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Wow! As I write this message to you from Martin, Tennessee, it is seven degrees outside with a wind chill of minus nine degrees. Quite unlike southern Louisiana and Mississippi, we have had no snow. Strange weather! What a difference three months makes. And not only in the weather. LaMissTenn started off the Kiwanis year in early October by opening a new Internet club, the Kiwanis Club of eLaMissTenn, with 21 members and based in Baton Rouge. Dennis Oliver was elected to be the first President of the club. It meets once a month using GoToMeeting software and the service projects and fundraisers are forming rapidly. We hope to make this an alternative for those who want to be in Kiwanis but can’t (or don’t like to) meet for meals, who can’t afford high dues, or who move out of the district but want to remain a part of the district. Thanks to Past International President Nettles Brown and International Trustee Greg Beard for cooking up the idea for the club and for getting it started. The plan is to have the charter presented at the Mid-Winter Conference.

One new club was not enough, however. Formula Chair Gary Graham was also busy working with folks interested in reviving a Key Club at Istrouma High School in north Baton Rouge, to form a new Istrouma Kiwanis Club to sponsor the Key Club. Work on this club began in Past Governor Fred’s year, but the opening was delayed until early this year. So make that two new clubs for 2017-2018. The charter night for Istrouma was held on the evening of December 10, and it was attended by a very special guest – no, although I was there, I wasn’t the special guest. Our special guest was Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford. This makes the third time in three years that the International President has visited our district. Sue Petrisin came to help out after the flooding in the south Louisiana region, then Jane Erikson came to New Orleans and helped us celebrate 30 years of women in Kiwanis, and now Jim Rochford has been here to help us with opening and chartering new clubs.

Indeed, because of the tireless efforts of Gary Graham and the success we had with opening new clubs, President Jim Rochford selected LaMissTenn as a target for his Eye of the Tiger team of new club openers. Rogenia Woods-Mitchell, Lt. Governor of Division 14, had been working diligently to open new clubs in her division and had laid the groundwork for possibly three new clubs. This got Jim’s attention and he rescheduled his plans in order to be here for part of the week of December 10. Jim flew in with three of his Eye of the Tiger team members and joined with Rogenia, Gary, Nettles, Greg, Dennis Oliver, Eva Abate and me to recruit enough members to open two new clubs, one in Stone County (Wiggins) and one in Poplarville, plus almost enough for one in Hurley. Both of those clubs were officially opened before Jim left, and the one in Hurley now has enough members for a club. In addition to the charter night for eLaMissTenn, we will have three other charter nights in January and February. Five new clubs in the first three months of 2017-2018! If this had happened before the deadline for the Rose Bowl Parade, that would have been enough for me to represent LaMissTenn on the Kiwanis float. Alas, we were two weeks too late. But we are not through! We hope to open five more clubs this year!

The LaMissTenn Board met in Jackson, Mississippi on December 1, and then the Board met with the team of Lt. Governors on December 2. There are a lot of exciting events taking place in our district. Please help us out by reporting for the newsletter the service projects and other important events taking place in your clubs, divisions and regions, and make sure that ALL Kiwanians in our district know about the district newsletter.

Participate whenever possible in our district activities. The Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 16-17 in Natchez, and the District Convention will be held August 3-5 in Baton Rouge. This will be our 100th annual convention and we have big plans to honor our history at that event. The International Convention is in Las Vegas on June 27-July 1. You will love attending these events and will learn much and meet many Kiwanians who might form a lifetime friendship with you.

Finally, we wish our International Counselor Lance Incitti well as he continues to recover from a severe concussion he suffered soon after our 2017 District Convention. Now we must go to work strengthening our existing clubs!
The year 2017 is history, I am a year older, Christmas is past, and it is a New Year. I hope 2018 is the best for you and your family. I know it will be the best for the LAMSTN District.

Congratulations to Governor Otha and Formula Chair/Past Governor Gary Graham for (3) new clubs for 2017-2018 already. I am sure the goal of 7 new clubs that Governor Otha has set will be surpassed.

We made a lot of progress in 2016-2017 with growing our net membership, and I believe our “Great and Historic District” will show a growth at the end of September 2018. We came close this last Kiwanis year and we will grow this year. Remember you just have to ask folks to join.

When I say leadership in our district is a problem, it does not mean the leadership we have. The fact we must beg folks to serve is the problem. This starts in our clubs; Club Presidents, Lt. Governors, Trustees, and Governor. Every Past District Officer should make it their responsibility to enlist our district leaders. We should have leaders standing in line to serve, if we truly believe what Kiwanis is all about.

Congratulations to the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for meeting the Kiwanis Children’s Fund President’s Challenge for the 2016–17 Kiwanis year. I appreciate all those who gave to make this happen and special thanks to our Lt. Governors for making this happen within their divisions.

Please make plans for you and your club to be present at our mid-winter meeting in Natchez on February 16 & 17. Let’s pack the house and make sure Natchez knows Kiwanis is in town. I will see you there!

#kidsneedkiwanis

By R. Fred Pitts, Immediate Past Governor

District Foundation Board Working Hard & Having Fun!

By Dianne Polly, District Foundation Board President, & Travis B. Moore, District Foundation Board Trustee

The District Foundation Board of Trustees gathered for the fall planning meeting in Jackson on October 6th, 2017. The board members worked hard but also had some fun with mustaches!
# 2017-2018 Mid-Winter Conference

## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

2018 Mid-Winter Conference of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International

Natchez Convention Center - February 16-17, 2018

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**Note:** All Kiwanians, Spouses, & Guests must be registered to participate!

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- Kiwanis Member: [ ] 70.00 □ 85.00 □ 100.00 $

(Includes Saturday Lunch, Coffee Breaks, & the Misc. Conference Costs)

- Non-Member: Spouse & Guest: [ ] 40.00 □ 45.00 □ 50.00 $

(Includes Saturday morning program, Saturday Program & Lunch, Coffee Breaks, & the Misc. Conference Costs)

### OPTIONAL DINNER

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La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis
5253-B Dijon Drive
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Total Fees Paid: $
2017-2018 Mid-Winter Conference

Experience

Your LaMissTenn District Foundation will again hold its very popular GIFT BAKSET RAFFLE at Mid-Winter Conference in Natchez!

Give

By purchasing $1 tickets for your chance to win a gift basket. Tickets are on sale Saturday until 11:30 am. Raffle held in main lobby area.

Indulge

In the chance of being a lucky recipient of a gift basket. Winning baskets will be drawn and available for immediate pick up Saturday afternoon.

Receive

In 2016-17, District Foundation awarded $13,750 in grants to clubs and $14,500 in sponsored youth scholarships & leadership training.

- Kiwanis Clubs and individual members are encouraged to donate a basket for the raffle.
- Gift Baskets may be delivered to the Ballroom Lobby, 1st floor of Natchez Convention Center beginning Saturday at 7:30 am.
- Gifts inside the basket may consist of any theme from sports, hobbies, home items, food/beverages. The “basket” can be a bucket, tool box, ice chest, plant – be creative!
- PLEASE wrap your basket in cellophane or netting so items do not shift. Label basket with club name, items and approximate value.
- For clubs not attending the Conference, encourage them to participate by making a basket and sending it with a club who is attending.
Congratulations to the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for meeting the Kiwanis Children’s Fund President’s Challenge for the 2016–17 Kiwanis year! The President’s Challenge is awarded annually to district governors, secretaries and chairs of the Children’s Fund who promote the Kiwanis Children’s Fund and see an increase in their respective districts’ unrestricted cumulative giving. Please share this great news with everyone who helped meet the President’s Challenge. Thank you for your ongoing support and your dedication to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

The books for the 2016-17 Kiwanis year are almost closed and I am pleased to share some updates with you regarding The Eliminate Project as we move one year closer to eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus - a deadly, preventable disease that still claims the lives of 34,000 newborns each year.

