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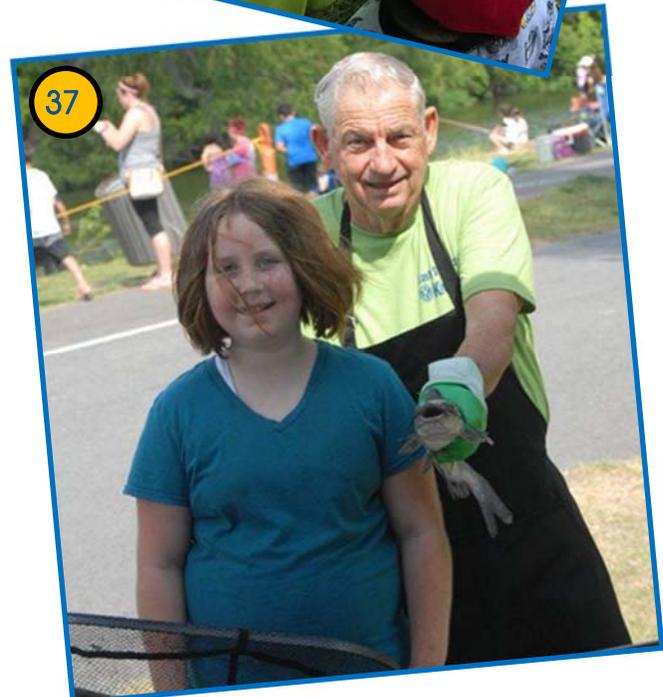
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Greetings from the Governor

By Otha Britton, Governor

Wow! LaMissTenn should be proud!

We just had a great International Convention in Las Vegas. Our great and historic district was represented by over 80 Kiwanians and spouses. At times it seemed like LaMissTenn was grabbing all of the attention. It began at the opening ceremony when our district was singled out for turning around our dismal record of new club openings. President Jim Rochford chose three or four stories to tell about new club openings, and he selected our story of being the last district to open a club during the first four years of the Formula but this year we have already opened six clubs and plan to open at least one more very soon. He gave our district many kudos during the convention because of how we went from last to one of the top ten in North America in just nine months. This turnaround was, of course, due to the leadership of Gary Graham as District Formula Chair, Division 14 Lt. Governor Rogena ("Ro") Woods-Mitchell, and our dedicated Kiwanian Dennis Oliver. Those three really worked southern Mississippi and even attracted enough attention that President Jim brought his Eye of the Tiger team to help us start three new Mississippi clubs in a three-day period. We have also had much help from many others in the district, including Past International President Nettles Brown and current International Trustee Greg Beard. I can't name everyone here, but all are appreciated and have really made me look good in the eyes of the president.



The night before the convention began, my wife Monica and I had our dinner paid by KI at the Governor's Dinner due to our district's meeting its low-end goal of opening 5 new clubs. This was no small matter, as the other governors who had not met their goal had to pay \$60 apiece (\$120 if they brought a guest)! The next morning, we attended a free breakfast for being in the top 10. Because of our success in turning around the club opening culture of the district, Gary, Dennis and I were asked to present a forum entitled "Creating a club opening culture," which we presented to around 30 participants on Saturday morning. Then at the closing ceremony our district received a miniature Notre Dame helmet autographed by Rudy himself. (Rudy is the person who inspired the story in the movie "Rudy.") Rudy was the keynote speaker on opening night.

But possibly what made us the proudest of all was that the Signature Project which our district selected to represent our district this year was honored for making the top 10 in the

world. (Actually, there were 13 projects honored since there were ties in the top ten.) That project was the Christmas Parade put on by the Cortana Club each year. I was especially honored at the Signature Project Breakfast to accompany the Cortana club president to the stage to accept the award. Unfortunately, the project was not selected for the top 3, but if you read about the other projects you will understand that the competition was very tough this year. In fact, it was very difficult for us to select from a great bunch of signature projects just in our district. There is so much good service being provided throughout our district that it makes me really beam with pride for the district. Congratulations to the Cortana Club!!

Now we are on to the 100th annual District Convention scheduled for August 3-5. Be sure to get your registration in soon for this historic event. We have many plans to make this convention special and to honor our past in many ways. The fun event scheduled for Saturday night is a Roaring Twenties party. It is rumored that there may even be a little white lightning being sneaked through the door! We will enjoy much comradery and will learn much from the great line-up of workshops that President-Elect Eva has put together. Come learn, enjoy and celebrate 100 years of district conventions in LaMissTenn. I hope to see a great crowd in Baton Rouge August 3-5.

Love It, Share It, Live It!

By Eva Abate, Governor-Elect 2018-2019

As I plan for my year of service as the Governor of Louisiana Mississippi West Tennessee, I am reminded of this question: **If your Club dissolved today, would your Community miss you?**

We would all like to think that the impact we make in our Community does make a difference. The statistics show that 206 Children are served annually by every Kiwanis Member. We are making a very dynamic difference in our communities.



Does your Club have that SIGNATURE PROJECT that your community recognizes? Now is the time to “step it up” and “get out of your comfort

zone” and let your Community know that you are a committed Service Organization dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

YES, your Community would miss you!!

LOVE IT: Take something that you LOVE (KIWANIS)

SHARE IT: SHARE it with others (Invite others to join)

LIVE IT: Make it a part of your LIFE (Become a Servant Leader)

**KIWANIAN'S
NEED YOUR
KNOWLEDGE.**

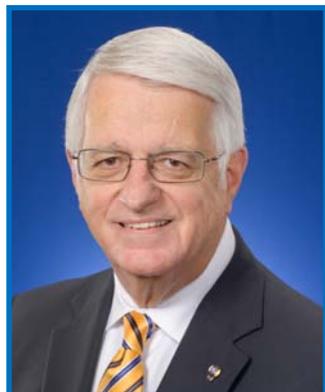
The best service comes from knowledgeable members. So share what you know—become a certified trainer! To get started, contact your leadership coordinator.

L. Nettles Brown: leshnett@gmail.com



Message from the Immediate Past Governor

By R. Fred Pitts, Immediate Past Governor



Here is a portion of a letter printed in the June/July Kiwanis Magazine:

'I stumbled onto your magazine at my doctor's office. The colorful cover jumped out at me from a sea of Golf Digests. My eye went directly to the colorful skateboard. (I've become trained to spot skateboards as my sixth and ninth-grader live for anything skateboard-related.) I confess I

do not know much about Kiwanis. My image has been of retirees pitching horseshoes; so, the fun story about artists creating skateboards for a charity auction was a surprise.'

- Michael Mathis, Cleveland, Ohio

This is the first paragraph of a letter to the editor and what hit me was the age-old description of Kiwanis members. Now you and I know this is changing in our clubs today, but we still have a lot of work to do. This young man went on to say he even visited the Kiwanismagazine.org website and read several articles about some very neat projects. He was impressed.

He finishes his letter by saying what a great recruiting tool the magazine is, and a genius of an idea of placing in doctors' offices. He hopes to be able to look for a Kiwanis Club in his city soon. I hope

someone from a club in Cleveland read this and at least sends a note thanking him for the article.

I promise to take my Kiwanis magazines to my doctor's office as soon as I read it. Not a new idea but let's just do it this time, OK?

It is June 2018 and 3 months left in my immediate Past Governor year. Time does fly when you are visiting and meeting many great Kiwanians all over our district. There can never be enough said about the many hours of volunteering that those same Kiwanian's do for the kids of their community.

Always remember **#kidsneedkiwanis**.

The 100th La.Miss.W.Tenn District Convention is in Baton Rouge on August 3rd-5th. This will be the very best if YOU are there to celebrate our 100th convention. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Spread the Word about Our E-Club!

By Dennis Oliver, President, eLaMissTenn Kiwanis Club

If a Kiwanis club member is leaving because they can't make meetings, there is a new way to serve!

If a prospect can't attend regular meetings, there is a new way to serve!

If an active Kiwanis member feels the need to reach out more, there is a new way to serve!

It's called the LAMISSTENN "E" CLUB

Yes, (22 and growing) members meet online the 1st Monday of the month at 5 p.m.

