS HELPS REAL HOPE YOUTH CENTER

Paris Lakeway Kiwanis President Terry Wimberley (center) mentors a student at the REAL Hope Youth Center while volunteer Ken Rhodes (second from left) works with another. Catherine Herrea (right), REAL Hope director, had just received a $9,000 check, proceeds from the Paris Lakeway Kiwanians’ annual Mexican dinner last month. Gayle Griffith, dinner chairman, said the club has now given $72,500 to various causes in the 11 years the dinner has been held. Club members select a different group to receive the funds each year. This year’s donation was the largest ever.

MILITARY FAMILIES RECEIVE BLESSINGS AND THANKS FROM THEIR COMMUNITY ….

Submitted by ~ Cathy Simmons, Secretary

The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans, along with California Customs Collision Center and military volunteers from NAS JRB New Orleans, gathered to put together food baskets to the Military Community, on Tuesday Nov 23, 2010. Collection of dry goods and monetary donations began over a month ago. The idea came about when discussing the tradition of delivering food baskets to families in need. One of the newest members of the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans suggested assisting Military Families in the local community whose family had one or both family members serving on active duty.

An out-pouring of support came from the community. “These are for the boys & girls protecting us”, said one contributor. “I can only say ‘Thank-you’ for their service”, said another. “Military families go through so much, and to help them out when we can, is a great honor”, said still another!

Upon delivery of these food baskets, the military personnel expressed sincere gratitude. Au contraire ~ it is we who are grateful for their service to us and our wonderful country. Remember: Families serve too!

In counting our blessings, our freedom is the greatest … and we remember Freedom isn’t free. THANK YOU to those in the Military, past and present, who enable us to keep that freedom for our families!

INTERNATIONAL TABLET OF HONOR GIVEN IN RECOGNITION

Tom Nagelin, Past President of the Algiers Morning Edition Kiwanis club presents Past Governor, Russ Kercher with the International Tablet of Honor. The Algiers Morning Edition honored Russ for his dedicated service to the community and the club.

The purpose of the Tablet of Honor is to recognize someone special who has dedicated his or her life to supporting Kiwanis activities. Contributions to recognize such devotion to Kiwanis help fulfill the mission of the Kiwanis International Foundation: “To assist Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world.”
After years of planning, fund-raising, design and construction, the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette (Louisiana) has finally completed "Parc Independence" - Lafayette’s first handicapped playground. The park is a joint project between the Lafayette City/Parish Consolidated Government (LCG) and the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette. The Kiwanis Club of Lafayette spent over $72,000 and LCG over $200,000 to the project. And that isn’t all – the Lafayette club plans to keep expanding the scope of its installation every year.

Originally, the Kiwanis club sought outside contributions to help them afford the park, but the logistics of coordinating different donors’ requests for certain park equipment became increasingly more time-consuming. So the club redoubled its fund-raising efforts in order to raise enough funds to pay for all of the necessary equipment and soft-surfacing from their own budget. Future park expansion will be managed so that donations can be accepted towards the ongoing project.

Parc Independence was the idea of current club president Kemper Bowen. Kemper recalls when he first got the idea for Parc Independence: “My son, Kyle (who has Autism) and I were in Girard Park one afternoon and we observed a number of school buses arrive and unload 4 children in wheelchairs. The children in wheelchairs were then wheeled into a shaded spot and could only watch the other children play. I told Kyle ‘not on my watch.’ We immediately approached the LCG Parks and Recreation administration and the public/private partnership between LCG and the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette began.”

Parc Independence is designed specifically to accommodate children that have physical and developmental disabilities. It eliminates separations, thereby allowing children of all abilities to play together. Some features of the playground include extra-wide entrances and ramps to provide access for wheelchairs and other personal equipment, specially-designed swing sets to accommodate wheelchairs, limited entrance and exit points to assist parents and guardians in watching over their children, interactive elements such as musical chimes, kaleidoscopes, hour-glass tumblers, and many more features typically not considered in park design. Because even the smallest things can create the largest obstacles for many children with disabilities, careful attention was also paid towards making the Park ADA-compliant. The intent is to eliminate barriers and create a place where all children can play together - regardless of their abilities.

