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Baton Rouge Kiwanis: Starting Great Futures

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Baton Rouge Kiwanian Pat Davis, teaches a student from Park Forest Elementary School how to fish during "Teach a Kid to Fish Day."
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Greetings from the Governor

By Otha Britton, Governor



It doesn't seem possible that we are already half-way through the 2017-2018 Kiwanis year, but it is true. So much has been accomplished, yet there is so much yet to be done. After opening only one new club in the past five years, we have now opened five new clubs in the first half of this year. All but one of those clubs have had their charter nights and the other is scheduled for April 26. Although the district's first club opening was the eLaMissTenn Internet club, its charter night was not held until the Mid-Winter Conference in February. This was because the meetings are all online and Mid-Winter was the first opportunity for us to have many of our club members in one place. The Istrouma Club was chartered in December, with the charter being presented by Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford. Next came the charter night for the Stone County Club in the Wiggins, MS area, and the charter night for the East Central Club in Hurlley, MS was just completed. The only new club awaiting its charter night is the Poplarville, MS club, and that is scheduled for April 26. Many thanks are due to District Formula Chair Gary Graham, past International Trustee and current Kiwanis Children's Fund Trustee Dennis Oliver, and Division 14 Lt. Governor Rogena Woods-Mitchell for helping open and charter the three clubs in southern Mississippi. (We all know, of course, that Rogena did the bulk of the work there!)

Physical problems have hobbled me for a good portion of 2018 and have prevented me from attending many events that I had planned to attend. Dennis Oliver graciously filled in for me at the charter night of the Stone County

Club, and Past Governor John McCay III played my role at the charter night of the East Central Club. I truly hated to miss those events, but I had no choice. I can only hope that I will be able to attend the Poplarville charter night, as Jim Rochford and I were one of the recruiting teams for that club. President Rochford invited me to participate in new club openings in Orlando and Denver, but I was forced to decline his invitations for those, too.

My wife did most of the driving to get me to the Mid-Winter Conference in Natchez, and we had a great time and enjoyed a great conference, too. Past International President Dave Curry was our honored guest and came all the way from Montana to present a couple of workshops and address the conference attendees at our Saturday luncheon. Two other Kiwanis International representatives helped us with workshops – Bryce Kinder from headquarters in Indianapolis and Rhonda Vrell from North Carolina. Past International President Nettles Brown, Kiwanis International Trustee Greg Beard, Kiwanis Children's Fund Trustee Dennis Oliver, Past LaMissTenn Governor Fred Banks, and many others

ran workshops for us. It was an excellent educational and entertaining conference.

Shortly after the Mid-Winter Conference, my wife and I headed to Baton Rouge for a District Board meeting and especially for the district's Circle-K Convention. It was a delight to meet with the CKI students and leaders and to participate in their convention. The highly talented Kaelyn Nguyen was re-installed as district governor for 2017-2018, and then a few minutes later she was installed as district governor for 2018-2019. Kaelyn is an excellent leader and we are fortunate to have her repeat as CKI Governor. Speaking of Circle-K, there seems to be a wonderful opportunity to start a Circle-K club at Ole Miss. Several people, including Lt. Governor Waseem Gul of Division 10A, are heading up this effort, and we are excited about having a Circle-K club at the University of Mississippi.

Next up is the LaMissTenn Key Club Convention in Baton Rouge on April 13-15. That should be a truly exciting event and we are looking forward to it. Jean and Anthony do a great job with Key Club, and Key Club Governor Anna Kate Broussard has done a tremendous job of leading our Key Club district.

Plan now to attend the International Convention in Las Vegas and the 100th LaMissTenn District convention in Baton Rouge. And please, help us recruit new Kiwanians. On average, each Kiwanian impacts the lives of 206 children of the world. More members equals more children served!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Otha".

Message from the Immediate Past Governor

By R. Fred Pitts, Immediate Past Governor



Congratulations to President Bales Scott and the North Shelby County Kiwanis Club. It was my privilege to present the Charter for our first new club in LAMSTN District in the last 6 years. This club charter was issued in my Governor year of 2016-2017. NCSC Kiwanis Club had a very successful first Annual Gala to raise money to serve the kids of their community. Thanks for inviting me, Carol, Governor Gary and Jamie.

It looks like Governor Britton and Past Governor Graham are on their way to opening at least 7 new clubs for 2017-2018. That is a great achievement for our district as we continue to serve the kids. Congratulations! All Kiwanians can help to continue this growth of our great district.

Thanks to Governor Britton and Executive Director Charlie for a successful Mid-Winter meeting in Natchez. I hope everyone is planning to be in Baton Rouge for our district convention on August 3rd – 5th. This will be our 100th District Convention featuring “a blast from the past,” all the way from the 20’s party on Saturday night. You will not want to miss this one! So, get your party clothes ready. I can’t wait to see what Governor McKay and especially “governor junior” will be wearing from the 20’s!

Carol and I are traveling for spring break this week and are in Melbourne,

Florida. Today we rode through “Kiwanis Park,” a beautiful little park beside a bridge over the Indian River Lagoon where the public can go and relax or picnic. The best part was a big sign at the entrance that says in big letters, KIWANIS PARK. We visited the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne last year, and like so many of our clubs, it is down to about 12 members. Once a large club, they are still trying today to do the same projects with less than half the membership. This really hurts to see that we are still having problems changing to attract younger members all over the Kiwanis land.

If your club wants help, please contact Gary Graham, District Chair for the Formula program or your Lieutenant Governor and help will be available. **Any club can grow if the desire to grow is there.**

Remember **#kidsneedkiwanis**. Let’s do this!

YOW-EEE! E . . . as in eClub!

By Jeems White, III, Past Governor

E as in **Excellent**. **E** as in **Exciting**.

E as in **Easy**. **E** as in **Electronic meetings**.

“That rhymes with “be” and with little **E**..ffort, you can **bE** a member of the new **La. Miss. Tenn. Internet Kiwanis Club**. You are hereby cordially invited to join us!

We chartered with 21 members and began with the Kiwanis year October 1, 2017. We have no physical-presence meetings, no lunches but have had several very productive and satisfying telephone conference call meetings. In the future we will meet online with Go To Meeting technology.

We each paid \$200 - dues for an entire year and that will include dues to Kiwanis International, La. Miss. Tenn. District and providing a stipend for one person

to attend the La. Miss. Tenn. Mid-Winter Conference, the Kiwanis International Convention and the La. Miss. Tenn. District Convention.

Why should YOU join our internet club?

1. It extends your service to children with a very efficient use of your time.
2. You will get regular reports from our La. Miss. Tenn. representative on the Kiwanis International Board, International Trustee Greg Beard (who is a member of our eClub).
3. You will extend your circle of friends to like-minded Kiwanians not in your geographic location. (Members are from all three states in the district.)
4. You can keep in touch with Kiwanis service even when you can’t attend meet-

ings and/or conventions..... and the La. Miss. Tenn. eClub is perfect for those who can’t attend “conventional” Kiwanis meetings.

5. You support Kiwanis International and our La. Miss. Tenn. District by being a member of more than one club.
6. It is the right thing to do.

Dennis Oliver (Past Governor, Past Kiwanis International Trustee, Eliminate Project Guru) is our first president. Please contact him for full information including how you can join our exciting new venture as we keep pace with the world and its Tech-Evolution.

Email Dennis:

dmoKIWANIS@aol.com

You’ll be glad that you did!

2018 Mid-Winter Conference

The 2018 Mid-Winter Conference of the La. Miss. W. Tenn. District of Kiwanis International was held February 16-17 at the Natchez Mississippi Convention Center and was a great success! There were about 175 attendees from around the district there to learn how to make their clubs stronger and provide more service to children. Past International President Dave Curry was on hand as well as trainers from KI.

Friday night was an awards dinner recognizing outstanding Kiwanians and clubs. Past Governor Fred Pitts had the honor of announcing the award winners. This was followed by a dance and karaoke and a social put on by Governor-Elect Eva Abate from the Southwest Contraband Club in Lake Charles.

Saturday morning during the general session, Region V Trustee Bruce Hammatt received a John T. Roberts award from the District Foundation President Diane Polly. Bruce also took the opportunity to announce that he would be running for Governor-Elect at the District Convention in August.

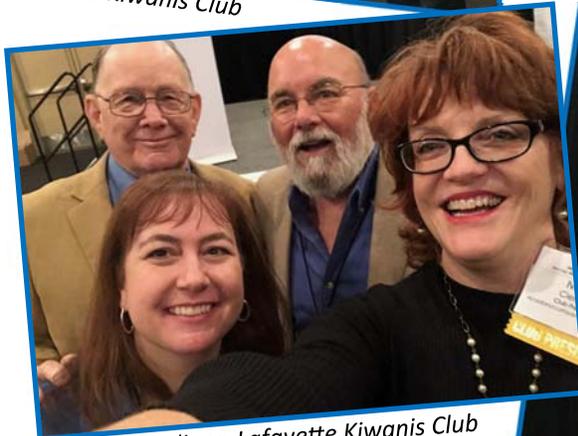
Afterwards there were three different workshop sections with about 30 workshops covering anything Kiwanians need to know to help improve their clubs. Lunch followed with Dave Curry as the keynote speaker and La. Miss. W. Tenn.'s first internet club received its charter.



Memphis Kiwanis Club



Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club



Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club



↑ Bruce Hammatt



← Cal Carrier, Debbie Stevens and Angela Kraemer representing Kiwanis Club of East St. Mary



6 The future is so BRIGHT in Division 14 that they had to wear shades!



Southwest Lafayette Kiwanis Club

2016-2017 La. Miss. W. Tenn. District Awards

SIGNATURE CLUB PROJECT AWARDS

Winner:

- **Kiwanis Club of Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.**
Leroy Ayo, President

Honorable Mentions:

- **Kiwanis Club of Central Louisiana, Alexandria, La.**
Joshua Dara, III, President
- **Kiwanis Club of Germantown, Tenn.**
Donald Eye, President
- **Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula, Miss.**
Jennifer Dearman, President

DISTINGUISHED CLUBS

1A Union City, Tenn.

President: John Cooper
Secretary: Christie Beeler

1C Germantown, Tenn.

President: Donald Eye
Secretary: Jim Walther

4A St. Bernard-Arabi

President: Amanda Hardesty
Secretary: Kristine Koepf

4B Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.

President: Leroy Ayo
Secretary: Valerie Cicero

7 Acadiana-Lafayette, La.

President: Russell Trahan
Secretary: Kim Champagne

7 Lafayette, La.

President: Vance Lanier
Secretary: Alex Robichaux

8E Cortana, Baton Rouge, La.