1. We plan service.
2. We have a speaker.
3. We do current Kiwanis updates.
4. We have fun sharing our current activities.

So, help us reach out to those who would benefit themselves and, most importantly, benefit precious children in their communities.

Need more information? Email Dennis:

dmoKIWANIS@aol.com

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We're Exciting, Excellent, and Exceptional!
Don't miss out on this unique opportunity!

100th District Convention

BATON ROUGE KIWANIANS PLANNING SPECIAL CONVENTION



The Kiwanians of Divisions 8E & 8W are working hard to make the 100th La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Convention a spectacular event, weaving in the history of the District with club officer information to pave the path for the next hundred years!

Wanda Magee and Gary LaBauve, Co-Host Chairs of the convention, are working hard to make your experience at the convention something special. They have met multiple times with the Host Committee to make certain everything is on track for the weekend.

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Friday afternoon: Specialized training sessions for the 2018-2019 Lt. Governors, Presidents, and Secretaries to prepare these officers for a fantastic year of service.
- Friday night: A trip down memory lane, featuring the Past Governors of the District. Learn some interesting facts on how the District originated and developed over the years into “The Great & Historic La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District.”
- Saturday morning: A wide array of educational workshops to prepare club officers, committee chairs, and members of leadership techniques, service project ideas, proven ideas on how to increase the membership in your clubs, ideas on how to improve your club’s relationships with the SLP clubs you sponsor, and more. Twenty four workshop topics to choose from!
- Saturday afternoon: The House of Delegates will be held on Saturday to elect the District Officers that will guide the District into the future. Each club can elect 3 delegates to represent the club and conduct the business of the District.
- Saturday night: Step back into the 1920’s and enjoy yourself at the “Kiwanis Speakeasy!” Celebrate the anniversary of the District – just like the members celebrated the formation of our great District’s a hundred years ago! Join in the fun by dressing in costume – Roaring 20’s style!
- Sunday morning: We pause and remember the First Object of Kiwanis: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life, as we give thanks to our Creator, and then close out our weekend by installing our 2018-2019 District Officers.

For more detailed information, please refer to the District Website: www.lamisstenn.org/convention.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

100th Annual Convention of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International
 Crowne Plaza Hotel - Baton Rouge, La. - August 3-5, 2018

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY - OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED!

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!

Name *First (for name badge)* _____ *Last* _____
 Kiwanis Club _____
 Spouse/Guest (only if registering) _____
 Youth Name(s) & Age(s) - (only if registering) _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Fax No. _____
 E-mail address _____

Check, payable to "Kiwaniis District Convention"
 MasterCard Visa American Express

Name as it appears on card _____ Billing Zip Code _____
 Card No _____ Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____

Check if applicable: First Time Convention Attendee
 2017-2018 Club President
 2018-2019 Club President

REGISTRATION FEES:

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

How Many	Fee if postmarked/faxed...		ON-SITE FEES	TOTAL FEES:
	BY July 10th	AFTER July 10th		
REQUIRED REGISTRATION: Basic Registration Fees				
Kiwanis Member:	<input type="checkbox"/> 175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 200.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 250.00	\$
<i>(Includes the Saturday Fellowship Lunch, Coffee Breaks, & the misc. costs of the Convention)</i>				
Non-Member: Spouse & Guest:	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	\$
<i>(Required basic registration fee for the Non-Members)</i>				
Youth:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.00	\$
<i>(Required basic registration fee for the youth participants - ages 5 to 13)</i>				

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS: Additional Fees Apply

Note: Attendees must be registered for the convention (see above) to purchase any of the optional programs below!

FRIDAY, August 3rd

(1) District Golf Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> 75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 77.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 80.00	\$
(2) Cooking with Chef Jay Ducote w/ Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 52.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 55.00	\$

SATURDAY, August 4th

(3) Past District Officers Org. (PDO) Bkfst & Mtg	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 27.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	\$
(4) Youth: Children's Museum & Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 22.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	\$
(5) Spouse/Guest Options: (Please select which Program Option preferred)				
Option 1: Tour & Lunch at Nottoway Plantation:	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 52.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 55.00	\$
<u>Lunch Options at Nottoway (please submit a choice by July 16th)</u>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Creole				
<input type="checkbox"/> Fried Catfish				
Option 2: Fellowship Lunch @ Crowne Plaza	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 27.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	\$
(6) Saturday night Celebration Dinner Party	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 52.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 55.00	\$

SUNDAY, August 5th

(7) Prayer Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 27.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	\$
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FAX (credit charges only) TO: (225) 769-9215 or toll-free (866) 669-9215

E-MAIL TO: charlie@lamisstenn.org

MAIL TO: Kiwanis District Convention Registration, 5253-B Dijon Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4393

TOTAL FEES PAID: \$ 0.00

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**ORDER YOUR 100th CONVENTION T-SHIRT NOW!
PICK UP AND WEAR AT THE CONVENTION!**



Image on back



Logo on front "chest"

Send your order and payment to the District Office by Wednesday, JULY 25th, in time to pick up at the District Convention.

**\$15.00 each for pick up at Convention
or \$20.00 each for mailing shirt to you!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell or Daytime Phone: _____

Individual picking up shirt (if not you!): _____

Quantity: [] x \$15 (pick-up) or [] x \$20 (mailing) = \$_____

Indicate number and sizes ordered below:

Size: [] SMALL [] MEDIUM [] LARGE

[] X-LARGE [] XX-LARGE [] XXX-LARGE

Check enclosed (payable to "Kiwanis District Convention")

Credit Card: Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Billing Zip: _____

Fax order form to: (225) 769-9215

Mail to: 5253-B Dijon Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808-4393

Please Note: All Convention T-Shirts will be ordered in advance of convention, in time to be available to be picked up at registration. There will not be a second printing of shirts. Deadline to submit order is Wednesday, July 25th.

2017-2018 Laymen of the Year to be Honored

FFP Spratlin Selected to Receive 2017-2018 Firefighter of the Year Award

Firefighter Paramedic (FFP) Charles K. Spratlin has been selected to receive the 2017-2018 Firefighter of the Year Award. FFP Spratlin was nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Memphis.

FFP Spratlin has played a very active role in the innovative direction of EMS for the City of Memphis Fire Services. He has worked tirelessly on forming collaborations with multiple outside agencies to develop several successful strategies for reducing the impact of non-emergency calls on the 911 system. He has also worked with Memphis Fire Services' grant committee, applying for and receiving grant dollars to assist Memphis Fire with their efforts.

FFP Spratlin has overseen a group

of paramedics that have taken on "Healthcare Navigator" roles. By proactively reaching out to high utilizers before they call 911, the group has been able to significantly reduce 911 responses to a large number of these high utilizers. The Healthcare Navigators, under FFP Spratlin's guidance, work to determine specific needs of high utilizers and then match them with appropriate resources. This frees up ambulances for emergency response, along with ER beds for more critical patients.

RADAR (Rapid Assessment, Decision, and Redirection) is another initiative that FFP Spratlin works with. RADAR sends alternate response vehicles to non-emergent 911 EMS calls. In-

stead of unnecessarily transporting noncritical issues to already overcrowded emergency rooms, the RADAR program refers these patients to primary care physician offices. Along with freeing up ambulances for more emergent calls and providing a better level of care for these patients.

Over the past two years, he has also volunteered much of his off-duty time to assist Memphis citizens with receiving the right response and the right care. His dedication to serving the Fire Department and the citizens of Memphis have truly made a difference and have improved the overall health of the citizens of Memphis.

Cpl. Jackson Selected to Receive 2017-2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

The Kiwanis Club of Shreveport nominated Corporal LaDeris Jackson of the Shreveport Police Department for the 2017-2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

Cpl. Jackson was employed with the Shreveport Police Department in 2010. He has served as a school resource officer at Booker T. Washington High School since 2014. Prior to his current assignment, he patrolled the streets of Allendale, Cherokee Park, and the Martin Luther, Jr. area.

He worked closely with the principal of the merger of Booker T. Washington High School and Fair Park High School to establish "Average is Over", a mentoring program to bring the students together as one student body.

