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START OF THE NEW YEAR

Beginning October 1st our District began a Greater new year of service. The Trustees, Lieutenant Governors, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and District Chairs are equipped with the resources to help answer your questions. The District directory was mailed to every Club in the District connecting you to our District leadership. The volunteers that are listed are prepared to lead our Great and Historic District to greater heights.

PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Your year should be planned by now, identifying your fundraising, service projects and membership growth goals. Timelines are important to achieve success in all areas of Kiwanis service. Members educated on your Club’s goals are willing to work toward their completion; they just need to know what the goals are. Refer to your plan often and use it to advance your Kiwanis Club. Celebrate your success.

GET CONNECTED TO KIWANIS.

Utilize KIWANIS.ORG and LAMISSTENN.ORG. Member resources can direct you to e-learning opportunities, calendars, Kiwanis merchandise and your own personal information. You can find the answers to many of your Kiwanis questions on the websites. Be sure to wear you “K” daily and be proud of the service that you so graciously provide to the children in your community.

AWARD YOURSELF AS DISTINGUISHED

It is time to review the District and International Distinguished Award Programs. The opportunity to be acknowledged as Distinguished Secretary, Distinguished Member or Distinguished Club awaits you. Be inspired when planning your goal, setting it to a timeline, reviewing it often and celebrating your success.

LAMISSTENN District has Chartered 3 K-Kids Clubs, 1 Builders Club, 1 Key Club, 1 CKI Club and 1 Kiwanis Club. We are Celebrating our success.

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LOVE IT- KIWANIS
LIVE IT- SERVICE
SHARE IT- INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN

Yours in service,

Eva B Abate
Happy New Year!!!

Yes, 2019 is upon us. That means that one fourth of the 2018-2019 Kiwanis year is over. It seems like such a short time ago I was governor of the great and historic LaMissTenn district of Kiwanis. As immediate past governor, I still serve as an officer of the district board and also serve as a member of the district foundation, so being idle is not an option. The first meeting of the 2018-2019 district board was held in August in Baton Rouge and the first meeting of the district foundation board was in October in Jackson. The second meeting of the district board was an online meeting, and the district foundation board meets monthly by way of online meetings. This really saves a lot of time for me, given that I now reside in Fairmont, West Virginia, just down the road from my two grandchildren. Currently I belong to two Kiwanis clubs – my home club of Martin, Tennessee, and the district’s eLaMissTenn club. Soon I will join a Kiwanis club here in Fairmont. Past President Jim Rochford wants me to join another online club whose mission is to start new clubs, but I figure three Kiwanis clubs will be enough to keep me busy.

Hurray!! The final numbers are in and our district had an increase in membership. One of those opened in the current year, but Kiwanis International lets both me and governor Eva count that club. I must be a real whiz at opening clubs! Well, that would be great, but the truth is that I had very little to do with it except to keep after my team to be diligent in opening new clubs. But I had a great team, including past governors, a past International president, a current Kiwanis International trustee, past International and district trustees, a very enthusiastic lieutenant governor, and many others. Gary Graham worked very hard as the Formula chair for the district, and several in division 14 were amazing in this effort, including Rogena Woods-Mitchell, Dennis Oliver, Howard Lock, John McCay III, and others. We were even assisted in our efforts by the Kiwanis International president and his Eye of the Tiger team, as well as by our International board counselor.

That’s it folks. That is the reason we had an increase in membership. New clubs! Without those new clubs we would have again suffered a loss in membership. We need MORE new clubs!! Let’s work hard to get more. Why? Because more Kiwanis members means that more children will be served. Isn’t that what Kiwanis is all about? Of course it is! And let’s don’t forget that strengthening our existing clubs also means that more kids will be served. Kim Champagne is again in charge of this effort. Let’s all give her a helping hand. How many of us became a Kiwanian because someone asked us to join a local club? Almost all of us. Asking someone to join is how we get new members. Imagine what it would be like if each one of us recruited one new member this year. We would surpass our district’s all-time membership high of over 7,000. Wow! Thousands of more kids served. Have a great 2019!!

Governor Eva has a great Mid-Winter Conference planned in Jackson, Mississippi. There are many great workshops planned to help us improve and to learn from others. The Foundation’s fun gift basket event will again take place. Most importantly, as far as I am concerned, is the opportunity we will have to visit and learn from fellow Kiwanians. I hope to see a large number of you there.
Board members of the Kiwanis LaMisssTenn District Foundation gathered on Friday, October 12 in Jackson, MS to prepare for the new Kiwanis year. They worked diligently for eight hours discussing grants, policies & procedures, budgeting, marketing, and tax codes for non-profits. Thanks to the District Board members for their hard work and dedication to improving the world one child and one community at a time! #kidsneedkiwanis

**Foundation Grant Facts**

*By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS** have been increased!
That's right, Level 2 grants are now up to $2,000! Level 1 grants remain up to $5,000.

We’ve also made changes to the “enhancement” of projects. Since so many clubs adopt projects that are spanned over several years, the project may repeat itself with an enhancement not to exceed twice over a 5 year period.

There are **3 grant opportunities** for the clubs of our district for the current administrative year:

1) **Community Service Grants** (up to $5,000 & $2,000), that will be REIMBURSED up to 75% of verified expenditures of the grant award

2) **NEW CLUB Community Service Grants**, up to $1,000, that will be reimbursed 100% of verified expenses. These grants MUST be applied for within ONE YEAR of the NEW CLUB’s charter date.

3) **AED** (Automated External Defibrillator) – The District project is to place AEDs in every school in our District. Grant for schools is $750. AEDs may also be placed in other types of facilities (playgrounds, courthouses, senior centers, etc.) with grants of $500.

***All applications for grants must be completed ONLINE, (using the printable PDF format), print out for President/Secretary signature, then scan to email to the District Office. Handwritten or typed forms are no longer accepted.***

Check out all Grants criteria: [www.lamisstenn.org/foundationgrants](http://www.lamisstenn.org/foundationgrants)

Here you will also find the list of all past grant recipients to get ideas for your club projects!

