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"The La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. News"

A General Bulletin Serving the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International

The Governor's Gab

By: Jeems White, 2013-2014 Governor

UNCLE "LAMTEN" NEEDS YOU



Do you remember? that World War I poster of the white-bearded man in top hat and red, white and blue clothes pointing his finger directly at you and saying, "Uncle Sam Needs You!" The WWI poster was designed to recruit volunteers for the army and became an icon. None of us was around in WWI, but we all know the poster image. Now the LaMissTenn District needs a small army of volunteers for (1) our Growth Team and (2) to attend the last four Mid-Year Regional Conferences. **"Uncle Lamten" Needs You...and is pointing a finger at YOU asking you to step up.**

1. Elsewhere in this newsletter are details about the five-year Global Campaign for Growth launched by Kiwanis International (KI). There is a training conference in Atlanta the weekend of April 26th and KI will pay airfare, hotel and meals for the growth team volunteers from the seven districts in Region 2. LaMissTenn plans to send four people from each division: one New Club Builder, two Club Mentors and the Lt.Gov.-Elect. The LTG-Elects are mostly in place, but only about half of the remainder of the Growth Team.

UNCLE LAMTEN NEEDS YOU to volunteer. Please email District Growth Chair Nettles Brown at leshnett@gmail.com (You are at your computer reading this, so please do it now.) Step up and take action which is always the key to success. No experience is necessary, only enthusiasm and willingness to serve, to do your part. KI will provide the training and leadership. Our team will be the troops in the field. Uncle Lamten needs you!!! Email Nettles now.

2. "Uncle Lamten" also needs you to attend one of the last four Mid-winter Regional Conferences. The first three in Pontchatoula (Region V), Metairie (Region IV) and Monroe (Region VII) were highly succesful with about 250 attendees. Comments on

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the critique sheets were universally positive with statements like, "best conference ever", "great", "don't change anything", "I learned a lot", etc. The conferences are well-organized with a mix of fun, fellowship and relevant service information. The ACE TWO (Achieving Club Excellence) program continues from last year's presentation about how to improve the effectiveness and satisfactions of your club. Other initiatives and specific information are included. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the details of the remaining conferences: Region VI in Lafayette, Region III in Hattiesburg, Region II in Oxford and Region I in Jackson, TN. Anyone may attend any and all of the conferences. Be there. It's fun and productive. Just do it. Uncle Lamten Needs You!

Make Uncle Lamten happy. :)

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2013-2014 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT GUNTER GASSER

Experience the Diversity of Kiwanis

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I invite you to join in the festivities. Information on attending the 99th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Japan, can be found on our website, Kiwanis.org/convention. I hope you will get a chance to enjoy the great diversity that makes up Kiwanis International.



KIWANIS IS LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO LOVE KIWANIS

By Nettles Brown, District Growth Chair



Do you love Kiwanis? I mean really love the fun, fellowship and opportunity for service? Are you looking for a way to serve that will outlast your lifetime? Then you are the individual that your district wants and needs!

The Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International has entered into an agreement with Kiwanis International to develop a "Growth Team." This team will consist of at least one (1) new club builder and two (2) club counselor/mentors. The new club builder is a three (3) year commitment and will require that you build at least one (1) new club during that period. The club counselor/mentors are a two (2) year

commitment and will require that you "live" with a new club or existing club for two (2) years.

If you are interested in "reaching out" and sharing your "K" with others, your district needs your commitment.

We will have a weekend training session in April 2014 in Atlanta, GA. KI will pay travel, hotel, and meals to attend this session. Additionally, our district is allotted funds to help cover the cost of being a new club builder or club counselor/mentor.

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact Nettles Brown at 318/357-1520 or email him at leshnett@gmail.com.

It is an opportunity of a lifetime and will make a lasting impression on your district!

I am excited about your participation!!!!

