A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

By: Greg Beard, 2011-2012 Governor

As we approach the end of 2011, I want to thank all of you for your dedication and service to our Great Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District. As we travel throughout the District, I see the commitment and dedication of so many who volunteer their time, talents and resources to our clubs and communities. I know that your efforts come from a commitment to the objects and values of Kiwanis as we are “changing the world, one child and one community at a time.”

Like November, December is a family month. We are encouraged to demonstrate our commitment to our families and our communities through projects, activities, and events in celebration of the Christmas season. From pictures with Santa Claus, to Salvation Army bell ringing, to serving food at local charities, it is important that we make an effort to include our own family members in these activities. When our families learn more about Kiwanis through fellowship and service projects, they feel included and become more supportive. It is also important that we have strong clubs where all members can contribute and feel included. Sometimes people need to be asked to participate in club activities. If you never ask, the answer is always no.

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TRI-K BOARD WEEKEND HELD TO SHARE GOALS & PLANS

The LaMissTenn District held a Tri-K Board Weekend in Jackson, Miss., bringing together the Boards and District Officers of the Kiwanis District, the Circle K District, and the Key Club District. The weekend provided the boards a chance to meet and to discuss their goals for 2011-2012, and their plans for achieving them.

Governor Greg Beard presided over the events of the weekend, which began with the Kiwanis District Board Meeting on Friday afternoon, November 18th. The Key Club District Board arrived later that evening and began their committee meetings and planning sessions.

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As a result of the District Board and Lt. Governors meeting in Jackson, Mississippi before Thanksgiving, there will be many activities in 2012. Activities such as the seven (7) Mid-Year Regional Conferences, CKI and Key Club Conventions, International Convention in New Orleans and the District Convention in Lafayette - opportunities for us to come together and share our club ideas and experiences. And also, to have some great FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP. For more information about these events, go to the District website: www.lamisstenn.org.

As we celebrate Christmas and the holidays, let us focus on enjoying our families, our clubs and rededicating ourselves to making them stronger in the New Year.

By the way, did you receive your Kiwanis Magazine? I did. Can you find the articles about two (2) of our District’s clubs?

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas.

Greg, 2011-12 LaMissTenn District Governor

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The Circle K District Board assembled by 9:00 am on Saturday to begin their quarterly meeting. All three Boards came together for a joint meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday, joined by the 2011-2012 Kiwanis Lt. Governors.

The Governors and Administrators of Circle K (Ashton Horne and Kari Quinnelly) and Key Club (Gabby Murphy and Glenn Borne) took advantage of the opportunity by outlining their goals for the year, their respective service initiatives, and growth needs. WSP Chairman Dennis Oliver also presented an update of the Worldwide Service Project – ELIMINATE – and explained the roles that each organization should undertake to get involved with saving babies’ lives around the world.

Following lunch, the groups returned to their respective Board Meetings to discuss the business of their respective Districts.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Joe L. Pratt, Host Committee Chair
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Volunteers needed for the International Convention. If you and/or you club would like to volunteer, please contact me at the above contact information info.

Volunteer Registration for Members and Guests from the LaMissTenn District: $100 per person, until February 15, 2012

Joe

Joe Pratt, Host Chair New Orleans Int’l. Convention

RAMSEY RECEIVES ZELLAR FROM LT. GOVERNORS AND BOARD

Immediate Past Governor Linda Ramsey accepts her Diamond Level Walter Zeller Fellowship from Past Governor Dennis Oliver. The Zeller was announced as a gift from her team of Lt. Governors and District Board Members at the District Convention in Tunica. The actual award was presented to her during the Tri-K Board Meeting in Jackson, Miss. For information on the ELIMINATE Project and the Walter Zeller Fellowship:

www.theeliminateproject.org or www.kiwanis.org/foundation.
Dear Kiwanis Leader,

A playground for needy children, totally destroyed by the floodwaters of the Mississippi River – now restored back to full use. A local community’s center for the elderly fallen into disrepair because of a lack of money and interest – now fully updated and attracting more and more senior citizens into a safe and productive facility.

A high school student’s life saved because one Kiwanis Club stepped up and made sure that a functional automated external defibrillator on his campus.

A college student is able to continue her education because she received a scholarship to help defray the costs of registration.

And the stories continue throughout the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District thanks to the generosity of the members through the Annual Club Gift Campaign.

The District Foundation exists to provide financial assistance for Kiwanis projects and programs within the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District. Grant requests for meaningful service projects are increasing each year. The number of scholarship applications from graduating Key Club members and service-minded Circle K members continue to rise. To handle these requests, your Foundation needs the support of all clubs and every member.