We’re winning the fight! The Philippines has recently been validated for MNT elimination, making it the third country to eliminate MNT in 2017, following Ethiopia and Haiti, and the 24th country to achieve elimination since Kiwanis International began The Eliminate Project in partnership with UNICEF. Because of your steadfast support, the entire Western Hemisphere is now MNT-free. Only 15 countries remain at risk. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to save the lives of mothers and babies worldwide.

Pledge payments - Please continue to encourage your clubs to send in remaining pledge payments and additional gifts as soon as funds are available so that we can honor our commitment to help meet the urgent funding needs outlined above. The support of Kiwanis International helps ensure that vaccination campaigns in the field stay on track. To date, we’ve received $77,122,799 in cash toward our goal of US $110 million.

New Club Grant Program Revealed - The Children’s Fund has launched a new Club Grant program on October 1. Club Grants fund Kiwanis club projects that address an unmet need of children. Find a comprehensive Guide to Club Grants and a library of additional resources online at the Kiwanis Children’s Fund Website. You can also visit the Children’s Fund table at the LaMissTenn District Mid-Winter Conference in February 2018 and I would be happy to discuss with you.

I also want to Thank Your Club for your 2016-17 Annual Club Gift that supported the Children’s Fund. As a result, the LaMissTenn District is invited to participate in the Kiwanis Children’s Fund’s District Grant program. Our district is eligible for a grant of US $3,948, which is 15 percent of your district's total undesignated giving made in 2016–17. This includes gifts from individuals, clubs and other entities within the district. It really means a lot to the children of the world, and I wanted to tell you personally how grateful we are at the LaMissTenn District and the Children’s Fund. With every fundraiser and service project, your club comes together to change kids’ lives. That’s what the Kiwanis Children’s Fund does, too. It allows Kiwanians to serve children around the world - through projects beyond the means of a single club.

As your club addresses its philanthropic priorities in the 2018 New Year, we encourage you to change kids’ lives - by joining thousands of other Kiwanis clubs worldwide and Support the Children’s Fund through the 2017-2018 Annual Club Giving Campaign. With a gift before January 31, 2018, we can reach even more children. Club gifts allow the Children’s Fund to provide grants that serve disaster relief efforts, Service Leadership Programs, The Eliminate Project, club and district service projects, and the sustained elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. Kick off the Kiwanis year with an Annual Club Gift by January 31, 2018.
Be Wi$e: Learn What Grants Are Available

By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair

Calling All Clubs …. “BE WI$E”

Invest in OUR District Foundation with contributions to the Annual Club Giving Campaign, Friends of the Foundation, River of Life, John T. Roberts …. The possibilities are endless! This is how OUR District Foundation raises the funds to award Community Grants, AED grants (now $750 for schools), Scholarships, Leadership Training … and so much more!

Level 1 Grants (up to $5,000)

DEADLINE for the first round of Community Grants is fast approaching – January 15th. See website for application and criteria for grants. Second round Deadline is July 1st.

Level 2 Grants (up to $1,000)

DEADLINE is always the 1st of every month, until funding is depleted. See website for application and criteria for grants.

AED Grants (up to $750)

AEDs placed in elementary, middle or high schools have an award of $750. AEDs for other facilities (Headstart programs, Senior Centers, Libraries, etc) remain at $500 – applications due the 1st of every month, until July 1st (or funding is depleted). See website for application.

As always, the District Foundation thanks each and every club for their support.

We couldn’t do what we do, without you!!!
Help the LaMissTenn District reach its goal of placing an AED in every elementary, middle and high school in Louisiana, Mississippi and West Tennessee!

Each year, more than 250,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest before reaching a hospital. By having an AED in schools, the impact on survival of those who experience cardiac arrest is 70%! Our District partnered with Zoll Medical to help make this goal a reality!

To kick off our 10th year of this project, the District Foundation has increased the AED grant award to $750 for AEDs in schools. Clubs wanting to put AEDs into other facilities (senior centers, libraries, etc.), the grant amount remains at $500. One AED grant per club per year.

Go to www.lamisstenn.org and click on Foundation, then GRANTS to find the application and information.

For more info:
Contact Pam Morgan
District AED Coordinator
(225) 921-6032
psmorgan002@aol.com

Look how we’ve made a difference:
• 484 AEDs purchased and installed
• 78 of 121 LAMISSSTENN clubs participating
• $55,000+ funding from the District Foundation in AED grants to clubs

At least 6 lives have been saved!
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.

Friend of the Foundation Donor Information

Name: ____________________________
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My total gift/pledge is $________ Donations are tax-deductible.
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Thank you for your generous support of the Kiwanis District Foundation!
How Much Would You Give to Save the Life of a Baby?

WOULD YOU GIVE $20.17 TO SAVE 11 BABIES? In this special holiday season, I am asking you to join our fellow members in this effort! Many clubs have pledges to fulfill, and even if your club didn’t pledge, your $$$$ could save babies ($1.80 each) and goes against the District pledge of 2.3 million.

Quitting Is Not an Option! Not When:

1. Kiwanis International has raised 110 million dollars in gifts and pledges. (75 million in gifts)
2. Your District has raised 1.9 million in gifts and pledges toward a 2.3 million pledge.
3. Your Key Clubs have raised $53,000 toward their $100,000 pledge.
4. Starting with 39 countries ONLY 16 remain with tetanus. (2 more soon!)

So: Don’t you see the need to finish the promise we made to the 61 million moms and babies who live in our Kiwanis World?

Be the advocate in your club to overcome:

1. I thought this was over.
2. I am tired of hearing about ELIMINATE.
3. We spend our $$$ only on local projects.

WHEN A BABY DIES EVERY 15 MINUTES WE MUST FEEL THE NEED!

Thank you in advance!
Although football season is drawing to a close, I will use a football analogy in saying we are only finishing up our first quarter in Kiwanis. I am happy to report that we are ahead of last year at this point. Last year we were up 56 members for LaMissTenn and this year we are at 77. Plus we have two new clubs chartered already with three whose paperwork has been submitted.

Last year at this point, we were just working on establishing the first club (the Northeast Shelby County club) in the District in over six years. Things are definitely looking up but we cannot rest on our laurels and think we can just coast the rest of the year. We need to not only build new clubs but we need to strengthen our existing ones as well.

The Formula team has a two-fold responsibility and it is this latter area where we can do the most good for building membership. Our clubs do great work for their communities and the children, but all too often we get complacent in our service. It becomes routine and we don’t recruit new members (and younger ones). What will happen if your club slowly dies off? Recently here in Baton Rouge two longtime stalwarts of their respective clubs passed away. They are small clubs and this loss impacts them greatly. It is never a good thing to lose a member and especially one who has done so much through Kiwanis for the children. We are here to help you address the need to grow. There will be a survey going out to individual Kiwanians in the District in the coming weeks by email. I want to recognize my Vice Chair Kim Champagne from the Acadiana-Lafayette club for the work she has put into developing this survey. This questionnaire will provide an easy way for the Formula team to collect information on how to make your club better and to reinvigorate your membership. I would ask that you make sure your members complete and send it back. If they don’t get one it’s because we do not have an email address or we have a bad one. Let us know and have your club secretary update the database. We will have initial results by Mid-Winter Conference February 17-18 in Natchez. I hope you can attend and participate in some of the sessions on strengthening your clubs.

We see the headlines and watch the news and know Kiwanis is needed now more than ever. We can better address the problems of tomorrow by addressing the need today. The same goes for your clubs. We can help address the membership today and avoid the problems of tomorrow when the few remaining members look around and say what happened to the great things we used to do. These two issues go hand in hand. More members mean more service and more service can lead to less problems in our communities.

Don’t be afraid to ask. We do not tell you what to do but only help you analyze your club’s situation. Even the biggest clubs should constantly evaluate themselves and strive to improve. A world class athlete still has a coach not because they are not performing at the highest levels but because that coach can help make them better by showing better techniques and/or stopping them from picking up bad habits. I am pleased that we are growing but we have much more to do for the children of LaMissTenn so let’s work together.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Making Your Club Human & Spiritual Values - Conscious

By Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values District Chair

All six of our Kiwanis International Objects are important pillars on which to build our personal and professional lives and, of course, to build our clubs. But I hope you’ll make an effort in the remainder of 2017-2018 to make your clubs more CONSCIOUS (open their eyes) to our first Object: to give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

Absolutely call attention to this object as a life-style. But give examples of how that life style helps build our Kiwanis relationships, our business relationships and even builds up our personal relationships.