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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ELECT JOHN McCAY, III



Happy Belated Birthday Kiwanis! As an organization, we are 99 years old and still going strong. I hope you are as proud as I am to be part of something that has made a tremendous impact on the world already and still has grand plans to really make a statement when we turn 100! When you think about all of the Terrific Kids programs to AED presentations and so much more, there is no doubt we are making a difference in our communities all across Louisiana, Mississippi and West Tennessee.

I hope you have made plans to attend our Regionals that are going on right now. For the first one in Ponchatoula, the great blizzard could not get Kiwanis down! It may have taken extra travel time and detoured routes, but the warm spirit of Kiwanians quickly changed the mood. These Regionals are a time to learn, grow and share. There are new and improved tools to achieve even greater club excellence that will be added to your club's toolbox. This is also a time to celebrate and learn the latest on the Eliminate Project and our District Foundation. Bring your money because there will raffle baskets and chances to be awarded a Zeller!

We are also finishing putting our team together for 2014-15, the 100th Anniversary year for Kiwanis. There are still some vacancies and if you would like to serve, please let me know. There are still a couple of divisions that need Lieutenant Governors and maybe you are the person for the job! Also, if there is a district position that you feel you could offer great assistance, please let me know. I will be eagerly waiting to hear from you. My phone number is 228-860-5056 and my email is lmtgovjohn@gmail.com. Thank you for making a difference!

HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES



It's Not Too Early To Start Planning For Lay Person Of The Year

By Court Crow, 2013-14 District Chair

I hope your clubs have begun to see where the Human and Spiritual Values of Kiwanis help to make us different from other purely service or social organizations in our communities. Many of our fellow Kiwanians actually see their Kiwanis experience as one of their personal ministries.

Giving back to their communities is simply the spiritual collateral they put back into the communities to make them a better place to live and raise their families.

Start planning now to recognize a Lay Person of the Year (yes, Layman of the Year) for the spiritual role models they are in your community. This person can be a Kiwanian but certainly doesn't have to be. Identify your recipient for his or her contributions to your community through efforts of a "human and spiritual values" nature. In other words, do you see someone making your community better outside their individual church?

I'm not going to give an example because I don't want to limit your imagination. "Think outside the box." Or in this case, "Think outside the church." Is your recipient touching lives ... maybe specifically the lives of children, but don't limit yourselves there, either.

Send your nominations to Court Crow, District Chair, PO Box 52269, Shreveport, Louisiana 71135-2269 or crow52269@aol.com. The review committee will need a cover letter from the Kiwanis Club nominating the person and whatever documentation you can include (other letters of endorsement or recommendation, news articles, etc.)

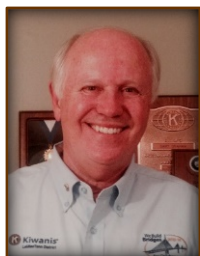
Start planning a special event in your club to recognize your Lay Person of the Year for your club. Just get it done in May or June so you can enter your recipient in the District recognition. The District will recognize these at the District Convention this summer at the District Convention and I hope we have several recommendations from clubs throughout the District.

The first two Objects of Kiwanis make us different. Recognize a community leader who really models those differences.

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GARY GRAHAM ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT

By Tyelise Vavas seur, President Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club

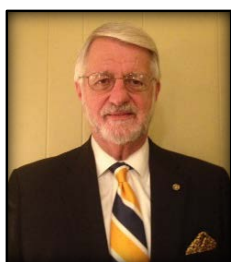


On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge (Downtown), I am pleased to express our enthusiastic support for Gary Graham's candidacy for Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Governor-Elect. Gary is a 23 year member of the Baton Rouge Kiwanis club and has served as Distinguished President - 1999-2000; Lt Governor 8B - 2005-2006; and Region V Trustee - 2010-2013. He is a Hixson Fellow, a Walter Zeller Fellow, member of the Circle K Carthage-Pullman Society, and is the recipient of the District Tablet of Honor. He serves as Faculty Advisor for the LSU Circle K Club, Kiwanis Advisor for the University Lab School Key Club, and Chairman of our Service Leadership Program Committee and has been the Cubmaster for our sponsored Cub Scout Pack 428 for 22 years. We feel that he would serve the District well and the Baton Rouge Kiwanis club will be at the June Convention to show our support and ask for your club's support as well.

