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Get to Know the Governor

By Eva A. Abate, Governor

I am an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Southwest Contraband in Lake Charles, past president of my Club and Kiwanian of the Year. I have served as a District Trustee, a member of the District Foundation Board and past board President; I served as Lieutenant Governor for Division 12 and Governor-Elect 2017-18 for Louisiana Mississippi W. Tennessee District.

I am a Life Member of Kiwanis International, a Hixson Fellow, Centennial award recipient, Walter Zeller Fellow, awarded a River of Life and John T. Roberts, charter Friend of the Foundation and recipient of the Leadership Circle.

I am married to V. J. Abate, a Lake Charles native and business owner of Abate’s Plumbing LLC. V. J. and I have 3 children; Alexis, Vee and Ryan and 10 grandchildren; Kristopher, Hunter, Sylvia, Hannah, Ethan, Made lynne, Kelsey, Darby, Henley and Landry. Our family enjoys motor-homing and tailgating. We are parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and have served in various capacities throughout the years and cherish our faith filled journey.

I’m looking forward to my year as your Governor of this Great and Historic District; LAMISSTENN.

LOVE IT  LIVE IT  SHARE IT

District Goals for 2018-2019

Governor Eva Abate presents her goals for 2018-2019 and urges all clubs to help her achieve them:

1. Open 5 new Kiwanis Clubs.
   A. Search out areas that do not have Kiwanis Clubs.
   B. Make contact with our District Membership Chair for his leadership and expertise.
   C. Set a timeline for each step of the club opening process.

2. Continue to attract new members with our service projects and fundraisers adding net 2 members per club.
   A. Membership Chair can assign every member of your club a month that they will bring a guest/prospective member. The chair can set this goal and can track a completion date to determine if the goal is met.
   B. Sponsor an educational social/membership drive.
   C. Be sure to have new membership applications available at every meeting and event.
   D. Award yourself when the goal is met.

3. That every member of Kiwanis has a login and a password to kiwanis.org and access to Portalbuzz or other internet service for their Kiwanis Club.
Wow! My year as Governor is over!

Where did the year go?!! There is still so much to do, but now it is in Governor Eva’s hands. We accomplished a lot this year, but we had hoped to do so much more. The district’s signature project selection (Cortana’s Christmas Parade) made the top 10 in the world. Thanks to Lt. Governor Rogena Woods-Mitchell (Division 14), Formula Chair Gary Graham, the hard-working Dennis Oliver, and many more faithful Kiwanis members in our district, we were able to open seven new clubs this year. This matched my personal goal, but it surpassed the minimum district goal of five set by International President Jim Rochford.

The new club openings started with the Internet club eLaMissTenn, followed by the Istrouma Club in Louisiana, then Mississippi clubs in Stone County (Wiggins), Poplarville, East Central (Hurley area), St. Martin -D’Iberville, and lastly in Moss Point. The improvement in new club openings was so much that the District received many accolades from President Jim at the International Convention in Las Vegas. Our district membership has a good chance of ending with an increase. By the time this newsletter appears, we will know for sure, but with the new clubs and increases in many clubs in the district, we may indeed end up positive in membership. If so, our district will be honored by Kiwanis International as a Distinguished District. Keeping our fingers crossed!

We had a great Mid-Winter Conference in Natchez followed by a superb 100th Annual District Convention in Baton Rouge where we celebrated our history and honored our district governors. Since our district began officially in 1920, we celebrated with a Roaring 20’s party that featured most of the attendees donning attire appropriate to the 1920’s. We had a great time and the convention planners put together a great show. The featured and probably most-liked event occurred at the Opening Session, when our past district governors presented segments of the history of our district, Kiwanis International, and the world. Hopefully this history script will be preserved for the ages so that those attending our 200th annual convention (I probably won’t get to attend that one!) can enjoy it, too.

As Governor, I was privileged to work with many different dedicated Kiwanians at the district, club and international levels. This was surely a highlight of my life as I saw everything that goes on to provide service to children all over the world. Few will experience this, but if you get a chance to be governor, jump on it. You won’t be sorry. The paid district staff members are super people and do far more than could be expected of ones holding their positions. There are only two of these, of course. Executive Director Charlie Ford and his wife Sharon (who does not get paid!) do so much to keep this district alive and well. It is hard to imagine what it would be like without them. Tiffany Domingue, our part-time administrative assistant, not only does such standard things as preparing mailings, flyers, etc., but she produces a top-quality district newsletter. If you don’t know what is happening in our LaMissTenn district, then you haven’t been reading the newsletter. We appreciate our two paid staff members very much. Thank you, Charlie and Tiffany!

For the upcoming year I will continue to serve on the Board of Trustees and I will re-join the District Foundation Board of Directors, so resting on my laurels is not an option. I’m looking forward to serving the district this 2018-2019 year.
100th District Convention

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two hundred eighty-seven Kiwanians and guests attended the 100th LaMissTenn District Convention in Baton Rouge, La., from August 3-5, 2018.
- Lt. Governors, Presidents, and Secretaries prepared for a fantastic year of service on Friday afternoon by attending specialized training sessions.
- Friday night, Kiwanians took a trip down memory lane, featuring the Past Governors of the District. Interesting facts were shared on how the District originated and developed over the years into “The Great & Historic La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District.”
- Saturday morning, Kiwanians attended a wide array of twenty-four educational workshops to prepare club officers, committee chairs, and members of leadership techniques, service project ideas, proven ideas on how to increase club membership, ideas on how to improve club relationships with sponsored SLP clubs, and more. On Saturday afternoon, District Officers were elected in the House of Delegates represented by delegates from attending clubs. Saturday night, Kiwanians and guests danced the night away roaring 20’s style in celebration of the 100 years of Kiwanis service in the district. See page 7 for more.
- Sunday morning attendees gathered for a Prayer Breakfast to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life, and gave thanks to our Creator, and then closed out the weekend by installing the 2018-2019 District Officers.
- Bruce Hammatt, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club, was inducted as the Governor-Elect for the district for the 2018-2019 year. Pictured at the top right, Kiwanis International Trustee Katrina Baranko announces Bruce’s induction while Mrs. Joy Hammatt pins the new Governor-Elect.
- The District Foundation set an all-time record with receipts from the Gift Basket Raffle with $6,643. Couple that with the success of the Friends of the Foundation drive, 35 new and/or renewed pledges. The Foundation expresses their appreciation to all the members and clubs who helped make this a very successful weekend.
- The service project for the 100th Annual Convention was donating school supplies for Broadmoor Elementary. We were happy to present the supplies to Broadmoor Guidance Counselor, Laurie Bonin and Principal, Larry Harris.
- Special thanks to: Our Convention Co-Chairs Wanda Magee and Gary LaBauve and to all the local Kiwanians who volunteered to make this a successful event.
100th District Convention:
LaMissTenn Speakeasy Roaring 20’s Style