The program was designed to help maximize the potential of the young men in their community and in life. Cpl. Jackson met daily with students to discuss respect, proper grooming, job interviewing skills, the transition from high school to college or a career, and other life issues. Four hundred young men attended the mentoring program during the 2017-2018 school year which culminated with a "Like Father, Like Son" banquet.

Cpl. Jackson led the young men in several community service projects. The projects included "Campus Clean-up Day" and "Donuts with Dad", an event which encouraged fathers to become a part of their son's academic life. Cpl. Jackson also took 50 seniors

to Wade Correctional Center to discuss life choices.

Cpl. Jackson leads by example. In addition to the basic and annual training required by the department, he has completed additional trainings and was responsible for assisting in the training of probationary police officers exiting the basic training program at the Shreveport Police Regional Training Academy. Cpl. Jackson earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Grambling State University.

Cpl. Jackson has been recognized as a team player throughout his career. As a result of joint efforts, he and fellow officers received the Department's Unit Citation Award in 2016 for their collaborative work during 2015.

Is Your Club Leaving Money on the Table?

By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair



The District Foundation has 4 types of grants available to clubs:

AED Grants:

\$750 available for schools, \$500 for other facilities. One AED per club per year. **Deadline** is July 1, 2018 for all AED grant applications. AEDs must be purchased by Sept 30, 2018, for this Kiwanis Administrative year.

Community Service Grants:

for projects that are new, or a one-time enhancement to an existing project.

Level 1 Grants:

(\$1,001 to \$5,000), at 75% reimbursement. Funding still available. All applications for Level 1 funding due in the District Office by July 1, 2018.

Level 2 Grants:

(Up to \$1,000) at 75% reimbursement. Funding still available. All applications for Level 1 funding due in the District Office by September 1, 2018 (or until funding is depleted).

New Club Grants:

As a way to “kick start” their first year, **NEW clubs** formed in 2017-2018 are eligible for up to a \$1,000 grant for their new service projects, at **100% reimbursement**, and have one full year to complete the project.

Applications for all grants can be found on the District Website: www.LaMissTenn.org, then click on Foundation, then Grants. Please use the fillable PDF format – handwritten applications are extremely difficult to read, and will be phased out, beginning October 1st.

There are so many opportunities for your clubs - don't leave “**Money on the Table!!!**”



Foundation Contributes to Construction of Baseball Field for Athletes with Disabilities

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

Challenger Field, the City of Walker's adaptive baseball field designed for persons with disabilities, was officially dedicated in appropriate ceremonies on May 24. The dedication marked a special moment for athletes with disabilities because they now had a field specifically designed for their unique needs on which to play.

The construction of Challenger Field, one of only a few such venues in the nation, was a triumph for the residents of Walker and the surrounding areas who raised

funds over a four-year period to bring this special play area to those with handicaps. The **Walker Kiwanis Club**, and the **La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation** helped make Challenger Field the reality it is today.

Travis Clark, a former mayor of Walker and president of the Walker Kiwanis Club when the drive to raise funds for the field started, was one of the local civic leaders who worked to see that Challenger Field was constructed. When the drive commended, the Walker



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Foundation Contributes to Construction of Baseball Field Continued . . .

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Club had some funds to contribute. However, to make the club's contribution even more significant, the club requested, and was awarded, a \$5,000 Community Service Grant, Level I, from the La.-Miss. W. Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation. The Kiwanis contribution is listed, along with those of other donors, on marble tablets near the field.

At the dedication for Challenger Field, Rick Ramsey, immediate past mayor of Walker and the driving force behind Challenger Field, mentioned the Walker Kiwanis Club and the foundation in acknowledgement of their contributions. Ramsey pointed out that the field was built primarily through donations from individuals, businesses, civic clubs and the Cal Ripkin, Sr., Foundation. The latter group has assisted in building adaptive fields throughout the nation.

Challenger Field is somewhat smaller than traditional Little League baseball parks. The entire all-weather field is covered with a special safety turf. Bases are designed to be easily accessed by the athletes. Dugouts and fencing ma-



terials are covered with a rubber coating to prevent injuries. Walker started a league for the physically and mentally challenged several years ago but traditional fields presented problems for special athletes. Rain made the fields unplayable and wheel-chair bound participants could not navigate a traditional baseball diamond. Challenger Field allows for play despite wet weather conditions and wheel chairs can be maneuvered on the base paths.

The parents of a number of handicapped athletes were most generous in their praise for the new facility. Soon

after the dedication ceremonies, the athletes took to the field with a great deal of joy. The pristine field was most inviting and welcoming to the eager participants who quickly ran out to play ball in their own, special park.

The exoneration the special athletes felt playing in their very own Challenger Field was made possible, in part, through local Kiwanians and the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Foundation which has made significant contributions to many such projects over the past several years.



Judy Couvillion, a member of the Hammond Kiwanis Club and the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation Board, represented the board at the dedication of Challenger Field in Walker. With Judy are David Clark, a current member of the Walker City Council and his father, Travis Clark, a former mayor of Walker and a member of the Walker Kiwanis Club. The district foundation made a \$5,000 Community Service Grant, Level I, to assist in construction of Challenger Field, an adaptive ball park designed specifically for athletes with disabilities.

Using Your District Foundation to Extend Your “Legacy of Service”

By Cliff Giffin, District Foundation President-Elect & Finance Chair

Many of us are either now considering retirement, already retired, or looking at financial and, or Estate Planning, or are not physically able to work at service projects like we used to, but we are still interested in extending our “legacy of Service” to the children in our District. We can use our District Foundation to help accomplish this goal.

We can use our District Foundation, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization in a number of ways as part of our planning

We can name our District Foundation as the beneficiary of our IRA and or retirement account. For example: Harry a widower, and long-time Kiwanian named his club’s Private Foundation as the beneficiary of his IRA. The result was the club’s Foundation received \$ 18,000.

We can name the District Foundation as charitable beneficiary of our Estate. This will allow us to get a charitable deduction and possibly save Estate taxes.

For example: Joe, a past District officer, named his club’s Private Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of his Estate. The result: the club’s Foundation received \$5,000.

We can request that donations be made to our District Foundation in lieu of flowers as part of our planning.



For example: Jim, as the attorney that helped set up the club’s Foundation, requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the club’s Private Foundation. The result: many of Jim’s family and friends, Kiwanians and Non-Kiwanians made several hundreds of dollars of donations to the Club’s Foundation in Jim’s memory.

We can also name the District Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy as part of our planning. We can also give ownership of a policy to the Foundation as part of our planning.

We can also setup a Charitable Remainder Trust naming the Foundation as the recipient.

This will allow us to save taxes and to insure that our beneficiaries receive income for their lifetimes with the remainder going to the Foundation.

We can donate appreciated securities to our Foundation and thus save paying capital gain taxes.

We can do ALL of this and still make current tax-deductible cash donations if we want.

ANYONE can use these tools with the Foundation not just Kiwanians.

Note: The examples used do not consider other items that may affect the results.

Individuals should review their own tax situation, or discuss with their tax preparer to determine how these transactions will affect their situation.

This is the second in a series of articles showing how the District Foundation can be used as a tool for tax and financial planning. The next one will be on using the Foundation as a beneficiary of a Charitable Remainder Trust and how Life Insurance policies can be used with the Foundation.

About the author: Cliff Giffin is a retired CPA with 40 years experience in public accounting. He has helped nonprofits get and keep their tax-exempt status, performed audits and prepared tax returns for tax exempt organizations. He set up and ran his former club’s (Third District) private foundation. (All of the examples shown were based on actual transactions with the Third District Foundation.)



FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Help Strengthen The Foundation's Endowment Fund

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

Progress Success Founders Pioneers And Friends!

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



Sample of lapel pin

Detach here.....