May I suggest that either in the context of Kiwanis meetings or our club newsletters that we highlight examples of where by giving “primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life,” we have seen fruits of this behavior. Don’t just find or write small devotionals for your newsletter (which is certainly a good start) but find, create or write examples of Kiwanians using this object in their personal or business experiences.

Just a quick reminder:

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

2. Be sure to end each meeting with the Kiwanis prayer. May I suggest the following Kiwanis prayer; it won’t take more than a couple of weeks to learn: “Dear Lord: In Thy infinite goodness and mercy, look down upon Thy children in this hour of need. Grant unto us the light and the wisdom to know Thee and to serve Thee. And give us the strength and the courage, with Thy help, to face whatever the morrow may bring. And grant us peace. Amen”

3. Start planning now to sponsor a Community Prayer Breakfast … or a Prayer Breakfast for your K-Family … or a Prayer Breakfast for the young athletes of your community (co-sponsored with FCA) for the spring. Plan one for the spring to get 2018 started on the right spiritual foot. Your civic leaders will always show up and invite two or three different religious leaders to lead.

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

Please don’t make this committee one of little consequence. There are so many ways that our clubs can emphasize our first Object and many Kiwanians feel that their clubs broaden their personal ministries in our communities. Let’s make 2017 - 2018 a year we can remember for our reigniting our love for Human and Spiritual Values.

Aspire to Inspire: Lest We Forget

By Jeems White, Ill, Past Governor

The holidays are over. The tinsel and decorative lights are packed away for next year. We probably ate too much but doubt that we hugged our loved ones too much. There is a certain glow in our souls from the peace and relaxation of the season as we resume “normal life” . . . whatever that is. As the satisfactions of the holidays slowly fade into our memories it is easy to feel that all is well with life . . . and that is certainly as it should be.

However the world is complex and many are less fortunate than we. How many children in the far corners did not have enough to eat on Christmas Day? How many babies died of neonatal tetanus in the fifteen countries we have yet to immunize? How many children closer to home here in the United States did not dream of sugar plum fairies because the stresses of their lives precluded such luxuries?

And so enters a new year. We all resolve to improve something, the classic “New Year’s Resolutions.” Mostly the resolutions seem to be personal. Losing weight is a frequent headline. More than likely our resolutions are personal because we reflect inward and wish to improve something about ourselves. That, too, is certainly as it should be.

But lest we forget . . . the mission of Kiwanis is not to improve ourselves, but to improve that mythical “one child and one community.” Certainly we do improve ourselves as we help others, but it isn’t the primary goal. There are so many children both local and afar that need Kiwanis in their lives. So let us include in our new-year resolutions those outward acts of kindness that can make a huge difference in a child’s life . . . even when we don’t know about it.

Onward and upward like Donner and Blitzen. Let us resolve to renew our efforts with high impact projects and to find new ways to improve the world through its children. Let’s not be Ebenezer Scrooges as we continue to finish The Eliminate Project and actually offer life to babies who otherwise would die.

It is through the strength of the Kiwanis Family that we can truly make a difference in the world. Let us resolve to do so now . . . lest we forget.
Happy New Year!

Yes, the new year is here and now is a great time to put a new paint job on our children’s programs to keep them exciting and appealing to our youth. Every time I meet with our youth I am amazed at their ideas about serving their community. Dogwood, Germantown, and Farmington Elementary K-Kids really excelled this season with donations to needy causes.

Dogwood collected toys for the LeBonheur Children's Hospital and had the Kiwanis Advisor deliver them. The hospital staff had their mouths wide open when I showed up at their entrance with eight 40-gallon bags of new toys. Germantown joined Dogwood in the toy drive and collected a truck load of new hats, mittens, and scarves for a needy school north of Memphis. Farmington K-Kids had a contest and raised $2,649 for “Project 100”, a new and much needed veteran’s home being built in Covington, TN. The winning classroom had their school clothing restriction removed for a week … of course they still had to be properly dressed.

These kids have learned the power of joining forces for a good cause. I have enjoyed the K-Kids since 2002. Each year I become even more impressed with what these little elves can accomplish when they get together. I will never forget the LeBonheur staff’s faces when they saw my truck full of toys . . . and how proud I felt being a Kiwanian.

1. Germantown Elementary School K-Kids put up a “Mitten Tree” and challenged their school mates to support the drive to supply new mittens, scarves, and hats for a Title One school in North Memphis.

2. Dogwood Elementary K-Kids proved to their new principle that K-Kids rule. They collected a truck load of new toys for the kids at LaBonheur Childrens Hospital.

3. A LaBonheur Children’s Hospital employee is amazed at the toys the K-Kids delivered.
K-Kids at Martin Elementary School in Martin, Tennessee, have had a busy fall semester. Advisor Anita Bell and assistant Sara Sieber scheduled several enlightening and fun activities for approximately 25 third through fifth graders who are part of the Kiwanis family.

**Learning**

In October, Kiwanian Dr. Ann Gathers, associate professor of biology at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and student Aleya Brent, a psychology and biological sciences major, taught students about the science of smell. Presenters used visual demonstrations of diffusion to teach children the fundamentals of smell. The children placed one drop of blue dye in three beakers of water; one with ice, one that was room temperature, and one with boiling water to show how temperature influences the rate of diffusion. They observed that warmth increases the distribution of molecules to our sense receptors. Children then tested their sense of smell in a game requiring them to identify common household odors and played a “Who Nose?” trivia game. Kiwanians Jim and Anna Clark helped too.

In November, University of Tennessee at Martin Farm Manager, Mike Pierce presented a program on the bee project which is growing exponentially and producing new hives. Mike told the K-Kids he grew up in Martin and went to their school when he was young. That excited the children to know he was “home grown” and they, too, might lead in their community projects. Mike brought empty bee hives and other equipment to the classroom. Two students got to dress in Beekeeper outfits! The students were quite animated and asked questions during the slide presentation. Several students live on farms and swore they saw “Mike’s bees” in their fields. They got to take home honey produced by the bees.

Another learning program involved music, and advisor, Anita Bell, said it was “fabulous.”

**Leading**

As K-Kids participate in the interactive learning programs, they deepen their sense of leadership in the community. They ask questions, share their experiences, and develop leadership skills in the small group activities that often accompany the presentations.

**Serving**

Also in October, K-Kids were involved in service as they had the opportunity to help with the local library Book Walk, and they continue to collect aluminum can tabs to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald houses. In December, they participated in the Christmas Parade, and in January they will make thank-you cards for their local heroes, police and firefighters, and those serving in the military.

Indeed K-Kids in Martin, Tennessee, are “doers” and learners, and they love being a part of the Kiwanis family of clubs.
Chalmette Elementary Hosts Thanksgiving Food Drive

Chalmette Elementary K-Kids hosted a food drive for Thanksgiving. We are so proud of our K-Kids!

St. Mary Key Club: Taking Care of Our Seniors

St. Mary’s Key Club volunteered at Lafon Nursing Home in November. Thanks go out to Deborah Ward Crosby and the young ladies of St. Mary’s for their great work with our seniors!
Acadiana Homeschool Key Club raised a total of $10,342 for the children of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Katie Casanova with St. Jude's came from Memphis to receive the check. The club thanks the Super 1 Food on Ambassador, in Scott, and also Abbeville for allowing collection to take place at their stores. Also, Jared Galleria of Jewelry on Ambassador for all their support. Last, thank you to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital for taking care of everything necessary for their patients to have the best care possible at no cost to the families. St. Jude covers all medical, transportation, lodging, food and support at zero cost to the child’s family.

