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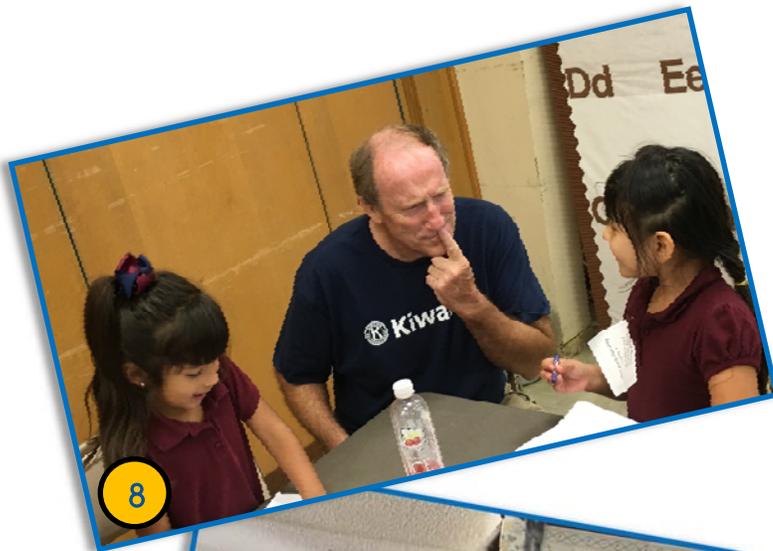
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Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District News



**Louisiana Flood Relief:
International President, Sue Petrisin,
Unites with Local Kiwanians to Serve the
Community**

Improving the world one child and one community at a time.



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2015-16 International President, Sue Petrisin, receives a hug from Mrs. Dorothy Brown, a resident of Walker, after helping to clean up her home from the devastating August floods. Sue spent the day in Baton Rouge serving the community with local Kiwanians. See more on Pages 6-9.

Updates from Governor Fred Pitts

By Fred Pitts, Governor

WHAT IS KIWANIS?

Kiwanis is a global organization (experience an international convention and look around you at Kiwanians from all over our world) of volunteers (we volunteer to serve) dedicated to improving the world (wow, think about it, all over the world) one child (if you can make a difference in one child's life is it worth it?) one community at a time (what better way to change a community than to improve a child's life, that will last).

I hope as you repeat this you will begin to think about what it really means to you, your club and community and why you are a Kiwanian.

Kiwanis International (KI) President Jane Erickson has set some very high goals for 2016-2017 and you might say these are impossible, and if your club's I-Plan is not completed, it will be tough. So I urge you to complete your I-Plan before the end of December and let's show the world and the kids of our communities that we care for them.

Let me remind you of these goals

and how they relate to the LAMSTN District:

- KI - 35,000 new members
- LAMSTN District - 753 new members
- Each district club - 6 net new members
- KI - 300 plus new clubs
- LAMSTN District - 7 new clubs
- One new club in each LAMSTN Region
- Every club have a strategic I-Plan
- Every club will conduct at least one Signature project
- We will support our Service Leadership Programs
- We will continue to collect Eliminate Pledges and finish the LAMSTN District commitment

There is nothing else I can say that means more than these goals. IF Kiwanis International will be around 100 years from now, the guarantee of that starts in 2016-2017 with us. I know that those that read this newsletter are the foundation of our clubs and district, so I



ask you to cut these goals out and carry them to your club president and say, "LET'S DO THIS". Make these goals a part of your club's I-Plan and remind your members weekly. Kiwanians can do whatever we set our mind to accomplish. #kidsneedkiwanis

I will not ramble on except to say that Carol and I have really enjoyed our very fast year as Governor Elect and are ready to help lead the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District to be really GREAT again. This will only happen if every club buys in, and as a team we make it possible. Together we can provide more service to kids than has ever been done before in our district.

I BELIEVE WE CAN DO THIS, DO YOU?

Message from the Immediate Past Governor

By Gary Graham, Immediate Past Governor

There are words from an old Randy Travis song, “Three Wooden Crosses”, that go:

“I guess it's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave behind you when you go.”

I'm not planning on leaving this world any time soon but as I start my new role of Immediate Past Governor and District Chair for the Formula, I do want to ask you what will be your legacy of service and that of your club. What will you leave behind you? In my travels this past year, I have seen many great clubs who are strong and thriving. But I, unfortunately, have seen some who, for want of a better term, are tired. They've done great things over the years and have made a positive impact on their communities and children's lives. But they have failed to plan for the future and, with no change, they have become stuck in a rut.

The Kiwanis I Plan is one way to take a hard look at your club and ask yourselves where you are now and where do you want to be in the next five years. The first question



every member should ask is “Why did I become a Kiwanian?” There are many reasons for members to join but I would hope that improving the lives of children is the top one.

The second question that should be asked is “Are these children all happy, healthy, safe, and loved?” If not (and we know the answer to this), then there is still a need for Kiwanis and a need for you and your club. The answer is to rediscover your passion and redirect it towards new ideas, activities, communication, fundraisers and service.

The Formula which is a part of the I Plan is here to help. Part of the Formula is to help build clubs to expand the service of Kiwanis to communities that do not know of

the fun we have in serving children. But another part is club coaching. We have members who are willing to come to visit to guide you in how to do a self-evaluation. Even a world class athlete still has a coach to help tweak their performance. They are not there to judge or criticize but to guide with some new tools that Kiwanis International has developed.

There is so much that even a great club can do to plan for their future. We have built Kiwanis on the shoulders of those who came before us. And just as we do not do the same things they did or maybe in the same way, so it will be for the generation that follows. Today is the day to start looking at yourselves and creating that foundation for those who are not yet Kiwanians to build on. Because we all know we are not taking anything with us when we leave this world behind us. So what are you going to leave behind?

Yours in Kiwanis,

Greetings from the Governor-Elect

By Otha Britton, Governor-Elect



Thanks so much for your votes of confidence in electing me to the position of Governor-Elect of the great and historic Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. Having the opportunity to eventually serve as your district governor is an honor almost beyond my imagination. My only regret is that I did not have the chance to serve my third year as a District Trustee, but I am sure that Claude Vinson, who was appointed to finish my term, will do an excellent job in serving not only West Tennessee but the entire LaMissTenn district. Although I look forward to the 2016-2017 year as a learning experience preparing me to serve as governor, it is nonetheless also a year of hard work.

The governor-elect serves on the district board, along with Governor Fred Pitts, Immediate Past Governor Gary Graham, Executive Director Charlie Ford, and the seven trustees. The board conducts all of the district's business, including planning for the regional conferences, leadership retreats, and the district convention, and also helps with the SLP training and conven-

tions, plus many other activities.