Friend of the Foundation Donor Information

Name: _____

Kiwanis Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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

I wish to make my donations by:

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

For Credit Card Payments:

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

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

Signature _____ Date _____

I would like my credit card payments of \$_____

Scheduled (choose one):

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



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Hope I Die Before I Get Old

By Gary S. Graham, Formula Chair and Past Governor



Being a child of the 60's, I was fortunate to live in the decade where music really exploded – The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and many others. One of these big groups that are still around was The Who. Their first big hit, *My Generation*, was the anthem of this era. Basic rock and roll with a message. One line went - *"Things they do look awful cold (talkin' 'bout my generation) I hope I die before I get old (talkin' 'bout my generation)"*. It was rebelling against the older generation – and wanting to set our own path with our own ideas and not those of our parents. Changes were made in Kiwanis too. We adjusted and did more for the kids than ever before. And over thirty years ago we were a force to make a quantum change to allow women to join us in our service to children. We were right to make these changes to improve the lives of children in our communities.

Now we have the new generation of Millennials and Gen Xers upon us. However, as we entered into the new century, too many of us have forgotten what it was like to fight for change. Too often we have become the “old dudes” set in our ways and closed minded to newfangled ideas. We don't want to change. We insist we know all there is to know and are resistant to new ideas. It's an attitude of -- it didn't work then, it won't work now, or this is the way we've always done it. Or worse, I have done my part so I just want to sit back and rest on my laurels. It's too much of - I don't need to go to training, I don't need to bring in any new members (especially young people), and if they do join, I don't have to do anything to welcome them and listen to their ideas.

But you know what – kids still need help, guidance and mentors. And young people still need and want to give service. But too many of us have become what we dreaded becoming - OLD. Old in our ways, old in our thinking and old in our outlook. We once had great ideas and we made a difference in the lives of children and our communities. We may no longer have the energy we had 30, 40, or 50 years ago but we have the experience and

we can rekindle that fire for service by using our experience to grow our clubs, make changes.

We need to attract younger members with new ideas and new ways, and we need to continue to learn and be an active part of our clubs. Otherwise they are going to die because they will be become old and irrelevant. We can pass the torch to the new generation but we need to lead from the front. You may not be able to do all you used to do, but you can stand by the young members and encourage them. You just need to get off your butt and recapture the excitement and fun of being a Kiwanian. You're still breathing so you can still learn. You can go to interclubs, go to training, go to conventions, and you can definitely recruit members and/or mentor a young person.

Sit at another table once in a while and listen to the other members especially the younger ones. Get out of your comfort zone. Bring in a new member and share the reward of helping children. You weren't afraid to try something new back in your prime so don't let a little age hold you back now. Don't get old before you die.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary".

Aspire to Inspire: Steadfast in the Jungle of Distraction

By James A. "Jeems" White, III, Past Governor

Kim Jong Un and the nuclear threat. Harvey Weinstein and the #MeToo movement. Harry and Meghan and the royal wedding. Donald Trump and the Russia investigation. The Kardashians and their latest shenanigans. Volcano eruptions, storms, floods and other natural disasters. Sports scores of your favorite team and the latest scandal about some famous athlete. On and on and on . . . the news is filled with headlines intended to grab your attention. It's how the publishing and broadcasting media get the readership and viewership which in turn allows them to sell advertising at high rates. It's all about your time and attention . . . and it's easy to get lost in this Jungle of Distractions.

If you are reading this, you are a Kiwanian . . . or should be. It means you care about more important things in life than the sensationalism in the Jungle of Distractions. You want to make a difference in the world. You want to share yourself with others less fortunate. You know that the many varied things Kiwanians do quietly for their communities . . . especially the children



in those communities . . . and yes, some of the things Kiwanians do on a worldwide scale . . . are far more important and significant than the momentary Jungle of Distractions.

Perhaps you attended a Key Club or K-Kids meeting. Perhaps you helped make ice cream sundaes for a Terrific Kids Awards Program. Maybe you read books to preschoolers or filled backpacks for needy children at the local food bank. Did you contribute to The Eliminate Project to immunize mothers in remote corners of the earth to protect their babies from Neonatal Tetanus? The activities, options and actions to serve children through Kiwanis are so kaleidoscopic it would take volumes to list them all. We each do what we can and that's why we designate

ourselves as volunteers . . . but volunteer we do in the midst of the Jungle of Distractions . . . and we take action to get things done . . . and we do make a difference.

Sometimes the pressing issues of daily life demand our attention. Things like health problems of a family member or ourselves, an unusual work situation, mechanical failure of a vehicle or appliance . . . all these can disrupt well-intended plans and actions. Yet we persevere because we know the importance of what we give to others and what it can mean in their lives. Sometimes we are rewarded with a "Kiwanis Moment" and sometimes not, but our satisfaction from doing something meaningful is reward enough for most.

So when the many distractions of life might be causing frustration and feelings of futility, just "keep on keeping on" with the knowledge that steady little bits of action do make a difference in the lives of children and thus in the future of the world. Hold your course and stay . . . **Steadfast in the Jungle of Distractions.**



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

By Dennis Oliver, Project Eliminate Chair

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Since 2010, so many thousands of moms and babies are free from tetanus!

Thank you Kiwanis!

Thousands of moms and babies remain at risk of this horrible unnecessary disease, TETANUS!

Please don't stop Kiwanis!

As reported, Kiwanis started with 39 countries with babies dying every 9 minutes due to a lack of vaccine for tetanus. (Mom gets 3 shots for \$1.80, and she and all her future babies are protected.)

Today only 15 remain!

As we know, the last mile is the hardest! Inoculations are going on in the remaining countries, but UNICEF (our partner) is asking for our dollars today to continue down the end of the road to villages, saving babies \$1.80 at a time. It is working!

What more can I do?

CLUBS:

1. Talk about Eliminate at meetings.
2. Plan a project with proceeds going to Eliminate.
3. Mail money regularly, if you are holding Eliminate dollars.
4. Put a press release in your paper.

MEMBERS:

1. Take part in our "club 18" (contribute \$18.00 to save 11 babies before 8/3/18 District Convention, please.)
2. Ask community leaders/businesses to help!
4. Encourage all fellow members to help!

So, I need your help! Babies everywhere need your help! And, it is the right thing to do.

Thanks in advance!

Kiwanis Children's Fund Update

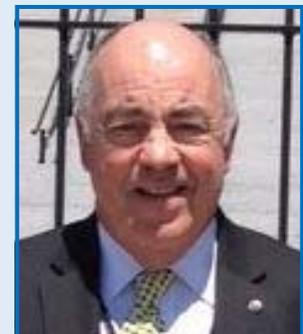
By B.J. Kruse, III, La. Miss. W. Tenn. District Chair, Kiwanis Children's Fund

With one quarter left in the 2017-18 Kiwanis year, I would like to thank those Clubs who have supported the Kiwanis Children's Fund. For those Clubs who have not contributed, the Kiwanis Children's Fund needs your help that is critical to raise the funds needed to continue serving children worldwide through disaster relief, district/club service projects, Service Leadership Programs, IDD sustainability efforts, and The Eliminate Project. We simply can't do this without your help.

Please consider your individual or Club's support of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, by considering the following:

Anniversary gifts – An anniversary gift of US\$78 is a simple way for members to contribute who have never made a gift to the Children's Fund. <http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/give-and-extend-your-kiwanis-impact/individual-gifts/anniversary-campaign>

Leadership Support - If 70% of our club presidents and lieutenant governors make a gift of US\$100, the Children's Fund would surpass our goal this year. Our leaders are important to contributing to the Children's Fund and becoming an advocate for the causes the Children's Fund supports. <https://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/online-donation-form>



Consider your Club's participation as a Today Club – With a club gift of at least US\$10 per person, a club can become a Today Club. Clubs that have not made a club gift in 2017-18 can do so before September 30.

<http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/online-donation-form/annual-club-gift-donation-form>

Thanks in advance for your support!

Martin K-Kids Send Heartfelt Thanks

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

At a meeting on April 5, K-Kids at **Martin Elementary School** made thank-you cards to deliver to all 38 persons in the Martin Police Department. District Governor Otha Britton and Kiwanians Sara Sieber, Jim Clark, and Anna Clark assisted the children in addressing and stamping the handwritten cards. Assistant Chief of Police Phillip Fuqua and Officer Adam Stringer stopped by to say hello to the children.