Also, our key clubbers showed the love of Christ through packing 291 shoe boxes for #OperationChristmasChild. The Acadiana Homeschool Key Club has been packing shoe boxes for over 8 years and every year the club becomes more aware of how important it is. Thank you #KiwanisInternational for granting the Youth Opportunity Grant which helped fill so many boxes. The children that receive these boxes have never received and may never receive another Christmas gift in their lives. Thank you to every student and parent that donated or packed these boxes. The children that receive them will always remember the feeling of joy and love! Thank you to everyone that was involved in this wonderful project!
Kiwanis Club of Houma sponsors our local key clubs. Recently our homeschool key club was added. We have such pride in the work they do. Working together, they sponsored a Trunk or Treat for the children of St. Louis Crisis Center. Also, key clubbers from Vandebilt Catholic High School hosted Treats @ the Track, an event for disabled children and their families to trick or treat in a safe environment. We are so proud of our Key Clubs! They are our future!
**Morgan City Collects Toys for Tots**

*Morgan City High School Facebook Page*

The Morgan City High School Key Club was proud to support the *Toys for Tots* toy drive once again this year. The mission of the *Toys for Tots* Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Thank you to everyone who donated a toy to this worthwhile cause!

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**Northside Makes Thanksgiving Baskets**

*Northside High School Facebook Page*

The Northside High School Key Club, along with members of the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Lafayette, spent part of their break making Thanksgiving baskets for those in need at the Domingue Center in Lafayette.
On October 28, 2017, Kiwanis One Day, the four northern Circle-K clubs of the LaMissTenn District (Louisiana Tech University, Northwestern State University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and Mississippi State University) gathered at Kiroli Park in Monroe, LA, alongside with the Kiwanis Clubs of Monroe and West Monroe, to help clean up the park and to enjoy fellowship with one another.

Also, on Kiwanis One Day, the three southern Circle K clubs of the LaMissTenn District (Louisiana State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette) gathered at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, joined by their International Sub-region D Trustee, Linda Stevens, from Galveston, TX, to organize and package food, and to get to know one another in the region.
In November, the AKtion Club of South Mississippi served at Our Daily Bread (ODB) and donated over 30 canned goods. ODB was started over 25 years ago to feed the unemployed, homeless and older people unable to feed themselves. ODB has 3 routes: Gautier, Moss Point and Pascagoula, MS. ODB feeds a noon meal on site 7 days per week. ODB is run on monetary donations and donations of canned goods, meat, vegetables, styrofoam serving trays, plastic spoons, forks and knives.

The AKtion Club of South Mississippi also collected 9 boxes full of items for our troops. Thank you to all our members and donators! The club also collected canned food for a local pantry. Way to take AKtion!
Kiwanis One Day was a day of service with plenty of jambalaya, sunshine and friends. The Cortana Kiwanis Club served in three areas: The Baton Rouge Wheelchair Tennis Association at a clinic for youth in wheelchairs at Highland Road Park, at the Shenandoah Estates Day Out Against Crime held at St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church, and at the Dream Hunt Foundation in St. Francisville. This foundation was created with the sole purpose of making a difference in the lives of children and teenagers that are disabled, terminally ill or disadvantaged. Dream Hunt Foundation takes these kids who are between the ages of 10-18 years old on hunting and fishing trips. Serving one child and one community at a time.

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. Kiwanis One Day is held on the fourth Saturday of October, which was Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Dyersburg Kiwanis members volunteered with Habitat for Humanity to help with the home being built in Newbern, TN for Amy Sanderson. Amy has a twenty year old son, Jonathon, who has been physically disabled since he was 10 months old due to a brain tumor. The family expects to move into their new home in January 2018.

Pictured are members Travis Miles and Brad Russom.
On Saturday, November 4, Division 4A and 4B Kiwanis clubs from the metropolitan New Orleans area, known as the Bayou Region, celebrated Kiwanis One Day by completing work on refurbishing bedrooms for the Girls Hope Home in New Orleans.

The first phase of this project took place on October 14 when the girls’ bedrooms were painted, and the project culminated with revealing newly decorated and cohesive looking bedrooms. Following the surprise reveal, Kiwanis members provided lunch for the girls and staff of the Girls Hope Home. As a special surprise to the girls, they were presented with themed fleece blankets in the college they are hoping to attend after high school. The girls were surprised and quite excited with the way their bedrooms were transformed and still talk about their excitement even months later.

Special thank you to the following clubs who helped with this project in the form of donations and/or manpower: Algiers, Big Easy, New Orleans, Pontchartain, St. Bernard Arabi, Third District, Crescent City Eye Openers, Dawn Busters, Houma, Kenner North, Lakeside, and Moisant with their assorted family and friends. In addition, a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Bed Bath & Beyond for donating the bed linens and Helm Paint for donating all the paint. This project was a collaborative effort of the clubs of Divisions 4A and 4B; coordinated by Lt. Governors Judi Zimmermann (4A) and Lauren Call (4B) and Lt. Governor Elect Jennifer White (4B).

The mission of Girls Hope Home is to help academically capable and motivated children in need to meet their full potential and become empowered by providing a value-centered, family-like home with opportunities and education through college.
Pascagoula Restores Local Playground

The Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula met on Saturday, October 28th at the Pascagoula Soccer Complex where they restored the Kiwanis Playground for their Kiwanis One Day Project.

South Baton Rouge Spruces up Cemetery

The Kiwanis Club of South Baton Rouge partnered with friends of City Park and Trinity Lutheran Church to clean up Lutheran Cemetery on Kiwanis One Day! Pictured below are: Lillian Grossley, Trevonda Henderson and Bridgette Hardy.
**Union City Gets Creative**

Union City Kiwanis Club members, family and volunteers exercised their creative juices to help make unique get well and greeting cards for patients at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union City on Kiwanis One Day.

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**Vernon Hosts Community Movie Night**

By Rose Sharbeno & Vicki Snowden, Vernon Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis of Vernon Club, in Leesville, Louisiana, Division 11, chose as their Kiwanis One Day project a community Movie Night. New Kiwanis member Megan Fox was provided $500 to use toward a project that would benefit the children of the community and suggested it be our One Day offer. Members gathered at Polk Theatre in Leesville on Saturday, October 28, 2017 and presented an outdoor movie night showing Hotel Transylvania, free and open to the public.

Children dressed up in their favorite costumes, since it was almost Halloween, and played games sponsored by the Pickering Elementary School K-Kids before the movie. Games included a pumpkin memory game, ball toss, and sink-the-ball race. They also provided candy as a prize which everyone received.

Local businesses contributed to help make this event a success. The Vernon Parish Sheriff’s department donated hot dogs, potato chips, and manpower to cook and hand out food. Walmart donated a gift card used to purchase 100 packs of hot chocolate. Merchants and Farmers Bank provided use of their popcorn machine. Kiwanis of Vernon provided the popcorn and supplies as well as juice drinks. Samantha Shaffstall donated her time and supplies for face painting fun.

Even with the cold snap that arrived, approximately 50 people came, prepared with blankets and chairs.

Kiwanis of Vernon strives to make opportunities to give back to their Vernon Parish community and have fun while doing so. This provided both opportunities!
Camellia City Honors Terrific Kids

By Wanda Farbe, Camellia City, Slidell Kiwanis Club

Brock Elementary in Slidell started the school year off on a high note as the Kiwanis Club of Camellia City presented Terrific Kids Awards for August 2017 at the school’s morning meeting on September 28th. Winners were rewarded with loud cheers and applause from fellow students and faculty as they accepted the awards from Kiwanis Club members Wanda Farbe and Lauren VanGeffen. Ochsner Medical Center Community Outreach sponsors the Camellia City Kiwanis Terrific Kids’ Program. Students are chosen by their teachers to receive the awards because they have shown leadership and good citizenship in school and their community. Students work with their teachers to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance, and schoolwork to reach their goal during a specific period.

Pictured from left to right front row are: Gerrod Cox, Emani Eason, Oakley Simmons, Jaelynn Simmons, Leonardo Suazo, Niyla Shepard, Grace Dawsey, and Jacob Nguyen. Pictured from left to right second row are: Miha Diaz, Adrianna Ray-Franklin, Maliya Shepard, Isis Hilred, Emmanuel Ceballos, Xander Vizzini, Irie Heim, and Wanda Farbe (Camellia City Kiwanis Club). Pictured from left to right third row: Lauren VanGeffen (Camellia City Kiwanis Club), Kathleen Katsorchis (Brock Elementary Asst. Principal), Tyler Ball, Carmen Robinson, Kaiden Whiteside, and Mckenze Stout. Not pictured is Allen Trepagnier, Jr.