The Board of Directors of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation invites you to help continue the success stories of the Foundation by contributing to the 2011-2012 Annual Club Gift Campaign. A minimum donation of $5 per member is requested – but clubs are asked to donate more if they can! The Annual Club Gift Campaign funds the majority of the annual programs of the Foundation. Please consider making a donation to the District Foundation to help expand our efforts.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors thanks all clubs for your continued support of the Foundation. For those clubs that do not normally donate, please consider 2011-2012 as the year that you begin your support. We need the help from all clubs to make it work! Please donate!

For additional information on the Grant Application Process of the Foundation, please visit the District Website (www.lamisstenn.org) and explore our programs.
Club Contribution Form

Copy this form to submit various contributions to the District Foundation throughout the year.

Club: ___________________________ President: ___________________________

Day Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: ___________________________

Amount Enclosed: $_________ Date: _________ Check No.: ____________

☐ 2011-2012 Annual Club Gift:

The enclosed amount of $_________ represents our club's contribution for 2011-2012 in the amount of $______ per member for the _____ members in our club. NOTE: The minimum suggested amount for 2011-2012 is $5 per member.

☐ Memorial Gift:

This is a Memorial Gift in the amount of $____.

Donated in memory of: (deceased)

__________________________________________________________

Donation made by: (name to be printed on card)

__________________________________________________________

Send notification of this gift to (a family member, friend, etc.):

Name: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

City/State/Zip: ___________________________

☐ Tablet of Honor:

Enclosed is a donation of $1,000.00 for a **Henry W. Nash ** Eugene J. Maier Tablet of Honor to be presented to (name of honoree):

Inscription (please limit to 140 letters/spaces or less):

________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Tablet of Honor presented (made possible by): ____________

Send award to

Name: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

City/State/Zip: ___________________________

☐ River of Life:

Enclosed is a donation of $1,000.00 for a River of Life Fellowship to be presented to (name of honoree):

(This award requires at least 2 weeks to prepare.)

Date of Presentation: ____________

Send award to

Name: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

City/State/Zip: ___________________________

☐ Leadership Circle / President’s Circle:

Enclosed is a donation of $_________ (minimum of $100.00) for a:

☐ President’s Circle (to honor a Past President)

☐ Leadership Circle

to be presented to (name of honoree):

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Date of Presentation: ____________

Send award to

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### HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES

**By: Porter C. “Court” Crow, Committee Chair 2011-12**

crow52269@aol.com

**IT’S NOT TOO LATE**

It’s not too late to plan some kind of “spiritual and human values” program for December … or look ahead to January.

Of course, have a Christmas/Holiday program with children from an elementary school visit or sing and have a surprise visit from Santa-Kiwanian. These events are always fun for the children and the Kiwanians, too.

As we recognize the Christian celebration of Christ’s birth, a club can certainly recognize other religions, too. Invite a pastor, a priest or rabbi to discuss their faiths in today’s world.

And participate in community holiday parades or host community prayer breakfasts. The Kiwanis clubs of northwest Louisiana built and maintain a gazebo for

The Caddo Sheriff’s Safety Town. They also decorate it for the holidays. It will be a highlight of the upcoming Christmas parade for that part of town.

Don’t let the month of December slip by without your Kiwanis club doing something worthwhile to emphasize Spiritual and Human Values.

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 2011-2012 a year we can remember for our reigniting our love for Human and Spiritual Values.

### INTRODUCING KIWANIS SERVICE SOURCE, A DATABASE OF PROJECTS BY CLUBS, FOR CLUBS

If your club’s looking for inspiration about its next service or fundraising project, check out the Kiwanis Service Source (in English). Located at www.KiwanisOne.org/findaproject, this online resource lets Kiwanis-family members browse through various projects, find ideas and descriptions, read helpful tips, download materials to duplicate a successful project and more. Fill in the search field options at the top of the page to narrow down your options or scroll through recent submissions in the complete listing.

To maximize this new tool, clubs are asked to share their best project for consideration. If you have a great success story, submit your project details and you may find your club inspiring others.
Thank you and the Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for YOUR support of YOUR District Foundation. Through the Annual Club Gift Campaign from Kiwanis Clubs, gift baskets at convention and regionals, as well as personal donations, YOUR District Foundation is able to assist clubs in the District with AED GRANTS and COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS for such projects as:

**Kiwanis Club of Columbus, MS** worked beside Baptist Memorial Hospital and the Senior Class of Heritage Academy to construct “Patriot Park”. This new wheelchair and handicapped accessible park allows children with disabilities to play alongside children without disabilities. Lt. Governor Hollis Peel adds, “Because of the generosity of the District Foundation, the children of our community will enjoy the benefits for this park for many years to come.” Project cost: $119,000. Grant Awarded: $1,000.