Tyelise Vavas seur, President

FRED PITTS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT

MY KIWANIS QUALIFICATIONS:



Fred Pitts is a 44-year member of the Tupelo Kiwanis Club. He is a Past President of the 140 plus member club and has served on the Board of Directors. On the District level Fred has served 2 terms as Lieutenant Governor for Division 16 of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District earning the title of Distinguished Lt. Governor. He is a Past District Foundation President and Board Member and is a John T. Roberts Fellow recipient. He is a Past District Trustee of Region II from 2008 to 2011 where he served on budget committee. Fred is a member Past District Officers Executive Committee for Division 10. Fred has attended 8 International Conventions since 2003. He has made a pledge to Eliminate

Project for Walter Zeller Fellowship.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Fred is married to Carol and has two sons and two grandchildren. He graduated from Provine High School in Jackson, Miss., and attended Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss.

Fred is President of SafeStore of Tupelo, Inc. and is semi-retired. He was elected to Tupelo City Council, July 2009 to June 2013 where he served as President of the Council for all 4 years.

Fred was a member of the Miss. Army National Guard, where he served as Sergeant First Class.

He is a member of the American Legion, Post 49; Deacon of Calvary Baptist Church; member and past Board Member of Community Development Foundation in Tupelo and Wood Badge Bead recipient, Yacona Council of Boy Scout.

It will be an honor and privilege to serve this great LAMSTN District if elected and I ask for your support.

Please contact me at any time. Email: rfred@sguard.net or cell 662-322-2191.

❖ Mid-Year Regional Conferences not over yet! ❖

If you missed your recent Mid-Year Regional conference you can still attend one.

Regions I, II, III, and VI are still open for registration. Clubs in these regions should strongly consider attending. If you are not already registered it is never too early to do so. If you miss the deadline to register you are always welcome to just "Walk-In" or "Show Up" and register on site.

For more complete details visit www.lamisstenn.org and go to Conventions and Conferences and then to Mid-Year Regional Conference!

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THE WESTTENN REGION RAISES MONEY TO HOUSE HOMELESS WOMAN

By Bill Austin, District Trustee, Region I



Over the last several years the Kiwanis clubs in Division 1C have participated in the Christmas time Red Kettle Campaign with the Salvation Army, ringing bells at local business throughout Shelby County Tennessee, this year on December 21st. This season the five clubs participating raised \$2,512.83, enough to house a homeless woman for 207 days and provide 414 meals for her. The effort was sort of a competition between the local clubs and again this year the Bartlett, Tenn. Kiwanis club was the Red Kettle Champion, collecting \$919.97 on a day that was stormy and not fit for a duck. The Kiwanis Clubs of Memphis raised \$2,512.83, Jackson Kiwanis Club raised \$594.67 in its ringing for the Salvation Army and Whitehaven Club. This year's campaign was organized by Division 1C Lt. Governor Dianne Polly.



Steve Jackson and Ben Lane, members of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown.

Nearly all the Division 1C clubs participated in a division wide contest of ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on December 21, 2013. All the clubs did a great job!



Register now for Tokyo-China convention

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ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

By Dennis & Amy Oliver, Co-Chairs, MNT-The Eliminate Project

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NEWS FLASH!



In "my" neighborhood a child is dying every 9 minutes due to a lack of vaccine for tetanus!!!!

WOULD THIS GET YOUR ATTENTION?????

My friends in our world where news is spread immediately, the above statement is not too far-fetched.