Houma Offers Bids on Immortality

By Richard D. Rudnik, Houma Kiwanis Club

It’s not often you get to bid on immortality at a silent auction, but that’s kind of what Kiwanian Charles Lusco and his wife Mickey won at the Kiwanis Club of Houma, Louisiana’s installation banquet.

It’s sometimes a struggle to think of a unique item to donate to a silent auction. But this wasn’t a problem for author Pamela Kopfler. In September of 2016 she was still working on her book “Better Dead” which was released this coming December. When her husband, Kiwanian Joe Kopfler, needed to provide a silent auction item to help raise funds for his local club, Pam offered the prize of naming characters in her book after the highest bidder.

“I thought it would be fun and help raise money for Kiwanis,” Pam recalled. “I wasn’t sure if anyone would bid on it.”

People did bid, and a check for $85 was the Lusco’s ticket into the fictional setting of a haunted Bed & Breakfast on the Mississippi River filled with mystery and murder. All the proceeds of the auction support the Houma club’s Terrific Kids program which awards one third-grade boy or girl each grading period in many of Houma’s public schools.

Pam gave the Luscos a list of possible characters and they chose to be newlywed guests at the B&B caught up in the web of drug smugglers operating on the river. This is the first of three books in a series which Pam describes as a lot of fun and “PG-13”, absent the sex, blood and gore of many novels.

The novel includes the following forward page: “Two of my characters are named in honor of real people, Mickey and Charlie Lusco. Their generous bid at an auction won them a place between these pages and helped fund their local Kiwanis club in their mission ‘to improve the world, one child and one community at a time.’”

Pamela’s novel is currently available on Amazon.com and is described as a “fast paced mystery with a kick of Southern sass.”
Gulfport: Annual Pancake Day

By Travis Moore, Gulfport Kiwanis Club

On December 1, 2017, the Gulfport Kiwanis Club cooked pancakes on the 4:00 show for WLOX-TV. As an annual tradition, WLOX-TV invites the Gulfport Kiwanis Club to cook pancakes on TV to promote the annual Kiwanis Pancake Day which was held on December 6, 2017. Gulfport Kiwanians cooked over 10,000 pancakes at their 61st Annual Kiwanis Pancake Day. From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the club served over 2,000 plates with pancakes and sausage. The Gulfport High School Key Club came out and assisted with the event.

Past Trustee Travis B. Moore, Gulfport Kiwanis Club President-Elect Will Symmes and WLOX news reporter Dave Elliott cooking pancakes on TV.

Dawn Busters Give Rewards for Reading

By Jodi Wittliff & Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club

Dawn Busters’ Rewards for Reading program is getting kids in our community excited about reading and learning. By reading books, students can earn tickets for chances to win prizes. Drawings are held in December and May at each school and prizes are awarded (valued at $2 million annually). Everything from bicycles, MP4 players, gift certificates for bowling, pizzas, laser tag, baseball games and more are distributed.

Awards assemblies are enhanced by visits from Ronald McDonald, Captain K9 from the Kenner Police Department, Boudreaux from Babycakes baseball, and Katie the Duck from Acadian plumbing. It is quite thrilling to watch the kids fall in love with reading! The teachers and librarians also get caught up in the excitement; it is not unusual to witness teachers literally dancing with joy at these events!

Funding for Rewards for Reading comes from a number of club fundraisers, most notably our annual “World’s Largest Turkey Fry”. Nearly 100 volunteers, fried and sold nearly 900 delicious turkeys on November 22 this year at our local Lions’ Hall to generate funds for our beloved reading project.

Now in its 11th year, 20 public schools, and more than 13,000 students participate in Rewards for Reading; more than 2 million books have been read, students’ grades are climbing, and the community is taking notice! In October, we proudly welcomed the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl as a sponsor of Rewards for Reading. The possibilities for expanding and enhancing our reading project are limitless!
The Christmas season brings many traditions to mind. One of those traditions is the Goodfellows Project sponsored by Dyersburg Kiwanis Club. Goodfellows provides food to needy families during the holiday season. When the program began in 1945, the club budgeted $200 to provide food baskets to 50 families. In 2017, the club provided food to over 450 needy families.

“We are excited to continue the tradition that began over 70 years ago,” said Andrew Regen, chairman for this year's project. "Several years ago we named our holiday food distribution project after long-time Kiwanian, Dr. Bill Pierce. Bill was the face of Goodfellows for years. When he passed away in 1999, many Kiwanians and people throughout the community stepped up to maintain what has become a traditional holiday event. We prepared 456 boxes of food this year as part of the Dr. William F. Pierce Jr. Goodfellows Project."

Boxes of food were packed by Kiwanians and community members on December 19, and they were delivered bright and early on the morning of December 20. Over $25,000 is spent to build these food boxes, and many individuals and businesses in the Dyersburg and Dyer County community financially support the project year after year.

Christmas is the time when we all need to think of others who may not be as fortunate as we are. What better way to do that than to participate with Kiwanis Goodfellows!
It was a chilly fall evening but hearts were warmed at the “Coats for Kids Spooktacular” hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles. The community was invited to the Crying Eagle Brewing Company on October 28, 2017 to kick off the 30th Annual Coats for Kids Drive. Each guest was encouraged to bring a coat of any size in exchange for a free Crying Eagle glass and one free raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets were available for purchase as well as food tickets for a hearty meal of gumbo and potato salad.

Guests enjoyed sampling Crying Eagle’s numerous beer choices, browsing the silent auction tables, playing relay games outdoors and listening to music. Raffle tickets were used throughout the night for a chance to win one of three prizes: $250 in cash, a beer growler and fill, or a four-man goose hunt.

With the help of numerous sponsors, media and dedicated members, this event collected 370 coats, a 33% increase from last year. The Spooktacular also brought in over $8,500 cash donations and $30,000 in-kind donations. The Coats for Kids Drive collected and distributed 1,165 coats.

All donated coats and money collected were distributed to nine charities in the Lake Charles community on December 5. Potters House, Harbour House, The Lord’s Place, Boys Village, Oasis Women’s Shelter, Abraham’s Tent, Care Help of Sulphur, the Calcasieu School Board Title 10-Assistance to Homeless Children Program and DeWana’s Closet were all recipients from this event.

AAA Drive-In Cleaners have laundered Coats for Kids for the Annual Kiwanis of Lake Charles Coat Drive for many years. This wonderful project is possible only through the incredible generosity of the Guilott Family. This family business has served their community for over 60 years!
The Kiwanis Club of Martin, Tennessee, partnered with the C. E. Weldon Library and the City of Martin to sponsor the 2017 Fall Book Walk, which took readers on an adventure through a local park on a beautiful fall day. It was on Saturday, October 14 and was free and open to children, parents, and interested others. This was indeed a special activity, and the local librarians are sharing the idea with other Tennessee librarians.

Seven Kiwanis members, one Key Club member, and one K-Kid member assisted librarians Roberta Peacock and Jenny Claiborne by transporting tables and materials to Harrison Field and helping with craft activities that made everyone smile.

After registering for the event and getting maps and directions, children walked with family members and friends through stations on the disc golf course to read enlarged, laminated pages of a somewhat “zany” and fun children’s book entitled *When the Leaf Blew In* by Steve Metzer with illustrations by Kellie Lewis.

As children read the story, they were encouraged to make all sorts of clever crafts, including an owl, a pig (what fun those curly tails were!), a pony, and a dragonfly. Even Kiwanis Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Governor Otha Britton got in on the fun and helped children at a craft table!

Children’s librarian Jenny Claiborne said, “This book is a great children’s story about what happens when a leaf blows into a barn and all sorts of strange things begin to happen. It was a perfect story for a fall day book walk when leaves were actually blowing around us. We were so glad to see children and their family members come out to share in the fun.”