My learning activities have already begun. Conference calls were scheduled with Rhonda Vrell of the KI staff. The five-day training conference at KI headquarters in Indianapolis is November 2-6. Planning for the 2016 district convention in Natchez is well under way, with several of us stopping in Natchez immediately after the end of our regular board meeting in Baton Rouge, to identify appropriate space and to meet with the local planning team. It's going to be a great year and I know it will be great working with all of you in the district. Thanks again,

- Otha

Mark Your Calendars!

2017 Mid-Year Regional Conferences Schedule

January 21	Region V: Kiwanis Log Cabin, Ponchatoula, La.
February 4	Region VI: Fire Training Center, Lafayette, La.
February 18	Region VII: National Guard Amory, Ruston, La.
February 25	Region II: Oxford, Miss. <i>(location to be announced)</i>
February 28	MARDI GRAS
March 4	Region III: Electric Co-op Convention Center, Hattiesburg, Miss.
March 11	Region I: Memphis, Tenn. <i>(location to be announced)</i>
March 18	Region IV: Crescent City Baptist School, Kenner, La.

For more information, visit www.lamisstenn.org.

International President & Local Kiwanians Serve Louisiana after Historic Flood

By Gary Graham, 2015-2016 District Governor



The devastation that resulted in South Louisiana from the historic rains and subsequent flooding was unprecedented. Over 150,000 homes and businesses were impacted with thousands of families displaced to shelters. Many of these were your fellow Kiwanians.

When a disaster affects families, Kiwanis is there to help. Whether it is with physical labor or cash, our local communities turn to their local Kiwanis clubs for assistance.

On Tuesday, September 20th, International President Sue Petrisin, arrived in Baton Rouge directly from representing Kiwanis at the Netherlands District Convention in Amsterdam. Sue insisted that she would come to the area, but only if she was going to roll up her sleeves and work, and not just for a photo op. And work she did!

The day started off at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank where Sue and 35 Kiwanis volunteers worked for over 2 hours restocking the warehouse with 14,000 pounds of donated food. The

Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club, and the District, donated \$30,000 to purchase food to help replace what was destroyed in the flood at the Food Bank. President Sue and District Governor Gary Graham presented the check to Mike Manning, president and CEO of the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

Next on the agenda for the Kiwanis crew was delivering backpacks and school supplies to the Boys and Girls Club students at Magnolia Woods Elementary School. Students in East Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes experienced devastating damage to their homes and schools and many lost everything. Most schools remained closed for several weeks. Once they reopened, Kiwanis was there at the schools with hundreds of backpacks and supplies to help things return to normal. Sue personally handed out backpacks and helped students with their homework.

But the day was not done, and the work only got harder! Sue made one

more stop with her Kiwanis crew to help Mrs. Dorothy Brown, widow of Walker Kiwanian Melvin Brown. Mrs. Brown received more than three feet of water in her Walker home and demolition had not yet begun. Sue spent over two hours, working alongside fellow Kiwanians ripping out sheetrock, baseboards, and insulation, and then hauling it to the curbside. Mrs. Brown was so grateful she was in tears. Sue did not leave without getting a big hug from Mrs. Brown.

You would be proud, but probably not surprised, of the way Kiwanians have stepped up to friends, neighbors and even strangers in true Kiwanis fashion. Thank you to all the Kiwanians who have donated money, supplies, time, hard work and to those who have poured their heart and soul into helping others in this time of need.

And a special thanks to President Sue for coming to the Baton Rouge area to help improve the community!



2015-2016 International President Sue Petrisin stocks shelves at the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank.

See more pictures of Sue's visit to Louisiana on pages 7 & 8 . . .

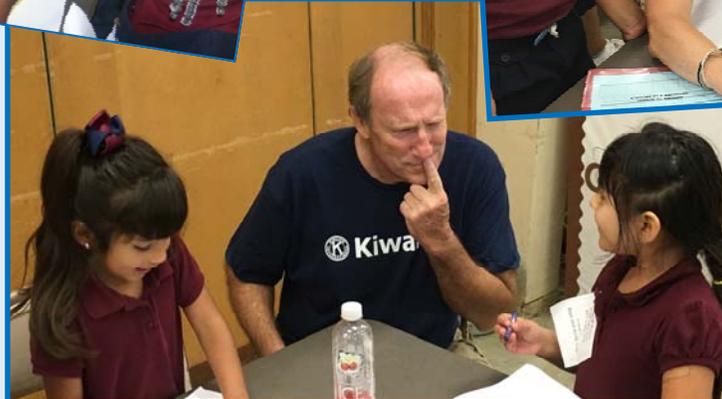
International President's Visit Continued . . .

Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank



International President's Visit Continued . . .

Magnolia Woods Elementary School



International President's Visit Continued . . .

Mrs. Brown's House



Kiwanians Rally for Flood Relief

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor



On the morning of Saturday, August 20, over a dozen Kiwanians from surrounding areas gathered at the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Kiwanis District Office in Baton Rouge in response to Governor Gary Graham's request for help. Many Kiwanians and their families had reported tremendous damage and losses due to the devastating flood following three solid days of nonstop rain in Louisiana.

Governor Gary acted fast and formulated a plan, with the help of the District's Executive Director

Charlie Ford, to put Kiwanis volunteers into action. Gary's crew of volunteers were quick to respond and showed up at the district headquarters prepared for a hard day's work. Gary greeted them with breakfast and maps. The crew soon dispersed to the flood stricken areas in Denham Springs and spent the entire day gutting homes and hauling trash.

Cathy Simmons of the New Orleans Kiwanis Club manned the district headquarters and brought lunch and refreshments, provided

by the Algiers Kiwanis Club, to the volunteers and victims. The work continued into Sunday with several Kiwanians ready to get back out there and help again.

Thanks to Governor Gary's leadership and the dedication of Kiwanians from surrounding areas, several overwhelmed, flood victims were able to begin their recovery process immediately.

Thank you Kiwanis for pitching in and helping others in this desperate time of need!



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Kiwanians Rally for Flood Relief Continued . . .

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor



Want to Help with Flood Recovery Efforts in Louisiana? Here's How You Can:

By Gary Graham, 2015-2016 District Governor



In August, southern Louisiana was devastated with a major rain storm that flooded the state from near the Mississippi border on the east, to the Texas border on the west. With the 20+ inches of rain in much of this area, tens of thousands were displaced, leaving their homes to flood, and many lost everything. It's absolutely amazing just how much damage there is. Many among this list of flood victims are our fellow Kiwanians.