Can’t wait to speak with you during Mid-Winter in Jackson! Be sure to stop by the Foundation Gift Basket Raffle room and talk with us about YOUR ideas for grants. Your Foundation is here to offer financial assistance to the clubs in the District, through this grant program.

Speaking of Gift Baskets . . . over the years, we’ve seen some incredibly talented Kiwanians and their gift baskets. Put your thinking caps on . . .

* tool box filled with tools or gift card to Home Depot
* large garden pot filled with gardening tools
* festive door decorations
* dinner and a movie (gift cards)

Ideas are endless!

**Thank you for supporting YOUR District Foundation!**
Help Strengthen The Foundation’s Endowment Fund

We have had founders of the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Foundation, followed by pioneers forging the dreams of those founders, build the endowment funds bigger and better each year. Your District Kiwanis Foundation has given more funds back to YOU and YOUR CLUBS through grants due to the Endowment Fund. Your continued support CAN and DOES make a difference!

- An annual tax-deductible donation of only $120 - or make it as easy as a donation of only $10 per month! Set your “Friends” pledge up on a recurring monthly credit card charge to maintain your status as a Friend of the Foundation every year!
- ANYONE, not just Kiwanians, may become a ‘Friend of the Foundation.’
- Receive a distinctive Friend of the Foundation lapel pin.
- For every $1,000 donated, you have the choice of River of Life Fellowship, John T. Roberts Fellowship plus other levels thereof.

Friend of the Foundation Donor Information Form

Name: ____________________________
Kiwanis Club: ____________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________
Day Phone: (_____) ___________ E-mail: ____________________________
My total gift/pledge is $ ___________ Remember your $120 Friends of the Foundation donation is tax deductible.

I wish to make my donation by:

☐ Check (payable to “Kiwanis District Foundation”)
☐ Credit Card
☐ Cash

For Credit Card Payments:

Card Number ____________________________ Exp. Date (MM/YY) ____________________________
Name as it appears on credit card ____________________________ Card billing zip code ____________________________
Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

I would like my credit card payment of $ ___________ scheduled (choose one):

☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semiannually ☐ Annually
Beginning ____________________________ and ending ____________________________
(MM/YY) ____________________________ (MM/YY) ____________________________

Thank you for your generous support of the Kiwanis District Foundation!
As the newsletter is going out it is the new year and we’ve just wrapped up the first quarter of the 18-19 Kiwanis year. In my last column on membership, we had not yet heard how we finished last year. Well if you haven’t heard, we finished with positive growth in LAMISSTENN with 7 new clubs and 26 more members than last year. It wasn’t as much as we hoped but it was a great turnaround after many years with membership loss and no new clubs. And we continue to experience growth this year too.

Well you may ask what does this have to do with the title of this column. Well, the first week of December my club helped one of the new clubs created last year, Istrouma, to put on their 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa. There was bad weather that weekend, so much so that two Kiwanis Christmas Parades in the Baton Rouge area were cancelled due to safety concerns. However, the Istrouma Club felt they did not want to add to the disappointment for the kids so while the weather impacted many events that day, it did not stop this one.

It was an inside event and the two clubs adapted the setup to cook pancakes and sausage inside as well to feed the families who came to see Santa. What is amazing is this club put on their 1st Breakfast with Santa last year before they even received their charter. They wanted to make an immediate impact on their community.

Through the past year they continued to work to establish a Key Club, took 9 new Key Clubbers to International Convention in Chicago, and worked to make the Istrouma High School a positive force in revitalizing their community. So it was important to continue the tradition in spite of the severe weather. And it was a success and will, I’m sure, continue to make a positive difference with the many more annual Breakfasts’ with Santa yet to come.

The point is there are many other people who want to make a difference in their communities and in the lives of children. You see the efforts of many people during the season to make Christmas special for children. Everyone wants to give and there are many opportunities to do so. But these needs do not end between Thanksgiving and December 25th. The feeling of Christmas to give should be continued during the other months as well. This is where a Kiwanis club can fill a need – whether it is to read to kids, give them swimming lessons, help with food drives for food banks or backpack programs. There is plenty of needs to be filled and many more opportunities to serve. So whether it is a new club or strengthening your existing club, there is work to be done to make Kiwanis a powerful force for good in communities and the lives of children. Christmas should be all year and Kiwanians can make it happen.

I would encourage you to work with your Membership Growth team to continue this. Come to MidWinter in Jackson 18-19 January and learn about the many new things that Kiwanis offers to help make your club all it can be to make your community better and to make it a better experience for your members. And to make it Christmas all year for kids.
My LAMISSTENN FRIENDS, although we have had some victories (25 countries) free from tetanus, 14 other countries are still at risk! These 14 countries need you and me to "step up" today. Babies in our Kiwanis world are still dying every 15 minutes. It isn't down my street or even across town, but it is real!

A CURRENT UPDATE:

1. 2010 Kiwanis pledged 110 million dollars to ELIMINATE tetanus in 39 countries.

2. 2018 Kiwanis has reached 110 million dollars in gifts and pledges and only 14 countries remain!

3. 29 LAMISSTENN CLUBS have outstanding pledges totaling $226,000.

4. Current per member average giving is $397.00.

5. Our Key Clubs are closing in on their $100,000 pledge.

SO, THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR EACH OF US TO REACH OUT TO THESE PRECIOUS BABIES WHO DESERVE A CHANCE TO LIVE AND BE LOVED JUST LIKE YOU AND I WERE.

WILL YOU DO WHAT YOU CAN?

CLUB 18

Our members were asked in January to save or protect 11 moms and babies. Over 30 clubs have reported they have attained the goal. ALL CLUB MEMBERS CONTRIBUTED $18.00.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE AND ALL YOU WILL DO!
Many of our Kiwanis clubs use “Happy Thoughts” as an ongoing small scale fundraiser. At meetings members share some particular happy thought and donate a dollar to the fund. Sometimes the happy thoughts expressed are momentous such as the birth of a child or grandchild, a graduation or milestone achievement by someone or other important event. Sometimes the happy thought is minor such as just being happy for good weather. I have seen members occasionally put in their dollar and say, “I’m just happy.” Large or small, as the old saying goes, “It’s the thought that counts.”