**The Vicksburg Kiwanis Club** worked with Key Clubbers and others in the community to get the Waltersville Estate Playground dried out and ready to use for the children of Vicksburg. Yes, this playground was one of the many victims of flooding from “old man river”. This playground is part of the Vicksburg Housing Authority Complex, where over 189 children live. Without the help of Kiwanis and the community, this entire area would have been demolished. Cost of Project: $8,000. Grant Awarded: $725.
MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS=ELIMINATE

By: Dennis Oliver, District Coordinator, Eliminate Project  Ph: 228-832-6786  EM: DMOKiwanis@aol.com

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
1. To those who have sent their gift or pledge already!
2. To those clubs who have been able to plan a project for ELIMINATE and sent their check!

DISTRICT REPORT 10/31

Gifts and Pledges----------$38,000
WALTER ZELLER AWRDS purchased or pledged: 17 (each saves 700 children)
DIAMOND ZELLER: 1(saves 1400 lives)

My friends I can only ask that you make your personal commitment soon and help your club with project ideas. Also, we are asked to identify those in our clubs or out in the community who may be major contributors. ($25,000-$100,000) We are joining hands with all 600,000 members to STOP babies dying every 9 minutes when $1.80 saves mothers and babies.

ELIMINATE LEADERS

Multi-Divisional Coordinators:
Mary Frances Gardner, Bill Boyd, James White and Ame Oliver.

Divisional Coordinators:
Linda Ramsey, Frank Davis, Tony Weaver, Kathy Webb, Jan Robertson, Lori Adams, Claudia Hall, Clarissa Preston, Lee Geter, Tom Smith, Bill Penny, Eva Abate, Paul Larocco, John McCay, Donna Osborn, Tom Osborn, and Hollis Crowder.

Thanks to these who are leading the way!

Missing Division Coordinators! Divisions 1B, 2, 8A, 16,18,19! Where are you? We need you! If you would like to be involved, Please let me know!

Calling 142 good men or women! We are recruiting 142 ELIMINATE Club Coordinators today! Are you the one?

All Coordinators are charged with the responsibility of educating, encouraging all members to get involved, helping clubs select projects, identifying major donors, and reporting results to all.

REMINDERS:
1. This will not affect any of your on-going projects.
2. We will add members when the word is out that Kiwanis is eradicating a disease now affecting 39 countries.
3. Gifts can be given or pledged over 5 years. EXCEPT the Walter Zeller Award which is 2 years.
4. This will be one of the greatest health stories in history.
5. There will be a giant celebration in 2015 on Kiwanis's 100th birthday with no more MNT!!!!!!!

I haven't spoken with anyone who wasn't sure they would get involved. I can only encourage each of you to act now! WHAT WE GIVE TODAY GOES TO WORK TOMORROW!

CHECK NUMBER ONE FROM KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL TO UNICEF: $750,000!

I am privileged and honored to be a part of this great opportunity to CHANGE THE WORLD------AGAIN!

Dennis Oliver

"Kiwanis focuses on the needs of ordinary people and children to create extraordinary life-changing moments!"
"THE SECRET TO MORE SERVICE"

By: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

On Saturday November 12th the Key Clubs from the area High Schools held their annual rally at Central High School in Memphis. Their theme was: "The Secret to More Service" and the students were urged to wear costumes imitating their favorite spy or secret agent.

The day began with some ice breakers and a Keynote speech by motivational speaker Harriet Turk. Turk is a dynamic speaker who speaks to all types of high school age groups on empowering yourself. The Kiwanis District Key Club Administrator for the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District, Glenn Borne, was on hand to conduct club officer training that included forums on, Officer training, March for Dimes, Kiwanis Relations, Governor's Project, Fundraising/Project Ideas, Ice Breakers and Spy Origami.

Key Clubs are Service Leadership Programs for high school aged students and are sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs.

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown made a $500 donation to the rally to insure its success. The day ended with a dance and giving out awards for the poster contest and costume contest.

Middle picture are Key Club spies left to right back row: Ashley Covington, Seth Pierce, and Becca Skeen. Front row: Victoria Skeen. Right picture are from left to right Key Clubbers; Becca Skeen, Victoria Skeen, Ashley Covington, Seth Pierce and Kiwanians Linda Ramsey and Emily Lewellen.

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

Story submitted by Myrna Johnson, McKenzie Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis K-Kids collection of food items for Holiday Community Service.

Close to 1000 food items were collected by the McKenzie Elementary School students and donated to the United Neighbors for distribution to families in Carroll County this holiday season. The classroom that collected the most food items was Ms. Amber Douglas with 117 items, and Ms. Charlotte Verner’s class at a close second place with 106 items!

A K-Kids Club provides children in the third and fourth grade with an opportunity

✓ to work together to give service to their community,
✓ to develop pride in their ability to contribute and help others,
✓ to encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation

The K-Kids have also donated and delivered “Share your Love” personal hygiene kits to the Department of Children’s Services, and will have their annual collection of aluminum can tab tops in the spring to help families stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis during a family illness. The entire student body at the elementary school participates in the food drive and can tab top collection. The tab tops may be given to any elementary student for the collection.