As Past Governor of the District, and one that has kept himself busy helping friends and family members, I can attest that many still need our help.

I am asking that those Kiwanians that can assist, and any Kiwanis Clubs that are willing to help, to send your donations to the District Office.

Make your check payable to:

The Kiwanis District Foundation (tax-deductible)

And mail to:

5319-B Didesse Dr.

Baton Rouge, LA 70808-6401

If you wish to make your contribution with a credit card, call the District Office with your card number at ***225/769-9233***. This will allow our Kiwanians to help their fellow members.

The recovery period for this disaster will take a long time. If you, any of your club members, or even your local Kiwanis Club wish to help, please do so as soon as possible. Many of our members may need some assistance now, rather than later.

Yours in Kiwanis,

98th Annual District Convention

Two hundred forty-five Kiwanians gathered for a weekend of motivation, education, fellowship, and "hoedown" fun at the 2016 District Convention in Shreveport, Louisiana from August 5-7.



OFFICIAL ACTION TAKEN AT THE SHREVEPORT CONVENTION

District Officers Elected:

- R. Fred Pitts, Kiwanis Club of Tupelo, Miss., elected as District Governor for 2016-2017
- Otha Britton, Kiwanis Club of Martin, Tenn., elected as Governor-Elect for 2016-2017

Amendments to the District Bylaws Adopted by the House of Delegates

- **Amendment No. 1:** To allow for action taken at a Board Meeting prior to October 1st to take effect at a date other than October 1st, if that effective date is stated in the motion to adopt.
- **Amendment No. 2:** To clarify the time for holding a District Convention less than 30 days before or after an International Convention, and between March 15 and September 25, unless approved by the Kiwanis International Board.
- **Amendment No. 3:** To better define that the District dues are annual dues.
- **Amendment No. 4:** To bring the process of filling a vacancy more in line with the policies and procedures of Kiwanis International.
- **Amendment No. 5:** To add all of Hardin County, Tenn., into the geographical description of the District, so as to include the Kiwanis Club of River City, Savannah, Tenn., which has been an active club of this District since it was organized in 1985.

Resolutions Approved by the House of Delegates

- **Resolution No. 1:** Appreciation resolution for International Counselor Bert and the Host Chair Stephanie Crow, and her committee members.
- **Resolution No. 2:** Appreciation to Circle K Governor Emily Damm, Key Club Governor Winston Ardoin, and Emma Had-dix, 2015-2016 K-Kids Speech Contest Winner, for their participation at the convention, and a pledge for continued support for all SLP Programs in the District.
- **Resolution No. 3:** Endorsement of Past Governor Greg Beard as a candidate for International Trustee at the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris, France, in July, 2017.

98th Annual District Convention



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You Helped Stuff the Bus!

By Stephanie Crow, 98th Annual District Convention Host Committee Chair

A great big THANK YOU to all of the clubs that brought school supplies and monetary donations to the 98th Kiwanis District Convention to benefit children at the Providence House! The Providence House in Shreveport has worked for more than 28-years helping homeless families with children shed the bonds of extreme poverty and homelessness. The amount of contributions made at the convention was absolutely amazing!!! In the end, 867 items/packages of

school supplies and \$1,451 were donated. Providence House then took the supplies and created packets to be given to each child in their program. The money was used to purchase school uniforms for the children. Because of the donations from Kiwanians, all of Providence House's 169 children were able to return to school with school supplies and new uniforms!! INCREDIBLE!!! With your help, these children were able to return to school with confidence!! The results of this Conven-

tion Service Project show just why "Kids Need Kiwanis"!!!



Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District 2016-2017 Distinguished Club Criteria

DISTINGUISHED QUALIFICATIONS

1. Club must achieve at least 20 points in the Inspiration, and 10 points in each of Impact, Image, and Investment topic areas below.
2. Club must have completed and filed their I-Plan with the District Office.
3. Club must be in good standing with Kiwanis International and the District.

CRITERIA

POINTS

COMPLETED

INSPIRATION Goal: To build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership network



Have a net increase of 2 members in 2016-2017	3	
Have a net increase of 6 members in 2016-2017	10	
Sponsor a new Kiwanis Club in 2016-2017	10	
2016-2017 Club President complete on line Club President training by December 1, 2016	2	
2016-2017 Club Secretary complete Secretary Training in person or complete on line training by December 1, 2016	2	
Have representation at a 2016-2017 Mid-Year Regional Conference	1	
Have representation at 2016-2017 District Convention in Natchez	1	
Have representation at 2016-2107 International Convention in Paris	1	
TOTAL POINTS FOR INSPIRATION:		
A minimum of 20 points required to be qualified for consideration.		

IMPACT Goal: To perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority



Conduct an annual SIGNATURE PROJECT involving at least 25 percent of the club's membership. In selecting a signature project, consider something that will elevate the public's awareness of your club while providing a needed service for the community.	10	
Sponsor or co-sponsor at least two Service Leadership Programs (<i>i.e., Aktion Club, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, CKI, Terrific Kids, Bring Up Grades</i>).	5	
Sponsor or co-sponsor one Service Leadership Program.	1	
Sponsor at least one student to Key Leader.	1 per student	
Charter a Service Leadership Program in 2016-2017.	4	
TOTAL POINTS FOR IMPACT:		
A minimum of 10 points required to be qualified for consideration.		

Distinguished Club Criteria Continued

IMAGE Goal: To enhance the Kiwanis image in the community and worldwide



Publish a Club Newsletter (at least monthly or more) printed or electronic.	5	
Facebook Page/ Twitter or Instagram. – 2 points for each	2 for each	
Document at least 2 releases prepared by the club during the 2016-2017 administrative year. Clubs should send news releases about signature projects and community support to local newspaper, the Kiwanis Magazine, and/or the District newsletter. - 5 points	5	
Appoint a club public relations chair to ensure the activities of the club are recognized in the community. Notify Kiwanis International and the District PR Chair with the name of club PR chair. - 3 points	3	
Establish and/or maintain an active partnership with a Kiwanis International partner (i.e., Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Landscape Structures, etc.) or a local partner	5	
TOTAL POINTS FOR IMAGE:		
A minimum of 10 points required to be qualified for consideration.		