Kiwanians from around the district stepped back into the 1920’s on Saturday night at the 100th LaMissTenn District Convention “Kiwanis Speakeasy!” Many dressed in Roaring 20’s attire to celebrate the anniversary of the District – just like the members celebrated the formation of our great District’s a hundred years ago! A good time was had by all!
We Have Some Pretty AWESOME Clubs in the District!

By Catherine Simmons, Foundation Grants Chair

LaMissTenn 100th District Convention Gift Basket Donations

1A: Union City, Martin
1C: Memphis, Millington (2), Germantown
3: Columbia
4A: Algiers, Big Easy, New Orleans (2), Pontchartrain, St. Bernard-Arabi, Third District, W. Jefferson
4B: Lakeside, Houma, Kenner North, Dawn Busters, Moisant
6: Ruston
7: Acadiana-Lafayette
8W: Cortana (14), Baton Rouge (2), Early Risers (2), LSU (2), South Baton Rouge
8E: Red Stick (2), Denham Springs (2)
10A: Columbus
10B: Starkville
11: Alexandria (2)
12: South Lake Charles, Southwest Contraband, Lake Charles
13: Hammond, Northshore Mandeville
14: Pascagoula, Orange Grove, Stone County
15: Vicksburg

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

- Clubs contributing to their Annual Club Gift: 63%
- Baskets donated at the District Convention: 62
- Raffle tickets sold for gift baskets: $5,793
- New Friends of the Foundation: 35
- River of Life Lithographs Awarded ($1,000 each) = 0
- John T. Roberts Awarded ($1,000 each) = 2
- Tablet of Honor Awarded ($2,000 each) = 4

When your club donates to the District Foundation, in any way ...... we put your funds to work for AEDs, Community Grants, Service Leadership training, Key Club & Circle K Scholarships, & Disaster Relief.

Benefit to OUR District Foundation . . . PRICELESS!
During the recent Kiwanis District Convention, in Baton Rouge, the District Foundation awarded nearly $13,000 in additional grants to the following clubs. They have one full calendar year in which to complete their project, turn in a final report and their receipts.

Congratulations to:
- Amory ($5,000) Backback program
- DeRidder ($5,000) Rebuild of a concession stand
- Lucedale ($1,000) Flashcards
- Pascagoula ($997) Dictionaries
- Poplarville ($1,000) School Uniforms

Kiwanis Club of Greater Covington received a grant award of $785 for their First Annual Youth Wellness Fair, which was held in March of 2018, at the St. Tammany Trace Trail Head. Over 500 parents and children participated, together with 25 vendors.

AED Grants of $750 were awarded to 6 clubs for schools in their area: Columbia, Cortana, Houma, Germantown, Pascagoula and Martin.

Kiwanis Club of McKenzie was awarded $1,000 for their “Soccer Field Enhancement”. They installed 2 aluminum benches on their town’s soccer field for home and visiting teams.

Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club was awarded $2,500 to assist with the completion of the “Hal Harris Musical Garden” on the grounds of Magnolia Community Services, a non-profit organization that provides support to adults living with developmental disabilities.

Does YOUR club need assistance from the Foundation?
Is there a project that you really want to do, but just don’t have the funds?
Check out our link on the District website for info on how to MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!

www.lamisstenn.org/foundation
Friends of the 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: For Credit Card Payments:

☐ Check (payable to “Kiwanis District Foundation”) Card Number __________ Exp. Date (MM/YY)

☐ Credit Card

☐ Cash

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)

Thank you for your generous support of the Kiwanis District Foundation!
As we end the 17-18 Kiwanis year, I am hopeful we will have positive growth in LAMISSTENN for the first time in many years. While thinking about what to write, I saw the attached photograph and description on Facebook. However, as with many things on Facebook, I decided to check it out more. While inspiring, it is not quite accurate. As I discovered on TruthorFiction.com, this photograph is “real” in the sense that it shows a pack of wolves in Wood Buffalo National Park, but the pack is not being led by the three oldest members and trailed by an “alpha” wolf, as implied by a viral Facebook post. Instead, one of the stronger animals leads the group in order to create a path through the snow for them. While admirable that the wolf pack acts like we would hope a family would, the truth is that the leader following is not the best way to lead. A leader must lead from the front and this is the real case in the photo where the leader clears the way for the others.

But, back to the point of this column. While we are up a couple of hundred members we have not seen the October dump numbers yet. But disappointingly, we have had a couple of clubs give up their charter this past month. They indicated they had tried to recruit new members but were unsuccessful. You know the old story, same few people doing all the work, no new members to step up and slowly the club tires and gives up. What is sad is that they did not reach out for help before it was too late.

The “Formula” which began five years ago is coming to an end next week but the basic program will remain. We will now be Membership Growth and will still look to build new clubs and strengthen existing clubs. But to be effective, we need the leaders to lead and to ask for help. Even a world class athlete has a coach to help fine tune their performance. In LAMISSTENN, we have a team of coaches led by Kim Champagne that will guide not tell the club leaders in analyzing their club just as a coach analyzes an athlete’s performance. The leaders know the particulars of the club but sometimes they are too close to the problem to be objective about their weaknesses. Unfortunately, this can lead to burn out, and like the two clubs mentioned above, they just give up. And who pays for this loss? The community, the kids and even the members who want to serve but no longer have an organized way to be effective. Even a great club, just like a world class athlete or an expensive automobile, can be fine-tuned for better performance.