Well this article is about a HUGE happy thought. As this newsletter reaches you we have just enjoyed the traditional holiday season. Christmas, Hannukah, New Year and other traditional yearend celebrations showered us with days off for rest and relaxation, gatherings of family and friends, feelings of peace and goodwill for all. Now let’s talk about FOUR MILLION happy thoughts as we resume normal activities in the bright new year.

You will recall that Kiwanis partnered with UNICEF in 2010 to raise $110 million to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide. How many times have you heard something about The Eliminate Project since then? At the peak of newborn deaths before our project started there were 800,000 deaths annually from neonatal tetanus. Five years after Kiwanis joined in the project, at the end of 2015, the death toll was down to 34,000 babies per year . . . a reduction of 96%. Now that is a HUGE happy thought.

When we started a baby was dying every nine minutes and by the end of 2015 it was every fifteen minutes . . . Another happy thought. Now three years later it’s probably over twenty minutes. When we started there were 39 countries with endemic neonatal deaths, now only 15 countries remain. That means 24 countries now have less than one neonatal tetanus death per thousand live births . . . more happy thoughts in those numbers. Of course we still have some work to do but we can keep chugging along (“chopping wood” as Dennis Oliver says) with a huge smile and satisfaction in our hearts for what has been accomplished.

Now for the HUGE FOUR MILLION happy thoughts. Extrapolating the numbers 800,000 deaths per year to 34,000 means 766,000 babies were born who did not die from tetanus at the end of the period . . . so since the progress was gradual over the 5 years, let’s take half that number annually multiplied by the 5 years. Then add the full 3 years (2016-18) since at the full 766,000. The total comes to FOUR MILLION children who are alive today because of what we (Kiwanis and UNICEF) have accomplished.

Sit back and ponder. Think about the magnitude of The Eliminate Project. Let’s all be inspired to finish the job and keep raising money until maternal and neonatal tetanus are eliminated. There are untold millions of happy thoughts here, plenty for the happiest of new years . . . HUGE HAPPY THOUGHTS . . . HUGE SMILES . . . HUGE SATISFACTION . . . HUGE MOTIVATION.
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 2018 - 19 to make your clubs more CONSCIOUS (yes, 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 of other suggestions:

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

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

> Dear Lord: In Thy infinite goodness and mercy, look down upon Thy children in this hour of need. Grant unto us the light and the wisdom to know Thee and to serve Thee. And give us the strength and the courage, with Thy help, to face whatever the morrow may bring. And grant us peace. Amen

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

D. Start 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. 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 2018 - 19 a year we can remember for our reigniting our love for Human and Spiritual Values.*
Registration for **Key Leader** will be open in early January 2019. You can go to [www.wtnkeyleader.org](http://www.wtnkeyleader.org) or to the Kiwanis website, [www.keyleader.org](http://www.keyleader.org) and choose Camp Lakeshore, Eva, TN for camp location. Key Leader will be May 3-5, 2019 at Camp Lakeshore in Eva, Tennessee. Please mark your calendars so you are sure to sign up as a chaperone, student facilitator or student participant. The cost will be the same as last year, but please inform me if you know someone who wants to attend as scholarships and sponsorships are available.

- Student facilitator fee is $150. You should have attended a Key Leader Event or have served as a leader in some other group.
- Student participant fee is $250.
- Adult chaperone fee is Free.

Contact me if you have any questions at lramsey@utm.edu.

P.S. A Key Leader Event in the South is being worked on for Fall 2019.
The first few months of school have been busy and the K-Kids have done some amazing activities to help The Eliminate Project, school children at poorer schools, as well as those kids stuck in a hospital with no chance of having Christmas at home this season.

**Mitten Trees**

The trees were set in the hallways at school after the Thanksgiving Day break. They were decorated by students with scarves, mittens, and hats until there was no more room. The clothes were delivered by Kiwanis members before Christmas break to those in need.

**Toys-For-Tots**

K-Kids from several schools participated in this US Marine program to make sure kids have a happy Christmas. One hundred twenty gallons of toys were dropped off at the Holiday Parade for the Marines to load on their truck. Three K-Kids clubs participated in the annual event and had a great time in very cold weather. The singing float had a special guest, Keith Paluso III from "The Voice". Funny how all the moms showed up.

**Eliminate**

Yes it is still with us. K-Kids decorated the UNICEF boxes for Halloween and filled them with cash. The winners got gift cards from Target.

**Germantown K-Kids collected Eliminate $5 and decorated the UNICEF boxes.**

**Toys for LaBonheur Children’s Hospital**

This is another joint project including the Madonna Learning Center Action Club and two K-Kids Clubs. Toys are collected from each student body, loaded onto a truck and delivered to the hospital. They are then set out in a tunnel under the hospital and young patients are allowed to go through and get whatever they want. It is a great program and always a Kiwanis moment. Seeing the faces of the hospital staff when we pull up at the entrance is a beautiful moment.

**New Veterans Home**

A veterans home has been needed for years in this area and K-Kids have led the charge. Last year they collected over $3000, but put the push on other groups to help. Their Kiwanis sponsor donated funds to put the city of Germantown over the $50,000 mark. Already this week schools and local citizens have stepped up - $10 million has been raised and the veterans home has broken ground. K-Kids rule!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and great New Year. We have a new school being built as we read this newsletter. The school superintendent visited our Kiwanis club last week and he said he wanted a K-Kids/Terrific Kids program in the new school. No problem!

Kiwanis is all about the kids to me and I am proud to be a part of this wonderful organization.
Twenty-one K-Kids at Martin Elementary School in Martin, Tennessee, planted more than 200 daffodil bulbs in the raised flower beds flanking the outdoor classroom at their school.

The children will monitor the progress of their planting efforts on December 6 through what they hope will be an explosion of beautiful color in March or April.

Kiwanians Jim Clark and Bill Austin tilled the soil, dug holes for the bulbs, and supplied additional tools for the children to use during the gardening project.

Mary Elizabeth Bell, the first K-Kids advisor in Martin, assisted the children in their project. She had done a similar project more than 15 years ago at the school.

Others assisting were K-Kids advisor Sara Sieber (who planned the project), three parents, and Kiwanian Anna Clark. Each student got to plant between 5 – 10 bulbs.