INVESTMENT Goal: To ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship



Contribute \$5.00 per member to the La – Miss- W. Tenn Kiwanis District Foundation Annual Club Gift Campaign -\$100.00 minimum for clubs with fewer than 20 members	5	
Contribute \$5.00 per member to the Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Club Campaign - \$100.00 Minimum for clubs with fewer than 20 members	5	
Fulfill your club's pledge to Eliminate Project	5	
Donate an additional amount to the Eliminate Project over and above original pledge	5	
Continue Club's pledge contributions for 2016-2017	3	
TOTAL POINTS FOR INVESTMENT:		
A minimum of 10 points required to be qualified for consideration.		

99th Annual La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Convention

June 23-25, 2017

NATCHEZ, MISS.

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The State of Eliminate

By Dennis Oliver, Project Eliminate Co-Chair



In the 20 countries where there is NO tetanus, the Kiwanis victory flags are flying with thanks and gratitude for Kiwanis saving thousands of babies. In the remaining 19 countries, there is HOPE because Kiwanis promised that we would not rest until no baby dies from tetanus. SO: You and I have an obligation as members of this great organization to fulfill our pledge "one child and one community at a time."

1. If your club has pledged, you know what you need to do!!!! Note: 14 clubs have completed their pledge. Please keep Eliminate in your plans!

2. If your club hasn't pledged, you can still estimate your monthly/yearly giving for the next few years. Regardless, every member/club can help LAMISSTENN reach its goal. (\$1.80 at a time!)

My friends we are part of history and I dream of the day I can stand beside you and shout to the world, "NO MORE TETANUS!!!!!"

ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

RAMBLINGS FROM YOUR DISTRICT COORDINATOR:

1. Hixsons and Tablet of Honor no longer are credited to Eliminate. JUST WALTER ZELLERS!
2. How much cash is in your club's account at Kiwanis International?
3. Can you order a Zeller for your outgoing President?
4. With the next money you send in, include a roster of your members and get a 100% PARTICIPATION PATCH FOR YOUR BANNER.
5. This is a great time for a press release for your newspaper!!!!
6. Be sure we are asking doctors and all medical facilities to help us eliminate this horrible, unnecessary disease.

If I can help in any way, please call. I love to talk to all of our clubs about Eliminate activity!

THANK YOU!

Dennis Oliver Phone: 228-832-6786 Email: DMOKiwanis@aol.com

In Your Community

By Nettles Brown, The Formula Coordinator

Will every child go to bed each night with a full stomach and a roof over their head?

Will every child have all of their immunizations?

Will every child wake up each morning and know that they are loved?

Will every child have clothes, school uniforms and school supplies?

Will every child be encouraged and told how special they are?

Will every child have the opportunity to learn service leadership?

If your club can answer "yes" to these questions then your club does not need to grow.

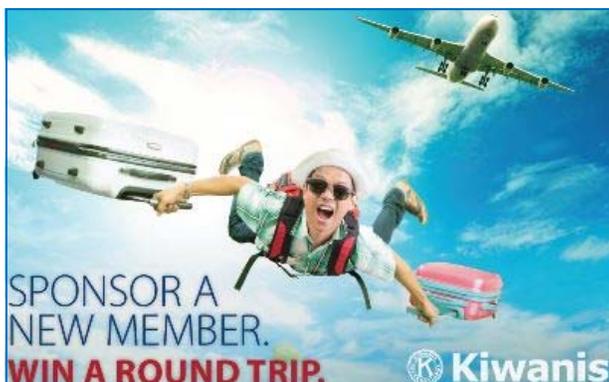
What is your club 's plan to increase membership by 10% during the 2016-2017 year?

Who will YOU invite to share in the opportunity to make a difference in the life of children?



KICK START

INVITE. EXCITE. IGNITE CLUB MEMBERSHIP.



When you realize that every new member of Kiwanis touches the lives of approximately 200 children a year, you start to understand the importance of bringing our message and mission to more people in our communities. We all could use a Kick Start.

The Formula's new Kick Start program is all about motivating Kiwanis members to start the year off strong. We want more hearts and hands to join us in serving children around the world. If every North American district brings in 100 new members we will build momentum toward making 2016-17 our strongest year yet!

Every time you sponsor a new member to a new or existing club between October 1 and November 30, you receive an entry for our drawing to win two round-trip airfare tickets! Your entries will be recorded through the club secretary dashboard (if the new member joins an existing club) or through the club opening tool (if the new member joins a new club). Weekly reports will be available via www.Kiwanis.org/KickStart.

Additional resources have been developed to help you spread the word about the Kick Start initiative. You can find a link to images, quick Kick Start guide and a more detailed overview of the initiative at www.Kiwanis.org/KickStart.

So what are you waiting for? Share your love for Kiwanis and greatly impact the future of Kiwanis and our communities by Kick Starting the new Kiwanis year!

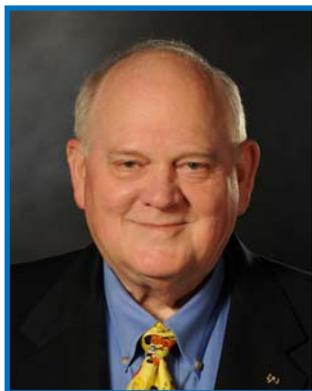
Aspire to Inspire: Passing the Baton

By Jeems White, III, Past Governor

Track and field athletic competitions include relay races with four runners each taking a lap. Speed is important but the winning team must make smooth transitions of the baton from one lap runner to the next. Successful teams practice the techniques. Successful teams, companies and organizations including Kiwanis clubs must also have smooth transitions among leaders.

Have you ever noticed in a relay race that the next runner gets a running start before actually receiving the baton? And that the runner passing along the baton runs a little more after handing off the baton?

So it is for Kiwanis club presidents! That's why presidents-elect take time to prepare and learn before actually taking a firm grip on the gavel. A great many learning tools are available for Kiwanis leaders at many levels. The more you learn and know, the better leader you become. Utilize the help available from the Lamisstenn District,



Kiwanis International and other sources. The enthusiasm and reflection surrounding club leadership transition every September/October is a good time to take stock of where your club has been and where you want it to go.

Outgoing presidents can provide valuable insight into club operations, various things that have been done well, perhaps a few

that could be improved. The new president provides energy, motivation and enthusiasm to carry forward. Working together for the common goals of the club is one of the keys to success.

Kiwanis Service is a Team Sport. No one can do it all "own-self." Does your club have enough members who willingly help the president? Usually all a president need do is ask people to help, make a few appointments for areas of responsibility and encourage various team members to be productive.

Remember the difference between club leadership and club management. Just efficiently running the business of the club is not true leadership. Good leaders coax and motivate members out of their comfort zones, often causing a bit of resistance in the process. Doing things "the way we've always done it" is often not the most effective course of action.