We have the tools and desire to make sure that you can be the best you can be to serve the children of your communities. A survey will be going out in the next couple of weeks that we hope will help the clubs analyze themselves as we start the new Kiwanis year. The results will be compiled by Kim and given to the clubs. The survey replies are anonymous so we can get a true representation of the club and can work to correct any issues before it is too late. Just as the old saying goes, the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

Kiwanis has many new ideas and we can help you use them to make your club better and more impactful for your members. Just as with the wolf leader makes the path through the snow for the pack, we just need the Kiwanis clubs’ leaders to plow their way through the metaphorical “snow” to clear the path for the rest of their K-Family to follow. And we are here with the tools whether it is a “snow shoveling” or “snow blower", if needed, to help you do it.

“A wolf pack: the first 3 are the old or sick, they give the pace to the entire pack. If it was the other way round, they would be left behind, losing contact with the pack. In case of an ambush they would be sacrificed. Then come 5 strong ones, the front line. In the center are the rest of the pack members, then the 5 strongest following. Last is alone, the alpha. He controls everything from the rear. In that position he can see everything, decide the direction. He sees all of the pack. The pack moves according to the elders pace and help each other, watch each other.” - Cesare Bravi’s photo.
THE LAST MILE IS THE HARDEST!

Thanks to you and the many thousand members of the Kiwanis Family, great progress has been made to ELIMINATE tetanus in the world.

The cure for tetanus came about in 1924. When Kiwanis was searching for a WORLD WIDE SERVICE PROJECT, we found 39 countries with babies dying every 9 minutes and the simple cure was three $.60 ($1.80) shots of vaccine to protect the mom and ALL her future babies. So, in 2010, Kiwanis pledged $110 million to wipe tetanus off of the face of the Earth!!

Fast forward to now - 2018. We celebrate that $110 million has been reached in gifts and pledges. Eighty-two million dollars has been passed on to UNICEF, our partner, to travel into the end of the road villages to give shots to thousands of waiting moms. (The remaining pledges are being collected.)

Now, 25 countries are FREE from tetanus and will not go back to unsafe numbers. MY FRIENDS THIS IS HUGE!

BUT, 14 countries remain at risk. Even though inoculations are going on in each country, they are not at the "1 to 1000" ratio to be judged free.

SO, whatever you or your club have been able to contribute, I am asking you today to help finish a promise we made to 61 million women.

WILL YOU?
1. Raise more dollars today?
2. Ask your club to do a fundraiser for ELIMINATE?
3. Use club funds which have not been earmarked for another cause?
4. Ask community leaders to help us save babies?
5. Create club games to raise more dollars?
6. Send a news release to your newspaper?
7. Get SLPS involved?

My Kiwanis friends, this is an urgent call to save babies from this horrible, unnecessary disease.

ASK,
WHAT MORE CAN I DO?
Kiwanis Clubs often begin and end their meetings or special events with invocations to invoke the Lord’s blessings on the food, guidance for the club’s deliberations or planning, or for our service to the children of our area.

Our Christian or spiritual foundation is essential to our successes and to attracting men and women who may see Kiwanis service as an extension of their personal ministries. When we offer prayers, the only caution we probably need to consider is that the identity of each person’s “God” may be different from our own.

We generally don’t have that dilemma here in our District, but we are an international organization and our membership can easily include people who are Jewish or other nationalities/religions. We never want to hesitate to express our spiritual tenants (see Objects 1 & 2) but we must never step on other Kiwanians’ beliefs, either.

Here is the prayer that Kiwanis International published several years ago and is used by many Kiwanis clubs as their weekly benediction:

**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 courage, with Thy help to face whatever the morrow shall bring.

And grant us peace. Amen.

I encourage clubs to continue recognizing and honoring the first and second Objects of Kiwanis. They help make us unique among international service organizations.

By the way, I will be emailing club Presidents and Secretaries beginning October 1st in an effort to better educate our clubs about the first two Objects of Kiwanis International and to generate more interest in the Human and Spiritual Values part of our Kiwanis culture. If your club has a Chair for Human and Spiritual Values, please email me, crow52269@aol.com, their email address. And please look for my emails and share them in your club meetings.
This year marks the seventh LAMISSTENN Key Leader Weekend of the North. We had 51 regular student participants, 8 student facilitators, and 17 adult chaperones join us from May 4-6, 2018. We had students from Kentucky and Mississippi for the first time this year. Our Lead Facilitator was Chris Niles from Pennsylvania. Chris has been with us once before, and he did another excellent job as our Lead Facilitator.

This year was our first time to be working in a partnership with Kiwanis International. Our District was in charge of developing a website, the registration process, and the collection of fees and payment for the campsite, as well as materials needed both from Kiwanis International and other locations.

The Martin, Tennessee Kiwanis Club allowed us to utilize a new line item in their activities account to manage all the income and expenses. Our Club Treasurer, Steve Lemond, also developed our website and registration process. We owe a huge thank you to him for all his efforts to insure our success.

I am pleased to report that we budgeted well, and we have funds remaining in our account to be utilized for start-up fees for next year. Expenses will go up about $10 per student next year, but we are planning to keep the fees the same for another year, and we hope to have additional students attend next year. The current fees are $250 for a student participant, $150 for a student facilitator, and adult chaperones are free, except they must pay for their background check once every two years.

All the students attending either received some type of scholarship or sponsorship to attend. The District Foundation provided 8 scholarships, the PDOs provided 2 scholarships, and several Kiwanis Clubs, civic organizations, churches, and individuals provided the remainder of the sponsorships for the students to attend. Thank you so much to all of you for your generosity!

Next year’s Key Leader Weekend in the north is planned for May 3-5, 2019 at Camp Lakeshore in Eva, Tennessee. Any Kiwanis Clubs or individuals who would like to sponsor students, please contact me at lramsey@utm.edu. Please ask your Kiwanis Clubs to put a line item in your budget for next year’s event, and we would like to ask that you also consider sending your donation prior to Key Leader Weekend as we need to send funds to KI when we commit to an event, and we have to send a 25% down payment to Camp Lakeshore to reserve the camp ahead of time.