Jim Clark said, “The kids obviously had a wonderful time planting bulbs and will be pleased to see their flowers bloom in the spring.”
Acadiana Homeschool: Making a Difference!

Acadiana Homeschool Key Club Facebook Page

Operation Christmas

November 14th was the day!

Acadiana Homeschool Key Clubbers assembled 204 Operation Christmas Child boxes and the Acadiana Homeschool Builders Club assembled 55, totaling 259 boxes! We feel so blessed to be able to provide so many children with a gift this Christmas!

Thank you to all of our members and parents who dedicated their effort and time and to all of those who donated.

Stocking the Food Net Pantry

On October 30, the Acadiana Homeschool Builder’s Club and Key Club members helped out in the Food-Net Food Bank warehouse. Great group doing great work!
**Baton Rouge Magnet High School Serves the Community**

*Batton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club Facebook Page*

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**The Baton Rouge Kiwanis Pancake Festival**

The Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club sends thanks to the Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Clubbers for being such great workers at the Pancake Festival that took place in October. #KidsNeedKiwanis

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**Halloween Fun**

This past Halloween season, Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Clubbers participated in several community events including The Our Lady of the Lake trick-or-Treat Trail, the Brec-A-Boo Zombie 5K Run and a Trick-or-Treat Dog Costume Pawty.
On November 16, members of the Central Catholic High School Key Club joined the East St. Mary Kiwanis Club for lunch and donated toys to the Kiwanis toy drive!

On November 15, the Jennings High School Key Club donated Thanksgiving dinner supplies to Communities Against Domestic Abuse.

Kicking off Key Club Week

By Doris Rapold, Kenner North Kiwanis Club

Dr. Cade Brumley, Superintendent of Jefferson Parish Public School System, shared encouraging words with the members of the Curtis Key Club, Bonnabel Key Club, Crescent City Christian Key Club and Haynes Key Club. Dr. Brumley was the guest speaker at the combined meeting of the Key Clubs and their sponsor, Kenner North Kiwanis, celebrating the beginning of Key Club Week. A buffet dinner was served. This celebration followed closely the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of John Curtis Key Club. When the students were asked to volunteer to pose with Dr. Brumley, this photo depicts the response! Pictured surrounding Dr. Brumley are members of the four Key Clubs named.
Vicksburg Key Club Teaches Halloween Safety

Vicksburg High School Key Clubbers held their annual Halloween Safety Program at Bowmar Elementary and Warrenton Elementary on October 31. Everyone had fun! Good job Key Clubbers . . . you're awesome and Vicksburg Kiwanis is so proud of you! #kidsneedkiwanis

Grenada Key Club: Christmas Parade

The Grenada Kiwanis club recently participated in the Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec 1. Our local Key Club at Grenada High School helped build the float and participated that day by riding on the float.
AKtion Club of South Mississippi Shows Appreciation

The September community project for the **AKtion Club of South Mississippi** was to show appreciation to the Ocean Springs Police Department and the Ocean Springs Fire Department by bringing sweet treats and baked goodies. Thank you to our policemen and firemen for ALL you do for our community!
Central Louisiana Teams up with Students

By Robert Tillie, Central Louisiana Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis of Central Louisiana teamed with the students and faculty at Rugg Elementary School in Alexandria to beautify and clean up the school's campus. Pizza for all followed this Kiwanis One Day project. Rugg Elementary is a Kiwanis Terrific Kids school.

Dyersburg Cleans up Kiwanis Park

By Roger Bell, Dyersburg Kiwanis Club

On Kiwanis One Day, eleven members of the Kiwanis Club of Dyersburg spent some good quality time making their Kiwanis Park look great. Members worked hard cleaning up and landscaping.
Members of the **East St. Mary Kiwanis** spent the morning of Saturday, October 27th recognizing #KiwanisOneDay by sprucing up Lawrence Park. Playground equipment, park benches, and picnic tables were pressure washed. Trash was picked up throughout the park. Members even decided to tackle the fountain in the middle of the park by draining and pressure washing it. The park now looks great! “#KiwanisOneDay” is the one day each year (4th Saturday in October) in which Kiwanis clubs throughout the world join in a day of service to their communities. We are proud of our community and enjoyed cleaning the playground and park so that our children and local families can utilize it while making great memories! #KidsNeedKiwanis
Members of the Hammond Kiwanis Club chose as their Kiwanis One Day project this year the painting of a bathroom at Natalbany Elementary School. The club’s trip to the school marked the second time this year that Kiwanians pitched in to paint portions of the school which has served the students of the Natalbany area for many, many years.

Judy Couvillion, the club’s Community Services Committee chairman, said of the day’s activities, “The students’ bathrooms at this school were painted a dark, drab green that had to be somewhat depressing for the young pupils at the school. We repainted the walls a much brighter and cleaner looking beige color. It took several coats to cover the old paint, but when we finished the big bathroom looked much brighter and more pleasing.”

Hammond Kiwanians have long been involved in this school. For many years the club has sponsored Terrific Kids and Bringing Up Grades (BUGs) programs at the school. Kiwanian Arlene Anzalone, Young Children Priority One Chairman for the club and a retired teacher, said of the club’s involvement, “We have really enjoyed our involvement with Natalbany Elementary. We always have a good number of parents at our Terrific Kids and BUGs programs and for that the school’s principal, Darlene Hammers, is always grateful. Last summer she asked us to paint the main office, the faculty bathroom and a conference room which we did. Serving schools in our community is an important part of what our club does.”

The club also holds Terrific Kids and BUGs programs at two other schools and conducts its signature school project, the Kiwanis Happy Pack Program at Woodland Park Elementary School. Each week club members fill 110 back packs with 10 food items for kindergarten and first grade pupils to bring home so that they will have something to eat on the weekends.

“We believe that serving students through involvement in the schools in our community is one way that we can fulfill our obligation to improve the world one child and one community at a time,” said Couvillion.
KIWANIS ONE DAY

Acadiana Helps out at Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Kiwanis of Acadiana members helped out at Lafayette Habitat for Humanity ReStore for Kiwanis One Day. Habitat for Humanity ReStores are home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Habitat ReStores are independently owned reuse stores operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations. Proceeds are used to help build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter in local communities and around the world.