Westview Key Club member Tessa Stout was in charge of the craft table where children made a pig-themed craft, and K-Kid Larson Claiborne ran numerous errands and added to the overall excitement of this fall activity that brought together community members of varying ages.

For years, Martin Kiwanis has sponsored the annual Christmas parade, and making this festive event successful requires energy from many. All activities are coordinated by the club’s president elect, who relies on the knowledge and notes of those who have worked the parade in the past, some for more than 25 years. President-elect Christie Ricketts, the go-to person for this year’s parade, reported that 65 entries, not including firetrucks and horses, delighted the crowds lining the mile-long parade route to and through downtown Martin. Key Club members proudly displayed the Kiwanis banner behind the police cars with sirens sounding the way. Steve Lemond helped Santa Claus arrive in style for this year’s parade by making a special sleigh and reindeer for the jolly gentleman. Governor Otha Britton’s brightly decorated truck appeared for the 22nd time in a Christmas parade. With children, churches, bands, civic groups, businesses, and others participating, the parade indeed brought Christmas magic to Martin.  

Spreading Christmas Magic

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Martin: Bringing the Community Together Continued . . .

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

Fun & Fitness at the Soy Bean Festival

The Kiwanis Club of Martin, TN, sponsored two exciting activities, the 13th Annual Soybean Talent Show and the Soybean 5K Road Race and 1K Kid Fun Run, during the 24th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival held September 2 - 10 in downtown Martin.

Students from the Westview High School Key Club and staff from the WCMT Radio Station helped Kiwanis make the talent show a success. Kiwanian Linda Ramsey was the “go-to” coordinator for this event, which featured four age categories: 8 years and under; 9-12 years, 13-21 years, and 22 years and older. The talent show was held on the main stage in Festival Park in downtown Martin.

Awards were given to the first and second place winners in each division, and in the Mid-South Divisions there was an overall winner, a first, second, and third place winner. The overall winner of the Mid-South Division was invited to participate in the Mid-South Fair Talent show, which was held in Memphis.

Participants from throughout the community competed in the Soybean 5K Road Race and 1K Road Race, an event that the Martin Kiwanis Club has sponsored for many years.

Two sisters perform “Popular” from the musical Wicked and one of the youngest talent show participants sings “Jesus Loves Me” in the 13th Annual Soybean Talent Show.

Winners of the 1K Kid Fun Run

 Winners in the youth division of the Soybean 5K proudly display their medals.

Kiwanians (left to right) Bettye Giles, Danielle Fabianich, Mary Elizabeth Bell, and Linda Ramsey help register the musicians at the 2017 Soybean Festival Talent Show.

Five Key Club members and their advisor Jessica Hightower (right) assist Kiwanians Sara Sieber (left), Betty Giles (front row, left) and Linda Ramsey with details related to the Soybean Talent Show, an event that is a highlight of the annual week-long Soybean Festival.
Kiwanis of McKenzie, TN recently made a donation to the McKenzie Elementary School "One School One Book" project. This project provides a book for every student in the school. Students will read the book beginning in January, complete trivia questions, and participate in a school wide celebration of reading upon completion of the book.

Members of the Natchitoches Kiwanis Club traveled to Victoria, TX to help with Hurricane Harvey disaster relief this past September. Members were provided food and lodging by the Kiwanis Club of Victoria, TX. The rest of the funds were raised by through the Natchitoches Kiwanis Club’s foundation. The work crew consisted of: David Waskom, Rodney Boswell, Jesse LeBlanc, Mary Kay Waskom, Kristy Sampey, Angela Waskom, Dion Boyett and Craig George. The crew traveled for 2 days and worked for 5 days completing 13 work orders. The cost of the trip totaled less than $5,000 but the disaster relief and hard work provided by the crew was priceless.
The New Iberia-Cajun Kiwanis Club put on their annual Christmas Wishes event at Magnolia Elementary School on Friday, December 15, 2017. Forty-six Pre-K and Special Needs students were treated to Christmas caroling, followed by a visit with Santa Claus, then by story time with the Christmas Pirate. The event also featured fun with balloon animals and hats, which were distributed to the students. At the very end students were given a gift, which were opened at the same time, featuring the book “The Animal’s Santa” by Jan Brett which was read to them during story time.

Cajun Kiwanis Club members have put on this special event for children during the Christmas holiday for approximately 20 years. The Cajun Kiwanis has visited Magnolia Elementary School for the past four years.

“It went really well,” Kiwanis member Darlene Barras said. “The year long planning is worth it to see the smiles on the children’s faces.”

“Magnolia Elementary has been very receptive of our Club and they enjoy our coming in and spreading Christmas cheer to their students,” Kiwanis member Paul Allian said.
By Cliff Giffin, Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club

The Northshore Kiwanis Club of Mandeville is helping to bring the joy, art and science of gardening to Pre-K through first grade students at Marigny Elementary School. The sensory garden project, begun in 2014 as an idea of Pre-K teacher, Dixie Steadham, includes a butterfly garden, gumbo garden, sugar cane garden and two bean tunnels, among other areas. Three yard planters are based on Eric Carle characters: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, a green frog, and a ladybug.

Grants from the Kiwanis club provided picnic tables and umbrellas for an outdoor learning center and garden-related books for the school library. Kiwanis workdays included painting the picnic tables, assembling storage sheds, building planters, spreading mulch and installing fencing. Kiwanis members, along with Master Gardeners, also volunteer their time maintaining and expanding the garden based on a master plan that will eventually include a wetlands area. The AKTION Club (a Kiwanis program for adults with disabilities) from the neighboring STAR C facility also painted benches for the garden.

All grade levels at the school use the garden, with each grade being responsible for planting and maintaining part of it. Students not only get to experience how plants grow; they also get to enjoy their bounty, with the fruits of their labor being included in dishes served at the school. They’re hoping to someday donate or sell portions of their harvests.

Partnering with Local School through Gardening & Reading

Green Tree Frog Planter & Bean Trellis

Garden Overview

Butterfly Plants

Bedding Planter

Northshore Kiwanis Club Dedication at Marigny Elementary School Garden

Orange Grove Honors Members & Gives to Eliminate

By Howard Lock, Orange Grove Kiwanis Club & Travis Moore, Gulfport Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis LaMissTenn Foundation Board of Directors recognized Howard Lock of the Kiwanis Club of Orange Grove with a Tablet of Honor for his generous contributions and his years of service. Lieutenant Governor Lucky Langston made the presentation at a recent Kiwanis Division 14 Foundation meeting. Howard was heard to say, “When I think of all the great men and women that have been presented with this award, I am not worthy to walk in their shadow.”

Lieutenant Governor Lucky Langston was also honored for his service to the club. Past Governor John McCay, III presented Langston with the Ruby "K" 5 and a special plaque expressing the club’s appreciation and gratitude.

The Orange Grove Kiwanis Club reached its goal of raising $15,000.00 for the Eliminate Project. Club President John McCay, Jr. and Lieutenant Governor Lucky Langston presented a check to International Foundation Board Member and District Chair for the Eliminate Project Dennis Oliver.

Pearl Takes Care of Seniors

By Mitch Childre, Pearl Kiwanis Club

Members of the Pearl Kiwanis Club hosted a bingo morning on Saturday, December 2, 2017, for the residents of Brookdale Assisted Living Facility in Rankin County, Mississippi. Members of the Club donated the prizes for the winners of the bingo games played by the residents as well as the prizes for the accompanying raffle. Pearl Kiwanians lent helping hands to the players as they supervised the competition.

Complimentary refreshments were also provided. A special treat for the club members was the fact that one of the residents, whose wife is also a resident, had been a Kiwanis member for over fifty years, in the Rankin County Club and later the Pearl Club, as well as being a former Lt. Governor and Club President. The club members and the residents enjoyed the morning and what a great opportunity it was to reunite and to spend quality time with a former fellow Kiwanian who means so much to the group.
On November 21st, the Kiwanis Club of Picayune met to prepare food boxes to give to families in need for Thanksgiving. This year, we provided food for 26 local families. The Thanksgiving boxes were also filled with food to last past Thanksgiving.