Learning about “Wildlife Superlatives”

By Anna Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club



WILDLIFE TALK AT K-KIDS! More than a dozen K-Kids joined in the fun of learning about Tennessee “Wildlife Superlatives” at the **Martin Elementary School** on Thursday, April 19. Jordan Ramey and Caleb Lamontagne of the University of Tennessee at Martin Wildlife Society visited with the students. They explained a bit about what the Wildlife Society does in the way of improving the environment for local wildlife and presented a program about outstanding Tennessee animals.

Among the superlatives were: **LARGEST:** bull elk, **PRETTIEST:** painted bunting, **FASTEST:** peregrine, **FEROCIOUS:** weasel, and **DEADLIEST:** mosquito.

Eggs to Eliminate

Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club Facebook Page, Post by Kim DiVincenti Denson

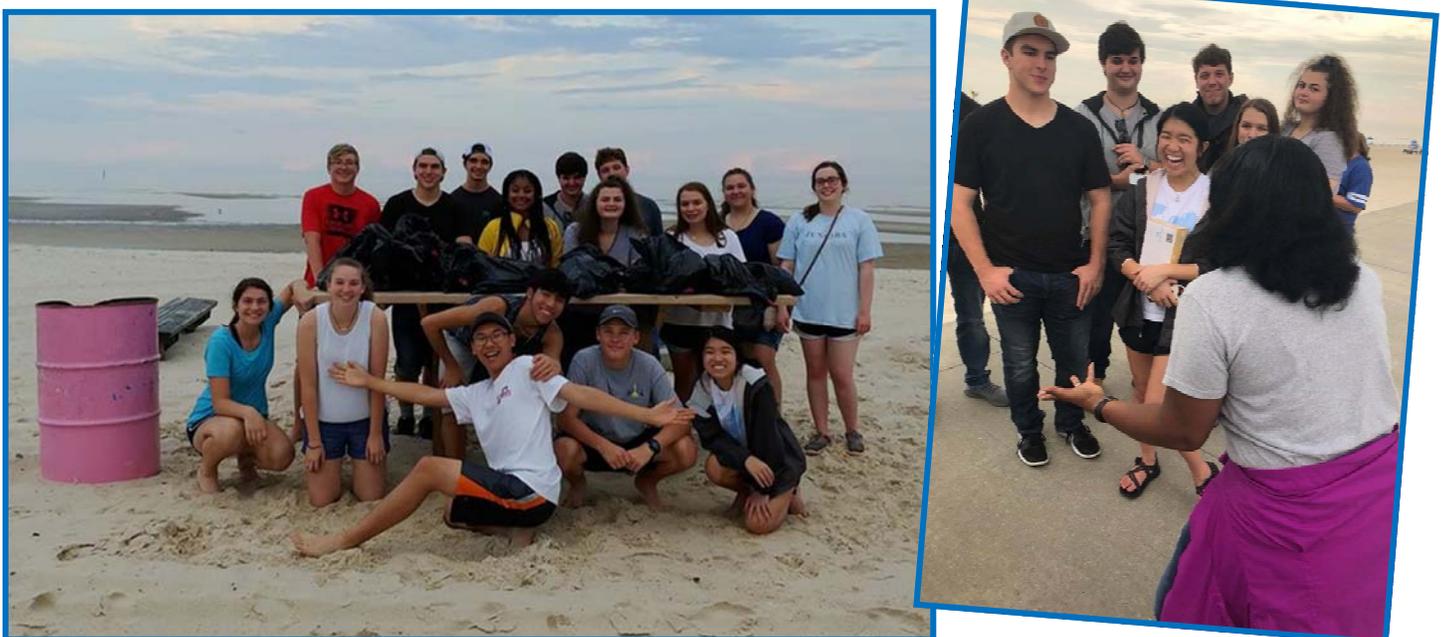
The **Baton Rouge Magnet High School Key Club's** 4th Annual "Eggs to Eliminate" campaign was another HUGE success this year! The club raised an additional \$2,000.00 by selling candy filled Easter eggs for \$1 each to help UNICEF and Kiwanis rid the globe of maternal and neonatal tetanus...that brings the club's 2017-18 school year total to nearly \$10,000! BRMHS Key Clubbers are saving even MORE lives!



Beach Cleanup

LaMissTenn Division 14 Facebook Page

A fun time was had at the **Key Club Division 14A & 14B** Beach Clean Up in Gulfport, Mississippi. The event was a success! New friendships were made during this wonderful day of service!



Car Wash Helps to Outrun Cancer

Houma Kiwanis Club Facebook Page, shared by Monica Mullooly



Members of the **Vandebilt Catholic High School Key Club** held a car wash on Saturday, April 28, to benefit The Ross Mullooly Project. The club raised over \$600!

The Ross Mullooly Project, Outrunning Cancer, was started by Ross with the hope of raising \$10,000 for the Patrick Taylor Hope Lodge in New Orleans, La. Ross was diagnosed at 19

with metastatic rectal cancer and after being declared cancer free in August 2011, he was diagnosed with a recurrence of stage 4 in June 2012. Ross never asked “why me?” Instead he focused on starting a non-profit to aid others with cancer.

Since then, the Ross Mullooly Project has donated over \$50,000 to Hope Lodge in the past five years, purchased

two new vans for patient transport with the help of People’s Drugstore, and currently delivers snacks to Mary Bird Perkins and Chabert/Ochsner chemotherapy units twice a month. The project has made donations to the Children’s Miracle Network (a favorite of Ross), been the sole sponsor of the Friends of the Bayou Children’s Health Fair, provided gift cards and toys to patients spending the holidays in the hospital, DVD players and movies to the Hope Lodge and the Oncology Unit at Ochsner Medical Center, a walker, wheelchair, and toiletries to the Hope Lodge, and supplies to the Ronald McDonald House. The project has also donated money to several needy cancer patients to pay transportation costs, utility bills and rent. Ross Millooly’s legacy has been continued at the request of his friends and the community.

Stone High Key Clubber Helps Foster Kids

Stone High School Key Club Facebook Page

Stone High School Key Club member Kayla Richard worked with therapeutic foster kids from the Apellah Agency. She worked for 5 hours on May 24, 2018 putting together and painting furniture for new foster kids and packing up and helping the boys get ready to be adopted. She gave drumming lessons to both boys after having lunch with them. Kayla also helped the foster mother, who has heart problems, by doing the heavy lifting in getting the house ready for the boys.



Taking Care of the Furry Ones

Southeastern Circle K International Facebook Page

On Friday, April 27, **Southeastern Louisiana University's Circle K International Club** volunteered at the Tangi Humane Society animal shelter from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Circle K Members walked, bathed, and even played with the animals.



LaMissTenn Attends Governor & Administrator Training Conference

LaMissTenn Circle K International District Facebook Page

Governor Kaelyn Nguyen and Administrator Sid Guedry attended the Circle K International Governor & Administrator Training Conference (GATC) from April 4-8 at Kiwanis International Headquarter in Indianapolis, IN! Check out this year's awesome 18-19 Governor Class (Top Right) and the Subregion D (reamTeam) Governor's (Bottom Right)! Also a special shout out to the Rocky Mountain District Governor: Kaori Keyser served on the LaMissTenn Key Club district board with Kaelyn during 2014-2015!

News from the Hammond AKtion Club

By Judy Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

AKtion Club Treats Senior Moms

Members of the **Hammond Kiwanis Aktion Club**, from left, Jonathan Turnage, Lance Foster and Shawn McDonald, delivered hand-made Mother's Day bags with small treats inside to patrons of the Tangipahoa Council on Aging's Hammond Senior Citizen Center. The Aktion Club members decorated and lettered personal messages on the bags that were then delivered to the center. This Mother's Day treat was the latest community service project accomplished by the Aktion Club. The members thoroughly enjoyed making the bags.



Creativity on Display

Big smiles convey the joy that members of the **Hammond Kiwanis Aktion Club** derived from decorating bags with Mother's day messages at one of their recent meetings. Aktion Club members demonstrated their creativity and artistic talents. Growth and multiple activities have been the hallmark of this club since its founding six years ago.



New AKtion Club Leaders

Members of the **Hammond Kiwanis Aktion Club** recently elected a new slate of officers.

Leading the club, from left, are: Brian Phillips, vice president; Jerry Corcoran, president; and Joyce Reid, secretary.

The officers are busily planning activities for the coming year.