Thanks so much for your consideration of supporting Key Leader Weekend, which truly fulfills our motto of improving the world one child and one community at a time!
Summer is over and here comes a new school year and many new faces in the K-Kids family. I love this time of the school year because my ego bulges when great kids join the K-Kids SLPs.

Below, you are looking at a “Distinguished K-Kids Club.” Why? They raised close to $3,000 for the new Covington, TN Veterans Home and inspired Germantown Kiwanis to throw in a sizable donation as well. Great job guys! Oh, don’t forget the FES/DES/GES K-Kids toy collections for the Baptist Children’s Hospital, supplies for the Page Robins Day Care Center for adults, and flash cards generated by the K-Kids for the FE/GES Kindergarteners.

They do not look like K-Kids? Well they used to be K-Kids and now they are Key Club members helping Kiwanis with the Annual Germantown Festival. The guy in the blue shirt in the back is a Germantown Kiwanian overcome with festival fever.

TERRIFIC KIDS at Germantown Elementary School. Every month we visit some Terrific Kids at GES, FES, and DES. Here they are learning the aspects of being a good citizen. Here they enjoy creating new words.

This is my pride and joy. A young K-Kid speaker that is destined to be famous and successful. Know any of these people? Rasil Khotea is a celebrity where ever he goes these days. Germantown Kiwanis President, Brandy Miller wants to keep him. These folks in blue are the movers and shakers of our club. Thanks to Eva Abate for posing for this picture.

Make sure you have updated your SLP club data and ordered club materials and Trick-Treat boxes. You should be getting K-Kids materials this month. If not, contact KI.

This October will be the beginning of my last of many years being the District K-Kids Chairman. It has been fun. Please consider this extra duty. It is most fulfilling.
“Ordinary People Can Change the World” is the theme for the K-Kids after-school program this year at Martin Elementary School in Martin, TN. During registration at the school, 50 young people signed up and are excited about reading, leading, learning, and having fun.

Students will read books from the Read and Lead program sponsored by Kiwanis International and Penguin-Random House. A collection of 20 books is in place and ready for students to use. The Read and Lead kit was purchased through a donation made to Kiwanis in memory of Denton Bell, husband of former K-Kids advisor Mary Elizabeth Bell.

In addition to reading about well-known leaders, the Martin K-Kids will enjoy visits by several local people who have started foundations, leadership initiatives, or sports camps. These visiting leaders will explain how they saw a need in the community and worked to fulfill that need.

Fun activities are planned for each meeting. Later in the fall, one former K-Kids activity will be revived: planting daffodils in various locations in the community.

Photos by Jim Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

Get Ready for K-Kids Week!

K-Kids Week will occur February 18-22, 2019

K-Kids Week gives members the opportunity to show their community what K-Kids is truly about: service. Each day places an emphasis on service, to promote K-Kids within homes, schools and communities, and to make K-Kids a household name. Use this event as an opportunity to connect with other K-Kids advisors to brainstorm ideas, discuss plans, and share what your club does using the hashtag #KKidsClubWeek!

Planning on participating?
Visit kkids.org/K-KidsWeek for more information and learn how you can RSVP to our Facebook event.

www.kiwaniskids.org
LaMissTenn Key Clubbers had the opportunity to bond with other Key Clubbers from across the world in the Windy City of Chicago from July 4-8 at the biggest event of the Key Club year, the International Convention. Participants shared innovative service project and fundraising ideas, learned about service leadership, received leadership training, elected next year’s Key Club International Board, discovered new charities and organizations to team up with, were motivated by amazing speakers, had fun and made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime, and visited some awesome sites in Chicago. Whew! That’s a lot to accomplish in only 5 days!

Our Key Club District was honored to receive several awards. E.D White High School won first place in the Major Emphasis Award contest, Acadiana Home School won second place in the Single Service Award contest, Baton Rouge Magnet High School won in the Year in Review contest. Madison Liner received the Robert F. Lucas award as Outstanding Lieutenant Governor, and the LaMissTenn delegation won the Most Spirited District Award!

The LaMissTenn Adults (Judi Zimmermann, Kimberly Scarbrough Johnson, Anthony Simmons, Jean Benoit and Jessica Hightower turned loose in Chicago with our group of future leaders!}
New Orleans Kiwanis Club members participated in a Day of Service with their Key Club at Ben Franklin ... landscaping, weeding, building more benches, painting bird houses ... hot (hit 95 degrees!), but a very enjoyable morning with an AWESOME group of individuals!
Circle K Serves in Chicago

By Kaelyn Nguyen, LaMissTenn Circle K Governor & Tatianna Strong, Piney Hills Circle K Lieutenant Governor

On July 4th, 2018, three members of the LaMissTenn district (Kaelyn Nguyen, Governor, Louisiana Tech University; Tatianna Strong, Piney Hills Lieutenant Governor, UL-Monroe; and Lisa Huang, Club Secretary-Treasurer, LSU) headed to Chicago for the annual Circle K International Convention. The convention included a whole day dedicated to service, educational workshops, opportunities for fellowship, and authentic Chicago deep-dish pizza! The first day was about voicing their opinions by voting for international officers and bylaw amendment changes. The second day was the Day of Service. CKI’ers split into teams of 10-15 attendees and went out into the city to accomplish various service projects. 1. Tatianna’s team helped throw a “block party” for the local Boys & Girls club, 2. Kaelyn’s team cleaned and organized the Salvation Army building, and 3. Lisa’s team visited the homeless shelter to organize donations and serve food. On the third day they got the opportunity to learn recruitment techniques through the Social Excellence Project. They also had the opportunity to attend 4 rounds of workshops such as the WASH Project, Kiwanis Gives Online, and Strategic Growth. Each day they got to strengthen their friendship and district pride, as well as gain new friends throughout the country. They cannot wait for CKIx19 in Orlando, FL with Kiwanis!
Caring for Our Veterans

The Aktion Club of Camellia City, Slidell wanted to show Veterans how much they care. So, when they learned from their Camellia City Kiwanis advisor, Wanda Farbe, who volunteers at the Slidell Outpatient Slidell Clinic and VA Hospital in New Orleans about the VA Hospital’s Women’s Health Program having an upcoming baby shower, they were very excited and wanted to contribute. They decided to honor expectant Veteran mothers and their babies. Many of these female Veterans are first time moms or from low income families. The club bought various unisex baby items and put together a beautiful bag of gifts, which was presented at the Outpatient Clinic in Slidell to be delivered to the New Orleans VA Hospital for the shower.