Pictured on the left from front to back are: Trevor Adam, Jim Dantin, Jimmy Metzler, John Houston and Club President Tom Milar. Pictured on the right from front to back are: Bill Bronson, Kenny McDonald, David Hemeter and Jason Pigott.

Funding Special Education Library for School District

At our December 14th meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Picayune presented the Pearl River Central School District with a check for $2,600 to help fund the establishment of the school district’s Special Education Library for inclusion students. There to accept the donation was Student Support Coordinator Mrs. Morgan Cruse. Mrs. Cruse also serves as the High Schools Key Club Sponsor. Presenting the check for the Kiwanis Club of Picayune was President Tom Milar.
Kiwanis Fun Day

Each year the **Kiwanis Club of Vernon** provides the children in Vernon Parish a Back to School Fun Day, an event that is free and open to the public. For the past few years, we rented the city pool, but since there is a limit to how many children can attend, this year we decided to have a huge Fun Day in the Park so everyone could come.

Kiwanis members gathered at the New Llano Park in New Llano on August 5, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. where we provided two huge water slides and two bounce houses (from Jump & Fun in Ana-coco, LA). One bounce house was for the very small children so they could get out and have fun and not get hurt by the larger ones. Doughnuts, snacks, drinks and prizes were available for everyone who attended.

Kiwanis of Vernon feels that it is important to offer this community-wide event every year to give the children one last fun day before school starts. It’s a day they can run, laugh and play with no worries. This event is always done the Saturday before they have to start back to school. It’s also a way for the club to wish them well for a great upcoming year.

Fishing Tournament

**Kiwanis of Vernon**, located in Leesville, LA, Division 11, was invited to share the proceeds from a bi-weekly Fishing Tournament held on Toledo Bend in the spring and summer. This event was to encourage community interaction to help them understand who we are and our purpose. Members got to visit with the fishermen before the official launch time and answer questions of who we are, what we do and how the money would be used. This provided us a chance to talk about our many activities that we do for our Vernon Parish children.

We had two tournaments this year, June 8 and July 13, 2017. The location was on Toledo Bend Dam, at Sabine River Authority Site #7, at the Texas Public Boat Launch. The cost was $50 per two-person team, plus $10 for Big Bass. The payback to the winner was 60%.

Up to 10 boats had a first place; with 11 to 20 boats, there was a 1st place and a 2nd place; 21 to 30 boats had a 1st place, a 2nd place and a 3rd place. The participants had to be at least 16 years of age.

Kiwanis members would register each individual, give them a goodie bag consisting of water and two snack items to enjoy while fishing, and check live wells before boats were put in the water. The money earned goes toward new projects and our Terrific Kids program.
South Baton Rouge: Thanksgiving Box Dinner Giveaway

By Lillian Grossley, South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club

South Baton Rouge Kiwanis hosted its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Box Giveaway at the Leo S. Butler Community Center on Thursday, November 16, 2017. The EBR Council on Aging coordinates daily meetings for seniors at the Butler Center and 4 Seniors were blessed by SBR Kiwanis at their meeting today. Winners were sure to have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Pictured (L-R): SBR Kiwanis Members Lillian Grossley and Eula Franklin with Dinner winners, Mrs. Joyce Lynn, Mrs. Earlean Early, Mrs. Louise Bell and Mrs. Gwendolyn Carriere, followed by SBR Kiwanis Member Eddie Johnson and Club President Bridgette Hardy.

Union City in Action!

Union City Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Members of the Union City Kiwanis Club have been busy! In December, they had fun wrapping gifts for the Angel Tree Program and also took turns braving the cold to ring bells for The Salvation Army USA.

On November 11, members of the club volunteered to help with The Reelfoot Road Race. The Reelfoot Road Race, located in Union City, is the oldest 10K race in Tennessee. It consists of a 10K and 5K race. Race proceeds support both the Obion County and Union City High School Cross Country Teams.
Acadiana: Doing Good in the Community

Acadiana Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On October 8th, Kiwanis of Acadiana members gathered at the Outreach Center for some good ole fashioned hard work! Members trimmed the trees and built a new shed that the club donated! Hard work makes for a great reward!

Based in Lafayette, Louisiana, The Outreach Center is a not for profit that provides transitional shelter and supportive services that address the unique needs of homeless women and their children.

Dawn Busters Support Christmas Toy Drive

Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club Facebook Page Posted by Meladie Munch

Dawn Busters Kiwanis members volunteered at Operation Homefront Christmas Toy Drive Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 & 9, 2017 at the Naval Air Station in Belle Chasse, La. for 100 military kids!
Baton Rouge Kiwanis Serving Children & Veterans

**WHAT’S HAPPENING ON FACEBOOK**

**Baton Rouge Kiwanis Facebook Page**

**Treating Students to LSU Basketball**

On November 29, members of the **Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club**, Jude Bourque, Brian Parker, and Bruce and Joy Hammatt, took the Louisiana School for the deaf students to the LSU men's basketball game. Jude's brother-in-law, John, and friend Robby also helped chaperone. #KidsNeedKiwanis

**Serving Our Veterans**

Tuesday, November 8th was a great day serving our veterans lunch at the Veteran's Affairs office. Volunteers and family members from our club along with Whitney Bank volunteers helped prepare and serve over 300 meals. Thank you veterans for serving our country!
Hammond Provides Happy Packs

Hammond Kiwanis Club Facebook Page Posted by Judy Couvillion

This past October, the Hammond, LA Kiwanis Club began its sixth year of providing Hammond Kiwanis Happy Packs to seven classrooms at Woodland Park School. Every Friday these students are given a backpack filled with snacks and drinks and a book. The backpacks are returned the next week and are refilled again by members and friends of our club. We are proud of this project!

Corinth Congratulates Kiwanian of the Year

Corinth Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Congratulations to the Corinth Kiwanis Club’s much deserved 2017 Kiwanian Of The Year Taft Little for 47 years of service!
The Lafayette Parish School System would like to extend our gratitude to the Kiwanis of Lafayette for the donation and installation of 13 Buddy Benches at elementary schools throughout the city in November. Through Buddy Benches, students are able to communicate to their classmates that they are looking for someone to play with or talk to. By doing so, students have a tool to reduce bullying and develop positive relationships among peers. The installation of the benches is the result of the collaborative efforts of the Kiwanis and LPSS begun this past fall. Preliminary plans include placing Buddy Benches at the remaining elementary schools in the parish and possibly including the benches at middle schools in the future.

On December 9, 2017, the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette held its 42nd Annual Operation Magi - a Christmas present for homeless children. Every year the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette hosts Operation Magi. Magi is our favorite service project of the year, bringing a bit of Christmas joy to those less fortunate. We coordinate the event with the Lafayette Parish School System. The School System supplies us with a list of children officially classified as homeless. School buses pick up the children and bring them to the store where dozens of eager Kiwanians and Key Club members are waiting to take them Christmas shopping. Each child is paired up with a Kiwanis and key Club member to go shopping throughout the store. Each year we are humbled and moved by the enormous need, generosity and gratitude that our young shoppers demonstrate.

With the assistance of the Lafayette Parish School Board, we identify needy children and take them to Walmart to shop for Christmas presents. The gifts we give are paid from the funds we raise in our Annual Football Jambo-ree. It is for many of us a reminder of the meaning of giving during the busy holiday season.

According to Bob Cole, the project's creator, the first Operation Magi was held in 1975 at Cullen's Playland. Over the next forty years, it has moved from Cullen's, then to Target, and now the Pinhook Walmart. Kiwanis of Lafayette is proud of our tradition of giving.

"For nearly every year of this project, our Kiwanians work alongside key clubbers from Lafayette High and Comeaux High, and so we share this experience with our high school key clubs, who we mentor. It's very important. It's a big help to us because a lot of our members are older and have a hard time relating to the kids, so it's nice to have a key clubber on hand to help sort of bridge that gap between these older members and these young children," explained Kiwanis Club President-Elect Tom Long.
On November 17, members of the Lake Charles Kiwanis Club had a blast at Henry Heights Elementary, their Partner in Education, with Pre-K kiddos and families! Nine members and friends read to the three Pre-K classes. Then all were entertained by the kids singing on stage. Members also served a Thanksgiving Feast to the kids and their families.