Don Eye presents a Kiwanis matching grant check to Germantown Elementary K-Kids President Makaila Smith and K Kids advisor Cecil Jordan. The K-Kids raised $700 for the ELIMINATE Project. Total=$1,400
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.

Clovis Bailey - Jennings
Melvin Garrett - Franklinton
Clyde Harrelson - Baton Rouge
Ronald Marion - Biloxi
Aubrey O’Conner - Memphis

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

Alvarez, Heather - West Jefferson, Harvey
Bankston, Warren S. - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Breeding, Sherri - Franklinton
Brockman, Tracy F. - Ruston
Bruce, Richard - Natchitoches
Bruno, Ayneka - Southwest-Lafayette
Bruno, Mary L. - Southwest-Lafayette
Brumfield, Ariane - Franklinton
Cassey, Robert - Greater Covington
Cohen, Brad K. - Starkville
Cooley, Tobis R. - Laurel
Crase, Thomas P. - Memphis
Cummings, Kenneth M. - Laurel
Darrow, Taylor - Northshore Mandeville
Devilbiss, Edith F. - Ruston-Sunset
Fake, Lindsay - West Jefferson, Harvey
Fleming, Stephen C. - Pointe Coupee, New Roads
Foster, Jr., Thomas - Red Stick, Baton Rouge
Free, Rachael L. - Collierville
Geraci, Josi - Northshore Mandeville
Guidry, Donald - Third District, New Orleans
Hadden, Cynthia - Baton Rouge
Hanzell, Jeremy - Natchitoches
Hart, William A. - Martin
Hebert, Charlene - Southwest-Lafayette
Hoover, Doyle E. - Ponchatoula
Hosch, Gordon - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Hunter, Daniel - Pascagoula
Johnson, Lee - Natchitoches
Katz, Lauren - Baton Rouge
Kavanaugh, Jobeth - Camellia City, Slidell
Latouis, Clinton - Abbeville
LeBlanc, Wendy - Red Stick, Baton Rouge
Lewellen, Emily - Martin
Lipscomb, Robert C. - Memphis
Martin, Jason - Monroe
Mikesell, Linda - Red Stick, Baton Rouge
Milano, Marc S. - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Mister, Angelic - Greenville
Moses, Penny Sue - Franklinton
O’Connell, Sr., Alex A. - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Packer, Stephanie - Pascagoula
Parker, Charla K. - Natchitoches
Patrone, Susan - Collierville
Priestley, Holly Deanne - Monroe
Rainey, Michael A. - Acadia-Lafayette
Richard, Jean-Paul - Algiers Morning Edition, N.O.
Robert, Angela D. - West Monroe
Robinson, Matt - Red Stick, Baton Rouge
Schimmel, Debbie - Camellia City, Slidell
Schmidt, Julie F. - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Shaw, Erin - Olla
Singleton, John A. - Jackson, Tenn.
Sisk, Mark - Monroe
Smith, Fay A. - DeRidder
Smith, Jeff - Clarksdale
Symeon, Gerald E. - Germantown
Turner, Lori - Pascagoula
Venable, Lee Anne - Hub City, Hattiesburg
Wellikoff, Jason - Germantown
Witherspoon, Sonny - Jackson, Tenn.
Yenni, Michael - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Youngbloc, Frank M. – Columbus, Miss.
YWCA of Greater Memphis, Jackie Willliams – Memphis
PARK-A-BOO PROVIDES GREAT TIME FOR KIDS IN METAIRIE

Article submitted by Ira Snyder, Lt. Governor, Division 4B

By: Tiffany Powell

For three years, the Kenner North Kiwanis and Jefferson Parish Foundation have staged a good time for area kids at its Park-A-Boo event. Last weekend’s event was no different.

Bonnabel High School Key Club members Amanda Mancilla, left, and Jinibar Zelaya, right, peer out from the nose of a witch as they give out candy to trick or treaters during the Park-a-Boo at Lafreniere Park in Metairie on Saturday, October 29, 2011. The event is sponsored by the Kenner North Kiwanis and the Jefferson Chamber Foundation. The money raised supports youth programs in the community.

The Park-A-Boo is designed to provide treats, without the tricks, in a safe and secure environment at Lafreniere Park in Metairie. Children 13 and under don their favorite costumes and participate in Halloween activities such as costume contests, face-painting, a not-so-scary haunted house, storytelling, clowns, games and eating.

And to make it a success, Key Club members throughout the area volunteer their time and talents to the project. The students volunteer at various booths and staff the fun attraction, the Boo House. Seventeen schools and more than 130 students participated in the three-day event.

Cindy Johnson, Key Club adviser at Crescent City Christian School, helped coordinate the volunteers for the event. “Without these volunteers, we would not be successful,” Johnson said. “We are really grateful to them. The kids are amazing, and they give up their whole weekend.”