Prayers at Kiwanis Meetings

By Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values Chair



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 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

Or, of course, each individual club can ask Kiwanians to give an invocation personally. At least one club wrote and now recites this prayer weekly. It may be a model for your club.

Dear Lord:
Thank you for this day that we gather here in Kiwanis fellowship. Bless this food that we have before us. Bless the efforts of the club to help the children of the world. Hear our prayers, both spoken and unspoken. Guide us in our mission.
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.

FUNdraising: Spooky Twists on a Halloween Bake Sale

By Stephanie Crow, 2015-2016 District Fundraising Chairman



Greetings La-Miss-W.Tenn!! Happy Kiwanis New Year!!

Halloween is a great time for fundraisers, such as Haunted Houses, a **Monster Mash Costume Party**, a *Rocky Horror Picture Show* “Shadow Cast” Event, selling **Boo Bags** or **Skeleton Hands** around your office or a local school, a Pumpkin Sale, **Witch Hockey**, and of course **Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF**. But one of the most popular fundraisers is a Bake Sale. So, the first step is to make a way for your Bake Sale to stand out!! Here are some fun twists for your Bake Sale staples!! Happy baking!!!



K-Kids News: Fun Halloween Ideas

By Don Eye, K-Kids District Chairman



I am back for another 3 year term as your District K-Kids Chairman after being away since 2013. These past 3 years Paddy Harris did a great job and helped the district with having 1st place speech winner, Emily Haddix, in the K-Kids Kiwanis International (KI) Speech Contest. I am happy to say Emi-

ly and family are doing well and we expect her parents may soon be joining our club. They were most impressed with our district and stayed an extra day in Shreveport to enjoy the activities.

Your K-Kids should have had their elections, trained, and installed their officers no later than October. Work hard on getting the K-Kids to run their own meeting. There is excellent guidance in the K-Kids website.

Halloween is upon us and a great opportunity exist to help the Eliminate program. Have KI send you some of the Trick-or-Treat boxes for the K-Kids to collect change as they spook everyone.

We have a contest to see who can decorate the most unusual box. The winner gets a nice prize donated by the Kiwanis sponsor. Another popular thing is BooGrams - a Halloween card to be addressed to a friend with a sandwich bag containing the ingredients for making a smores bar. The Aktion club put us on to this. They sell them for a dollar and raise a bunch.

These are great ways to have a little fun and get the kids helping others.



Key Club Updates

By Jean Benoit, Key Club Administrator



What does it take to get a teenager out of bed early on a Saturday morning? Mention the word 'rally' and many slothful teens will be heading out the door before 8:00am. Each fall, divisional Lt. Governors throughout the LaMissTenn District work together to produce high energy, fun-filled, AND educational events – no small task there! Planning for these divisional meets began back in May at the training session for the newly

elected District Key Club Board. Governor Winston Ardoin split the group into committees to develop forums for the fall rallies. The Board felt that standardizing the educational forums for rallies would benefit all Key Club members throughout the District and that by training officers and members on the task at hand, the District would grow more efficient. Forum topics focused on educating new members on the mission of Key Club, continued officer training, service project ideas and management, convention preview, membership recruitment, and, of course, ice breakers. The Lt. Governors worked with their partners on decorations, programs, registration packets, lining up speakers, and making sure there would be plenty of food. Each rally

is hosted at a centrally located school and serves not only to energize and educate Key Club members, but also serves as an Eliminate fundraiser.

LaMissTenn Key Clubs have pledged \$100,000 towards Eliminate over a five year period. At the end of the first year of this pledge, Key Club members had raised approximately \$30,000 - well over the targeted amount!! Their hard work and dedication to this worthy cause should serve as an example to all!!!



Message from the International President

By Jane Erickson, Kiwanis International President

WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO KIWANIS TODAY?

Ever since I was a little girl I've dreamed of a world where every child was happy, healthy, safe and loved. My parents taught my sisters and me the importance of giving back to the community. I found it was a way to leave my own positive handprints on my world.

Nearly 25 years ago, I was working at a hospital 60 miles away from my home. I struggled for a way to know the community, as I was only there during the work-day. One day, a man walked into my office, introduced himself as Dean Clark and asked me two questions: Do you like children? Do you like this community? Yes, I answered. Then he asked me to join him for lunch with the Fort Dodge, Iowa, Kiwanis Club, promising a way to get to know my new commu-



nity. My dad was a Kiwanian, so I said yes.

That decision changed my life in more positive ways than I can count. Dean invited me into a new legacy of service: the Kiwanis family who shares my dream to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

That global family will continue to expand. Through the work of The Formula (our membership initiative to strengthen existing clubs and open new ones) I often think of Dean Clark. He was the best Formula person I ever met. He introduced

me to Kiwanis, to leadership beyond my professional world and to service of a very special kind. He became my coach, my mentor and my close friend. He taught me to be a good member, an effective officer and to invite others to join us in our daily quest to serve others. We went together on calls once a month to invite people to meetings. He taught me to keep our club robust, effective and fun. He called me regularly to ask, "Who will you invite to Kiwanis today?"

As we begin our 2016-17 administrative year, let's become more like Dean. Let's invite others to join us in this most amazing Kiwanis organization, to energize the dream - that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved.

Who will you invite to Kiwanis today?

For more Kiwanis International news, visit www.Kiwanis.org.



Think You Won't Make a Difference? Think Again!

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. Starting in the 2016–17 administrative year, Kiwanis One Day will be held on the fourth Saturday of October. **In 2016, Kiwanis One Day will be observed on October 22.**

The Kiwanis International board decided to move the annual Kiwanis One Day observance to October to align with future sponsorship opportunities.

Clubs that held a Kiwanis One Day event in April 2016 are not required to hold a second event this year. Clubs seeking ideas for the October observance could consider participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF as a Kiwanis-Key Club event. Clubs that wish to participate in the Legacy of Play contest, held with partner Landscape Structures Inc. can start planning their submission to win \$25,000 worth of playground equipment available in that contest.

Kiwanis One Day is a great opportunity to bring together the Kiwanis family of clubs to focus on local community service. It's an example of our belief that kids need Kiwanis—kids in the community need Kiwanis to provide programs and services no longer available because of school and mu-

nicipal budget constraints, and kids who want to be in youth clubs need Kiwanis club members as mentors to help them thrive, prosper and grow.

Start planning today for Kiwanis One Day:

Tools: Got a game plan? Visit www.kiwanis.org for ideas and media resources such as a customizable news release and Kiwanis 'Just The Facts' fact sheet. Also, visit the public awareness page for tips and more resources on how to work with the media and create awareness for your club. Also, watch videos of previous Kiwanis One Day events.