President: Terrell Martin
Secretary: Margaret Hodges

14 Gulfport, Miss.

President: Bryan Caldwell
Secretary: Tracy Jackson

14 Pascagoula, Miss.

President: Jennifer Dearman
Secretary: Cavina Wells

15 Vicksburg, Miss.

President: Philip Schrader
Secretary: Charles McKinnie

DISTINGUISHED SECRETARIES

- 4A **Catherine Simmons, New Orleans, La.**
- 4B **Valerie Cicero, Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.**

- 7 **Kimberly Champagne, Acadiana-Lafayette, La.**
- 8E **Margaret Hodges, Cortana, B.R., La.**
- 14 **Howard Lock, Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.**

DISTINGUISHED KIWANIANS

- 1A **John Fry, Union City, Tenn.**
- 4A **Cathy Simmons, New Orleans, La.**
- 4A **Leonard D. Simmons, New Orleans, La.**
- 4B **Michael F. Haffner, Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.**
- 7 **Kim Champagne, Acadiana-Lafayette, La.**
- 7 **Richard Latiolais, Acadiana-Lafayette, La.**
- 14 **Lucky Langston, Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.**
- 14 **Howard Lock, Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.**
- 14 **Jennifer Dearman, Pascagoula, Miss.**
- 14 **Rogena Woods-Mitchell, Pascagoula, Miss.**
- 15 **Heidi Burrell, Vicksburg, Miss.**
- 15 **Tom Osburn, Vicksburg, Miss.**
- 16 **Philip Schrader, Vicksburg, Miss.**

GOVERNOR'S INTER-CLUB CONTEST

Governor's Award:

Diamond Section:

Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.
107 Inter-Club Meetings

Ruby Section:

Cortana, Baton Rouge, La.
28 Inter-Club Meetings

Emerald Section:

Acadiana-Lafayette, La.
12 Inter-Club Meetings

Coral Section:

Third District, New Orleans, La.
17 Inter-Club Meetings

District Inter-Club Award:

- 4A **Algiers, La.**
- 4A **New Orleans, La.**
- 4A **Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La.**
- 4A **St. Bernard-Arabi, La.**
- 4A **Third District, New Orleans, La.**
- 4B **Crescent City Eye Openers, N.O.**
- 4B **Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.**
- 7 **Acadiana-Lafayette, La.**
- 8E **Cortana, Baton Rouge, La.**
- 8W **Baton Rouge, La.**
- 8W **St. Gabriel, La.**
- 13 **Hammond, La.**
- 13 **Northshore Mandeville, La.**
- 14 **Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.**

2016-2017 Kiwanis International Awards

DISTINGUISHED CLUBS

- 1A Union City, Tenn.**
President: John Cooper
Secretary: Christie Beeler
- 1C Germantown, Tenn.**
President: Donald Eye
Secretary: Jim Walther
- 4A St. Bernard-Arabi**
President: Amanda Hardesty
Secretary: Kristine Koepf
- 4B Dawn Busters, Metairie, La.**
President: Leroy Ayo
Secretary: Valerie Cicero
- 7 Acadiana-Lafayette, La.**
President: Russell Trahan
Secretary: Kim Champagne
- 7 Lafayette, La.**
President: Vance Lanier
Secretary: Alex Robichaux
- 8E Cortana, Baton Rouge, La.**
President: Terrell Martin
Secretary: Margaret Hodges
- 14 Gulfport, Miss.**
President: Bryan Caldwell
Secretary: Tracy Jackson
- 15 Vicksburg, Miss.**
President: Philip Schrader
Secretary: Charles McKinnie
- 17 East St. Mary Parish, La.**
President: Travis Richard
Secretary: Debbie Stevens

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

- 1A John Fry, Union City, Tenn.**
- 8W Gary S. Graham, Baton Rouge, La.**
- 14 Lucky Langston, Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.**
- 14 Howard Lock, Orange Grove, Gulfport, Miss.**
- 14 Jennifer Dearman, Pascagoula, Miss.**
- 14 Rogena Woods-Mitchell, Pascagoula, Miss.**



La. Miss. W. Tenn. District of Kiwanis Executive Director Charlie Ford and Immediate Past Governor Fred Pitts present Division 1A Lieutenant Governor John Fry with a Distinguished Member Award from Kiwanis International.

↓ The Dawn Busters crushing it!



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair



Those two little words mean more than you'll ever know!

The Gift Basket Raffle, at the Mid-Winter Conference held last February in Natchez, benefitted YOUR District Foundation tremendously! There were 39 baskets donated from clubs all around the District that brought in over \$3,100. These funds support the mission of the Foundation – to provide financial assistance for Kiwanis projects and programs within our District. The baskets get more and more clever with each convention – I can't wait to see what comes in for the District Convention in August!

Thanks to the following Mid-Winter Conference participating clubs:

- 1A: Martin, Union City
- 1C: Germantown, Memphis, Millington
- 4A: Algiers, New Orleans, Pontchartrain, St. Bernard -Arabi, Third District, West Jefferson
- 4B: Dawn Busters, Houma, Kenner North, Lakeside
- 8E: Cortana, Red Stick
- 8W: Downtown Baton Rouge, The Oaks
- 9: Shreveport-Southern Hills, Southeast Shreveport
- 10B: Tupelo
- 11: Alexandria
- 12: Lake Charles, South Lake Charles, Southwest Contraband
- 13: Greater Covington, Hammond, Northshore Mandeville
- 14: Biloxi, Orange Grove, Pascagoula, Stone County
- 15: Natchez Trace, Vicksburg
- 17: East St. Mary



Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain member Deidre Charlot presents President Larry Turner the crock pot basket she and Myra Lewis put together for the Mid Winter Conference fundraiser for the District Foundation. Mr. Turner represented the club at the conference.



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Help Strengthen The Foundation's Endowment Fund

We have had founders of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation, following by pioneers forging the dreams of those founders to build the endowment funds bigger and better. Your District Kiwanis Foundation gave out more funds back to YOU and YOUR CLUBS through grants in the 2016-2017 Kiwanis Service Year than ever before due to the Endowment Fund. Your continued support will help us do even more!

Progress Success Founders Pioneers And Friends!

- An annual donation of only \$120. Or make it as a donation of \$10 per month per year! Set up a recurring monthly credit card charge to maintain your status as a *Friend of the Foundation* every year!
- Receive a distinctive *Friend of the Foundation 2017-2018* lapel pin
- After \$1,000 has been donated, you have earned your choice of a River of Life Fellowship or a John T. Roberts Fellowship.



Sample of lapel pin

Detach here.....

Friend of the Foundation Donor Information

Name: _____

Kiwanis Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

My total gift/pledge is \$_____ Donations are tax-deductible.

(Remember: Friend of the Foundation Donation: \$120 per year)

I wish to make my donations by:

- check payable to "Kiwanis District Foundation"
- credit card

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Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____ Card billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

I would like my credit card payments of \$_____

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- Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually
- beginning _____ and ending _____
(month/year) (month/year)



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*Thank you for
 your generous support of the
 Kiwanis District Foundation!*

Growing Kiwanis

By Gary S. Graham, Formula Chair and Past Governor



Outside my club none of you may know that last Monday Auttis Mullins, longtime member and Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge, passed away. While his obituary noted he was a Kiwanian, it is what is not noted in it that is important. There are two goals he accomplished that continue today with my club. His love of fishing led him to propose to his Kiwanis fishing group to take kids fishing. The first events were about 20 years ago at the small lake behind his house. This grew into the event it is today and was an award winning service project for our club many years ago. The second item that remains today is the specially made pancake sausage for our Pancake Festival. Auttis, who worked in Food Science, worked with Manda Fine Meats to develop the formula for the sausage that we use

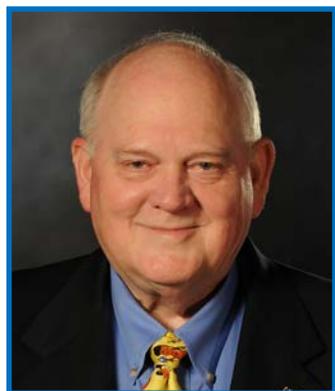
for our Pancake Day. It is tough to lose a longtime member especially one who has left a lasting effect.

It is why it occurred to me that part of growing Kiwanis is recruiting new members and mentoring them to be the future of the club. Auttis was brought into the club by J.B. Francioni decades ago. Dean Francioni was an internationally known Agriculture specialist and has the Animal Science Building on the LSU campus named after him. He was also President of the Baton Rouge club in 1946. The connection that goes back decades continues today. At our most recent Teach a Kid to Fish event for the Boys & Girls Club, there were young members involved with the children of our community. *(Page 44)*

We need to build clubs to help those communities that do not have a Kiwanis club to help. But we need to remember to recruit members for our existing clubs to carry on the good works we do for the kids. We need young, enthusiastic members to be the future of Kiwanis. I doubt that J.B. Francioni who served as President of my club 72 years ago would have ever imagined the kids that would be helped today because he

asked Auttis to join. Things were different then as they will be in the future so we must adapt to attract younger members. Let them come up with ideas that may improve your club and the lives of children. I know that Auttis was justifiably proud of how his idea to help kids with a fun outdoor event blossomed and grew. The excitement of a kid catching their first fish with their own rod and reel never gets old. And there are many more possibilities out there if we give new members a chance to accomplish them.

My club will celebrate our 100th anniversary next year. We hope that we can inspire, mentor and bring in the future generations of Kiwanians to carry us through the next century of service. All clubs need to do this too. So reach out and ask someone to join. And then be there for the new members as they learn traditions while bringing new ideas to help our communities. It is sad to lose a dedicated member but we can truly honor them by carrying on their good works and inspiring new members.



Aspire to Inspire: “KIF”

By Jeems White, III, Past Governor

A Kiwanis Annotation of Rudyard Kipling’s Famous Poem “IF”

The Nobel Laureate Rudyard Kipling wrote this poem “IF” sometime after and in response to the failed “Jameson’s Raid” during the First Boer War in the South African Transvaal Republic. The poem was first published in 1910. This is something of an interpretation for Kiwanians to add perspective to our goal and mission of serving the children of the world. The exact words of the poem are printed in standard type font. *Kiwanis Considerations are printed in bold italics.*

“If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;”
Then you are probably President of your Kiwanis club.

“If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise:”
Then you are DEFINITELY the President of your Kiwanis club.

“If you can dream---and not make dreams your master;
If you can think---and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;”
Then you are a Kiwanis leader and not just a business-as-usual manager.

“If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build’em up with worn-out tools:”
Then you understand that every Kiwanis club has a naysayer, a change-resister and other often vocal negative members.

“If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;”
Then you have started a new Kiwanis fundraiser or service project and seen it fail dismally for whatever reason.

“If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: ‘Hold on!’ ”
Then you understand that the Kiwanis year is a full twelve months and you must motivate, innovate, enthuse and lead your member flock all the way through the “back six” months, pushing and dragging yourself if necessary and pulling others with you for more and better service.

“If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings---nor lose the common touch,
If neither foe nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;”
Then you can add new members to the Kiwanis Family... and you can actively participate in hands-on service with children no matter their situation or difficulties in life.

“If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,
And---which is more---you’ll be a Man, my son!”
AND you will have made a difference in one or more children’s lives which will in turn make you a fulfilled Kiwanian who has left the world a better place than you found it.