The park’s Grand Opening was held October 26, 2010 with a proclamation from the Lafayette Parish President Joey Durel proclaiming October 26, 2010 “Parc Independence Day.” The ceremony coincided with LaMissTenn Governor Linda Ramsey’s visit to Region 6, so clubs from all over the region were able to attend, and Governor Ramsey was presented with a key to Lafayette by LCG president Durel.

Division 7 Lieutenant Governor Kevin Domingue says “This park is a great thing not only for the children and families of Lafayette, but also for Kiwanis itself. Too often, many people do not know what Kiwanis is all about, or what distinguishes Kiwanis from other civic and service organizations. With all of the Kiwanis benches in the park, and the Parc Independence Information Center, people get a better idea of what Kiwanis is all about, and see how to get in touch with us.”
(A young boy in a wheelchair takes the wheelchair swing for a test drive. If this doesn’t give you a Kiwanis moment, perhaps nothing will.)

Organizations from all over the area have now become involved – the Acadiana Autism Society, Affiliated Blind of Acadiana (who is giving technical advice to the club regarding the addition of Braille signs in the park), and others. And the word is spreading beyond Lafayette as people are finding out about the park. Thanks to a feature story on Lafayette’s KATC television, people outside of Lafayette were able to witness the grand opening, and have started driving to Lafayette to play in the park. Immediate past president of the Lafayette Club Carey Chopin says "A good friend of mine took her family of seven to the park and while playing, struck up a conversation with a parent of young child in a wheelchair having a joyous time on the wheelchair swing. She said, 'We read an article about this park and drove an hour away to check it out. It was definitely worth the trip!' To hear that, truly warms the heart!"

For more information and photos about the project, visit the Lafayette Club’s website at www.lafayettekiwanis.org and click the “photographs” link at the bottom of any webpage.

(Photos courtesy of Leslie Westbrook & The Daily Advertiser)

SERVICE LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Club advisor counselor is the go-to man for all your Service Leadership Program questions

Dave Wohler, the club advisor counselor for Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs, is the man with all the answers. Sponsoring Kiwanis clubs, host institutions, faculty and Kiwanis advisors and even members of Service Leadership Programs are welcome to call or e-mail Dave with their queries at 800-KIWANIS, ext. 163 (U.S. and Canada), +1-317-875-8755, ext. 163 (worldwide) or dwohler@kiwanis.org.

BUILDERS CLUB

Welcome to the following new Builders Clubs in the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District!

**A.J. Middle School Builders Club**-Sponsored by the Saint Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club. Faculty Advisor: Kimberly Rhodes, Kimberly.rhodes@sbpsb.org; Kiwanis Advisor: Sam Catalanotto, sam@dittoscopycenter.com

**Northlake Christian School Builders Club**-Sponsored by Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club. Faculty Advisor: Rhonda Spell, rspell@northlakechristian.org; Kiwanis Advisor: Rick Danielson, richard_danielson@ml.com

**St. Edward the Confessor Builders Club**-Sponsored by the Moisant Kiwanis Club and Co-sponsored by Archbishop Rummel Key Club. Faculty Advisor: Jodie Cavignac, cavignac@cox.net; Kiwanis Advisor: Thomas E. Becker, thomasbeckerjr@hotmail.com

**St. Bernard Middle School Builders Club**-Sponsored by the Saint Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club. Faculty Advisor: Rebecca Wood, rwkchs@yahoo.com; Kiwanis Advisor: Amanda Hardesty, Amanda.daj.hardesty@gmail.com

**N.P. Trist Builders Club**-Reactivated since Hurricane Katrina and sponsored by the Saint Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club. Faculty Advisor: Kara Colburn, kcolburn@sbpsb.org; Kiwanis Advisor: Polly Campbell, polly-campbell5@yahoo.com
**K-KIDS**
*By: Claudia Hall, K-Kids Administrator*

Hi, my name is Claudia Hall and I am the new K-Kids Administrator for the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District. And that I am excited about all things which we are doing on this level, and what international has in store to make this opportunity even greater.

We want to continue to encourage other clubs to become involved with our K-Kids, Terrific Kids Program and Bring Up Grades. In Region 7 my club sponsors a BUG’s program which is co-partnered with the Lafayette Parish School Board. Also we have several clubs in this area who sponsor K-Kids programs.

I look forward to working with you. Please email me your clubs projects and programs. I want to share them with others.