Contests: Kiwanians are invited to enter the [Kiwanis One Day photo contest](#) for the chance to win a \$200 gift certificate to the Kiwanis Family Store. The **Legacy of Play Contest** with Kiwanis partner Landscape Structures was held during the April 2016 Kiwanis One Day and will be offered again during Kiwanis One Day 2017.

How will your club make a difference in your community on Kiwanis One Day? Let us know at pr@kiwanis.org.



Southeastern Louisiana University Cares

By Alma McCoy, Southeastern Louisiana University Circle K International Club

On August 26, 2016, the community in Tangipahoa Parish (Kiwanis Division 13) of the Downtown Development District in Hammond, Louisiana hosted our annual *Hot August Night* event. Originally, the event was to be held on August 12, 2016, but due to the recent historical disaster of flooding, we pushed our date back to a more convenient time.

Though the flooding may have brought everyone down, the **Circle K International Club at South-**

eastern Louisiana University still showed our community how much we care for their smiles. Unfortunately, most of our team were affected by the horrible weather. Though few in number, Wendy Stevens, Sigrid Bonner (Kiwanis), and Alma McCoy showed our best service at approximately 5:00 p.m. on N. Cypress St. in Downtown Hammond.

We set up to give free face paints for the kids and everyone that wanted one, and 50¢ refresh-

ments; after all it was a *hot* August night. We'd planned to make our service a fundraiser for our club, but it wasn't long after we set up the face paints that all the kids came *flooding* in; soon we *all* forgot about the refreshments.

It was all about servicing our community! Some families even wanted to tip us for such a good job on our painting *artiste*, but their smiles were enough!



The Oaks Fills Backpacks for Kids

By Charlie Ford, The Oaks Kiwanis Club

The 2016-2017 School Year in East Baton Rouge Parish (EBR) started off on schedule. Students in their new uniforms, with new backpacks loaded with adequate school supplies to begin a new year the second week of August. Things were going great...for 2 or 3 days. Then it started to rain on Thursday, August 11th. Most schools in EBR and surrounding parishes closed for the day in anticipation of extremely heavy rainfall. The school systems made the right call. It rained all day Thursday...and Friday...and Saturday...! Twenty-four to thirty-six inches of rain fell over the area. The Amite River, the Comite River and every river, bayou and canal emptying to them rose well over their banks, flooding streets and highways, 146,000 homes, businesses and schools – at least 6 in EBR Parish and another 15 in Livingston Parish. Residents evacuated their homes, leaving most of their possessions to be lost in the flood waters. The damage was devastating.

But things had to return to normal. People had to return to their homes and begin the repair process. Businesses had to react quickly to reopen to service their communities. And of course, schools had to reopen and restart the 2016-2017 school year.



The members of **The Oaks Kiwanis Club** realized that with all of the devastation, the kids needed to have some positive action to distract them from the problems at home. Thinking that one of the only things that they possibly could have taken with them as they left their homes in the middle of the night was their school backpacks, stuffed full of clothes and personal belongings to make it through the next few days. School supplies were not a high priority item for most of them.

The Oaks Club submitted an application to the Kiwanis International Foundation

(KIF) for a \$5,000 Emergency Relief Grant to purchase backpacks and school supplies. The plan was to work through the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge, since they have an existing network in the schools, and The Oaks have partnered with them over the years with Kiwanis' *B.U.G. Program*. It was a natural fit – and one that could get the stuffed backpacks to the students quickly. With a fast approval from KIF, the club members ordered 150 backpacks, and cleared the shelves at a local WalMart of all recommended school supplies. Within a week, the backpacks were delivered and stuffed and waiting at the Boys and Girls Club office for distribution.

One of the first Boys and Girls Club Units back up and running was at Magnolia Woods Elementary School, the unit that The Oaks had worked most closely with during the 2015-2016 school year. Club members met there and distributed stuffed backpacks to the first 25 students who signed up for the club for 2016-2017. Within 3 weeks, that number had swelled to 97 students, and Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin took time during her visit to Baton Rouge on September 20th to personally hand out backpacks to the newest members, and to help the students with their homework.

The members of The Oaks Kiwanis Club took a personal interest in the students at Magnolia Woods Elementary to make sure that their experience following the devastating flood would have some positive reactions as they began their new school year – for the second time!

More pictures on page 16 . . .



Backpacks for Kids Continued

By Charlie Ford, The Oaks Kiwanis Club



Divisions 8A & 8B Collect Shoes for Shots

By Bob Blanchard, The Oaks Kiwanis Club

Kiwanians from the **St. Gabriel, Oaks, Cortana, and Downtown** clubs gathered to bag shoes on September 11. On September 16, the volunteers loaded over 337 bags of shoes, weighing more than 8,100 pounds, to send off for the “*Shoe for Shots*” program. The shoes generated over \$3,000 for ELIMINATE. The money will be credited to each club based on how many shoes they collected.

Together, the clubs raised enough money for over 1,800 women to be immunized against Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) and it protects all of their future children as well. When Kiwanis started the ELIMINATE project, there were 40 countries where children were dying horribly painful deaths because of Tetanus. More than half of those countries are officially free of Tetanus because of the efforts of Kiwanis and Unicef.

“We are continuing to meet our pledge to save the mothers and babies from the scourge of Maternal Neonatal Tetanus around the world” said Gary Graham, 2015-2016 District Governor. #KidsNeedKiwanis

Left to right: 2015-2016 District Governor Gary Graham, Jeff Wittenbrink, Jim Kaiser, Gary LaBauve, Wanda Magee, Bob Blanchard, & Charlie Ford →



2015-2016 District Governor Gary Graham hauls bags of shoes.



Left to right: Bob Blanchard and son, incoming Lieutenant Governor Jesse Thomas, Wanda Magee, Dee LaBauve, Jeff Wittenbrink, Margaret Hodges, and 2015-2016 District Governor Gary Graham rest on the mounds of shoes collected by Divisions 8A & 8B for “Shoes for Shots”.

West Jefferson & Algiers Sponsor Key Club Rally

By Linda Leger, Algiers Kiwanis Club

POKEMON GO was the theme of the Key Club Division 4C Rally held on Saturday, September 17. The Rally was held at Academy of Our Lady High School sponsored by **Kiwanis Clubs of West Jefferson and Algiers**. Eight area Key Clubs participated with the students conducting workshops pertinent to Key Club Activities. Pictured below is Judi Zimmermann from the Algiers Kiwanis Club along with Academy of Our Lady Key Clubbers.