***If you can lead and take the heat,
No matter who upon you beats,
If you can have fun trudging the path,
Doing hard work but getting a laugh,
If you can help a child walk ahead,
Knowing the goal of every tread,
If you can weave a wonderful way,
For children to grow to a better day,
If you can become a child’s Godsend,
Then you are a Kiwanian, my friend.***



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

By Dennis Oliver, Project Eliminate Chair

Email: dmokiwanis@aol.com • Phone: 228/343-5444

CLUB 18! The Last Mile is the Hardest!

So moving toward the days ahead, here is an urgent request from your Eliminate Committee! **CLUB 18!** We are asking every member/club to be responsible for saving 10 babies for only \$18.00!

Please support this effort! UNICEF needs our dollars to continue inoculations in the 15 countries remaining with babies dying every 15 minutes. We don't see tetanus down our city streets, but it is real in our Kiwanis world. Today I can only ask, but PLEASE, PLEASE give 10 babies the

chance to reach their full potential.

You may:

1. Write a check,
2. Hold a club project,
3. Use club funds,
4. Ask for community partners, or
5. Use funds from club games

**WHICH EVER WAY YOU
CHOOSE!**

Each of these 10 babies can't say thank you, so I will say thank you for them:
THANK YOU!



Layperson of the Year Recognition

By Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values District Chair

I hope your clubs have begun to see where the Human and Spiritual Values of Kiwanis help to make us different from other purely service or social organizations in our communities. Many of our fellow Kiwanians actually see their Kiwanis experience as one of their personal ministries. Giving back to their communities is simply the spiritual collateral they put back into the communities to make them a better place to live and raise their families.

Please start planning now to recognize a Layperson of the Year (Layman of the Year) for the spiritual role models

they are in your community. This person can be a Kiwanian but certainly doesn't have to be. Identify your recipient for his or her contributions to your community through efforts of a "human and spiritual values" nature. Do you see someone making your community better outside their individual church.

I'm not going to give an example because I don't want to limit your imagination. "Think outside the box." Or in this case, "Think outside the church." Is your recipient touching lives? Maybe specifically the lives of children, but don't limit yourselves there, either.

Send your nominations to:

**Court Crow, District Chair, 215
Sand Beach Blvd, # 1407,
Shreveport, LA 7110
or crow52269@aol.com**

The review committee will need a cover letter from the Kiwanis Club nominating the person and whatever documentation you can include (other letters of endorsement or recommendation, news articles, etc.) Layperson of the Year Award criteria can be found on page 13 or the district webpage: www.lamisstenn.org.

The District will recognize the Lay Person of the Year at the District Convention this summer in Baton Rouge. I hope we have several recommendations from clubs throughout the District. The deadline for your submissions is June 1 so you need to start your club's process in April.

Please pray for our local, state and national leaders. Our country is facing a lot of challenges right now. I personally feel we are in a spiritual battle.

2017-2018 Annual Award Criteria for Layperson of the Year

Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values District Chair

- *To honor a layperson in our district (Kiwanian or non Kiwanian), who in the opinion of the nominating club has exemplified, in an unusual and/or exceptional way, the Objects of Kiwanis International in the living of his/her daily life. Special emphasis is to be given to the first two Objects dealing with spiritual values and daily living of the Golden Rule.*
- *By the recognition of one, it may encourage many to live an exemplary life.*

CRITERIA:

1. Any layperson, or, a non-ordained member of a church, who is deemed worthy of this award, may be nominated to the District Committee on Human & Spiritual Values by any club of the district in good standing.
2. A nominee may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwanian, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
3. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but the Club's Board of Directors must approve nominations.
4. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the worthiness of the individual, including statements of the nominee's involvement in civic, religious, family, and Kiwanis affairs (if a Kiwanian), and letters of recommendation. The portfolio **must include** a resume of the nominee, one or more photographs of the nominee suitable for reproducing and publication, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee.
5. The District Chairman on Human & Spiritual Values must receive nominations by **June 1, 2018**.
6. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Human & Spiritual Values, whose decision is final.
7. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection.
8. The award winner will be announced at the District Convention, and the awards presented to a representative of the nominating club. The award winner is not required to attend the convention. The club should schedule a time at a regular or special club meeting after the convention to present the award to the recipient, inviting family members, personal friends, members of the recipient's church and/or organization, and members of the press and local media to participate in the presentation ceremony.
9. 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.

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

Send Nominations to:

*Porter C. "Court" Crow, Chairman
District Committee on Human & Spiritual Values
215 Sand Beach Blvd., Apt. 1407, Shreveport, LA 71105
phone: 318/458-3399 * email: crow52269@aol.com*

2017-2018 Annual Award Criteria for Firefighter of the Year

Fred L. Banks, District Committee on Service Chair

“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”

CRITERIA:

1. Any person who is employed by a fire fighting/protection agency, community, city, state.
2. A preferred nominee should be a rank and file firefighter, who went above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of his or her regular job.
3. A nominees may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwanian, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
4. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but the Club’s Board of Trustees must approve nominations.
5. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the worthiness of the individual. The portfolio **must include** a resume, one or more photographs of the nominee suitable for reproducing and publication, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee. The nomination package cannot be faxed.
6. The District Office must receive nominations by **JUNE 1, 2018**.
7. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection.
8. The award winner will be announced in the **July/August/September, 2018 issue** of the *La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Kiwanis News*, and at the District Convention, where the awards will be presented to a representative of the nominating club. The club should schedule a time at a regular or special club meeting to present the award to the recipient, inviting family members, personal friends, members of the recipient’s fire department and local government, and members of the press and local media to participate in the presentation ceremony.
9. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Service, whose decision is final. The 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. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award.

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

Send Nominations to:

Fred L. Banks, Chair

La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Committee on Service
910 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs, LA 70726-2621
Cell: 225/907-3441 * email: fbanksds@bellsouth.net

2017-2018 Annual Award Criteria for Lawman of the Year

Fred L. Banks, District Committee on Service Chair

“To 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”

CRITERIA:

1. Any person who is employed by a law enforcement agency, the judicial or correctional system – an administrator of justice.
2. A preferred nominee should be a rank and file officer or deputy, who went above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of his or her regular job.
3. A nominee may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwanian, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
4. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but the Club’s Board of Trustees must approve nominations.
5. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the worthiness of the individual. The portfolio **must include** a resume, one or more photographs of the nominee suitable for reproducing and publication, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee.
6. The Chair of District Committee on Service must receive nominations by **JUNE 1, 2018**.
7. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection.
8. The award winner will be announced in the July/August/September issue of the *La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Kiwanis News*, and at the District Convention, where the awards will be presented to a representative of the nominating club. The winner need not attend the District Convention.
9. The club should schedule a time at a regular or special club meeting to present the award to the recipient, inviting family members, personal friends, members of the recipient’s law enforcement agency and local government, and members of the press and local media to participate in the presentation ceremony.
10. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Service, whose decision is final. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award. The 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.

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La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Committee on Service

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2017-2018 Annual Award Criteria for Teacher of the Year

Fred L. Banks, District Committee on Service Chair

“To honor a teacher within 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. A nominee may be a Kiwanian or a non-Kiwanian, with no preference to be given to Kiwanians.
3. Nominations from each club are encouraged, but the Club’s Board of Trustees must approve nominations.
4. Nominations should be in the form of a portfolio that would justify the individual’s love/respect for students, dedication, and ability to work with colleagues and superiors, involvement in extracurricular/school-related functions. The portfolio **must include** a resume, one or more photographs of the nominee suitable for reproducing and publication, and any other paper clippings, etc., to provide as much information as possible to the selection committee. The nomination package cannot be faxed. Statements of the nominee’s involvement in civic, family, and Kiwanis affairs (if a Kiwanian) should be included.
5. The District Committee on Service must receive nominations by **JUNE 1, 2018**. The nomination packages SHALL NOT be faxed.
6. The club submitting the winning nominee will be notified as soon as possible following the selection.
7. The award winner will be announced in the July/August/September issue of the *La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Kiwanis News*, and at the District Convention, where the awards will be presented to a representative of the nominating club. The club should schedule a time at a regular or special club meeting after the annual convention to present the award to the recipient, inviting family members, personal friends, members of the recipient’s school teaching and administrative staff, and members of the press and local media to participate in the presentation ceremony.
8. This award shall be under the auspices of the District Committee on Service, whose decision is final. The Committee may select no more than one (1) recipient for the award. The 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.

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

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Key Leader Weekend

Linda Ramsey, Key Leader District Chair of the North



In January 2018, our Key Leader Event became a District Partnership Event with Kiwanis International. In order to host a Key Leader Event from now on, the District must do the following five things:

1. Submit official documentation of district acceptance of the partnership plan to KI.
2. Process payment of \$6,000 per event -remit to KI Key Leader (\$2,000 at time of booking with KI and \$4,000 after the event in the fiscal year).
3. Contract with event site for desired date with mandatory facilities and meals.
4. Create the registration process and obtain link to be posted by KI.
5. Submit site/date info and registration link to KI.

The District Board had already approved to host the Key Leader Event in the North at Camp Lakeshore last fall. We had been told that we no longer had to have a 60 student guarantee as we have been fairly successful in getting close to 60 every year for the last 5 years. Then in the fall we began to receive signs of a change coming down the pike, and in January, we were officially told about the District Partnership Plan. This plan has been piloted by several districts over the past few years.

Since the event is held in Tennessee, the event will be coordinated through my home club, Martin, TN. I had already spoken to our club treasurer, Steve Lemond, and he was willing to add a line item to our budget for income and expenses to the service account.

Steve also has developed our new local website which is www.wtnkeyleader.org. You can still go to the KI website which is www.key-leader.org for additional in-

formation about the event, and there is a link provided to our website for registration. We are also asking clubs to make out and mail checks to the Martin Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 583, Martin, TN 38237 if you are sponsoring students attending Key Leader in the North as we didn't want to get involved in on-line payments. Then the Martin Club will send payments to KI. Registration is open, and the cost for all student participants is \$250 which includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, snacks, curriculum guides, and all the handouts. Student Facilitators cost is \$150 for they will help the Lead Facilitator coordinate the program. Adult chaperone registration is free, but we ask that you cover the cost of your background check (\$20) every other year. Steve will also be coordinating our background checks for us. He is my new best friend! I owe a huge thank you to Steve Lemond!

We have established a Key Leader Fund for unexpected expenses. If any club would like to make a donation to the Key Leader Fund, we would appreciate that as we did not know to budget for these expenses, and we will also need start-up funds to secure the camp and to pay KI their portion each year before we receive any funds for registration.

This is still a District sponsored event, but we are just managing it through the Martin Kiwanis Club Service Account. There are other expenses that we as a District will incur such as the expense for T-shirts and pens for the student participants. However, this year we could secure sponsors for both items. One of our chaperones, Britt Linder, is taking care of the pens for us, and he also asked Grange Insurance to sponsor the T-shirts for us. The \$6,000 we must pay KI covers the cost of the Lead Facilitator, his/her travel expenses, the curriculum guide books, hand-outs, rights to the program, and educational training for the Key Leader District Committee Chair and the Site Facilitator.