Musical Garden Dream Comes to Life

By Sal La Rock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club



The Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club and its Aktion Club advisors partnered with the Kiwanis Children's Fund, the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust and other local businesses and individuals to sponsor the newly completed Hal Harries Musical Garden at Magnolia Community Services, Inc., benefitting the **Magnolia AKtion Club**, in Old Jefferson.

The Musical Garden has been the dream of Jennifer Hebert, Executive Director at Magnolia and many of the staff for quite some time. It was through a bequest from the estate of Hal Harries that Hebert was able to initiate the fruition of this dream.

Hal Harries was a client at Magnolia until his death in 2015. He received residential and vocational services at Magnolia and was a lover of all types of music. Although Hal's ability to express himself verbally was limited, music was a means by which he regularly communicated. It also contributed to his cheerful and positive outlook on life. Because music was Hal's passion, outdoor musical instruments were installed as part of the garden and will help keep alive that joy while inspiring and improving the lives of all of his friends and visitors for years to come.

The Musical Garden has multiple purposes: 1.) It signals the beginning of a more holistic approach toward life, 2.) It focuses on the clients' mental and behavioral needs, 3.) It will further the clients' physical, spiritual and emotional development, 4.) It provides a fun walking track and opportunity to play the different outdoor instruments, 5.) The Musical Garden will also become an extension of Magnolia's Vocational Horticulture program, and 6.) The Musical Garden will be open to the public as a safe and secure environment for the Magnolia clients and Aktion Club to meet their family and friends.



The Hal Harries grand opening of the garden was hosted by Magnolia Executive Director Jennifer Hebert. On this beautiful, sunny day, nestled under four magnificent old oak trees and a landscaped garden with colorful and inspirational art, invited guests enjoyed a champagne brunch. Guests were entertained by the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. Jennifer spoke of Magnolia's vision to provide a permanent reminder of Hal's passion for music, offered in a setting that will inspire, entertain, and motivate the clients to

learn, work, and grow. She then thanked and acknowledged all of their contributors and donors. She also thanked Landscape Images, LTD, and the artists and staff of Special Creations who turned their dream into reality.

Jennifer concluded her presentation with the introduction of Michele Israel, a friend of Hal. Michele currently lives in one of the community homes owned and operated by Magnolia. She also attends Magnolia's day program. Michele passionately sang the Whitney Houston song, *I Will Always Love You*, as a tribute to Hal.

The guests then were invited to tour the garden by walking on the paved, twisting blacktop walkway, play the permanent outdoor instruments and view the garden art. The Hal Harries Musical Garden is truly a tribute to Hal's love for music. It will provide a place for meeting with friends and family, enjoying a walk or just quiet reflection. The garden will serve as a living memory of Hal's magical ability to inspire others through the gift of music.



Beach Beautification Day!

Aktion Club of South Mississippi Facebook Page

Big shout out to all of the **South Mississippi Aktion Club** members who came out on March 24 for the beach clean-up community project! Aktion Clubs do help make a difference in our community!



Keeping Slidell Beautiful

By Wanda Farbe, Camellia City Kiwanis Club

Members of the **Camellia City Aktion Club of Slidell** were back in action on April 21st as they did their part to help Keep Slidell Beautiful. They helped with the cleanup project by sprucing up the grounds of the Slidell Senior Center.



Acadiana: Still Making a Difference

By Iva Lee Clement, Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club President

Friday, May 18th was a busy day for the **Kiwanis of Acadiana Club**. We held the final BUG program for Plantation Elementary on May 18th. There were over 350 students recognized for their hard work for this school year. The group enjoyed ice cream and club members donated over 100 giveaways. We had a drawing for the grand prizes. Two bikes and two scooters, went home with the lucky winners. Our second event of the day, was to volunteer at Downtown Alive,

a local music event, in Lafayette. We had 5 club members that participated in this event open to the community.

Red Nose Day was May 24th and our members participated in this event that raises money to end child poverty.

Our mini projects are still going strong with the following donations made: February - office supplies to LARC, March - clothes to Salvation Army, April - household and personal items to Volunteers of America and

May - prizes and giveaways for the BUG program at Plantation Elementary.

The summer months will be spent preparing for the annual Zydeco Pancake Breakfast and continuing the work on our park project.



Students of the Month

By Mitch Childre, Pearl Kiwanis Club

The **Kiwanis Club of Pearl** adopted Pearl Upper Elementary School in Pearl several years ago. One of the deeds the club does for this school through the adoption is sponsor the "Student of the Month Celebration". The Club provides lunch for the event.

The students are selected each month by their respective homeroom teachers and all fourth and fifth grade students are eligible. Positive recognition of the students is provided. The Celebrations are held monthly during the school year.

Pictured are fourth and fifth grade students that attended one of these monthly events.



Building Bridges to the World

By Mary Wilder, Memphis Kiwanis Club

In 2018, the **Kiwanis Club of Memphis** in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Memphis and Shelby County Schools Division of Special education built two ramps for children confined to wheelchairs. Over 25 volunteers worked on two different Saturday mornings from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. building the ramps. Kiwanis provides the labor and the supplies, Habitat for Humanity assist with design, orders the materials, and supplies the expertise and the “TOOL” truck. We work hard and make children and families happy with bridges (ramps) to world.



Excitement at the Special Olympics!

By Selena Dozier, Union City Kiwanis Club

Every year the **Union City Kiwanis Club** sponsors and hosts the Special Olympics for the adults in our area. These are individuals and athletes who live nearby and who participate on a yearly basis. It is one of the highlights of our year as a club because it is always so rewarding to see the excitement on the faces of these men and women. The games take place at Union City High School. This year due to inclement weather we held the games in the football team's indoor practice facility on April 14th.

The games are officially started with the singing of our national anthem and by the reciting of the Special Olympics oath, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," by one of the athletes. The invocation was given by one of our members, Shane Dodson. The events include softball throw, standing long jump, 25 meter walk/run and 50 meter walk/run for men and women. Each participant receives a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbon for their efforts. After the games are completed we treat the athletes and their guests/support staff to lunch sponsored by McDonald's.

Our Kiwanis Club has been sponsoring and hosting this event for our area for several years now. We have enjoyed watching our athletes grow along with us over the years. Some of them have physical conditions that prevent them from participating at times, but they are always willing to come out and support their friends and fellow athletes at this wonderful event. It is our honor to host these games for this inspiring group of individuals along with their families and support staff.



Cortana Cooks it up for the Community!

By Debbie Salvant, Cortana Kiwanis Club

Cortana Kiwanis of Baton Rouge has been busy working with many organizations in the community. Cooking our “World Famous Jambalaya” was an integral part of our work this quarter. It was always cooked to assist groups focused on children to reach their goals.



We began by donating 300 meals to **Junior Achievement**. The group pre-sold the meals and delivered them throughout the city. Junior Achievement of Greater Baton Rouge is a for-impact, non-profit organization serving our community by bringing volunteers from the business community into the classroom to teach kindergarten – 12th grade students personal finance, entrepreneurship, business concepts and work-readiness skills.

Junior League of Baton Rouge sponsored an event known as **Touch A Truck**. This event is a unique, interactive, one-day event that allows children to see, touch, and explore their favorite big trucks, vehicles, heavy equipment and more, as well as meet the individuals who protect, serve, and build Baton Rouge. Cortana Kiwanis was one of the food vendors, providing 400 servings of jambalaya.

April 20th found the club at the **Parkview Elementary Spring Fling Carnival**. Proceeds funded new playground equipment, replaced classroom and auditorium chairs and provided new classroom technology that is not funded by EBR Parish School District. Three hundred meals were served this day.

BUG is a Kiwanis program that Cortana Kiwanis is involved in. This is the third year in our partnership with **Broadmoor Elementary School**. On May 16th a party was held for 54 third, fourth and fifth graders for bringing up their grades for the second semester. They were treated to cookies and ice cream and received a BUG certificate. Seventeen students' names were drawn to select a prize of their choice from a variety of toys, books and games. Then, excitement built as the names of six students were drawn to receive a bicycle. These students were taken at a later date to select their bikes at a local WalMart.