South Lake Charles Builds Buddy Benches for Schools

Photos from South Lake Charles Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



Martin, Tenn. Receives Governor-Elect Banner

From Martin Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



Congratulations to Otha Britton for being elected as Governor-Elect for the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District for 2016-17 during the District Convention in August. Otha will serve as Governor in 2017-18 and preside over the 100th annual District Convention. Pictured are **Martin Kiwanis Club President** Anita Bell, Governor-Elect Otha Britton, and Past-Governor of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Linda Ramsey who presented the club with the Governor-Elect banner at a club meeting.

Southwest Contraband Donates Baby Items

From Southwest Contraband Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Kiwanis Club of Southwest Contraband** donated car seats and other baby items to New Life Counseling on September 7, 2016. Executive Director Jeanne LeBato gave a presentation on how their Pro-Life Pregnancy Resource Center saves lives everyday. Ninety percent of the abortion vulnerable women who enter their doors have chosen life for their babies!

Pictured: Club President Manette Pecorino presents the donation of car seats to Executive Director of New Life Counseling Jeanne LaBato.



Lucedale Helps Fund Science Lab

From Lucedale Kiwanis Club Facebook Page

The **Lucedale Kiwanis Club** presented a \$750 grant to Agricola Elementary to help supplement funds for its 4th grade Robotics Program in the Science Lab. “Our goal is to expose students to the importance of science through the use of scientific method, specifically experiments,” explains teacher Jill Dunnam. “The purpose of the science lab is to present activities to our students in an exciting, hands-on format that will provide high level thinking.”

Kiwanis members were surprised with handwritten thank you notes (with colorful drawings) from every 4th grade student. Lucedale Kiwanis Club is made up of a group of volunteers who are dedicated to helping the children of George County.



Front Row left to right - Brody Howarth, Tucker Cochran, Dallas Broome, Mary Ann Diamond; Second Row left to right - Abiegale Logan, Haleigh Pell, Zoie Uhlman, Brandon Blevins, Austin Homer, Mya Dixon, Destiny Ward, Braden Williams, Peter Eckhoff; Third Row left to right - Eden Smith, Jasmine Howell, Allie Stringfellow, Destiny Reed, Tracie Mitchell, Isaiah Krysi, Jared Rascon, Emma Fike, Brodie Cecchi, Josiah Parker; Back Row left to right – Kiwanis members Amy Delcambre, Annette Riley, Agricola Elementary teacher Jill Dunnam, Stephanie Chisholm, Alice Holloway,

Cortana Reaches out to Flood Victims

By Debbie Salvant, Cortana Kiwanis Club



The recent events in south Louisiana, being referred to as *The Great Flood of 2016*, has highlighted the compassionate nature of our community. People from near and far have been joining in to help with property demolition, donations of time and resources and, of course, feeding those who have nothing left of their homes. **Cortana Kiwanis** had many members effected by this disaster. Those who were not flooded have reached out to help with demolition, hauling trash, washing clothes and sheltering families and/or pets. They worked just as hard as our flooded members,

displaying the true spirit of our group. Many also volunteered in the greater community, helping where they could in shelters and with other organizations offering aid to flood victims.



As a club, Cortana Kiwanis cooked and served over 400 plates of our world famous jambalaya served with white beans at a local church in an area hard hit by the flooding. The people were lined up outside the building waiting for a hot meal they couldn't prepare for themselves. The club received two messages from this community after the meal. One thanked our club "for making lots of hurting folks feel better with a hot & hearty meal." Another message came from the principal of the school that is part of this church parish. It read "Thank you so much for feeding our families. The dinners were fabulous and sincerely appreciated. The families were able to enjoy a special meal as they took a break from cleaning. These warm meals helped them a LOT!"

Prior to the flood, Cortana Kiwanis was able to cook and deliver hot jambalaya to the Baton Rouge Police Department during the July days of civil unrest in our city. These first responders were working many extra hours and appreciated a hot supper. Also in July, Cortana Kiwanis also sponsored a graffiti wall for children at Forum 35's Art Melt.



June was a busy month as well, as we cooked for children attending a Back to School Bash at the local mall. Also we provided lunch for the high school participants at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference. Jambalaya was prepared for two projects in May, one benefitting the local Junior Achievement program and the other as a fund raiser for a very young child who is a heart transplant recipient.

Cortana Kiwanis is proud to be able to serve our community in good times and bad. This is why people all over the world belong to Kiwanis clubs. We are truly a family willing to serve where needed.



Kenner North Kiwanis is Back to School!

By Doris Rappold, Kenner North Kiwanis Club

Kenner North Kiwanis is expanding its school programs by adding programs at Washington Elementary School in Kenner. Grades 3-5 are participating in "Reading Rewards," in which they receive a reward ticket for each book read and each book report written. The top five readers from each grade will receive prizes. However, all students may "buy" things with the tickets they earn, e.g., pencils, scissors, sharpeners, highlighters, etc.

For second grade, there is a "Birthday Book" program. Teachers received a box of grade-appropriate books and each birthday child may

choose a book to keep. The cover is stamped "Happy Birthday" and "This book has been donated by Kenner North Kiwanis."

Grades Pre-K, K and First will receive a grade-appropriate book from Santa at their Christmas parties.

A Backpack program has been initiated, and a Birthday Bulletin Board established with KNK volunteers changing the names every month. Volunteers also assisted the new librarian by organizing and shelving books, as the library has been dormant for several years.

KNK'ers will return to John Martyn Alternative School to assist school personnel in promoting student self-esteem, trust, decision making and social skills. Students who are working toward their goals or achieving them will be rewarded with activities, etc., during the year.

The Backpack program continues and tutoring enters its 7th year at Chateau Estates Elementary, where approximately 31 persons (club, church and community) are tutored. Such a successful story deserves its own article in the future.



Barbara Larock, Charlotte Upadhyay, and Debbie Manos update the "Birthday Bulletin Board" at Washington Elementary



Easter goodies are provided at John Martyn Alternative School of Kenner North Kiwanis.

Amory Relocates & Continues Backpack Program

By Carla Glasgow, Amory Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis of Amory moved to a new location several months ago in Historic Vinegar Bend on Main Street in Amory, Miss. We call it our Club House. The Kiwanis Team decided that we needed to revamp our Club and head in a different direction as far as our impact in the community with children in need.

On September 7th we had our ribbon cutting to kick off our new location and bring awareness to the com-

munity of our move.