We initially started this camp with Peyton Manning Scholarships, so I have made every effort to secure some type of

sponsorship for each of these student participants who wish to attend. Parents may certainly pay for their children to attend, but if you know of someone who wants to come, but cannot afford to come, we will do what we can to find sponsors. The District Foundation has provided \$3,000 to be used for Key Leader District Scholarships, and the PDO organization has provided \$500 to be used for Key Leader Scholarships. These District Scholarships are awarded based upon letters of recommendation from Key Club Advisors and Guidance Counselors.

Key Leader Registration begins at 4PM on Friday, May 4, and continues until 6PM. We have dinner, and then we begin the curriculum, and it goes until 10:30 or 11PM. Everyone is in their cabins and lights go out at midnight. We begin with breakfast at 8AM on Saturday, and the curriculum begins again right after breakfast. During the afternoon, we participate in a ropes course and some free time, then after dinner we resume the curriculum until 10:30PM. We have a bonfire with s'mores, and then it's lights out at 12AM. We begin Sunday morning with breakfast and the curriculum concludes at noon.

The students are divided into neighborhoods of about 7-8 participants, and we do lots of interaction in both small and large group activities. The curriculum is based upon becoming a servant leader, and it's a life changing experience in which each person learns about how to reach his/her potential.

If you have any questions about the changes that have been made for Key Leader, please don't hesitate to direct them my way at lramsey@utm.edu. I'll be happy to answer them.



K-Kids to Compete in Speech Contest

By Don Eye, K-Kids Chairman



The Germantown K-Kids Clubs have selected eight 4-5th graders to represent the three elementary schools in our annual speech contest. They

will be speaking to the Germantown Kiwanis Club Thursday the 29th. The winner will speak at the District Opening Session in Baton Rouge in August.

We have stopped competing in the KI speech contest where we have placed 1st or 2nd for 6 years in a row. When it was a 4 minute solo speech it was a challenge and produced some excellent talent. The existing KI contest does not come close to what our district has come to witness each year

at the convention. For whatever reason, the contest was changed and shortened. This year you will enjoy another fine presentation from a LA-MS-TN K-Kid, using the old rules.

- Don



K-Kids and Companion Animals

Martin Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



Dr. Debbie Reynolds from The Blessed Pet and her assistant Jessica Johnson did a great job of explaining care for companion animals when they visited **Martin Elementary School K-Kids**. Dr. Debbie brought with her an older dog, Judah (a rescue dog that is now a family pet), and the kids loved him! He even wore a bow tie collar for the event. Dr. Debbie also had a lizard that created quite a stir. In the pictures, you will see Dr. Debbie showing interested on-lookers how a senior exam is done for Judah, K-Kids reaching in to pet Judah, and Dr. Debbie showing K-Kids a lizard as she discusses habitat and care.



Keeping Our K-Kids in Motion

By Sara Sieber and Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

In addition to her work with university students, Kiwanian Laura Taylor offers exercise opportunities for many local children and youth through organized sports activities. In fact, one can almost always find her in the middle of supporting healthy exercise initiatives. Recently, she even took time out of her busy schedule to visit K-Kids.

Ten K-Kids at **Martin Elementary School** in Martin, TN, got to crab crawl and do high kicks while learning about bones and muscles at their meeting in February. Laura Taylor, lecturer in the Department of Health and Human Performance at UT Martin, led the group for “a romping good time.”

Laura began the session with an interactive study of the muscles and bones of the human body. She had students learning the names of the major muscles and bones. It was decided that “calf muscle” was much easier to say than GASTOCNEMIUS!

The second half to the session had

the kids divided into pairs to work through a star shaped hand-out. Each pair had to name an indicated bone or muscle then perform an activity (see crab crawl) that required some form of exercise. Once the activity was completed, students got to color in part of the star. There was much action and many bodies in motion!

K-Kids advisor is Anita Bell, and Kiwanian Sara Sieber is assisting this year with programming and activities. K-Kids is part of the Kiwanis family of service leadership programs and has this mission: “to provide members with opportunities to perform service, build character, and develop leadership.”



Kiwanian Laura Taylor of Martin offers guidance to a young athlete as she referees a youth league basketball game. ↑

KEY CLUB NEWS

Stocking the Food Pantry

Acadiana Homeschool Key Club Facebook Page

Well the totals are in! In February, the **Acadiana Homeschool Key Club** held a Mardi Gras Food Drive to benefit the FoodNet, a local food pantry. The club collected more than 13,759 lbs. of food! Food bins were placed at local grocery stores throughout the month of February.

Thank you Acadiana Homeschool Key Clubbers for recognizing a need and helping out!

The need is Real and the need is Big!



Reaching out to the Community

By Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club



Recently the **Kenner Discovery Key Club**, sponsored by the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club**, helped coordinate a distribution of three large 18 wheeler trucks of food. The food was distributed to hundreds of local citizens at Devine Mercy Church. The food trucks were donated by CRC Global Solutions, CRC We Care! We Share!, and NOLA Brand. The event was made possible by the tremendous help of the Kenner Volunteers that are: Kenner Discovery School Key Club, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club, MARTZ INC, Divine Mercy Men's Club and other community volunteers.



Warming Hearts and Feet

Dyersburg Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Dyersburg High School Key Club**, sponsored by the **Dyersburg Kiwanis Club**, collected 570 pairs of new socks for the "No Cold Toes" project in December. Not only did the Key Clubbers warm feet this past winter, but plenty of hearts were warmed as well though this generous and thoughtful project!

Thanks to those who supported the club's efforts!



Key Clubbers Paint with a Purpose

New Orleans Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



Special thanks to the **Ben Franklin** and **Pat Taylor Key Clubs** for helping the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans paint with a purpose! More than 60 volunteers painted 150 ceiling tiles for the Children's Hospital. There were lots of fun, food and fellowship and everyone is eager for the next *Painting with a Purpose* event!

Mardi Gras Ball: Teamwork Success Again!

Greater Covington Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

A year ago, the **Key Clubs of West St. Tammany** held a Mardi Gras Ball for the mentally and physically challenged in the West St. Tammany area, in particular to honor the AKtion Clubs of Starc West and Greater Covington, and Arc of Greater New Orleans Northshore Community Center. The event was sponsored by the **Kiwanis Clubs of Greater Covington** and **Northshore Mandeville** and was held the Saturday after Mardi Gras. The event was so successful last year that it was immediately clear that the event needed to be repeated.

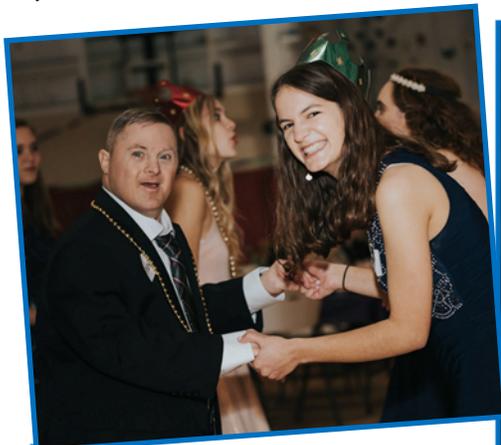
This year's event was held at the West St. Tammany YMCA on Francis Road in Covington on February 17th.

There was music, dancing, food and entertainment at the ball and it was totally FREE to those in attendance. The event was solely for the purpose of honoring those individuals who are experiencing a mental or physical disability and ordinarily do not have the means or opportunity to enjoy the frivolity of a Mardi Gras Ball. The Key Clubs of St. Tammany made this opportunity available to them without the care and concern of cost.

Again, the Key Clubs of West St. Tammany were in charge with the assistance of their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs to establish this as an annual event to make a meaningful difference in the lives of these individuals.

Through the outreach of Kiwanis members and persevering Key Club members, local business owners, individuals and grocery stores generously provided for the event with food, gowns, tuxedos and Mardi Gras decorations.

Thanks to everyone who helped, the event was a tremendous success again and will hopefully become a tradition in the West St. Tammany area.



Stephens Named Louisiana Young Hero

By Laura Gilliland, Red Stick Kiwanis Club and from LPB Website, LPB.org

Red Stick Kiwanis sent one of its **Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club** members, Kari Stephens, a floral arrangement to congratulate her for being named one of LPB's Louisiana Young Heroes for 2018. Kari is a senior currently serving as the Key Club Secretary/Treasurer for the La. Miss. Tenn. Key Club District, and she is past Lieutenant Governor for Division 8A. She has been nothing shy of being an exemplary Key Club member.

Eight students have been chosen as recipients of the 2018 Louisiana Young Heroes Awards. A Young Hero can be defined in many ways, but to those who know them they are exceptional students who devote their time, talents, and energy to making their schools, churches, and communities better places while inspiring those around them!

Now in its 23rd year, the LPB Louisiana Young Hero Awards, in partner-

ship with the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, annually honors students in grades 7-12 who excel in the classroom, serve their local communities, and sometimes demonstrate great personal courage in overcoming adversity.

When their mother died of cancer, Kari and her brother were adopted by their aunt. In addition to her mother's terminal illness, Kari's childhood was made more difficult by a father in prison, an older sister who frequently ran away, and time spent in a homeless shelter. Kari found that by opening herself up to people, she would be exposed to opportunities she hadn't considered, such as Key Club. Kari has traveled around the country with Key Club and has been fully able to embrace the lessons of strength and selflessness that her mothers taught her.

On April 16, the Young Heroes will be treated to a day full of activities



including breakfast at LPB's studios, lunch at the Governor's Mansion, and a number of surprises. The day will culminate with a banquet at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge honoring the Young Heroes.

Kiwanis is proud to have Kari representing our Key Clubs! Congratulations on your achievements Kari!

First of Its Kind Key Club

By Marcel Lashover, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club

The newly formed **Jefferson Parish Youth Council Key Club** sponsored by the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** inducted its first board of officers at a recent installation. The Youth council is a leadership club of students who are interested in civic community outreach activities and holding challenging youth student achievement events. This dynamic Key Club is the first of its kind internationally and is open to all high schools students, even if they are already a Key Club member, thus having dual memberships.

Seating left to right are: Vice President Kevin Kim and President Daniel Lau.

Standing from left to the right are: Dawn Busters Advisor Marcel Lashover, Manal Malik, Edwin Romero, Aakash Zaveri, Suraj Zaveri, Club Advisor Adam Campo, and Dawn Busters Advisor Mike Haffner.



International Fest - A Great Day!

New Orleans Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Members of the **New Orleans Kiwanis Club** joined the **Ben Franklin High School Key Club** for their International Fest. Club members served spaghetti dinners and painted bird houses for their multi-cultural gardens. Kiwanian and Advisor John Parauka coordinates the painting project. A great day was had by all!



A Hopping Good Time!