As a result of our years of partnership with Broadmoor Elementary, the school nominated Cortana Kiwanis as an outstanding school partner. The club was recognized at the **East Baton Rouge School Board's VIPS**

Apple Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 10th.

Girls on the Run South Louisiana celebrated the end of the 10-week Girls on the Run program at the Girls on the Run 5k on Sunday, May 6. More than 900 participants, including 400 girls in third through eighth grade and 130 volunteer mentor coaches completed the 3.1 mile event. Cortana Kiwanis Club provided 300 jambalaya meals for the participants.



HOBY's mission is to provide life-long leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential. HOBY programs provide youth, who are selected by their schools to participate, unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation building experience. Cortana Kiwanis has provided lunch for this group for at least 15 years. The latest **HOBY conference** was held Saturday, June 16th. The club provided lunch for 150 students.

Our final project to close out the quarter was to make a pledge to **St. Joseph's Academy High School** to provide an AED for their new gymnasium scheduled to open in the fall.

Over these months, approximately 40 Cortana Kiwanis members participated in these events. We look forward to many more community events.

Library Rocks This Summer!

By Donna Osburn, Vicksburg Kiwanis Club



Magician Dorian LaChance entertains over 70 children for the opening ceremony of the Warren Vicksburg Public Library Summer Reading Program.

The theme for this year's Summer Library Reading Program is "Library's Rock!" and all the decorations and events are centered around music.

On Monday June 4th, 10 Kiwanians from the **Vicksburg Kiwanis Club** and two Key Clubbers from the Vicksburg High School Key Club assisted the Library with the opening session of the Summer Library Reading Program. The opening session was the

registration and kickoff party for a summer's worth of events that the Vicksburg Club sponsors and for which the club provides volunteers.

Over 70 children and 50 adults attended the kickoff. The Vicksburg Kiwanis Club manned the registration table and got the kids registered and helped them set their summer time book reading goal. Magician Dorian LaChance provided the entertainment

with a program geared specifically for the Library and the summer reading program. The Club served cake and snacks for the party.

Other events during the Summer Reading program include – Story times, Singing and Strumming in the Stacks, Sign Language songs, Building Rain Sticks, Building Cell phone speakers from cardboard tubes, Dulcimer Group, Nature Sounds from the Natural Science Museum, Air Guitar Rock Out party, Karaoke party, and a Sock Hop closing ceremony on July 19th.

The Vicksburg Kiwanis did this as a Signature project last year and provided over 150 volunteer hours for 26 different events during the 6 week period. Forty-six percent of the members of our club volunteered at least once. Last year, 350 children registered for the program and in total read over 3,000 books. The library is expecting an even bigger participation this summer.

Dyersburg: Celebrating 80 Years of Service

By Sandy Tarkington, Dyersburg Kiwanis Club

The **Dyersburg Kiwanis Club** recently celebrated its 80th year with a special program presented by Past President/Past Lt. Gov. Danny Walden. Walden shared the history and structure of the local club, as well as photos and archives. Since 1938, members have made an impact on its community in immeasurable ways, including Kiwanis Park, Pancake Day, Terrific Kids, Duck Blast and Goodfellows.



Current Members of the Dyersburg Kiwanis Club

Jacobs Presented with FBI Director's Community Leadership Award

By Myra Lewis, Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club



On Friday, April 20, 2018, **Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain (KPC)** member, Noreen Jacobs was presented with the 2017 Director's Community Leadership Award by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Director, Christopher A. Wray, at the FBI Headquarters Building in Washington D.C.

Ms. Jacobs, a KPC member since July 2017, has worked as an educator in the

New Orleans Public Schools for many years and, as such, recognized the need for programs aimed at supporting local youth, especially after Hurricane Katrina. She founded the Hope Community Resource Center (HCRC) in 2010 to provide educational opportunities to the underserved population of disadvantaged families in the Greater New Orleans area. The HCRC provides weekly and summertime tutoring and mentoring, parental involvement workshops and other resources to parents and children. Ms. Jacobs and her staff of ten volunteers tutor and mentor first through eighth grade students in English, Reading, Math and other subjects. The program has grown from ten students in 2010 to over 200 students in 2017.

Prior to her joining KCP, Ms. Jacobs was provided a District Foundation

grant that provided healthy snacks to the students being tutored in after school programs at the Algiers Regional and Gentilly libraries. Members of KCP volunteered as tutors within those programs. In August of 2015, Ms. Jacobs was presented with KCP's Community Leadership Award at its annual Installation Banquet.



Pictured are Ms. Jacobs and members of KCP at the local event held at FBI headquarters in New Orleans March 16th.

Picayune Honored by School District

By Steve McDonald, Picayune Kiwanis Club

The Picayune Kiwanis Club was honored to receive the Pearl River County School District "Community Partner of the Year" award for numerous projects in conjunction with the district.

Some of these projects include: Special Olympics, a fishing trip for special needs students, a grant for the initiation of a library for inclusion students, and grants for the purchase of teaching supplies and equipment, such as iPads for special needs students.

Thank you to Superintendent Allen Lumpkin and Assistant Superintendent Missy Houston for presenting this great award to Kiwanian's Jonathan Trahan, Carey Meitzler and

Ted Musgrove!

Also, the Kiwanis Club of Picayune recently met for an evening of fellowship and praise for the hard work the club had done during the past year.

Pictured at right are Club Treasurer Jason Pigott and fellow Kiwanian Steve McDonald. McDonald, who instituted the new award, presented the first annual "Unkie Award" to Kiwanian Pigott for his tireless work in organizing the club's finances and his dedication to all club projects!

Each year the Club will present this award to a member. For a year the recipient will proudly display the trophy in his office along with a plaque which they will keep.



Dawn Busters at it Again!

By Sal LaRock, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club

Rewards for Reading at Baby Cakes Baseball Game

In June, the **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** celebrated finishing the 40th Rewards for Reading Program this school year!

The club has 20 Reading Rewards programs in 20 elementary schools in a collaborative working community partnership with the Jefferson Parish School Board.

The club teamed up with one of their corporate community partners, the New Orleans Baby Cakes Baseball Team, to recognize nine top readers on the field with Baby Cakes recognition certificates at the start of a home game.



Lantern Light Gala

The **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** volunteered to serve the food for the Lantern Light Gala, “Strolling through New Orleans.” Lantern Light is one of the Dawn Busters many community outreach partners. The Dawn Busters purchase and serve over 200 meals to the homeless and those with a lack of resources four Mondays of every month.

Making Sunny Bears to Inspire

The **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** community outreach program has partnered a new creative project with the seniors at Metairie Manor which allows them a challenge to utilize their free time and skills to cut, sew and dress their own teddy bear. The purpose for the program is for seniors to give back to others who are in need of inspirational support. They call their teddy bears Sunny ‘boy’ and Share ‘girl’. The Dawn Busters Club finances the project.

Pictured in the back row, Sal La Rock is the Dawn Busters Sunny Bear Chairman.



Annual Prayer Breakfast Is a Success!

By Milisa York, St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club

The **St. Gabriel Kiwanis Club** held its Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. The speaker for this great event was St. Gabriel Chief of Police Kevin Ambeau, Sr.



Martin Celebrates 50 Years

By Anna and Jim Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

Sixty-three people attended the 50th Anniversary Gala of the **Martin Kiwanis Club** on May 19 at the Discovery Park of America. Thank you for 50 years of improving the world one child and one community at a time!

Charter members attending the event and their spouses were (left to right) David and Doris Brodrick, Shashi and S. K. Airee, Harriett and Jim Westmoreland, Governor Otha Britton and Monica, and Betty and Harry Henderson.



A New Little Free Library in Town!

East Central Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

There's a new library in Hurley, and it's free to take home a book or two! It's called the 'Little Free Library'. It's a stand-alone cabinet behind the Merchants & Marine Bank on Highway 613.

The 'Little Free Library' is possible through a partnership between the **Kiwanis Club of East Central** and The Friends of East Central Public Library. The ribbon cutting took place on June 14 and many excited kids, Kiwanians and friends of the library were there to celebrate and support this new collaborative effort.

It wasn't an easy build. Organizers used an old cabinet and the help of several people in the community to make this happen. The premise: stop by and grab a book. Read it. Return it and grab another. You can also drop unwanted books off.