Bill Curl, an event organizer, said the project is a success because so many people work together. “So you have a perfect triangle, if you will. You have kids working to entertain kids, high-school-age kids working to entertain the real young kids, and the money that comes from it goes to two different organizations, Kenner North Kiwanis and the Jefferson Chamber Foundation, and they reinvest their money into kids,” Curl said. “So it works just beautifully. It is a fun event. The people who work it put a lot of passion into it, and they enjoy it.”

Alfred Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School’s construction class assembled various sets for the event, including a fun maze. Actors from Bonnabel’s leadership class wrote skits for the Boo House and painted the scenery. Students in Bonnabel’s art department provided artwork and painted faces.

Menasah Benoit, 4, is dressed as a dragon as she dances during the Park-A-Boo at Lafreniere Park in Metairie on Saturday, October 29, 2011. The event is sponsored by the Kenner North Kiwanis and the Jefferson Chamber Foundation. The money raised supports youth programs in the community.

Phyllis Mandal is the student activities coordinator and Student Council adviser at Bonnabel. “Many learn from a book, but they learn it from firsthand experience,” Mandal said. “The leadership class is made of students that show leadership qualities and develop those qualities through interaction with school activities and district activities. They are an excellent, excellent group of children.”

Courtney Mathews, president of Bonnabel’s Student Council, said participating at the event is fun for everyone. “I’m excited to be a volunteer and being a part of Park-A-Boo,” Mathews said. “I am really happy to be a part of this outreach program through leadership (class) and the Kiwanis Club. ... I am blessed, and I feel that these children are being blessed through the activities this weekend.”

Taneal Williams, a student at Thomas Jefferson High School and New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, was also on hand. “It’s all for fun. I love helping, and I love entertaining,” Williams said. “It doesn’t happen all the time that I get to put it all together and work with such a great group of people. Plus, I love Halloween.”

Park-A-Boo Event Chair Ira Snyder, who has worked with the Kiwanis organization for more than 20 years, said the Park-A-Boo event helps support the organizers’ missions of helping children. “The Key Club is for helping children in the community and kids in need. This helps kids develop leadership skills and do community work,” he said.

The event also featured visits from popular characters such as Winnie the Pooh, Cat in the Hat and Sponge Bob. Families lined up to meet student volunteers hidden behind wooden pumpkins and Halloween figures giving away treats, and kids hit the dance stage to show off their favorite dance move.
Melissa Williamson, center right, walks her children Sofia, 4, left, and Seth, 3, right, through a maze with her husband, Brian, not pictured, during the Park-a-Boo at Lafreniere Park in Metairie on Saturday, October 29, 2011. The event is sponsored by the Kenner North Kiwanis and the Jefferson Chamber Foundation. The money raised supports youth programs in the community.

Each year the event attracts more and more families. “We are finding that people know about Park-A-Boo; the familiarity is out there. They are looking forward to it, and they are telling their friends about it,” Curl said. “Our crowds are terrific. ... People feel safe here. As we talk to people as they are leaving, they are smiling and happy and telling us they just had a terrific time.”

Kaitlyn Bartholomew, 7, of Wagaman, enjoyed the event with her parents, Keisha and Johnny Bartholomew. “I enjoyed the haunted house the most,” Kaitlyn, dressed in a werewolf costume, said. “I like the witches that were trying to grab us.”

**COVINGTON HIGH KEY CLUB LIVES TO SERVE**

*Covington High* offers many clubs and organizations to its students. One such club is Key Club. Key Club is the oldest high school service and leadership organization in the country. The club was founded by the Kiwanis club to help get youth involved in their communities.

The faculty sponsor for Covington High’s Key Club is Paige Mizell. Her officers are President Zachary Kidder, Co-Vice Presidents Elise Benezech and Josh Calamia, Co-secretaries Lauren Biggers and Alex Hatcher, Co-treasurers Amelia Barker and Ryan Rabalais, and Co-parliamentarians Ryan Mathies and Hewson Knight.

Key Club truly takes service to heart. This year the club has averaged more than 400 total service hours a month. The club has sponsored Breast Cancer Awareness Month and bagged groceries to raise money for various causes - such as the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center of St. Tammany and Washington parishes - so far this year.

Members worked Lancaster Elementary’s fall festival, Lee Road’s Junior High’s “Trunk or Treat,” and Lee Road’s Junior High’s “Mane Event,” the homecoming parade, helped at CHS beautification day, held bake sales, and directed traffic at home football games.

On Nov. 5, a delegation from Covington High’s Key Club went to the District Key Club Rally, which is for clubs in St. Tammany, Washington, and Tangipahoa parishes. Those who attended the rally for CHS were Melanie Smith, Lauren Biggers, Elise Benezech, Donnie Giarratano, Rebecca Miller, Megan Store, Amanda Barker, Ashlan Vercher, Hewson Knight and Zachary Lehman.