Acadiana Homeschool Key Club Facebook Page

A Hopping Good Time was had at the St. Martinville Early Learning Center! The Easter Bunny came out to help with the K-5 Easter Egg Hunt! One hundred twenty five excited Children anxiously awaited the words “1-2-3 GOOOO!” After they each collected their 14 eggs, they went to the Kiwanian check point and received their winner necklace and then proceeded to get their special gifts from the Easter Bunny. Three generations of Kiwanis were represented - **St Martinville Kiwanis**, **Acadiana Homeschool Key Club** and **Acadiana Homeschool Builders Club!**



Circle-K DCON is a Success!

By Kaelyn Nguyen, La. Miss. Tenn. Circle-K Governor, and Vy Nguyen, La. Miss. Tenn. Circle-K Secretary-Treasurer

This year eight CKI organizations across various universities gathered in Baton Rouge, La. at the Drury Inn & Suites on March 2nd and 3rd to participate in service, leadership, and fellowship events! The convention kicked off Friday night welcoming all the members in the district group with icebreakers, dancing, card games, and free giveaways! Saturday jumpstarted with each club presenting

about their year's accomplishments. Leadership skills were built through the workshops which offered topics such as learning about the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Project, Recruitment & Retention discussion forum, and how to get involved as a District Leader. Each CKI club collected basic necessities over a few months and brought those items to convention for the first in-house service

project where attendees assembled blessing bags for the local Area Alliance for the Homeless. The second in-house service project was decorating activity books with encouraging messages for children to have something to do while recovering at the Children's Hospital Outpatient Center. The district elected a full board and appointed five new committee chair positions.



The convention ended with a bang as CKI District Governor, Kaelyn Nguyen, and other volunteers shaved their heads to "Rock the Bald" as part of this year's District Service Initiative. The district raised over \$4,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation which funds childhood cancer research.



New Club Chartered at UNO

By Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club



The newly Chartered **University of New Orleans Privateers Circle-K International Club** sponsored by the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club**, held a membership recruiting seminar, which resulted in 26 new prospective members.

Middle front row: Secretary Aaqib Kama-rudeen. Standing: Gordon Hosch, Lee Ayo, Dawn Busters President Meladie Munch, UNO Circle-K President Sean Ohler, UNO Circle-K Vice President Mar-lisa Norman, Dawn Busters' Circle-K Ad-visor Skip Miller and Dave Massey.

Help Support Our La. Miss. Tenn. District of Circle-K

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club



In recent communications with clubs throughout the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District, CKI Administrator Sid Guedry emphasized the need for financial support from all clubs in the district. Guedry points out in his letter that the financial burden of international dues has been borne by the sponsoring clubs that are located near the campuses where the CKI organizations operate even though CKI members come from all clubs throughout the district.

Guedry noted that the Circle K Clubs include college students from wide areas that are representative of many clubs, not just the clubs nearest a college campus. "For instance," Guedry said, "the Circle K Club at Northwestern in Natchitoches attracts students from a wide area of Northwest Louisiana. Those members and their clubs need the support of their Kiwanis club back in their home town."

Guedry explained that when he was asked by District Governor Jeems

White to become District Administrator, Circle K membership had dwindled to roughly 80 members. "We have made significant strides since then to get membership back up and currently we have about 200 members in nine clubs and we hope to add a tenth club soon," Guedry said.

He adds, "However, like everything else, and even though we have made great progress in increasing Circle K membership, the costs that are necessary to run Circle K exceeds the current membership district dues. To that end, our current CKI Board passed a small dues increase at its last District Convention. That increase will still not be enough to cover the cost of maintaining Circle K at the level it deserves."

To help defray the costs of not only maintaining, but growing CKI in the district, Guedry is asking all clubs to consider making a donation to the organization. Additional funds will greatly assist Sid in continuing his work of

revitalizing Circle K. "Circle K remains an important part of Kiwanis and membership in the organization assists these young men and women as they finish their higher education and eventually become Kiwanians in the future!" Guedry said.

Kaelyn Nguyen, La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. Circle K District Governor, added her plea to Guedry's. She wrote in an accompanying letter, "We sincerely ask for your financial support. While our local sponsoring clubs help with our international dues by paying the \$600 annual fee, our District has insufficient funds to continue our work just by our dues alone. We ask that your Kiwanis Club's board consider making an annual contribution to the District in support of our CKI clubs. We would suggest an amount of \$250, but any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated."

Clubs that choose to make a contribution to the District Circle K can do so through the District Office in Baton Rouge. If clubs need additional information they can contact Sid Guedry at (985) 687-7241.

Guedry concluded, "I thank the clubs in advance for listening to our plea and giving our request your sincere consideration even as I look forward to hearing a positive response to our plea."

CKI
Circle K International

A Beautiful Spring Day for the Hammond Aktion Club

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

Members of the **Hammond Kiwanis Aktion Club** recently were treated to a day of games, fishing and fun at the Sweetwater Riding Stables and RV Park located near Independence, La., on a beautiful, balmy, Spring day. **Hammond Kiwanis Club** and Aktion Club members, with their staffs, gathered near the pond at the outdoor recreation center for a brief adventure in the outdoors. The highlight of the outing was the opportunity to catch a few fish in the park's pond. Participants also played horse shoes, tossed bean bags, enjoyed fellowship and shared a traditional picnic lunch.

"This was just one more fun-filled day for members of our Aktion Club. We try to provide Aktion Club members with trips and experiences that are entertaining and educational and the Aktion Clubbers are always most appreciative and grateful for the opportunities we provide for them," said Judy Couvillion of the Hammond Kiwanis Club who actively participants in Aktion club programs.

Hammond Kiwanian Terry King, advisor to the Aktion Club, said of the day, "The opportunity for Aktion Club members to try their hand at fishing was very special. Several of our members brought fishing equipment and at one time about 15 of the Aktion club members had their lines in the water. We didn't catch many fish, but that didn't matter...just being in the outdoors on a beautiful day was reward in itself for the Aktion Club. The day was a treat for them and for the seven Kiwanians who directed the day's activities."

Hammond Kiwanis Club President Bret Schnadelbach, eating lunch with three Aktion Club members reported the following conversation with one of

them. "He said," Schnadelbach recalled, "today reminds me of when I was young and went camping one time. I really liked to go camping but I never had another chance. Today feels like I am camping again and I really like this. We should come back here and do this again."

Lyle Lambert, veteran member of the Hammond Kiwanis Club and an avid fisherman said of the experience, "If there is anything more rewarding than catching a fish yourself, it's helping another person learn how to fish, especially those who don't get that chance very often. It's a joy to share the joy of fishing. Once we put a line in the hands of the Aktion Club members, they stayed with it. A number of them kept fishing until we told them it was time for lunch. It was a really great day," he said.

Since founding the Aktion Club several years ago, the Hammond Kiwanis Club has treated Aktion Club members to Baby Cakes Baseball games, trips to the Aquarium of the Americas and Audubon Park, a tour of athletic facilities at LSU and a trip to the State Capitol among other activities. The Kiwanis Club holds an annual Christmas Party and Spring Cookout for the Aktion Club.

Aktion Club members assist the Hammond Kiwanis Club at its major fund raiser, the Tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride and participate in community enhancing projects such as city litter clean-up days.

"Founding and working with the Aktion Clubs is one of the very best things our Kiwanis Club has achieved. This is a truly rewarding endeavor for our club and we know that the Aktion Club has made a very good, very positive impact on the lives of its members," King concluded.



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Sharing the Spirit of Christmas

Camellia City, Slidell Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

This past Christmas, the **Camellia City AKtion Club** did an awesome job decorating their Christmas tree in Griffith Park!



A Beautiful Spring Day Continued . . .

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club



Taking Care of the Furry Ones

Pascagoula Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In February, members of the **AKtion Club of South Mississippi** visited the local Humane Society to help take care of hundreds of animals needing loving homes. Members had such a great time loving on all the fur babies. More than 233 animals on the morning of February 24 were still waiting on a forever family. The AKtion Club stayed busy making treats for the dogs and cats and toys too. They also visited the kennels and gave out the treats. In a word, they had a BLAST!



Making a Difference: Monthly Mini Projects

By Iva Lee Clement, Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club President

The **Kiwanis Club of Acadiana-Lafayette** began monthly mini projects in November 2017. We select a local non-profit agency which we could donate supplies, to aid in carrying out their mission. In November, we donated supplies to the Healing House, a grief center for children. In December, we assisted the United States Marine Corp in their efforts with Toys for Tots. In January, we collected 119 pounds of food for our local Food Net.

In January, members of Kiwanis of Acadiana and the soon to be chartered

Carencro High School Key Club did a little spring cleaning at LARC, a non-profit assisting those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. While there, it was mentioned they could use office supplies. LARC then became our February service project collecting office supplies for their use.

Our service projects in March were the donations of clothes to the Salvation Army. On March 9th, the Acadiana and Lafayette Clubs held the Kiwanis Regional Spelling Bee in which 25 local elementary and middle schools participated. This

year, we had a third time winner, Michael Goss from St. Michael Catholic School.

The next few months will be busy as well. We look forward to the upcoming 3rd nine weeks B.U.G. presentations, continued progress on our park project, the annual Zydeco Pancake Breakfast, and the International and District Conventions. We will be inducting 4 new members, two of whom are returning former members. It's a great year for Kiwanis Club of Acadiana-Lafayette!



Jane Spight Riley KEEPERS Reading Program: Heroes to Children

By R. Fred Pitts, Immediate Past Governor, Tupelo Kiwanis Club



Mrs. Jane Spight Riley reads to a second grader, wearing her "Be a Super Hero to Children" **Tupelo Kiwanis Club** t-shirt, at Parkway Elementary School weekly.

Tupelo Kiwanis has partnered with Parkway Elementary School in an effort to improve reading levels for second graders.

The KIWANIS KEEPERS program was named after Mrs. Riley, the "substitute" piano player of 35 plus years for the Tupelo Kiwanis Club, in recognition of her dedication to both the children of the area and the Tupelo Kiwanis Club.

Overall, about 40 Kiwanians and spouses and 6 **Tupelo High School Key Club** members have participated. The program has been a benefit to both the volunteers and the second graders, bringing smiles to everyone! [#kidsneedkiwanis](https://www.facebook.com/kidsneedkiwanis)

It Started with a Question

By Dave Curry, Alexandria Kiwanis Club

Late in the summer, the incoming Key Club Lt. Governor for Division 11 and the incoming **Menard Key Club** President asked our **Kiwanis Club of Alexandria**, “Has your Kiwanis Club ever done a Pancake Breakfast?” Our answer of “No” was followed up by “Would you like us to help you do one?” and our answer was “Yes!”

We first set the date and location as Saturday, November 4, at the cafeteria of the Holy Savior Menard Central High School. Careful planning and teamwork accomplished all four of our goals:

- Share the Kiwanis and Key Club brands with the community.

- Develop relationships between our clubs.
- Raise funds for the Kiwanis of Alexandria Foundation – Scholarship Fund.
- Raise funds to support service projects of the Menard Key Club.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser lead, Dave Curry, cited the following contributing to meeting goals:

- Early on we recruited a diverse team of leaders, young and old, long time and short time Kiwanians. Each leader had a defined area of responsibility – kitchen, cafeteria, placemat ads, communications, tickets, and coordi-

nation between Kiwanis Club and Key Club.