Pontchartrain: Serving the Children in Our Community

Members of Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain and family members conducted a craft workshop for children at the New Orleans Women and Children’s Shelter on Saturday, December 1st. This activity served as a Kiwanis One Day event. The kids made Christmas lanterns, sang songs and were served snacks. The club also donated cleaning supplies to the facility.
Moss Point Provides Care Packages for Students

Moss Point Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On Kiwanis One Day, the Kiwanis Club of Moss Point provided care packages for the students of Moss Point School District who were preparing for the ACT standardized test.

Members of the Union City Kiwanis Club along with Key Club members from our local high schools packed care packages and delivered them to our local office for the Department of Children's Services. The packages included personal care supplies for newborns to teenage children and are available for pick up at the initiation of foster care to help families through the first few days of introducing a child into their homes. We shopped at Wal-Mart in Union City and packed the bags at our local public library. We were able to budget funds for 10 care packages to help local foster care families. We hope to make this a recurring program for our club, and we were blessed to have done this for our community.
The Natchitoches Kiwanis Club was joined by Northwestern State University’s (NSU) Circle K, Natchitoches Magnet School’s K-Kids and Boy Scout Troop 60 in doing the community’s part of the Kiwanis One Day of Service on Oct. 27. The volunteers cleared litter from the new hiking trails and improved the parking lot at the NSU Grady Erwin Nature Study Area in preparation for its opening to the public.

Vicksburg Kiwanis Club members celebrated Kiwanis One Day this year by participating in the Trunk or Treat at Pemberton Square Mall on Monday, October 29, from 5 - 7 p.m.
Pascagoula Paints School Cafeteria

Pascagoula Club Facebook Page

The Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula made major progress painting the cafeteria at Resurrection Elementary School on Kiwanis One Day. #KidsNeedKiwanis

Kiwanis Division 14 Lieutenant Governor Travis B. Moore cooked pancakes with Key Club members from Gulfport High School and Long Beach High School at the 62nd Annual Gulfport Kiwanis Pancake Day on Wednesday, December 5th. Lieutenant Governor Moore and Gulfport Kiwanis Club President-Elect Velma Johnson also cooked pancakes on the 4 O’clock Show on WLOX-TV to promote the 62nd Annual Gulfport Kiwanis Pancake Day.
St. Gabriel Gives Back to the Community

By MiLisa York, St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club

MiLisa York, the finance and recording secretary for the St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club, read to the Kindergarten classes of MSA East on November 9, 2018. She truly enjoyed the time she spent with the children. On the same day, MiLisa York and John Drinkwater were judges at the 2018 MSA East Science Fair. Both truly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to serving as judges again next year. Earlier in October, the St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club handed out free candy and free toothbrushes at the City of St. Gabriel’s Halloween Get Together.

Legion of Honor Award

By Robert Tillie, Central Louisiana Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis of Central Louisiana President Bill Clancy presents the Kiwanis Legion of Honor award to Anne Oestricher for 25 years exemplary service. Anne is a leader in the regional and national Cystic Fibrosis effort which is supported by Kiwanis of Central Louisiana.
This holiday season offers many opportunities for Cortana Kiwanis to live the defining statement of Kiwanis. Club members have been busy since Thanksgiving and will continue to assist in programs which either directly help the children of our community or that raise money to be spent improving the lives of the children.

Prior to Thanksgiving, members of Cortana Kiwanis donated money to purchase food and, assisted by Key Club members from two local high schools, delivered food baskets to 25 families in the Baton Rouge community. These families received food for Christmas as well.

Baton Rouge sponsors a family event, the Downtown Festival of Lights, each year. The city’s Christmas tree is lit and there are many activities for children to participate in. Cortana Kiwanis sold its World Famous Jambalaya at this event. The proceeds of this sale are donated to various programs in our community that benefit children, in particular, the Children’s Hospital at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. Again, the club offered an opportunity to Key Club members to donate their time.

Twelve members of Cortana Kiwanis volunteered to sort and box food that was donated to Food Bank. The food was collected by the St. George Fire Department and Santa in many Baton Rouge neighborhoods. The boxed food went directly to St. Vincent DePaul.

A local television personality sponsors a toy drive each year to ensure the children of our area have gifts at Christmas. Eleven Cortana Kiwanis members spent an afternoon sorting and wrapping presents for the St. Vincent de Paul Sylvia’s Toys for Christmas program.

Each year, the Congregation B’nai Israel Men’s Club partners with Macy’s to help the Big Buddy program with a Holiday Shopping Spree for kids. Each child is given money to shop for gifts for their family members. Cortana Kiwanis donates funds and sends members to shop with the children, helping them select appropriate gifts. The volunteers assist with the wrapping of the presents as well.
Once again, the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club sold out of 900 Thanksgiving turkeys at the “World’s Largest Turkey Fry.”

The Metairie Manor Seniors Sewing Team received a proclamation presented by the Jefferson Parish Council for the wonderful partnership originated with the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club to make teddy bears for needy seniors and dolls for special needs students in Jefferson Parish. The sewing team has been busy!

The seniors have recently made 55 dolls for 55 special needs students at Matas Elementary School and have provided Charles Lindell, president of the Magnolia Aktion Club, with 5 Teddy Bears to present to 5 outstanding club leaders.

The Dawn Busters have partnered with Adams Middle School and 4-H to plant a fall garden. The teacher advisor at Adams is Frank Straughan, who works with his Builders Club. Pictured in the garden is Heather Eggar, an LSUS Ag Center 4-H agent.

The Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club decorated a Christmas Tree of Hope. The theme was Kiwanis Rewards for Reading.
For the fourth year in a row the Hammond Kiwanis Club, along with members of the SLU Circle K Club, participated in the Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child program by filling 120 shoeboxes that included such things as bars of soap, wash cloths, pencils, pens, decks of cards, toothbrushes, flip flops, small toys, stuffed animals, socks, coloring books and little games and puzzles. Each box also contained sealable plastic bags and small plastic containers with lids. These items are considered “luxury” in many developing countries.