School Supply Drive is a Success!

President Elect, Joel Davidson and Treasurer, Libby Fernandez Leone along with Jason, Carl, Vanessa, Shannon, and Lannon with the Aktion Club of Southwest Louisiana presented Henry Heights Elementary School with over $700 worth of school supplies in August. The Aktion Club’s school drive was a huge success! Donations poured in from all over the community! Thank you to everyone who donated.

Aktion Club Visits Aquarium

Members of the Hammond Kiwanis Aktion Club line up in front of the Mississippi River in New Orleans for a group picture following a visit to the Aquarium of the Americas recently. The Aktion Club, comprised of adults with disabilities, toured the aquarium and then enjoyed lunch in the foyer of the aquarium’s theater. Vic and Judy Couvillion, members of the Hammond Kiwanis Club, sponsors of the Aktion Club, accompanied the group on the tour. Describing his day in the Crescent City, one Aktion Club member remarked, “I had a jolly good time!” Pictured are: Joe Cheatem, Vince Michelli, Joshua Albin, Chuck Olson, Fabrizio Badely, Jerry Corcoran, Katrina Serpas, Lance Foster, Brian Phillips, Stephen Yazbeck, Jason Belsome, Evon Cohn, Joyce Reid, Theresa Chandler, Barbara Ann Sullivan, Robert Keller, Shawn McDonald and Alexis Sterling, Options Aktion Club sponsor. The Hammond Kiwanis Club has taken the Aktion Club on numerous trips such as visits to the State Capitol, the LSU athletic facilities, Audubon Zoo, and other venues.
East St. Mary Backs the Blue

By Debbie Stevens, East St. Mary Kiwanis Club

Local high school football players from Morgan City High, Berwick High, Patterson High and Central Catholic High marched to show their support of law enforcement on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018. In their football jerseys they walked from Berwick Elementary School across the LA. 182 bridge to Morgan City. Once they arrived in Morgan City they congregated under the Hwy. 90 bridge where their were volunteers who had provided hamburgers, chili, jambalaya and pulled pork sandwiches.

**The Kiwanis Club of East St Mary** handed water out to all those who gathered there. This is the third year the schools have shown their appreciation for our men in blue.

The East St Mary Kiwanis club also sponsored its third annual Law Enforcement Luncheon on Friday, August 17, 2018 at the Petroleum Club of Morgan City. Those agencies participating were the Morgan City, Berwick and Patterson Police Departments, the St Mary Parish Sheriff’s Department, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, local Mayors and Dignitaries as well as the Homeland Security Department. The guest speaker for the luncheon was United States Representative Clay Higgins. A small token of the Kiwanis club was given to all in attendance.

Pontchartrain Presents Community Leadership Award

By Myra Lewis, Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club

At the Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain’s 39th Annual Installation Banquet, Reverend Leonard M. Parker, Senior Pastor of the New Orleans Bible Fellowship Baptist Church (NOBFBC), was presented the 2018 Community Leadership Award. Shortly after this event, Reverend Parker received a Spiritual Leadership Award from UniverSoul Circus.

Reverend Parker served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in the New Orleans schools for 33 years before retiring in September 2013. He was ordained as a minister in 2002 and has served as Pastor at NOBFBC for the past decade.

In 2017, Reverend Parker assisted the Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain (KCP) with a District Foundation grant that provided relief to the New Orleans East community he serves following the February tornado event. Some of the houses damaged by the tornado were within a community still struggling to recover from the aftereffects of Hurricane Katrina. Reverend Parker assisted in identifying residents impacted by the tornado. He provided the church’s community center as the location for the registration of community members and the awarding of VISA cards by KCP. The community center was also used for a hot lunch that was served to the community by KCP in partnership with Big Easy Kiwanis Club.

Reverend Parker is shown in the photo with his wife, Denise, and his sons, Joshua and Jordan.
Approximately 340 cycling enthusiasts from throughout the region gathered on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University early on Saturday, Sept. 15, for the 26th Annual Tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride sponsored by the Hammond Kiwanis Club.

The Tour de Tangipahoa Bicycle Ride has come to be recognized as one of the premier bicycle rides on the Northshore region of Louisiana. Cyclists from as far away as Texas, Florida, Alabama and other states choose to ride in the tour because of the scenic beauty of the rural countryside and the professional manner in which the ride is presented.

Judy Couvillion, the long-time chairman of the Tour, said that she once again heard numerous positive compliments from many of the riders. “Our club puts a tremendous amount of effort into this event and it is worth all that we put out when we hear the riders say that they thoroughly enjoyed the Tour de Tangipahoa. We put a lot of hard work, and a lot of love, into this event and it is our hope that all the riders enjoyed the Tour. From what we hear, the riders were more than satisfied with the Tour.”

The Tour de Tangipahoa is the premier fund raiser for the Hammond Kiwanis Club. The club pursues two fund raisers: the “Tour” and the sale of non-alcoholic daiquiris at the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival. Those two events fund the club’s community service projects. The club’s principal service project is the Hammond Kiwanis Happy Pack Program that provides weekend food items for kindergarten and first-grade students who might not otherwise have something to eat on the weekends. Every week during the school year Kiwanis place 10 food items and a book in a backpack that is given to the pupils.

Additionally, the club hosts Terrific Kids and Bringing Up Grades (BUGs) programs at other schools, supports many community agencies, helps fund attendance of four students to Girls and Boys State, sponsors two Key Clubs, an Aktion club and a Circle K Club, and performs “hands-on” projects at various local agencies when called upon to do so.