Buddy Benches: Encouraging Friendships

South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club

Facebook Page

On May 16, the **Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles** delivered another buddy bench to Nelson Elementary School where it was received by the students there. The bench encourages children to be kind to others, especially those in need of a good friend.



Service in the Great Outdoors!

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Cub Scout Campout

In May, the **Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club's** sponsored Cub Scout Pack wrapped up a year of activity with the final campout of the school year. This is always a special campout as it is the one where they receive their advancement badges. The camp was set up and firewood gathered for the campfire to cook hotdogs. Before dinner, the boys and their parents looked forward to Bruce Hammatt's nature hike explaining the types of plants and animals seen on the hike. The boys even found some blackberries to munch on too. Dinner of crawfish fettucini, green beans, salad and bread was followed by some cast iron Dutch oven peach cobbler and of course S'Mores. After sunset, it was time to prepare for the award ceremony. The newest scouts, the Tiger Cubs, were recognized and led the older scouts in the Scout Oath.

Next came the Wolves, Bears and Webelos ranks. Finally, it was time to recognize the graduating scouts who earned their Arrow of Lights badge. Soon it was lights out as the campfire was doused. Early Sunday morning it was a somewhat cool morning with the birds singing. The morning campfire was lit and coffee put on to perk. As the breakfast was prepared the boys slowly woke up and gathered by the fire. They had a little treat of fried biscuits with powdered sugar while the grits, eggs and Manda sausage cooked. Chowing down began immediately as the boys were very hungry. Soon it was time to start breaking camp and heading for home. Plans were discussed to have a couple of activities this summer before getting geared back up next school year.

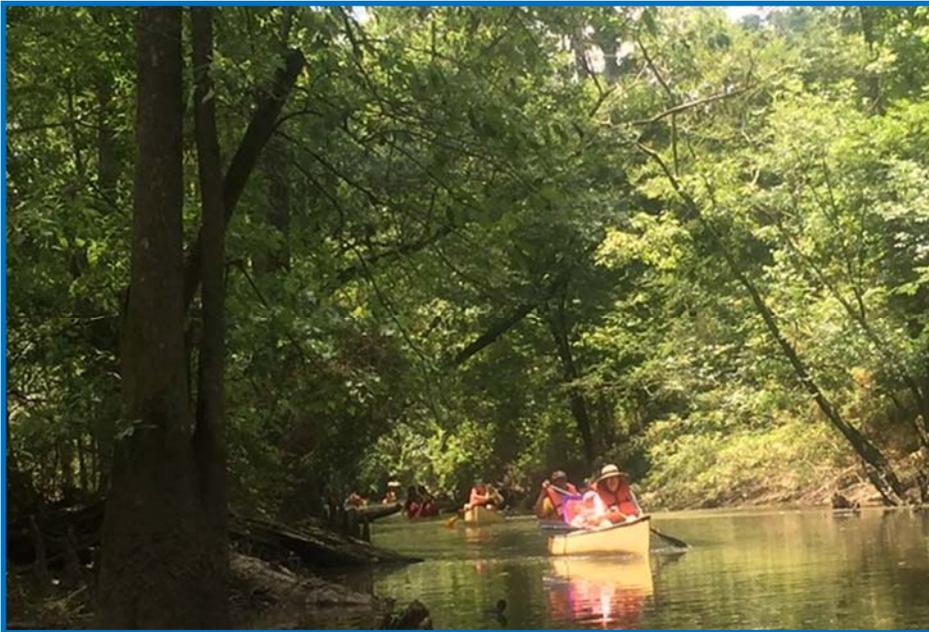


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Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Canoeing at Tickfaw Louisiana State Park



In May, **Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club** members Joy Hammatt, Dorothy Kemp, Tamara Heidenthal, Mark Heidenthal, Brian Parker, Terri Hammatt, and Noel Hammatt volunteered at the Annual McMains Children's Developmental Center's Canoe Trip at the beautiful Tickfaw State Park in Louisiana.



Noel Hammatt helped put canoes in the water and load them. One hundred children and family members from McMains and St. Lillian Academy enjoyed a fun day of canoeing. Seventy volunteers from LDEQ, BASF, McMains, Atmos Energy, and the Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club assisted with this great project.

Dorothy Kemp and Joy Hammatt kept track of all the canoes that went out and were returned. They were pleased to report that all 47 canoes were returned.



Service for the Children

Camellia City, Slidell Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On June 1, the **Kiwanis Club of Camellia City, Slidell** began freshening up the old U.S. map on the grounds of Whispering Forest Elementary for the kids when they return to school! They were back at it a second day for the final touches.



May Road Cleanup Day!

Southeast Shreveport Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



Members of the **Southeast Shreveport Kiwanis Club** enjoyed a Road Cleanup on a beautiful day in May.

Fishing Fun for Kids!

East St. Mary Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On May 19, the fish were biting at the **East St. Mary Kiwanis** 10th Annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo! Kids ages 3-15 fished for free at Lake End Park from 9:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. and enjoyed complimentary hot dogs and refreshments. Trophies and door prizes were awarded to the lucky winners!



A Special Day of Fishing!

Picayune Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

It was a special day of fishing with the Special Needs students of the Pearl River County School District at the 2018 **Kiwanis Club of Picayune** Fishing Tournament held in April.



Kiddo Craft Party!

*East St. Mary Kiwanis Club
Facebook Page*

Ain't no party like a craft party! **The St. Bernard Kiwanis Club** included a kids table with crafts at their Pancake Breakfast on May 12. Key Clubbers helped set up and man the table and many Terrific Kids participated in fun crafts. Kuddos to St. Bernard Kiwanis for a fantastic idea!

#KidsNeedKiwanis!



Every Child a Swimmer

St. Martinville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



Another successful program of Every Child a Swimmer, **St. Martinville Kiwanis Club's** signature project for the past 17 years, was completed in May. Over 100 children were given 5 days of lessons and so many have learned to put their face in the water and many have learned to float and kick, and some to really swim and doggy paddle. The success is due to the coordinated efforts of so many people: the St. Martinville Kiwanis Club, including Christine Berard, who is the chairperson of this event, Peggy Hardy, Carol Lagarde, Janis Delahoussaye, George Choplin, and so many other Kiwanians who brought food, ice, cookies, etc.; the **Acadiana Homeschool Key Club** who provided volunteers to keep the student/teacher ratio low; the principal of ELC, Jessica Landry; ELC faculty and staff, for scheduling and securing transportation and making things work smoothly; and the St. Martinville City Pool managers, guards, and swim instructors for "making it work" even when things were tough.



Building for Habitat for Humanity

Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On May 5, members of the **Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club** worked on two homes with Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West!



Heartfelt Service

Opelousas Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

In May, the **Opelousas Kiwanis Club** painted the exterior of the Refinery Mission's Chapel - a faith based mission for men. Club members were thankful for the opportunity to get to know a few of the residents and receive their help in this painting project!



Bikes for Reading

Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

On May 14, **Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club** members Deidre Charlot and Myra Lewis presented certificates of participation, gift coupons and bicycles with bike helmets and locks to the winning readers at Esperanza Charter School for the club's Bikes for Reading program. This semester's program was the first for Esperanza Charter School.

Pictured are: 1.) Myra with Victoria Vasquez, Social Worker and Reading Program Coordinator; 2.) 2nd grade bike winner, Joseph and runner up, Miguel; 3.) 3rd grade winners with certificates; 4.) 3rd grade bike winners, Denia and Ashli with their bikes; and 5.) other Esperanza students anxiously waiting to hear the winners announced.



Share Your Club's News!

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor

Submit your article or photographs:

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

DEADLINES:

The deadline for article submissions is always two weeks before the publication's date. Here are the deadlines for the 2018-2019 Kiwanis Year:

October 2018 Issue = Deadline: September 16, 2018

January 2019 Issue = Deadline: December 17, 2018

April 2019 Issue = Deadline: March 17, 2018

July 2019 Issue = Deadline: June 16, 2019

Include this information:

CLUB: Club, Division Number, and Author

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

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

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

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

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

We want photographs showing how your club impacts the community!



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