Judy Couvillion, chairman of the club’s Community Services Committee said that Operation Christmas Child is one more way that the club can fulfill one of the aims of Kiwanis which is “serving the children of the world.” Kiwanian John Bergeron expressed his sentiments about the project by observing, “It’s a privilege to be a member of Kiwanis. We do some very good projects right here at home, but it’s rewarding to know that through Samaritan’s Purse we can also help children in far away lands. Kiwanis is an international organization and through a program such as this we are showing that we are part of a world family.”

Mayson Foster, a member of the club said of the club’s participation, “this is really a fun event. Everyone enjoys pitching in to get the boxes assembled and filled. There is lots of joy in knowing that you are touching the lives of children you will never see. It’s reward enough to know that these gifts will be well received.”

Throughout the year items are secured as they become available and Couvillion said that acquiring the shoebox gifts is a combination of judicious shopping and the acceptance of items from various sources. For example, a club member donated enough decks of cards for each box. A local hospital gave packets of band aids for inclusion in the boxes. Some of the gifts were donated by a local retail establishment. Club members helped finance the acquisition of shoebox items through personal donations. “We rely on the generosity of our members and others in gathering all the items it takes to fill the boxes,” she said.

Operation Christian Child is a division of Samaritan’s Purse Ministries. Franklin Graham, the son of the late Billy Graham, the late spiritual leader who brought his message to audiences around the world. Shoeboxes are collected throughout the United States and ultimately tens of thousands of the gift boxes are delivered to children in developing countries around the world.
Since 1971, the Kiwanis Club of Millington, Tennessee, has led the way in community service. We have donated Children Playing signs throughout the city, a handicapped playground, several flagpoles, and have a beautiful Kiwanis Park. Plus we sponsor two Key Clubs, provide two $1000 scholarships, donate to the Hope House, Ronald McDonald House, Crisis Center, etc.

As an integral part of Kiwanis and the local community, we have produced one District Governor and three Lieutenant Governors. Our members serve as Alderman, on various city boards, Crisis Center Board of Directors, and on the Public Housing Authority. When asked, we serve. Plus, we have fun at all our fund raisers - from an annual pancake breakfast, Christmas Tree sales, Collectible Knives for Goat Days, annual Golf Tournament to operating Kids Land for Goat Days. That’s a lot to do for a club of only 22 members!

Our most recent project was donating a new playground for Millington. It took several years to amass sufficient money, but with the assistance of the District Foundation, the City of Millington, and contributions from our members, we have a beautiful playground that will be enjoyed by children for years to come.

The Hammond Kiwanis Club was recently honored by the Tangipahoa Parish School Board for sponsorship of the Kiwanis Happy Pack Program at Woodland Park School. Each week members of the club fill 110 backpacks that contain 10 food and drink items. The food is given to sustain the young students over the weekend when they do not have access to school meals.

Superintendent Melissa Stilley visited members of the club while they were filling the backpacks. She expressed thanks and admiration for the backpack program and invited the Kiwanians to attend the December school board meeting for special recognition. The club was given a certificate of appreciation for the Happy Pack program.

Among the Kiwanians who have participated in the program, from left, are: Bret Schnadelbach, Vic Couvillion, Judy Couvillion, Mayson Foster, Jason Wilson, Philip Qualls, Andy Thomas and John Bergeron.
The Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club and the Ponchatoula High School Key Club have chosen to lend their support to the Ponchatoula Student Outreach program, the community’s after school initiative that is now celebrating its success with helping school-age children realize scholastic improvement.

The Kiwanis Club recently presented May Stilley, director of the Outreach Program, with funds to help support the program, especially its Lights on Afterschool Family and Friends Night. The event, held recently at the Ponchatoula Community Center, brought together many community leaders who heard an update on the program’s success. Ponchatoula Mayor Bob Zabbia gave the welcoming address and those in attendance heard remarks from the Superintendent of the Tangipahoa Parish School System, Melissa Stilley. The Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club was among the volunteers who were recognized as part of the evening’s program.

Key Club members were recognized for their volunteering to assist with one-on-one help to their younger counterparts enrolled in the program. Stilley said of the Key Club members, “they are a very important part of our program. They are doing wonderful work serving as tutors, role models and supporters of the students in the outreach program. They make a wonderful contribution to our efforts to help young students attain scholastic goals.”

Stilley explained that the program’s motto is, “From Afterschool to Bright Futures,” and according to reports on improvement in behavior and grades, the future is looking much brighter for some who have needed that extra encouraging nudge. The program is open to students in grades one-eight. They meet on Mondays through Thursdays from 3-5:30 p.m. Students are given a health snack or a meal and are given homework help and tutoring. Emphasis is placed on STEM development.

Key Club members were recognized for their volunteering to help the young students with their lessons on a one-on-one basis. Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club President Brian Steib said of the effort, “This epitomizes what it means to have a Key Club in a community. This is not the first time that Ponchatoula Key Club members have answered the call to service. Throughout the year, when called upon to assist in community projects, the Key Club members step forward. They help us with our annual holiday meal for seniors, with our booth in the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival, with our poinsettia sale, and with many other projects. Each week, Key Club members attend our meetings and it is always a joy to interact with these great young leaders,” he said.

Veteran Kiwanis member Danny Williams who has served as one of the Key Club sponsors for many years said that working with Key Club is one his most enjoyable aspects of being a Kiwanis Club member. “Key Club members are a constant source of joy. They are eager to make contributions to their school and community in any way they can. They step forward whenever the need arises and do so with smiles on their faces. Sponsoring a Key Club is an extremely important part of what Kiwanis does,” he said.

Stilley would agree with that assessment and when she accepted financial support from the Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club for the student outreach program she was quick to say that Key Club members have been an important part of the program. She said that the Key Club members have been an inspiration for the young students in the program who have come to rely on Key Clubbers for support and assistance as they strive to improve their academic skills.
Tupelo Stocks Middle School Pantry

By Jamey Logan, Tupelo Kiwanis Club

After a food insecurity need was identified in the Tupelo community earlier this year, the Tupelo Kiwanis Club wasted no time in helping to answer the call.

During the service project tenure of the Community Development Foundation’s Jim Ingram Community Leadership Institute, the Class of 2018 identified the need for a food pantry at the Tupelo Middle School after kids were coming to school hungry from the weekend.