A Thanksgiving Treat!

On December 12, the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles hosted fourteen children from Henry Heights Elementary School at their Annual Kiwanis Children’s Christmas Party. The children enjoyed a wonderful meal, Christmas carols, a magic show, a visit with Santa, and gifts from their secret lists!

Sharing the Christmas Spirit
Dyersburg Awards Legion of Honors

On November 29, the Dyersburg Kiwanis Club honored member Jeff Agee with the Legion of Honor Award for 25 years of service to Kiwanis.

And on December 6, Don Crews was recognized with the Legion of Honor Award for 25 years of service to Kiwanis.

Thanks to Mr. Agee and Mr. Crews for their dedication to improving the world one child and one community at a time!

Pascagoula Delivers Dictionaries to Students

In October of 2017, the Pascagoula Kiwanis Club enjoyed delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders at local elementary schools.
Pontchartrain: Halloween & Thanksgiving Service

For Halloween, Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain members and other volunteers worked the toddler games at this year’s Boo at the Zoo to benefit Children’s Hospital. It was big time fun, but BRRR was it cold!

Also, members Deidre Charlot, Myra Lewis and Carolyn Simmons assisted in preparing and serving a Thanksgiving dinner for the girls of Raintree House. The dinner was turkey and gravy, corn bread dressing with shrimp, green bean casserole, peas, salad, cranberry sauce and rolls. Several desserts were served. Kudos to Deidre for baking the turkey, making the gravy, and also making brownies and carrot cake cookies.

Raintree Children and Family Services is a non-profit social service organization serving the Greater New Orleans Area since 1926. Raintree’s mission is to provide needed services to at-risk children and youth, encouraging hope and creating opportunities for growth and independent lives.

Kiwanis Club of LSU Packs Weekend Meals for Students

On November 28, members of the Kiwanis Club of LSU, along with other volunteers, helped pack 768 weekend meals for school children and 60 senior meals at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.
Lucedale: Serving our Children

Enhancing School Playground for Pre-Kindergarteners

Lucedale Kiwanis members were proud to present teachers and students at Agricola Elementary a grant check for the purchase of playground equipment specially made for Pre-Kindergarten students.

_Pictured from left to right are students Bryce Williamson, Braxton Davis, Bane Harris, Kylie Pierce, Madeline Anderson, and Marlee Havard. Kiwanis members in the back row are Alice Holloway, Coe Alice Sturgis, Misty McDonald, Amy Delcambre, Annette Riley, and Stephanie Chisholm._

Helping out with Multiplication for 3rd Graders

For the second year, the Lucedale Kiwanis Club fulfilled its goal of providing multiplication cards to every third grade student in the county. Learning multiplication facts becomes important in the 3rd grade as students begin the Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP), which measures academic growth.

The money raised from the club’s annual signature event, an upscale Drawdown, was used to print and package the cards. “Our members had a great time presenting the cards to all the children. This is a service project we hope to continue for many years,” Club President Stephanie Chisholm said.

Treats in the Streets

Lucedale Kiwanis Club members had a great time passing out candy at Treats in the Streets for Halloween!
New Orleans: Doing Great Things!

Stuffing Christmas Stockings

In December, the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans stuffed stockings for the adolescence group for Odyssey House Louisiana. Each stocking contained toothpaste, a toothbrush and holder, deodorant, socks, travel packs of shampoo, body wash, lotion, and snack packs of raisins and crackers. All items were individually wrapped so the kids would have things to unwrap for Christmas!

Odyssey House Louisiana is a non-profit behavioral health care provider with an emphasis on addiction treatment that was established in 1973.

Western Fall Dance

The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans had a great day with the students of St. Michael’s Special High School and Joy Center at the 4th Annual Kiwanis Fall Dance held in November! The theme was western/USA. Special thanks goes to Pam Pontoppidan for cooking 50 lbs. of delicious pulled pork that was enjoyed by our biggest turn out ever! Ms. Kelly did an awesome playlist of dance music. Games of bean bag toss & horseshoes were lots of fun! Thank you to the staff for helping us with the students.

South Lafourche Helps with Operation Christmas Child

South Lafourche Kiwanians Toni Aucoin, Sandra Ingols, Jeremy Punch, and Darby Chiasson put together boxes for the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child Project. These boxes, which were filled with clothes and toys, were delivered to children throughout the world.

Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan’s Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine.
The Kiwanis Club of St. Gabriel is helping children stay warm this winter. Club members held a “Candy for Coats Drive” at the City of St. Gabriel’s “Ghostly Get-Together” on Halloween night.

The South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club, along with Santa and his elves, distributed toys to 171 boys and girls at Freeman Matthews Head Start.
Northshore: Making it Happen!

Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Spruce Day!

Members of the Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club and the St. Paul's School Key Club have fun while sprucing up E. E. Lyon Elementary School!

Halloween Fun!

Members of the Northshore Mandeville Club dressed up and visited Chata Ima Elementary in Lacombe to do Halloween activities with the kids! Additionally, they collected school supplies to bring with them.

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**Northshore: Making it Happen! Continued**

*Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page*

**Distributing Coats for Kids & Collecting Food Items**

On Saturday December 16, members of the Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club distributed Coats for Kids at the Mandeville Lions Club Hall on Lafitte Street. Thanks to all who donated coats, to all who collected coats, and to our dry cleaning partners!

In November, the club collected food items and financial donations for the Northshore Food Bank at Sam’s Club in Covington.

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**Starkville: United We Feed**

*Starkville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page*

The final tally for the United We Feed drive - The Kiwanis Club of Starkville’s annual partnership with United Way - yielded over 10 tons of food, with 98% of the donations collected by the Club. The food was dispensed to a dozen food banks in Starkville and throughout Oktibbeha County, meeting the goal of feeding many hungry local children and their families this holiday season. This is one of the club’s biggest community projects of the year.
The Oaks Lends a Hand at Special Olympics

On October 26, members of the Oaks Kiwanis Club, Robert 'Bob' Blanchard, Danny McConnell and Mary A. Diamond-Stockwell, volunteered at the Special Olympics Capital Area Horseshoe Pitching Tournament.

Tupelo Reads to Second Graders

Literacy is an essential aspect of life, and the Tupelo Kiwanis Club is dedicated to assisting elementary students to read at Parkway Elementary School. “We’re here to build relationships and build trust and confidence in these children,” Club President Robin Haire said of the program that brings Kiwanians to Tupelo’s Parkway Elementary three days each week to work one-on-one with a group of the school’s second-graders.

↑ Carol Pitts wife of Kiwanian Past Gov. Fred Pitts reads as part of Tupelo Kiwanis Club’s program of reading with second graders at Parkway Elementary.
Southwest Contraband Donates to Local Agency

Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In December, the Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club supported the Department of Child and Family Services for the club’s annual Christmas program. Members donated lots of items needed to keep children that are brought in entertained, including a TV, DVD players, TV stand, board games, toiletries and much more. Club members also donated cash. Stephanie Duplichan and Kenya Harding accepted the donations. Carolyn Mar- cantel and Manette Phillips Pecorino did the shopping. Club President Craig Boudreaux is also shown.

St. Bernard Arabi Thanks Our Veterans

St. Bernard Arabi Facebook Page


Thank you for your service to all Veterans and Service Members!

Third District Helps Angels

Third District Facebook Page

The New Orleans Third District Kiwanis Club had a spooky good time with other Kiwanians from the area in helping Angels Place with another successful Halloween “Booville” for kids and families! The event consisted of food, crafts, a costume contest, and trick or treating. The mission of Angels’ Place is to provide on-going respite care and support services to a child with a life threatening disease and their family in a loving caring manner.
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
“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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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 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.

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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:

April-May-June 2018 Deadline = March 17, 2018
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.

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