After the director of our local food pantry spoke one day did we realize that the school backpack program was stopped a couple of years ago due to funding not being available. Our club decided that this was something we wanted to implement back into the school system. We started applying for grants and had our first Kiwanis Golf Tournament. We raised over \$4,000.00 and with the grant money we have

over \$6,000.00 to start up our backpack program again.

We have enough funding to feed 30 needy kids for the weekend for 36 weeks of the school year. This would be Kindergarden - 2nd grade. Our goal is to add more needy children each year. We are excited about this program along with others that we will be working on and the excitement that has been brought to our community, schools, and most of all our members.



Clarissa Preston of SBR Receives International Award

By Lillian Grossley, South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club

Our very own Clarissa Preston of the **South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club** was surprised at a special meeting held at Lake Sherwood Village Retirement Center on September 28. Past Governor and current Regional Eliminate Champion, Dennis Oliver presented Clarissa with an award for outstanding performance in recruiting all clubs in 8B as Model Clubs. Only 4 individuals throughout the entire Kiwanis Family (WORLDWIDE) achieved this level of commitments. We were joined by members from Downtown, Cortana, St. Gabriel, Red Stick, and Early Risers Kiwanis clubs. A special Thanks to outgoing Lt. Governor, Gary LaBauve for his assistance with getting the location. The meal was delicious. Please congratulate Clarissa on this very worthy recognition and her amazing results.



Don Rhoades of Germantown Named Layperson of the Year

By Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values Chair

It was a pleasure to present the 2015-2016 Layperson of the Year during the Prayer Breakfast at this year's District Convention in Shreveport on Sunday morning, August 7.

Our recipient, Don Rhoades, was nominated by the **Kiwanis Club of Germantown, Tennessee**. Don is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Germantown United Methodist Church. In this lay position, he has been responsible for major projects both on the church campus as well

as coordinating projects in the community. He has worked closely with the city.

There are many other areas of responsibility, work with special committees, seasonal projects, support work on activities and ministries of the church that are too numerous to mention.

The major aspect of Don's life is his church and his community. He has been blessed with skills, talents and a Christian life so he has wanted to return those skills, talents and

blessings to his church and his community.

A \$250 check from the LA-MISS-TENN District Foundation was presented to Don's favorite charity.

The Human and Spiritual Values Committee hopes that clubs will start planning to identify recipients for Layperson of the Year in the fall or early spring and be ready to submit them for District consideration by June 1, 2017.

Congratulations Don on your accomplishments in the community!

Algiers Lends a Helping Hand

By Linda Leger, Algiers Kiwanis Club

After the Historic Louisiana Flood in August, Several members of the **Algiers Kiwanis Club's** "Box Lunch Brigade" prepared and packed box lunches to send with Club work parties in Baton Rouge who were helping residents with flood recovery.

Pictured are (left to right) Gary Bair, Eileen Gleason, David Whiddon, Lois Bladder, Irene Burrus, Judi Zimmermann. Bobbie Whiddon took the photograph.



Northshore Mandeville Serves Center that Cares for Animals while Helping Kids with Special Needs

From Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club Facebook Page



On August 20, a group of Kiwanians from the **Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club** painted a room at the New Heights Therapy Center - a place that offers therapeutic time with horses for kids with special needs. The center recently took in several animals from the flooded areas around southern Louisiana. Rescuing the animals has helped the center do what it does best...focus on caring for the animals and helping kids with special needs.

Great job Kiwanians!!!

#NSKiwanis

#KidsNeedKiwanis

Camellia City Holds Flood Relief Book Drive

From Camellia City Kiwanis Club Facebook Page; pictures posted by Amber Ellinwood Andre

The Kiwanis Club of Camellia City, Slidell held a “Flood Relief Used Book Drive,” after “The Great Flood” took place, from August until October 1, 2016. The club collected gently used and new books for teachers who had lost their sets of classroom books. The club’s mission was to restore a piece of normalcy for students when they returned to school. Every book donated was passed along to teachers in the affected areas. Amber Andre and Shelley D’Antoni provided the drop off destinations. Amber also took the time to pick up donations that were called in.



... And Camellia City Honors Terrific Kids!

By Wanda Farbe, Camellia City Kiwanis Club

In September, Terrific Kids Awards at Brock Elementary School and Henry Mayfield Elementary School were presented by the **Kiwanis Club of Camellia City, Slidell** represented by members Wanda Farbe and Richard Glad. Ochsner Medical Center Community Outreach sponsors the Camellia City Kiwanis Terrific Kids’ Program. Students are chosen by their teachers to receive the awards because they have shown leadership and good citizenship in school and their community. Students work with their teachers to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance and schoolwork to reach their goal during a specific time period.

Pictured at top are students from Brock Elementary and at bottom a student is honored at Henry Mayfield Elementary.



Celebrating 30 Years of Women in Kiwanis

Save the Date

*The Kiwanis Clubs of Divisions 4A & 4B Cordially Invite All Kiwanians and Guests
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JANE M. ERICKSON

KIWANIS CLUB OF BELLEVUE-OFFUTT, NEBRASKA

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Jane M. Erickson of Bellevue, Nebraska, was elected as president-elect of Kiwanis International in June 2015 at the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

A 24-year Kiwanian, Jane has been a member of the Bellevue-Offutt club the past 18 years. Prior to that, she was a member of the Fort Dodge Noon Club in Iowa, serving as distinguished club president in 1994-95. She's

been a K-Kids advisor for 16 years and was a Kiwanian of the Year in 2007-08.

A trustee of the Kiwanis International Foundation from 2002-05, she was elected its 2007-08 president. She has served as chair or member of several Kiwanis International Foundation and Kiwanis International committees, including chair of the Women's 25th Anniversary Committee; is a Key Leader facilitator and recipient of Circle K International's McKittrick award; and is a Diamond-level George F. Hixson Fellow, Tablet of Honor recipient, Founders Circle, Kiwanis International Foundation's Heritage Society member, Walter Zeller Fellow and Mother's Day Fellow.

Outside of Kiwanis, Jane is owner of The Wellness & Training Works in Bellevue. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic parish, the Bellevue Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Education Commission and a mentor with Teammates, a school mentoring program.

Jane and her husband, Gus, a past governor, have five children and seven grandchildren.

Share Your Club's News!

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor

Submit your article or photographs:

EMAIL: tiffany@lamisstenn.org

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 this Kiwanis year:

January-February-March 2017 Deadline = December 18, 2016

April-May-June 2017 Deadline = March 18, 2017

July-August-September 2017 Deadline = June 17, 2017

October-November-December 2017 Deadline = September 17, 2017

Include this information:

CLUB: Club, City, State, and Division Number

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 or backs of heads. 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 photo-

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