The Tour de Tangipahoa traces its history back to the mid-1990s when the husband of a member suggested a bicycle ride as a way to raise funds. The club decided to offer two rides, a 60-mile trek for experienced riders and a 30-mile trek for intermediate riders. Courses were laid out that led the cyclists into the back-country of Tangipahoa Parish past dairy farms, creek and river crossings, through hilly country and then back to the Southeastern campus. The riders are escorted by deputies with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office and are followed by Kiwanians who form a team of “sag wagons.” The sag wagons (trucks belonging to the members) are there to pick up any riders who tire of the journey or who experience mechanical problems with their bikes.

Along the way are six rest stops that are fully stocked with water, sports beverage, candy, fresh fruit, salty treats, towels, and ice. Oh yes, and pickle juice is available. Several years ago the riders asked for pickle juice to ward off cramps and the club complied with their wishes. The pickle juice has become something of a joke associated with the Tour.

When the riders return to campus, a pastalaya dinner awaits their return. Volunteers also offer massages for the weary riders.

“There is no way that we could produce the Tour de Tangipahoa without the total dedication of our club’s members. Almost all of our members come out to help with the Tour. After years of putting on the event, most members know their jobs and they go about doing it without complaint. This is truly a ‘K’ function...we involve Key Clubbers, Circle K members and our Aktion Club. They all have a role to play in making the event the success that it has become,” Couvillion said.

“We start early on a Friday morning setting up tents and our supplies and we have to pick everything up at the ride’s conclusion. It’s a lot of work, but when the last rider comes through the gate at ride headquarters, we all relax and smiles cross our faces as we realize that we have once again hosted a safe, fun event for our many patrons. The spirit of sharing a heavy load to pull off a huge project is what keeps Kiwanians going. We may be tired at the end of the day, but we are happy tired. We know that we have done something that will ultimately end up doing good deeds for our community.”
Members of the Hammond Kiwanis Club spent the morning of July 28 at Natalbany Middle School painting the office, conference room, a hall and three bathrooms as the school prepared for the new academic year. Participating in the day of service were Kiwanians Bret Schnadelbach, Mayson Foster, Jason Wilson, John Bergeron, Ron Abel, Gerard Blanchard, Vic and Judy Couvillion and volunteers Elaine Schnadelbach and Sister Stringham, a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Hammond Kiwanis club sponsors Terrific Kids and Brings Up Grades (BUGs) programs at the school and is in the process of founding a Builder’s Club to serve the school’s students. The Kiwanis Club also conducts the Kiwanis Happy Pack Program at Woodland Park School and hosts Terrific Kids and BUGs programs at two other schools. The Hammond Kiwanis club has been involved in local schools for many years and counts service to the young through school involvement as an important part of the club’s community service activities.
The Kiwanis-sponsored 5K Run/Walk and the 1K Kid Fun Run are always highlights of the Tennessee Soybean Festival, a week-long event held at the beginning of September each year in Martin.

Forty-seven participants entered the 2018 event, which was held on September 8 at the City of Martin Recreation Complex near Westview High School. Members of Kiwanis Club of Martin facilitated details of this community event and other volunteers included several members of the UT Martin men’s basketball team and their coach.

Online registration and all the details were available on the Tennessee Soybean Festival website, tnsoy-beanfestival.org and the Kiwanis Facebook page.

This popular event was a morning of fun for all ages. Awards were given in a variety of categories, and the entry fees were modest. Although there were no new t-shirts for this event, shirts from previous years were free to the runners and walkers of all ages.

Proceeds from this event support the Kiwanis goal of “improving the world, one child and one community at a time” and are directed toward community projects.
South Lake Charles Helps the Potter House

By Eddie Hebert, South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club

Members of the Kiwanis Club of South Lake Charles recently assisted in replacing playground equipment for children, and did some general yard cleanup for the Potter House, a shelter for homeless women and children. This was done as the Club’s Kiwanis One Day project. The activity was performed on September 1st from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Fifteen members participated and brought items to assist in completing the project including chain saws, bowsaws, sheers, weed eater, rakes, brooms, and more. The general yard cleanup was to provide a safe environment for the children activities, because previously there were some concerns with yard hazards.

Celebrating Fifty Years of Membership

By Judy Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

Anthony “Tony” Berner, Sr., was recently honored by the Ponchatoula Kiwanis Club as a salute to his achieving 50 years of membership in the club. During that long tenure, Berner served the club as president for two terms and was a Lieutenant Governor of Division 13. With Berner are members of his family, all of whom are members of Kiwanis. Pictured, from left, are Megan Berner, Tony’s granddaughter, Anthony “Mutty” Berner, Jr., and Michael Berner, his sons, Tony Berner, and Rose Anne Blaise Husser and Judy Blaise Couvillion, his nieces. This group represents 165 years of service to their communities through membership in Kiwanis. Couvillion is a member of the Hammond Kiwanis Club and the others are members of the Ponchatoula Club. “Mutty” Berner and Judy Couvillion both served terms as presidents of their respective clubs and both were lieutenant governors of Division 13. Couvillion also served a term as trustee for Region V. Shelly McNemar, president of the Ponchatoula Club, presented Berner with a cake as members of the club offered congratulations for the years he has given to Kiwanis.
The date: November 12, 1918. Field Representative E. F. Wescott gathers businessmen in the New Orleans area to tell them about a great new organization specializing in fraternity and fellowship. By March 29, 1919, the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans is chartered with 200 members, and is the 127th club of Kiwanis International!


Kiwanis Club of New Orleans Begins 100th Year of Service

By Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis Club

New date: October 1, 2018, the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans proudly begins their 100th year of Service in the Greater New Orleans Community, still holding dear the values of caring, service and fellowship.

Kiwanis Club of West Jefferson Celebrates 40 Years

By Heather Rotolo, West Jefferson, Harvey Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of West Jefferson Harvey recently celebrated their 40th Anniversary on August 24, 2018. The Kiwanis Club of West Jefferson currently sponsors 5 high school key clubs. The Kiwanis and Key Club members are involved in a variety of community service projects including meal distributions on Thanksgiving and Christmas morning to the residents of Wynhoven Healthcare Center.