In an effort to raise funding to kick-start the food pantry, now called the Wave Market, the Tupelo Kiwanis Club pledged a dollar-for-dollar match for all funds raised up to $10,000. Those funds were used to stock the Wave Market with both food and hygiene products for students.

“It’s more than academics,” said Tupelo Middle School Principal, Brock English. “It’s fully meeting the needs of the child, and that’s what the Wave Market was established to do.”

Items are dispersed from the Wave Market where needed on the third Friday of each month, with an additional distribution in January and February because of the holiday season.

“Right now, approximately 40 kids are taking advantage of the Wave Market at the middle school,” said CREATE Foundation’s Kristy Luse, a Class of 2018 graduate of the Community Leadership Institute.

The local Board of Directors of the Tupelo Kiwanis Club voted in their August meeting to donate funding to the Wave Market.

“While Kiwanis International helps kids around the world tackle big problems such as tetanus, local clubs such as Tupelo Kiwanis identify needs in our community so that our children have the chance to not just endure, but prevail,” said Brad Prewitt, President of the Tupelo Kiwanis Club. “Tupelo Kiwanis understands that without food security and consistent, quality nutrition, the children of our community cannot hope to meet all the other expectations we hope and pray for them each day. If Tupelo Kiwanis can help check that one big box through the Tupelo Middle School Wave Market food pantry, then we believe that they have a much better chance of success in their academics and school-related endeavors.”

St. Bernard - Arabi Terrific Kids Aspire to be Students of the Year

By Patrice Cusimano, St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club

Carl Gaines, a member of the St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club, is part of a team of educators who interview students at the local schools for the “Student of the Year” award. The students chosen from each school are then placed in the running for “Student of the Year” parish-wide. When interviewing students recently at Gauthier Elementary, he asked the nominees what they felt influenced their being nominated. A number of students stated it was because they had also been chosen as a Terrific Kid. Several students said being chosen Terrific Kid was the most memorable event for them while attending Gauthier. Carl was touched that our club’s signature project had such an impact on these youngsters.

The Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi sponsors the Terrific Kid program in all of our public elementary schools (7), one Catholic school and one private school. We also sponsor Terrific Teens in our three middle schools and one high school. Chalmette Refining gives our club a very generous donation each year to help fund this worthy program.
Appreciating Our Veterans

On November 14, to show appreciation to our veterans, members of the Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club served lunch at the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

Cub Scouts Host Thanksgiving Dinner

On November 15, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club members had a great time at the club’s sponsored Cub Scout Pack’s Family Thanksgiving Dinner. The boys did great in preparing the meal and serving their families with the help of Kiwanians and parents. Thanks to all of the parents who helped!

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Treats Louisiana School for the Deaf Students to LSU Basketball

On November 7th, students from the Louisiana School for the Deaf had a great time at the LSU basketball game compliments of the Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club. Thank you club member, Jude Bourque, for organizing this great service project!
Baton Rouge: Service with a Smile Continued

Reading Fun with Pre-K Students

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club member, Joy Hammatt, read "Pete the Cat, I Love My White Shoes," to some of the Pre-K children at Magnolia Woods Elementary School. As part of the club’s 3Rs for 3BR (Reinforcing the Rewards of Reading to Build a Better Baton Rouge) reading initiative, the name of each student was written in the front of the book and each child got to take the book home to keep and add to their personal library. Joy Hammatt, ran into South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club President, Jessica Johnson while visiting the school.

Pictured from left to right are Joy Hammatt and Jessica Johnson with Magnolia Woods Elementary School Pr-K Students.

A Beautiful Day of Fishing

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club members, Dorothy Kemp, Brian Parker, Gary Graham, Bruce Hammatt, and Joy Hammatt, volunteered at the BREC Conservation Geaux Catfish Rodeo at the Howell Road Community Center on October 13. Dorothy helped with registration and Gary helped rig up the rods and reels. Brian, Bruce, and Joy were judges and measured and entered the contestants catches on iPads.

Gov.-Elect Serves at Kiwanis International

On November 9th, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club member and Governor-Elect Bruce Hammatt helped wrap books for children in the hospital while visiting the Kiwanis International office in Indianapolis.

For the third year, the **Lucedale Kiwanis Club** fulfilled its goal of providing multiplication flash 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.

“We began this project in our club two years ago and it’s really been helpful for both students and teachers. We want all of the children in this county to succeed academically,” explains Stephanie Chisholm, president, Lucedale Kiwanis Club.

The money raised from the club’s annual signature event, an upscale Drawdown, was used to print and package the cards. The Club also received a grant for a portion of the expense from the Kiwanis International Foundation.

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**Biloxi: Wreaths Across America**

On December 15, the **Biloxi Kiwanis Club** enjoyed its annual event partnering with Wreaths Across America to honor those that served our country and are no longer with us!
Opelousas: Supporting the Community!

Opelousas Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Proud Supporters of CASA

Opelousas Kiwanis Club members are proud supporters of CASA! CASA volunteers help secure safe and permanent homes for abused and neglected children by advocating, investigating, and monitoring cases involving children in foster care. At Christmas time, they ensure each and every child has a gift to open.


Sharing Christmas Spirit and Taco Soup!

Opelousas Kiwanis Club members had a jolly time serving taco soup at the Lighting of the Village’ on Friday, December 7th, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Le Vieux Village. Attendees watched the historic village illuminate with holiday lights with the official pulling of the switch leading up to the arrival of Santa Claus. Lighting of the Village offered a variety of activities for the little ones, including a petting zoo including a unicorn, choir music, an obstacle course fun jump, a cupcake decorating station and an ornament making station where kids can design their own holiday ornaments.

The taco soup cooking crew →

Trick or Treat Bags for a Safe Halloween

On Halloween, members of the Opelousas Kiwanis Club gave out Trick or Treat safety bags to children at the Le Vieux Village de Poste des Opelousas. The bags were compliments of the club.