- Fellow Kiwanians in the Pineville Kiwanis Club shared their pancake day experiences.
- Teamwork from Key Club and Kiwanis Club of Alexandria members.

The Menard Key Club received over \$1,200 toward their service projects. Our Kiwanis Scholarship Fund received over \$4,000 which will result in a scholarship to a graduating senior in each of our three sponsored Key Clubs in the spring.

This service project and fundraiser, the “second annual”, is already being planned. It started with a question!



Key Clubbers and Kiwanians working together.

Biloxi: Doing Great Things!

By Courtney Jacobs, Biloxi Kiwanis Club

Awarding Policeman of the Year

On February 20, 2018 the Biloxi Police Chief, John Miller, was awarded the Policeman of the Year award from the **Biloxi Kiwanis Club** to acknowledge his strong support of our club and our programs. We have partnered with him and the Biloxi Police Department over the past 3 years to fill backpacks with toiletries and fun items for the youth that are taken from their residences due to domestic violence or homes issues. Chief Miller firmly believes in our mission and supports our club 100%.



Helping Camp Wilkes

In January 2018, the **Biloxi Kiwanis Club** started an annual donation of \$250 to Camp Wilkes located in Biloxi, MS. Camp Wilkes has been around for over 75 years and has been a vital impact to the youth of Biloxi. The camp focuses on hosting youth groups such as Girl and Boy Scouts and Church groups and teaches them different things dealing with nature, camping, and basic life skills. The donation will go to supporting these programs and also assist with maintaining the camp grounds. The Biloxi Kiwanis Club has also agreed to assist with any beautification projects and we will include our three Key clubs.



Hosting Bingo for Charity

On March 4, 2018, the **Biloxi Kiwanis Club** hosted their Semi-Annual Charity Bingo at the Biloxi Elks Lodge located on Highway 90 in Biloxi. This was the biggest turn out yet as we had over 94 tickets sold and raised well over \$1,500 to go towards our support of our programs and services we do in the community. Our next Bingo will take place July 1, 2018 at the same location.

Picayune Holds Special Olympics

By Steve McDonald, Picayune Kiwanis Club

The **Kiwanis Club of Picayune** held it's annual Special Olympics Thursday, March 1st, 2018 at Lee-Triplett Football stadium in Picayune, MS. Participants from Picayune and PRC School Districts as well as other agencies throughout Pearl River County, MS participated.



Working Hard for the Community!

By Wanda Magee, Cortana Kiwanis Club

Cortana Kiwanis has been working hard for our community over the past few months. The entire club worked tirelessly to plan and execute our annual Christmas Parade for the children of Baton Rouge. It was a great success with tens of thousands of families lining the streets of Downtown. The week prior, the club was the sole food vendor for the Downtown Baton Rouge Festival of Lights. Members worked hard providing food and drinks to families in attendance. These two events are our main fundraisers that allow the club to provide services to the children of our community.

Cortana Kiwanians helped give a child a reason to smile this Christmas at St. Vincent de Paul. Several members of the club assisted in sorting and wrapping donated gifts for thousands of children. The afternoon was as fun as it was rewarding to assist in such a wonderful project.

January brought our midterm recognition party for our BUG students at Broadmoor Elementary, where Cortana works with third, fourth and fifth grade teachers and students. In the month of May we will hold our end of the year celebration with a food themed party with many, many BUG certificates and prizes for the students.

The LaMissWTenn District Convention held in February was attended by several members who brought back many honors for Cortana Kiwanis. Our club was recognized as a District and International Distinguished Club for the 2016-2017 year during the presidency of Terrell Martin. Thanks to our interclub chairman Donna Legett, the club also brought home the District Interclub Award as well as the Governor's Interclub Award. Once

again, our wonderful secretary, Margaret Hodges, won the Distinguished Secretary Award.

Cortana Kiwanis has traditionally sewn, assembled and delivered Trauma Dolls to local hospitals for use by their young patients. The Child Life Specialists, nurses and doctors use the dolls to explain upcoming procedures to their patients. The dolls of plain muslin can be personalized by the children. Cortana delivered a total of 50 dolls to two hospitals in February. Plans are underway to sew more dolls to donate to the local fire department.

National Read Across America Day is an annual event that is part of *Read Across America*, an initiative on reading that was created by the National Education Association. Each year, *National Read Across America Day* is celebrated on March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Cortana Kiwanis member, Pam Morgan, read to students at Broadmoor Elementary School to celebrate his birthday.

The spring season provides many opportunities for Cortana to donate our World Famous Jambalaya. The club was asked to provide a jambalaya lunch for the Circle K District Convention held on March 3. Several members cooked and served the college students attending the convention. The club is looking forward to many more jambalaya events that will profit programs for children in the community.



Bringing Science to Life

By Tori Hebert, Lake Charles Kiwanis Club

Science can be a hard subject for students to understand, but on February 16, McNeese State University biology professor Amber Hale and the **Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles** brought expertise and helping hands to Henry Heights Elementary School fourth-grade students for a science night about buoyancy.



Students created vessels that would remain suspended in water—much like the underwater vehicles used by sea craft to explore the ocean floor. The vessels were filled with rubber bands, pennies and glass



stones and were placed in tubs of water to see which items would float or sink.

The Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles is partners in education with Henry Heights Elementary. Volunteers can often be found reading to Pre-K classes, eating lunch with students and helping teachers expand on their lessons. It is only fitting then that this project was an effort to help Henry Heights teacher, Catina Ceasar, bring textbook material to life. This experiment not only allowed students to have a

hands-on experience, but more importantly it taught them that it is ok to fail.

Professor Hale works with the Ocean Exploration Trust, a nonprofit that conducts expeditions aboard the Nautilus to collect marine data and specimens in uncharted parts of the ocean. She has accompanied Kiwanis volunteers many times to Henry Heights to conduct science experiments and to talk about her time aboard the Nautilus.

A Pancake Tradition

By Sandy Tarkington, Dyersburg Kiwanis Club

The Dyersburg Kiwanis Club has hosted its Annual Pancake Day since 1953. On Feb. 24, the club served approximately 1,400 pancakes, along with sausage, juice, milk and coffee. This year's Pancake Day coordinator was Dyersburg Kiwanis President-Elect Roger Bell.

For this event each year, members use a large pancake cooker that can prepare about 900 pancakes per hour. The cooker was originally purchased by the organization for \$1,200 in the late 1960's.

Albert Fowlkes, an active member of the Dyersburg Kiwanis Club for over 50 years, was instrumental in the purchase of the pancake cooker. He was recognized by the club in 2017 as a Legion of Honor.

Pictured: The Pancake Day cleanup crew included Stan Young, Travis Miles, Shari Tidwell, & Danny Walden.



Albert Fowlkes, Legion of Honor

Martin: Kiwanis for Kids!

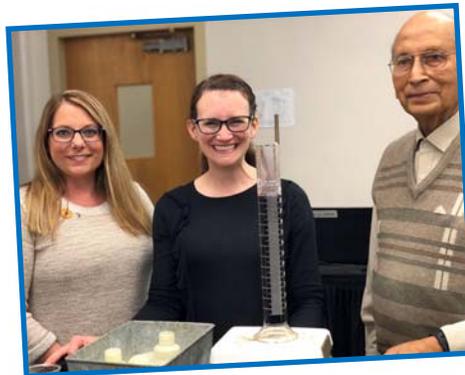
By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

The Magic of Chemistry

In February, Dr. Abigail Shelton, associate professor of chemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Physics at UT Martin, and students Cherie Saffold and Kristina Kaul shared insights about chemical reactions with the **Kiwanis Club of Martin**. Arrangements are being made for the chemists to visit K-Kids at Martin Elementary School, the Builders Club at Martin Middle School, and the Key Club at Westview High School in Martin.

Cherie and Kristina, members of the local group Dr. Shelton advises, the Student Members of the American Chemical Society (SMACS), entertained Kiwanians with two demonstrations that illustrated chemical properties. The first was “burning” a \$10 bill after soaking it in a solution of alcohol and

water and the second was mixing three clear solutions and watching the colors change from blue to yellow and back to clear again as the chemicals interacted. Dr. Shelton said that she and other students are available for outreach in area schools and want to communicate the value of knowing more about chemistry.



↑ *UT Martin students Cherie Saffold and Kristina Kaul demonstrate chemical reactions.*

← *Pictured with Dr. Shelton (center) are Kiwanis President Vickie Hazlewood and UT Martin professor & Kiwanian S. K. Airee.*



↑ *The contestants await the exciting action of their first Pinewood Derby.*

→ *Steve Lemond weighs an entry at the Pinewood Derby registration table while an excited young Cub Scout and his parents look on.*

The mother is Kiwanian Ann Gathers, a biology professor at UT Martin.



NASCAR in Martin

What a special morning Saturday, March 10 was for Kiwanis-sponsored Cub Scout Pack 37 of Martin, Tennessee, and all the friends and family of the young racers!

Kiwanian Steve Lemond, charter organization representative and assistant cub master, greeted and registered the young contestants. Steve has been involved with the Cub Scout Pack 37 since 2000 and with Boy Scouts as an adult leader since 1976.

Steve said: "I enjoy the Pinewood Derby because I get to see the boys each build a car and then race the car. I think that participation in this event helps to build confidence in the young scouts. It was good to see the sportsmanship at this recent event as the boys congratulated each other as the races progressed."

Other Kiwanis members assisted Steve with the event.

The Kiwanis Club of Martin has sponsored Cub Scout Pack 37 since 1971.

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Union City: Reading to Children

By John Fry, Division 1A Lieutenant Governor, & Nicole Kincade, Union City Kiwanis Club

After nearly a three year hiatus, the **Union City Kiwanis Club** is proud to announce the re-launch of their Miles Head Start Reading Program. First-year club member Audrey Gilliam helped to coordinate with the administration at the local school to bring the popular reading program back. The first books were read in February to three classes of three and four year old children with Kiwanis members scheduled to read once a week for the remainder of the school calendar.

This program has proven to be equally beneficial to both club members and the kids. The children, members, and staff enjoy the time spent reading, singing, and laughing together in the classroom.

The Miles Head Start serves disadvantaged children by preparing them for kindergarten. The club is proud to partner with Miles Head Start. Programs such as this have proven to be highly impactful to the students at the preschool. We look forward to seeing many more smiling faces throughout the remainder of the school year and beyond.



1. John Fry, Lt. Gov. Div. 1A, reads to a preschool class as part of the Union City Kiwanis Club's Miles Head Start Reading Program on February 21st.



2. Charlene Burpo, club member, reads to the children on March 14th.



3. Nicole Kincade, club secretary, reads to the children on March 14th.

Martin: Kiwanis for Kids! Continued

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

Outstanding Community Service

Five members of the **Kiwanis Club of Martin** were honored at a meeting on February 14 for their outstanding community service and commitment to the Kiwanis vision of "improving the world one child and one community at a time." Those honored by Linda Ramsey as Walter Zeller Fellows were Mary Elizabeth Bell, David Brodrick, Bettye Giles, Harry Henderson, and Jayne Parrish.