The club recently held their annual Golf Tournament at Stonebridge Golf Club on September 28, 2018.
Acadiana-Lafayette Helps Stuff the Bus!

On the morning of August 17th, members of the Acadiana-Lafayette Kiwanis Club delivered school supplies they had collected for the United Way of Acadiana’s Stuff the Bus Campaign to Alice Boucher Elementary School. The club wishes Ms. Ramirez’s 3rd grade class a wonderful school year!

What Happens in Vegas Doesn’t Always Stay in Vegas!

Seventy-four Kiwanians from the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas from June 28 - July 1, 2018 to learn leadership skills, share ideas, and bring back valuable information to the district.
The Kiwanis Club of Camellia City, Slidell held its First Annual Sock Drive for Elementary Schools in the Slidell area. Club members collected socks from throughout the community as well as at the Northshore Family Fun Day where the club sponsored a rock painting booth. Not only was the club’s booth a hit, but the sock drive was a great success as well!

A HUGE thank you to Marie McKinney with the UPS Store Slidell for the donation of 95 pairs of socks for the sock drive!

Gina Guillory donated so many she couldn’t hold them all!!!
Cortana: Caring for Our Kids!

Cortana Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Providing AED for Student Safety

The Cortana Kiwanis Club recently presented an AED to St. Joseph Academy High School in Baton Rouge.

Serving Jambalaya for Back to School

Members of Cortana Kiwanis cooked and served 600 servings of their World Famous Jambalaya for the Back to School bash at Cortana Mall during the summer.

Hosting Activities for Kids at Art Melt

Cortana Kiwanis had a great time hosting the Children’s Activity Village at Art Melt on Saturday, July 22. Members provided a Children’s Art Village with hands on pottery and print making for kids from 5:00 PM ‘til dark.
1st Annual Corporate Adult Spelling Bee

The Greater Covington Kiwanis Club held its First Annual Corporate Adult Spelling Bee fundraiser on Saturday, August 11 at Covington High School. Congratulations to the Covington Business Association for being the ultimate winner of the Spelling Bee. Their $300 winnings are going to the charity of their choice - Covington Unit - Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Louisiana. Thanks to their table sponsor Mellow Mushroom. Thanks to Beth Heintz, the enunciator, Jenny Thigpen, the Keeper of the words, Candace Watkins and Senator John Kennedy as judges and Joey Roberts Covington City Council - District C and West St. Tammany YMCA Director as our MC. A great time was had by all. Proceeds from the Spelling Bee will benefit Kiwanis programs that build the children in the community of Covington in self esteem, character development and leadership.

The first Place winners from the Covington Business Association received a $300 check for a charity of their choice, the Boys and Girls Club, and a prize package from Stone Creek Club and Spa!

Back to School Brigade

Members of the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club helped stuff and hand out 250 backpacks to children of military families at the Back to School Brigade on July 28 at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.
The Denham Springs Kiwanis Club honored the exemplary work of those in their respective branches of law enforcement at the 45th annual Raymond D’Armond Peace Officer of the Year luncheon at Forest Grove Plantation on May 24. The honored officers received plaques from an aspiring law officer, 5-year-old Denham Springs resident Levi Russell. Honorees included Darryl Averett of the Denham Springs Marshal’s Office, Sydney McCullough of the Denham Springs Police Department, Trenton Palmer of the Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office and Trevor Sterling of Louisiana State Police Troop A.

Participants simply:
1. Wrote “I” on their right hand and “NEGU” on their left hand,
2. took a picture,
3. posted on social media with the hashtag #iNEGUDoYou,
4. and tagged 5 friends.
For every picture posted a donor donated $25 to @teamnegu!

Kids Need Kiwanis!
Members of the eLaMissTenn Kiwanis Internet Club, from all throughout the district, took advantage of being in the same place at the same time. While in town for the 100th District Convention in Baton Rouge, eLaMissTenn members gathered to volunteer at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank on the morning of Friday, August 3. Kiwanians know how to have fun while serving the children and the community! For information about joining the eLaMissTenn Kiwanis Club, contact Dennis Oliver at dmokiwanis@aol.com or 228/343-5444.
The Kiwanis Club of Houma helped sponsor a Books for Bikes Raffle at the Friends of the Terrebonne Public Library this summer. Members had a blast celebrating with the winners of the annual Books for Bikes raffle. Special thanks to Officer Cunningham of the Houma Police Department for teaching our children about bicycle safety and Bayou City Bikes.

These young children alone have read for a total of 300 days combined! Congratulations to these terrific readers!

The Moisant Kiwanis Club is doing their part to help school kids! On Sunday, August 5, they held their second annual, "Kuts For Kids" at the Vanguard School of Cosmetology Paul Mitchell Salon in Metairie. Kids from the Metropolitan Shelter for Women & Children, Casa, Angel's Place, Boy's Town, Raintree Children Services, and more were given back-to-school haircuts for free!

President of the Moisant Kiwanis Club Jason Borja said, "Well it is time for school and some of these kids really need a haircut and they don't really have the means or the chance to get one. It is great because everything is free and donated." In addition to the haircuts, DJ Jack Magic spun some tunes and there was free food and snowballs for the kids to enjoy too.
The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ouachita (Monroe and West Monroe) was excited to partner with the Ouachita Parish Public Library in offering Bikes for Books this summer! The Kiwanis Club donated a bicycle to each of the ten branches of the Ouachita Parish Public Library and presented these prizes to high-achieving readers at a reception held at Louisiana Delta Community College at 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 10.

At the end of the Summer Reading Challenge, a random drawing was held for kids aged 12 and under who completed the entire reading program. Each of the ten library branches had one winning child, who was presented a bicycle at the August 10 reception.

Families of the winning children, as well as Kiwanis members and library representatives, were present to celebrate the achievement and good fortune of these children.