Karen Sandoz Christian, Shelly Fontenot, and Carl Miller enjoy handing out goody bags to the kids on Halloween.
Vicksburg: Helps with Thanksgiving Baskets

Vicksburg Kiwanis Club members and Key Clubbers were honored to help with the Good Shepherd Community Center’s Thanksgiving Basket project in November. The Good Shepherd Community Center distributed food to 180 families for Thanksgiving. Those families include over 500 individuals. The baskets provided enough food for 4-5 meals beyond Thanksgiving.

Denham Springs Hosts Annual Key Club Hamburger Supper

In October, the Denham Springs Kiwanis Club hosted its annual Key Club Hamburger Supper for Denham Springs High School and Live Oak High School. Everyone had a great time and it was a wonderful turnout! A special thank you to our very own members Alvin Callais for cooking the delicious hamburgers and Jan Fairchild for organizing the hilarious games. This is one of our club’s fun events that recognizes our the Key Clubs for what they do to help meet our mission.

Boo at the Zoo

In October, Big Easy Kiwanis Club members volunteered to help raise money for Children’s Hospital at Boo at the Zoo.
East St. Mary: In the Spirit of Giving

East St. Mary Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

This December, the Kiwanis Club of East St. Mary collected toys for Toys for Tots and made a donation to Operation Christmas child. The club is happy to serve the community! #kidsneedkiwanis

St. Martinville Celebrates Christmas with Foster Families

St. Martinville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

What an amazing morning the Kiwanis Club of St. Martinville had celebrating Christmas with local foster families at the club’s Breakfast with Santa on December 1st.
St. Bernard-Arabi Responds

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

St. Bernard DA’s Crime Victim’s Assistance Coordinator, Kenna VanCourt, requested support for her clients of books for adults and kids as they spend many hours at her office. The Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi didn’t hesitate! Members of the club donated over 100 books.

Pictured left to right: Keena VanCourt, Crime Victim’s Assistance Coordinator, Michael B. Chutz, Kiwanis Board Member, and Amber De Los Reyes, Victim Legal Assistant.

Thibodaux Supports Playground Build

Thibodaux Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On November 2, members of the Thibodaux Kiwanis Club were on hand to help cut the ribbon of the new first responder outside playground at the Bayou Country Children’s museum. Kiwanis Member John Lombardo won an award that generously supported part of the playgrounds construction.

Merry Christmas from South Baton Rouge!

South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In December, the Kiwanis Club of South Baton Rouge held its Annual Toy Giveaway at the Freeman Matthews Head Start Campus! This year was the first year that the club also handed out socks. Members collected 300 pairs of socks to give to the children.
Dawn Busters: Living & Loving Kiwanis Service

Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

From cooking and serving to Rewards for Reading, the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club doesn’t stop! During the year the club prepared and served meals for numerous community events such as the A’s & Aces Tennis Tournament in November and Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of Metairie Manor as well as regular meals to the homeless at Lantern Light. Throughout the year, the club also delivers various rewards for reading prizes such as bikes to participating schools.

Lake Charles Collects 1,300 Coats for Kids

Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

For 31 years, the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles has been warming the hearts of the greater Lake Charles area through its' Coats for Kids campaign. This year, the club collected more than 1,300 coats for kids at the Annual Coats for Kids Spooktacular event held each October. Coats collected in the Kiwanis program were given to nine different local agencies. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles, plenty of children will keep warm this year.

← DeWanna’s Community Closet was one local agency that was grateful for receiving several bags of coats from the club’s Spooktacular event.
**Operation Magi: A Lafayette Tradition**

*Lafayette Kiwanis Club Facebook Page*

The Kiwanis Club of Lafayette held its 43rd annual Operation Magi to help children in need this holiday season. Dozens of members from the Kiwanis group shopped with children at the Wal-mart on Pinhook Road. The children in need were identified by the Lafayette Parish School Board, to make sure they have a little of “what they want and what they need” under the tree this holiday season. The children were able to choose what they want, check it out, and leave with their presents. Operation Magi is funded by money raised during the annual football jamboree held at Cajun Field each year.

**Moss Point Hosts Angel Night**

*Moss Point Kiwanis Club Facebook Page*

On Friday, December 14, the Kiwanis Club of Moss Point hosted Angel Night at the Moss Point Family Education Center. The Christmas celebration consisted of food, fun and festivities for the children and their families.

**Dictionaries with Pascagoula**

In October, the Kiwanis Club of Moss Point had the privilege of assisting the Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula distribute dictionaries! The annual Kiwanis dictionary project provides new dictionaries to all Pascagoula second graders, who can keep the dictionaries to help them with their vocabulary lessons.
Pascagoula Kiwanis Club members hosted lunch at the Home of Grace and sponsored children’s toys for their family day.

The Kiwanis Club of Lakeside had a fantastic time at the Spirit of Christmas event put on by the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce in early December. The members of the club led by President "Dee" Keyes, enjoyed doing crafts with the kids and raising funds for kids in need of new socks and shoes at the local schools. Thanks go out to Principal Nina Drammissi, Sue and Bryan Franke, Beth Warner, Ray Sopfe, Steven Murray, Tim Horning, Greg and Patti Fox, plus their daughter Faith and Bruce Chase.
New Orleans & All That Jazz!

New Orleans Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The students of St. Michael Special School were full of energy on November 10th! The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans hosted the 5th Annual Kiwanis Fall Dance. Students planned the dance with the club from the theme, “All that Jazz: A Tricentennial Celebration of NOLA”, to food and playlist. A great time was had by all!

Northshore Mandeville Holds Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In October, Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club members were outside of Sam’s Club collecting items for the Northshore Food Bank.
Picayune: Caring for the Community

*Picayune Kiwanis Club Facebook Page*

October 16th was the Annual Bowling Tournament Sponsored by ARC, Picayune Knights of Columbus and the Picayune Kiwanis Club. Also, in November Picayune Kiwanis Club members Tom Milar and Steve McDonald assisted in the Keep Picayune Clean Campaign!

Thanksgiving Blessings from Ponchatoula

*Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club Facebook Page*

Members of the Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club delivered fruit baskets to the residents of Westminster Apartments on November 14th. The club members enjoyed distributing these early Thanksgiving treats and the residents were very grateful.

South Lake Charles Delivers Thanksgiving Baskets

*South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page*

On November 22, the Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles once again delivered Thanksgiving baskets to several families in the city.
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