Former Kiwanis District Governor Linda Ramsey gave the five Zeller awards as gifts to The Eliminate Project, an international Kiwanis/UNICEF effort to rid the world of maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).



Kiwanis member Linda Ramsey (left) presented Walter Zeller Fellow awards to Jayne Parrish and charter member Harry Henderson at the Feb. 14 meeting.

Pearl: Serving the Community

By Mariette Fortenberry, Pearl Kiwanis Club

Workday at Camp Pioneer

Camp Pioneer is Christian based ministry that provides evangelism, relationships and retreat to help kids break through the challenges such as acceptance, self-image and morality.

Pearl Kiwanis Club members, alongside with other volunteers within the community, worked hard on a Saturday to assist in getting the camp ready for summer programs and activities. The teams repainted bunkbeds, cleaned cabins and refinished picnic tables among several other tasks.

The campus will soon be ready to host children of all ages and provide activities of all types to include water recreation, field and court games, nature activities, music, bible challenges and more.



Taking Care of *Sunnybrook Cares*

Sunnybrook Cares, a beautiful home that sits on a hill surrounded by beautiful acreage, is a program of Sunnybrook Children's Home that serves as a weekend getaway of respite that provides support and encouragement for foster and adoptive families. This unique program is focused on sustaining those caring for children by connecting them to a team of people ready to help with any need.

This program opened its doors to families in November of 2017. It has over gone cosmetic upgrades and had to be completely furnished to be able to serve families and childcare advocates. All of this has been accomplished by volunteers within the community. **The Pearl Kiwanis Club** wanted to be involved in contributing, and an outdoor dining set was needed. The club donated the funds and their time and made a great outdoor dining experience possible the very following weekend once delivered for a couple that just needed some alone time.

Even the smallest of contributions make the biggest impact!

SBR: Service is the Core of Kiwanis

By Lillian Grossley, South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club

Sprucing up!

Members of **South Baton Rouge Kiwanis** were joined by BRPD Officer Dale and Ms. Kim Marshall, Executive Director of Metamorphosis, Inc. to paint the exterior of the residential group home in Old South Baton Rouge on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Volunteers included SBR Kiwanis members Bridgette Hardy, Trevonda Henderson, Lillian Grossley and Kanestra Mitchell as well as her children, Kendall and Kayla Mitchell. Also helping out was Upper Iowa University student, Brittney Smith, honorary Kiwanis member, Tabitha Irvin and Mark Banks, SBR neighbor. It was a beautiful day for painting and a really rewarding service project. Service is the core of Kiwanis!



Honoring Black History & Celebrating 40 Years

The South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Annual Black History Program and 40th Year Birthday Celebration was held at the Leo S. Butler Community Center on Monday, February 26, 2018. Police Chief Murphy Paul was our special guest speaker for the evening. Chief Paul spoke of the importance of family in instilling qualities in each of us as small children that affect our choices and decisions for the rest of our lives. He also took us back to the "good old days" when children were very respectful to everyone and when neighbors and friends looked out for each other, especially the children. He also touched on initiatives being implemented by BRPD to enhance accountability and transparency as well as build community trust.

Members from St. Gabriel, Cortana, Downtown, The Oaks and Early Risers Kiwanis Clubs also joined us for a very uplifting meeting. Other guests included Councilwoman Tara Wicker, Captain Don Kelly - BRPD, Mrs. Lilly Gallagher - Friends of the Lutheran Cemetery Society, Ms. Christine Sparrow - SBR Civic Association and Ms. Kim Marshall - Metamorphosis, Inc. SBR Kiwanis was also well represented by Bridgette Hardy (Pres), Jessica Johnson (VP), Mrs. Eula Franklin, Trevonda Henderson (Sec), Rozelyn Parker, Mr. Eddie Johnson and our newest member, Wanzie Fugler as well as myself - Lillian Grossley. Also, our honorary members, Tabitha Irvin and Tina Joseph (Bridgette's sister) came out to show their support. There were also other members of the community that joined us as well. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.



South Baton Rouge Kiwanis members: Mrs. Eula Franklin, Rozelyn Parker, Lillian Grossley, Bridgette Hardy, Police Chief Murphy Paul, Trevonda Henderson, Jessica Johnson and Tabitha Irvin.

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SBR: Service is the Core of Kiwanis Continued

By Lillian Grossley, South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club

Making the World a More Colorful Place

Kiwanis Club of South Baton Rouge participated in the Martin Luther King Festival of Service “Walls Project” on January 15, 2018. The Walls Project focuses on creating artistic murals on buildings in the North Baton Rouge area that had previously been blighted property. Volunteers and art students worked to transform these properties into beautiful works of art. South Baton Rouge Kiwanis members, Trevonda Henderson, Bridgette Hardy, Lillian Grossley and Jessica Johnson distributed information to participants to promote the great community service projects and programs provided by Kiwanis Clubs throughout the Baton Rouge community and the world.



↓ Mrs. Sadie Roberts-Joseph, curator and founder, established the African American Museum in Baton Rouge.



Supporting Youth Baseball

By Jeff Bryant, Hub City Kiwanis Club

The Hub City Kiwanis Club was out at the Larry Doleac Youth Baseball Complex for the Hattiesburg Dixie Youth Baseball Opening Day Ceremonies. For many years the club has assisted players, their parents, grandparents, siblings and friends as parking attendants to safely and quickly get everyone parked and into the gates. The club has done a pretty good job over the years! The past several years we have sponsored the Hub City Kiwanis 5-6 year old youth and it has been so much fun to support and watch them play! We are proud to show our support to this fine and long standing baseball organization, where baseball dreams begin!



Area Civic Clubs Partner to Rise Against Hunger

By Steve Ek, Lake Charles Kiwanis Club

Area civic clubs from Southwest Louisiana, including The Rotary Clubs of Greater Lake Charles, Lake Charles, Lake Charles Happy Hour, and Sulphur have joined forces with the **Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles** to package meals for *Rise Against Hunger*, a non-profit organization, with a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize necessary resources.

This year's *Rise Against Hunger* meal-packaging event was the Rotarians' first collaboration with the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles. On March 20, Rotarians and Kiwanians met at Treasures of Marilyn to assemble 25,000 meals. The workforce exceeded 100 volunteers.

One in three people worldwide are adversely affected by vitamin and mineral deficiencies. *Rise Against Hunger* meals, packaged by volunteers from these civic clubs, are designed to provide a comprehensive array of micronutrients. Meals include enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and twenty-three essential vitamins and nutrients. The meal-packaging events give volunteers hands-on experience in leadership development, team-building, relationship-building, creative problem-solving, goal-setting and achievement.

Of particular note for this year's event is the collaboration between Rotarians and Kiwanians, working together towards the greater good. The mission of both service organizations align in a number of ways, and thanks to a phone call between two

friends, this alliance in Southwest Louisiana became a reality.

Victor Wukovits, President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Greater Lake Charles explains: "Randy Fuerst, President of the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles, called me from a leadership conference where another Kiwanis Club had reported great success with a cross-club project they accomplished with Rotarians in their area. Randy suggested that we could work together on something and I thought *Rise Against Hunger* would be the perfect way to cooperate on a service project with global impact. With a visit to one of the Kiwanis meetings, I was able to speak about *Rise Against Hunger* and in short, the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles was ready to help our Rotary Clubs at this year's event."

Dawn Busters Back in Action!

By Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club

The WrestleMania Reading Challenge

Recently at Chateau Estates Elementary, the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Rewards for Reading** program, sponsored by R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, made the announcement that they are teaming up with the WWE and First Book, to introduce the WrestleMania Reading Challenge to all of the 20 Jefferson Parish Public Schools that they sponsor in their 11 year reading program, as well as to all of the public schools in Jefferson, Orleans, St. Tammany and St. James Parishes, plus all of the immediate Parishes surrounding New Orleans.

This unique reading program gives boys and girls in elementary schools the opportunity to read books and get exciting prizes for their efforts, ranging from WrestleMania tickets, Smack Down tickets, books, t-shirts, prizes

for teachers and also books and prizes for schools that read the most books.

The boys and girls in the schools sponsored by Dawn Busters get double the opportunity as they receive credit from the WWE and also from the Rewards for Reading program. U.N.O. and the city of Kenner were also present as community outreach partners. The students won new bikes, MP4 players, Domino's Pizza's, Adventure Quest Laser Tag certificates, Rally's burgers, Chich-fil-a ice cream, CiCi's Pizza and PaPa John's certificates, CCC T-shirts and medals, Baby Cakes bobble head dolls, gifts from Acadian Plumbing in Kenner, Laser Tag of Metairie free games, and in May, Dawn Busters will be in all 20 schools again with twice the amount of prizes to be given away.



First row: Baby Cakes Boudreaux. Second row: Dawn Busters President Meladie Munch, Program Director for Next Generation David Hassenboehler, Megan Steinmetz (U.N.O.), Skip Miller (U.N.O.) Second row: Barra Birrcher, Mike Haffner, Billy Ferrante (GNOSF and WrestleMania), Captain K-9, Mel Dussel, Captain Lee Ayo, Tim Riley and Marsel Lashover. Back row: Br-UNO the U.N.O. mascot.



Left to right are: Lori Songy; WrestleMania Representatives: Kassur Ohno, Dana Wamor, Mark Henry, & Sage Beckett; Mel Dussel, Robin Corradi, Mike Haffner and Lee Ayo.

A Mardi Gras Ball for Seniors

The Metairie Manor Senior Living Center was treated to their first annual Mardi Gras Ball by the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club**. Residents enjoyed a wonderful evening of partying, food, music and dancing.

Standing from left to the right are: Lee Ayo, Queen Shirley Lacoste, King Joe Hardy and Dawn Busters President Meladie Munch.



Feeding the Hungry

The **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** serves lunch on the last Friday of each month at the Ozaman Inn. The Ozanam Inn is a special project of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to offer aid and comfort by providing basic human needs such as food, shelter and clothing to those in need in their communities. The Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club has been a part of this very important community outreach program for over 5 years and volunteers over 180 service hours each year.

Standing left to right are: Joe Guilbeaux, Barra Bircher, Skip Miller, Mike Murphy, Barry David, and Sonny Romero.



Cleaning up the Bayouside!

Houma Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On March 24, **Houma Kiwanis Club** members Larry Frederick, Joe Kopfler, Jennifer White and Rich & Bridgette Rudnik took part in Terrebonne Parish Bayouside Cleanup.



Batting for the Little League

Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Opening day for the Lafayette Little League's new playground, a capital improvement made possible through a partnership with the **Lafayette Kiwanis Club** and the Lafayette Park and Recreation Department, was held on Saturday, March 10th. Lafayette Little League was excited to share the new playground with Lil' League families.