“Just as it is important for kids to exercise their bodies, it is important for them to exercise their minds. By reading during the summer, kids practice the learning skills they obtained during the previous school year and prepare for the coming one. Bikes for Books offers children a chance to develop both mind and body and is an incentive to encourage them to complete our Summer Reading Challenge,” says Robin Toms, Director of the Ouachita Parish Public Library. “We thank the Kiwanis of Greater Ouachita for the opportunity to partner with them to benefit the kids of Ouachita Parish.”

Kiwanians’ purpose is to serve the children of the world, so it is their privilege to participate in this program and many others. Funds for such efforts are raised locally primarily through the annual Pancake Day fundraiser, which will be held this year on November 6 at First United Methodist Church, Monroe.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Bikes for Books Challenge!

Kiwanis president Jonathan Booth gave our last Bikes for Books bike to Brooklyn Lord.
The Natchitoches Kiwanis Club held a successful uniform collection drive before the start of the 2018-2019 school year. They dropped off 75 items to the Natchitoches Parish School Board Aug. 10, which included new and/or slightly used (in good condition) pants, shorts, skirts, and shirts for local children in need. The uniforms were distributed to children in Natchitoches Parish through the Natchitoches Parish School Board. Collection sites were set up at Waskom Brown & Associates, BOM, MidSouth Bank, & City Bank & Trust Company.

In June, members of the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans prepared a meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House on Canal Street. The house provides temporary lodging to a family that has a child with a life threatening condition while the child is in treatment. Thank you to Wanda Stephenson and her husband for coordinating and mostly preparing a great meal of gumbo with all the fixings. Members were given a tour of this awesome facility.

The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans had their meeting on Tuesday, August 28th at the New Orleans Baby Cakes baseball game as part of a fundraiser. Cathy Simmons and Lenny Simmons, both officers of KCNO, were honored for their outstanding volunteer efforts to help Angels’ Place.

What a GREAT night for Bingo at Magnolia Community Services! The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans hosted a “Tailgate Party” for the residents with Saints & LSU themed prizes and snacks.
Cooking for Children at Ronald McDonald House

Pascagoula Kiwanis Club members were honored to serve dinner to 31 families at the Ronald McDonald House on July 16th!

Ponchatoula Honors Educators

The Kiwanis Club of Ponchatoula’s Annual Teacher’s Prayer Breakfast was once again a huge success! Club members served breakfast to approximately 120 teachers and staff from the Ponchatoula schools. The club wishes a special thank you to the new Superintendent, Mrs. Melissa Stilley for joining them! Also, thanks goes to the Key Clubbers who showed up bright and early to help! Ann Lacour shared her wonderful talent by singing a few songs! A huge thank you to all the Kiwanis members who got up super early to make this event special!
The Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain’s Annual Barbecue Bingo at St. John Berchmans, a senior living ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, was held on August 8th. Club members served hamburgers and hot dogs and trimmings along with celebratory cake. Members Larry Turner, Jerry Wilson, Angelo Kingvalsky, Deidre Charlot, Myra Lewis, Janice Foster, Deborah Crosby, Carolyn Simmons, Kesha Johnson and Joe Marion collaborated to put on the Annual Barbecue Bingo for residents at Delille Inn, another senior living ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, on August 6th.

In August, the Kiwanis Club of Poplarville distributed uniforms to approximately 100 children in the Poplarville School District to help meet their uniform needs. Pictured are Carl Merritt-Superintendent, Crisper Stanford, Rosie Creel- School Resource Officer/Mayor and John Will, High School Principal.
Helping hands can reach around the globe. On a recent personal trip to India, Starkville Kiwanis member Raja Reddy visited two area elementary schools. Donations from the Starkville Kiwanis Club provided classroom supplies and building upgrades for more than ninety young students half a world away.

#kidsneedkiwanis!
Taking Time to Read to Kids

Oaks Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Mary A. Diamond-Stockwell, member of the Oaks Kiwanis Club, participated in the Boys and Girls Summer Reader Program at Magnolia Woods Elementary in Baton Rouge, La. this summer. The children enjoyed hearing Mary read to them.

Read-to-Ride

St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

It has been said that reading is its own reward, but a little lagniappe certainly does not hurt. The St. Bernard Parish Library recently held two prize drawings to mark the end of its 2018 Libraries Rock summer reading program. Pre-readers through 12th graders who completed all of their reading related activities were entered into the drawings. One of its many sponsors, the Kiwanis of St. Bernard-Arabi donated not one, not two, but SIX brand new bicycles to several lucky readers as part of its long-standing Read-to-Ride program. Rocking some brand new wheels were: Dylan Mason, Bryson Hoey, Sofia Perez, Kaylie Perez, Alexis Hernandez, and our youngest bike rider ever, Jack Serigne. Local Kiwanians Mitch Perkins, Fred Sigur and Sam Catalanotto, joined the readers to present the bikes along with library staff member, Janet Perez. The St. Bernard Parish Library is proud to be one of the many youth-related projects sponsored by our local Kiwanis organization.
Nourishment for a Day of Service

Thibodaux Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

To celebrate turning 70, Nicholls State University planned a Day of Service on Tuesday, September 25th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Faculty and staff worked side by side with students to help make the campus more attractive. The Kiwanis Club of Thibodaux was proud to support the University by providing food for everyone who participated in this day of service. The club fed jambalaya and white beans to over 300 people.

And More Cooking!

Nicholls State University is an integral part of the Thibodaux Community and the Kiwanis Club of Thibodaux is proud to support the Colonels. The club recently participated in the Inaugural 5k Run/Walk and Tailgate Cook-off, Huddle Up on the 50, on August 18. Congratulations to the club’s team captain Christy Alley Naquin for winning first place overall and best fried dish at the inaugural cook-off.

Helping the Needy

Southern Hills Shreveport Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

Several members of the Southern Hills Shreveport Kiwanis Club volunteered at the ReNesting Project recently. The ReNesting Project is a not for profit organization that provides gently used furniture and household items to those in need. Its mission has expanded to include not only those transitioning from homelessness but to those at risk of becoming homeless as well.

Pictured: Rebecca Crow and Becky Huff pack small boxes filled with items for the kitchen.
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CLUB: Club, Division Number, and Author

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

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

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