District rally is a time for members to meet members from around the area, build leadership skills, play games, and get ideas to bring back to their schools. At the rally, Covington’s team received the club of the month award, won the poster contest, and won the competition to collect change for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital (by raising more than $300). Melanie Smith won the limbo competition and the competition to pop a balloon in the most creative way. Zachary, Hewson, Donnie and Lauren won the tug-of-war contest, and Zachary and Donnie came in fourth in sandcastle building.

Key Club is not slowing down, though. They have a lot more exciting events planned for the rest of the year such as Toys for Tots, Adopt-A-Family, the Muscular Dystrophy Association drive, the officer training convention, the district convention in March, the international convention in July, and Relay for Life at the end of March. Keep up the good work, Key Club!
KIWANIS CLUB OF PASCAGOULA PRESENTS HIXSON TO KELLY SES-SOMS.

On Tuesday, November 22, 2011 the Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula presented a George F. Hixson Award to A. Kelly Sessoms. Jim Blevins talked about Kelly's professional career as a lawyer and Woody Wood presented a scrapbook to Kelly. The scrapbook had letters, pictures, and many other items of Community Service and Fund Raising activities that were accomplished during Kelly's year as Club President (2001-2002).

Donors who give $1,000 (or $200 with a pledge to give $800 over the next four years) become George F. Hixson Fellows, named in honor of the first Kiwanis International president. Hixson dedicated 50 years of his life in service to Kiwanis.

Hixson Fellows receive a commemorative tie tack/lapel pin and two numbered medallions hanging from blue-and-white ribbons: one encased in a walnut box for display, and one to be worn.

Pictured left is Kelly Sessoms receiving his Hixson Award from Rev. John McCay, III, Lt. Governor of Div. 14.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ST. BERNARD-ARABI AND CHALMETTE HIGH KEY CLUB HOLD ELIMINATE PROJECT INSTALLATION BANQUET.

New president, Polly Campbell, of the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi, decided to have a more casual (and economical!) installation banquet this year. The banquet was held free of charge in a local school's cafeteria, a lovely buffet was provided by a local caterer, and the decorations were all homemade. For dessert, members were asked to donate a sweet treat. Members then purchased the treats with the donations going to the EliMiNate program. Members of the Chalmette High School Key Club helped hand out the treats and collect the money. Over $200 was raised for the EliMiNate program.

Members of the Chalmette High School Key Club raise money for EliMiNate program.

LEGION OF HONOR AWARDED TO SOUTH BATON ROUGE KIWANIS CLUB MEMBER, EDDIE JOHNSON

The Kiwanis Club of South Baton Rouge honored Mr. Eddie Johnson with the Legion of Honor Award. On October 29th, Governor Greg Beard was on hand to make the presentation to Mr. Eddie, as he is affectionately known. Governor Greg thanked Mr. Eddie for 33 years of dedicated service to the South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club.

The success of Kiwanis International is largely due to the strong, effective, and active service of thousands of Kiwanians, many of whom have achieved more than 25 years of membership. These dedicated individuals deserve recognition for having helped make Kiwanis the great organization it is today.

Every Kiwanis club should consider it a privilege to recognize its eligible members with the Legion of Honor award. Eligibility is based upon a Kiwanian having at least 25 years of membership, not necessarily consecutive, in one or more clubs. Having been recognized for 25 years of service, a member is again eligible to receive the Legion of Honor award when the individual achieves 30 years of membership, again at 35 years, and so on. A member is considered eligible if he or she is within six months of the required number of years.
World War I Historian speaks at Germantown Kiwanis Club

*Story and photo by: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club*

The special guest speaker at the November 10th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown was World War I historian Andy Pouncey. Mr. Pouncey gave a presentation on how immigrants obtained U.S. citizenship by volunteering for service in WWI. He featured an Italian immigrant, James Canestrari, that settled in Memphis as a young man. James Canestrari was the father of Don Canestrari who was a Germantown resident and member of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown until his recent move to east Tennessee.

"VETERANS-UP FRONT AND CENTER"

St. Bernard Business and Career Solutions Center with St. Bernard Parish Government and the Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain held a Veterans Community Connection and Job Fair "Veterans-Up Front and Center" on Wednesday November 9th at St. Bernard Parish Camp Hope. In attendance 25 employers from as far away as Houma, La participated in the Job Fair.

Harlen Henegar, SVER, Louisiana Workforce Commission welcomed the Veterans and employers to the job fair honoring our Military Men and Women. Col. Timothy N. Chastain, Post Commander for Jackson Barracks and Camp Villere was the keynote speaker. Larry Turner, Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain gave the invocation and Eileen Jackson, U. S. Coast Guard Reserves, gave a tear drooping rendition of America, which made all in attendance give thanks for being an American.