Lafayette Little League was founded in 1972 to bring youth baseball to Lafayette in a fun, competitive environment.

Special thanks to Greg Gauthreaux with LCG (far left) and Jason Habbit (far right), President of Kiwanis Club, for supporting Lafayette Little League in a special way.



That's a Lot of Shoes!

La. Miss. Tenn. Division 8E Facebook Page

Baton Rouge area Kiwanians from **Divisions 8E and 8W** loaded shoes for the Eliminate Shoe Drive on Thursday, March 22. Members loaded 260 bags weighing at least 2500 lbs! GEAUX KIWANIS!



Throw Us Some Food Mister!

Camellia City, Slidell Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

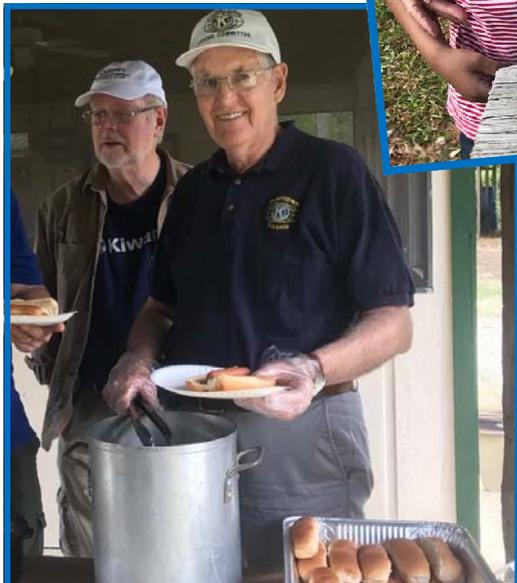
Throw **Camilla City Kiwanis** some FOOD mister! Members of the Camiella City, Slidell Kiwanis Club were out at the local Winn Dixie this Mardi Gras season on February 2, collecting food for Community Christian Concern (CCC). The goal is to supply the Food Pantry for the summer.



Teach a Kid to Fish

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page Posted by Judy Couvillion

On March 24, the **Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club** relished a beautiful day of nature and fishing with a great group of children from the Boys and Girls Club of Park Forest Elementary School. Teach a Kid to Fish Day took place at Waddill Outdoor Education Center in Baton Rouge. The children learned how to cast and use live worms as bait. Hot dogs, chips and cookies served by Kiwanians were enjoyed by all after a successful day of fishing followed by awards.



A New Season of Buddy Ball!

Picayune Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Picayune** is proud to participate in a new season of Buddy Ball that began one Saturday morning at Friendship Park in Picayune. Buddy Ball is a baseball league open to children and adults with special needs. The season consists of about six weeks where participants get to play in eight games.

At the moment, the league consists of four adult teams and two youth teams. Each team consists of about nine or 10 players. The adult teams are the Kiwanis Club of Picayune Dodgers, Kiwanis Club of Picayune Diamondbacks, Kiwanis Club of Picayune Rockies and the Kiwanis Club of Picayune Astros. In the children's league, the two teams are the Kiwanis Club of Picayune Reds and Kiwanis Club of Picayune Marlins.

During each Buddy Ball game, volunteers assist the players. The volunteers help the players bat the ball, throw the ball or run the bases.



Kiwanians Hard at Work!

East St. Mary Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Kiwanians hard at work! Some of the **East St. Mary Kiwanis Club** members put their talents to work by building a fence at St. Mary Outreach in Morgan City. St. Mary outreach is a private, non-profit, emergency service agency. St. Mary Outreach offers a food pantry, a clothing closet, hygiene, cleaning supplies, baby diapers and formula, adult diapers, rental and utility assistance, as well as life-sustaining medications, when funding is available, for those in need.



Ring in the New Year Kid Style!

Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Members of the **Acadian-Lafayette Kiwanis Club** rang in 2018 kid style! At the stroke of twelve noon on New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st, there was only one place in Acadiana where a family could dance in a confetti blizzard or a sea of balloons, shake, twirl or blow noise makers, wear hats, crowns, and scream Happy New Year ... it was at the Children's Museum of Acadiana. The celebration kicked off at 10 am with an outside carnival and exhibits. There were prizes, fish 'n, ringing the bell on a kid-sized high-striker, noise makers making, silly birds, bursting balloons, food and beverages, tattoos, digging for treasure, hair coloring, bowling and so much more!



A Mardi Gras Ball Collaboration

New Orleans Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

It was a wonderful, magical evening for the clients of Magnolia Community Services, an organization providing support to adults with developmental disabilities. It was their first ever Mardi Gras Ball, complete with a court of 3 Maids and Dukes, and a Queen and King. **Kiwanis Club of New Orleans** was so very proud to join with **Big Easy Kiwanis**, **Third District Kiwanis** and **Kenner North Kiwanis** to provide a delicious dinner of Jambalaya, sausage and ham, seasoned green beans, salad, dinner rolls and of course, King Cake! Entertainment, merriment and dancing followed the ball and dinner. An amazing job was done by Mary McDuff of Magnolia for planning such a special event!



Jobs Well Done!

Memphis Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Memphis Rolls up Sleeves & Gets to Work!

In March, the **Kiwanis Club of Memphis**, Habitat for Humanity, and Team Shrine helped build a new ramp for the Esters family. Malik Ester now has a doorway to the outdoors thanks to all of the hard working volunteers.



Science Fair Experts!

In March, members of the **Kiwanis Club of Memphis** also took time out of their day to help judge the Science Fair at Kingsbury Elementary School.



Way to Go Hub City!

Hub City, Hattiesburg Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Hub City, Hattiesburg Kiwanis Club** recently donated \$250 to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for student athlete bibles and gave another \$250 to the United Christian Academy for support to the purchase of a van to transport the students!

Kids Need Kiwanis!

First Annual Kids Chicken Run!

Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles hosted the Ron Richard 1st Annual Kids Chicken Run in February. The event was a huge success despite the rain. Students from Henry Heights Elementary School were given hand-made chicken run shirts, beads, masks, and throws. The children enjoyed hot dogs, deer sausage, king cake, games, and a good ole country hayride while waiting for the famous chicken run. As you can see, it was a muddy mess but the kids had a blast!



Service for the Children

Martin Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Easter EGG-stravaganza!

Nineteen happy children ages 1 through 10 entered their colorful creations in the Kiwanis Decorated Egg Contest held by the **Martin Kiwanis Club** on March 24 at the 32nd annual City of Martin Easter Egg Hunt.



Kindergarten Kick-off!

In March, **Martin Kiwanis** supported a Kindergarten Kickoff with the librarians from the C.E. Weldon Public Library! We loved seeing soon-to-be kindergarten students and their parents at the Kindergarten Kickoff.



AED for Sports Teams

With the recent addition of the new automated external defibrillator (AED), young athletes and all attending Martin Middle School sports events are another step closer to saving a life in case of a heart-related emergency. The portable device, held by softball team member Braedyn Hazlewood (front row), checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. **The Kiwanis Club of Martin** applied for and received a grant to help purchase this AED, which will also be used for traveling teams. The AED was formally presented to MMS on March 16 at the school.



New Orleans: Doing Great Things Again!

New Orleans Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Painting with a Purpose

The **New Orleans Kiwanis Club** hosted ceiling tile painting to benefit the Children's Hospital on February 24. Sixty-one volunteers painted 150 ceiling tiles with whimsical characters. Lots of fun, food and fellowship was had by all!



Angels' Place Annual Spring Fling

The **Kiwanis Club of New Orleans** kicked off its 99th year of service on Saturday, March 24, at the Angels' Place Spring Picnic for children with terminal illnesses and their families. With help from the **Kiwanis Clubs of: Third District, Kenner North, Moisant and New Orleans**, the families of Angels' Place were treated to some tasty grilled burgers and dogs at the Annual Spring Fling! What a fun day of service!



Reading Around the World

Pascagoula Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula** wants every child to experience the joy of reading. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis International club, no matter where in the world it's located. Each year the Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula has dedicated time and money towards the Kiwanis' Read Around the World program in Jackson County. At the start of the 3rd nine weeks, club members read and give a school approved book to each 2nd Grader in the Moss Point, Gautier, Pascagoula and Resurrection Catholic Schools in hopes that these books will enhance the lives of the children and give them a book they can cherish again and again.



Brightening the Holidays

Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

What a blessed day the **Kiwanis Club of Southwest Contraband** had giving gifts to Lake Charles Memorial Hospital's pediatric patients this past December! Angela Guth, Manette Phillips Pecorino, Kayla Stark, and Robin Basone (not pictured), gave presents to children who had to spend the Christmas holidays in the hospital. The members wanted to brighten the children's day and wish them lots of healing prayers.



Santa's Helpers

South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles** held the annual Christmas shopping spree with the help of **Barbe High School Key Club** at Target again this past year for some very deserving kids. Once again the club also provided some Christmas baskets of food for some very deserving families.

Pictured below are the children participating in the shopping spree and a grateful family who received a Christmas food basket.



Bikes for Books

Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain** kicked off the spring session of Bikes for Books at Esperanza and Fannie C. Williams Charter Schools in January 2018. Pictured is member Deidre Charlot speaking to Fannie C. Williams Charter School third, fifth and sixth graders about the literacy initiative. Osborne Charter school is also participating in Bikes for Books this spring.



Kindness is the Heart of Kiwanis

Picayune Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The Pearl River County School Board accepted a donation of \$2,600.00 from the **Kiwanis Club of Picayune** in January to support the formation of a library for special needs students. And, on December 21, 2017, club members put together food baskets and delivered them to those in need during the Christmas season.



Share Your Club's News!

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor

Submit your article or photographs:

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ARTICLES & PHOTOGRAPHS: All article submissions must be attached in an email as a Word document and should be approximately 250 words or less. *Please submit original articles written by your club's members. We cannot use pre-published articles due to copyright laws.* Do not include photos within text documents; send as separate attachments in the highest resolution TIFF or JPEG file if possible. Include a description of the photograph.

DEADLINES:

The deadline for article submissions is always two weeks before the publication's date. Here is the deadline for the remainder of the 2017-2018 Kiwanis Year:

July-August-September = June 16, 2018

Include this information:

CLUB: Club, Division Number, and Author

EVENT: Make sure to answer: **what** was done, **why** it was done, **who** benefited, **when** and **where** it occurred, **how** it was accomplished, etc.

ACCURACY: Please double check all dates, locations, etc., and be sure that all names are spelled correctly. While we do our best to correct issues if we notice them, we do not have the resources to confirm this type of information.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Avoid poses such as check acceptances, podium speakers, and groups standing in line or stacked rows. If you're shooting a service project, look for an action photo of the volunteers in progress or interacting with children. Shoot from the front – we are not likely to use a shot with mostly backs. Use as high a resolution as possible. Captions may not always be published, but it is helpful if you can identify subjects.

AND REMEMBER . . . THE BEST ACTION SHOT WINS THE COVER!

Keep in mind, the cover photograph for the District News Magazine will be selected based on clarity, action and emotion.

We want photographs showing how your club impacts the community!



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