Thank you,
Claudia Hall, K-Kids Administrator
O: 337/291-5410 C: 337/349-5979 chall@lafayetalal.gov

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**CIRCLE K HOLDS ITS ANNUAL FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

*By: Kari Quinnelly, Circle K Administrator*

Through the many workshops and leadership exercises it is plain to see that the 12 clubs represented at the Annual Circle K Fall Leadership Conference (better known as T.I.O.G.A) had a lot of fun as they learned how to better lead their clubs. T.I.O.G.A (Together in Organizational Growth and Achievement) traditional is held in the Pineville/Tioga, La. area over a weekend in October.

Although numbers were small this year, there were 10 of 13 clubs represented and two chartering clubs, University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. and Louisiana College in Pineville, La. attending. Alumni and the Alexandria, Central Louisiana, Pineville and Cortana, B.R., La. Kiwanis clubs helped to cook and clean the kitchen, and give moral support to the members attending.

Did you know that we have more than 10 colleges and universities in the LaMissTenn District still wanting and planning to charter a Circle K club on their campus? What’s even more exciting is to know that there are “Kiwanians” who want to be a sponsor for that group of students. Currently there are over 300 members in the LaMissTenn District and over 13,300 internationally.

If your club is interested in sponsoring a Circle Club on a college campus near you contact Kari Quinnelly at districtadmin@lmecirclek.org

Kari Quinnelly, Circle K Administrator
REPORTING FOR DUTY?
For clubs in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and districts using the Kiwanis One reporting system:
Bookmark the online reporting overview page on the member website at www.KiwanisOne.org/reporting. There, you'll find brief details about each report, instructions to change your club meeting information in the Kiwanis International database and how to update your club website in the club locator. Quick links point you to register a new user, login, watch tutorials and more. The overview covers the following critical required reports:
- Monthly club report
- Annual club report
- Member management
- Election report

KIWANIS PHOTOS ON FLICKR
If you haven’t browsed through photos on the Kiwanis International Flickr photostream lately (or yet), you have new reason to check it out. Flickr has rolled out redesigned photo pages to all users, focusing on three key aspects of the user experience: easier navigation, more useful context and and bigger photo display size. Give it a try and check out pics from the 2010 international convention. http://www.flickr.com/photos/kiwanisinternational

DATES TO REMEMBER
January 21: 96th anniversary of Kiwanis' founding
February 11-12: District Mid-Winter Conference, Natchez, Miss. - Grand Hotel
March 11-13: Circle K District Convention, Jackson, Miss. - Cabot Lodge Hotel on State St.
March 18-19: Key Club New Officer Training, Baton Rouge, La. – Crown Plaza
April 15-17: Key Club District Convention, Natchez Convention Center
May 13-15: Lt. Governor Training Conference, Baton Rouge, La. – Holiday Inn South
July 7-10: 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva, Switzerland
August 4-7: Kiwanis District Convention, Tunica, Miss. – Harrah’s Resort

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It’s not too early to contribute to the Foundation. I do want to let you know that the Banner Patches are not in yet. But when I do receive them I will get them to you immediately!

ONLINE TRAINING
3 secretaires in the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District complete online training.
Claudine Wisby – Rosepine, La.
Robert D’Orso – Kirby Pines Golden K, Memphis, Tenn.
Doris Rappold – Kenner North, La.

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Sitting high on the bluff above the mighty Mississippi river rests Natchez - a city 300 years in the making. At first glance, Natchez appears to be frozen in time, with perfectly preserved homes and buildings that remind us of days gone by. But upon closer inspection, you soon discover that Natchez, while indeed a reflection of the past, is also alive in the here and now – filled with arts, music, culture, events, commerce and natural beauty.

Natchez is home to over 1,000 historic structures, residential and commercial, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This enchanting historic city is the anchor of the 444 mile scenic Natchez Trace, which runs from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez-Under-the-Hill.

On February 11 - 12, 2011 the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District will convene for the Mid-Winter Conference in Natchez, Miss. International President, Sylvester Neal will be our guest at Mid-Winter and also the guest speaker at the Saturday noon luncheon.

It’s not too early to make reservations at the Natchez Grand Hotel by calling 601/446-9994 or 866/488-0898. Or the Natchez Eola Hotel at 601/445-6000 or 860/445-3652

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

I want to thank the many contributors to the December-January Issue of “The La-Miss-WTenn District News”. I was so pleased and impressed with you and the very wonderful articles that you sent.

Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Beverly Cain