Employers stated they wanted to be a part of the job fair because they knew our Military men and women have much to offer and also wanted to give thanks to them for their sacrifice to our Country. Over 100 Veterans came out seeking employment.

Pictured is Past President Erin Willcutt presenting Woody with his plaque and Life Time Membership Pin.
Kai Coleman turned 5 years old Tuesday. She was easy to spot with her “Happy Birthday” paper tiara, and her singing, “Happy birthday to me” out loud to herself.

Southdowns Preschool also gave her a gift, or, more correctly, let her choose one.

Coleman chose “Disney’s Princesses,” a collection of stories about princesses, from among the 150 children’s books donated to her school Tuesday by the Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge.

“I’m going to show my whole class this book,” Kai said, waving it around to those gathered in the school lobby.

Gavin Connor, 4, was quick to point out that Tuesday was his mother’s birthday as well. Though Tuesday was not his birthday, Connor also got to pick a book for himself and selected “The Very Friendly Firefly.”

“It is my favorite,” Connor said. ‘They have things that pop up,” opening up the book to demonstrate.

Sara Miller, 16, a junior at St. Joseph’s Academy, visited Southdowns to read the book with Connor.

“All he wanted to do was pop the book open,” Miller said, smiling.

Miller is a secretary in the St. Joseph Academy’s Key Club. She was accompanied by seniors Nicole Weishar, 17, and Emily Tassin, 17, who are president and vice president of the club, respectively.

Key Clubs are junior chapters of Kiwanis. The chapter at this all girls Catholic high school learned of the drive to collect books for young children after hearing a presentation by Noel Hammatt, who is leading the Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge’s service project known as “3Rs for 3BR.”

“Our goal is for no child in Baton Rouge to be without a home library,” Hammatt said.

The girls in St. Joseph’s Key Club made the book giveaway drive their November service project. They filled four big blue bins full of donated new and used children’s books, about 1,000 in all.

“It’s something right here we can see a need for, not in some other country,” said Tassin.

Joy Hammatt, Noel’s sister-in-law and a retired kindergarten teacher, selected 150 of St. Joseph’s books for Southdown’s small book area. The remainder of the books will go to children’s libraries at the Capitol City Family Health Center, a WIC Office inside that health center, and at Highland Elementary School.

Joy Hammatt said that unlike other book giveaway programs, 3Rs for 3BR, has adults read books to children first and then the children decide whether they want to have the books. She said she loves reading books to children.

“It’s just such a natural high,” she said. “Just to see the children’s faces when they get to read a book and then they get to keep them.”

Noel Hammatt, a former East Baton Rouge Parish School Board member who now calls himself an “independent education researcher,” said that having books in the home is one of the strongest indicators of whether a child will do well in school.

A 2010 study bears this out. Mariah Evans, associate professor of sociology and resource economics at University of Nevada, Reno, looked at 20 years of data from the United States and China. Evans found that parents who have books in the home increase the level of education their children will attain, a finding that held up whether people were rich or poor.

And while having books in the home is important, many families in Baton Rouge living in poverty do not have them. Noel Hammatt cited a survey a few years ago by the local group, Volunteers In Public Schools, of the children in its Everybody Reads program. VIPS found that the average number of books in the homes of those children was three.

The Kiwanis Club has devoted $40,000 so far to buying age-appropriate books for the children as well as trying to persuade other companies and groups to sponsor more book purchases and donations.

“It is by far the largest project they’ve ever done,” Noel Hammatt said.

So far, the club has managed to collect 1,000 books and 150 went to Southdowns Preschool, where Coleman and Theriot are students.
A Good New Member Orientation is Essential to Member Retention

Article by: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis

One way to retain new members is to get them involved with club activities as soon as possible. A good new member orientation is essential to member retention. The Kiwanis Club of Germantown holds an orientation on a routine basis and invites new and established members. There's always something to be learned about Kiwanis.

Deadline Reminder

The submission deadline for the January issue of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. News is Monday, January 2, 2012.

Young Children: Priority One

Submitted By: Neil Simmons, YC:PO Chairman

Skip a Meal for the Eliminate Program

Members of the Kiwanis Club of West Monroe, Louisiana joined clubs around the world this week in The Eliminate Project to fight maternal and neonatal tetanus disease.

This week, Kiwanis members participated in Skip a Meal Week and donated the cost of a meal to The Eliminate Project campaign in northeastern Louisiana.

The goal of the project is to eliminate this swift, painful and highly preventable disease by vaccinating women of childbearing age, which will not only protect the mothers, but also their future babies.

“We gladly support The Eliminate Project in order to help save the lives of mothers and their newborn babies,” said Don Gonnillini, president of the West Monroe Kiwanis Club. “It is a way we can help serve the children in the global community in addition to our many local service projects.”

As the world’s largest single donor, Kiwanis International is raising $110 million by 2015 for the project, which will ultimately protect at least 61 million women and their future babies who are at risk of this disease.

For more information about The Eliminate Project, visit www.TheEliminateProject.org

“I encourage you to send articles for publication that showcase your Club’s, Division or District’s Young Children/Priority One Projects. If you e-mail me with the contact, I will do the rest.”

The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans held its 2nd annual Military Family Thanksgiving Food Drive

By Cathy Simmons, Secretary, Kiwanis Club of New Orleans

The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans held its 2nd annual Military Family Thanksgiving Food Drive, in conjunction with Military personal from the Navy Band, Belle Chasse. Our theme was: They Serve for us – now let us help them. Many of our local military families are barely getting by on their pay and benefits and are facing challenges right here at home. The food drive was held over the 3 weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, and yielded enough food to fill 24 boxes and $650 in cash donations which were used to purchase gift cards from the Naval Commissary, in amounts of $50 and $25. A great assistance this year came from Belle Chasse Academy’s food drive. Many thanks to the New Orleans community and Navy Personnel from Belle Chasse for their support of this worthy service project. Many hands working together = much service!
Kiwanis
Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District

The 2011-2012 Mid-Year Regional Conferences:

Presenting... The "How-To's" of Kiwanis!

Your La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Board cordially invites ALL Kiwanians to attend the 2011-2012 Mid-Year Regionals. Each of the 7 Mid-Year Regionals planned for 2011-2012 will present a meaningful program to help you learn how your club can function better within your community. Once again, the 2011-2012 Mid-Year Regional Conferences will be...

- **One-day events**, typically starting at 9:00 a.m., and ending before 3:00 p.m.
- **Centrally located**, at a convenient location within the Region.
- **Less expensive**, with a total registration fee of $30 per member in advance, $35 on site ($15 advance/$20 on-site for SLP members - i.e., Circle K, Key Club, etc., members). This fee will include refreshment breaks during the day, and lunch.

Remember to Register Early for your Mid-Year Regional!

### TYPICAL 2011-2012 MID-YEAR REGIONAL AGENDA

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Governor Greg meets with Club Presidents & L.t. Governors  
Continental Breakfast (recommended)  
District Foundation Gift Basket Raffle |
| 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. | OPENING SESSION  
• Welcome by Trustee & Introductions  
• Kiwanis’ Worldwide Service Project: ELIMINATE  
• Club Risk Management/Liability with Q&A’s |
| 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. | BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Workshops & Forums  
10:00 to 10:45  
The Nuts & Bolts of Fund Raising  
“How To…” plan and stage a fund-raising project - with information on some specific successful club efforts.  
Your SLP Konnection  
“How To…” improve the working relationships between your Kiwanis Club and your sponsored organizations.  
11:00 to 11:45  
Service in a Box!  
“How To…” develop more meaningful service projects for your club - from developing the ideas, to a successful conclusion.  
Hints for a Successful Membership Drive  
“How To…” plan and manage membership drives for your club.  
12:00 noon | MODEL CLUB MEETING & CLOSING SESSION  
Lunch  
Governor’s Official Visit to Divisions  
Induction of New Members (if any)  
How YOU can continue your leadership in Kiwanis as a Lt. Governor, Trustee, or even as Governor  
Your District Foundation can assist your club!  
Adjournment  
following | DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING to share information and to elect Lt. Governors and Lt. Governors-Elect if necessary  
TRUSTEE ELECTION (if needed for Regions IV & VII) |

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“West Tenn Region”
Region I - Divisions 1A, 1B, & 1C
Boling University Center -UTM 61 Mt. Pelia Road, Martin

La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Convention Lafayette, LA August 2-5, 2012

2011-2012 MID-YEAR REGIONAL REGISTRATION

Club:
President: ____________________________
E-mail: ____________________________
Daytime Phone: (____) ____________

Registering for Regional Conference…
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☐ Reg. V: Jan. 28th ☐ Reg. VI: Feb. 4th
☐ Reg. VII: Feb. 11th

REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE ENCLOSED:
Kiwanians attending: _______ X $30.00 per person = $ ____________
No. SLP attending: ________ X $15.00 per person = $ ____________
Total included: $ ____________

Make check payable to:
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Mail to:
5319-B Didesse Dr.
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Mail at least 1 WEEK BEFORE Regional is scheduled!

Please print information below-use additional sheet if necessary:

NAMES of club members attending: OFFICE HELD (if any):
1. ____________________________
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DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1: Kiwanis Float in Rose Parade
January 21: 97th anniversary of Kiwanis' founding
February 15: Deadline to propose Kiwanis International Bylaws amendments
February 15: Deadline for submitting entries for Kiwanis One Day contest
February 15: Filing deadline for IRS Form 990 (U.S. clubs only)