In 39 countries----now 25, they are our Kiwanis neighbors, because we belong to the GREATEST SERVICE CLUB in the world. Our defining statement states we believe in improving the WORLD "one" child and "one" community at a time.

Now, as your District Coordinator, I find myself running out of time in fulfilling LAMISSTENN'S goal of raising 2.3 million dollars. We have 17 months to raise our remaining 1.3 million. Every day is crucial to celebrate in 2015====NO MORE MNT!!!!

So, I am back asking you and your club to do the best you can to help eliminate this horrible, unnecessary disease. You know the challenge before us:

1. A child dies every 9 minutes due to a lack of vaccine for tetanus.
2. When the mother gets three \$.60 cent (\$1.80) shots of vaccine, she and all of her babies are protected.
3. UNICEF, our partner, is delivering the vaccine (cold) to back road villages.
4. With the shots they are changing the course of history and educating these women on better health practices.
5. We are introducing inoculation practices that will go on for many many years after The Eliminate Project is over.

SO TODAY WHAT WOULD KEEP 137 CLUBS FROM MAKING THE DECISION TO REALIZE THE WONDERFUL BLESSING IN OUR LIVES AND SAY "YES, WE WANT TO DO OUR PART."???!!!!

Next Steps:

1. Commit to be a Model Club. (\$750.00 per member over 5 years--\$12.00 a month.
2. Commit to some generous gift over the next 5 years.
3. Ask every member to make a gift credited to the Club.
4. Plan a project for Eliminate.
5. Ask community partners to help your club reach its goal.

WE DO NOT WANT TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM LOCAL FUNDRAISING/PROJECTS!!!!

Eliminate is absolutely working with a beginning list of 39 countries and now 25 with many others ready for validation to come off the list.

Reach out with courage and faith and join the 39 clubs who have committed!!!!

The Eliminate Team will visit/revisit your club and help you/your club make your best decision. We need 137 clubs to "step up."

61 MILLION MOTHERS AND BABIES DESERVE A BETTER WAY - - - -
YOU AND I CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN!!!

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LA.-MISS.-W.TENN. DISTRICT FOUNDATION NEWS!

By Donna Osburn, 2013-2014 Foundation President

The Regionals will feature the gift basket raffles which have been so popular in the past. Please bring a gift basket from your club to Raffle – and collect money from your club before you attend your Regional and buy tickets for them!

You know all the address labels you get for free in the mail? Save them to stick on your Raffle tickets and save time you would use writing your name!

We are so close to finishing the Endowment! We are at \$482,000 of our \$500,000 goal! To finish it up, we are encouraging you to make a \$1000 donation and become a River of Life Fellow.

We also have something new this year - The River of Life Pool. If you don't want to commit to the full \$1000 donation, you can buy chances for \$10 each. Once the 100 squares are sold, a drawing will be held for a River of Life and it will be presented at District Convention in June.

And don't forget that we are matching 300% this year! Your club puts in one dollar and we match it with three dollars (up to a total of \$1000 from a Foundation Grant)

Donna



Thanks to the following clubs for contributing to the Foundation's Annual Club Gift!

1A Dyersburg.....\$415.00	8A Pointe Coupee.....\$100.00
1A Martin.....\$300.00	8B Baton Rouge\$380.00
1A Union City.....\$150.00	8B Cortana\$300.00
1C Jackson.....\$150.00	8B Walker\$125.00
1C Memphis\$550.00	8B Zachary\$100.00
2 Greenwood.....\$100.00	9 Shreveport.....\$160.00
3 Columbia, Miss.....\$145.00	9 Southern Hills.....\$100.00
3 Meridian.....\$100.00	10 Starkville.....\$310.00
3 Waynesboro\$120.00	10 Tupelo.....\$645.00
4A Algiers.....\$450.00	11 Olla\$150.00
4A Big Easy.....\$125.00	11 Pineville.....\$200.00
4A New Orleans.....\$125.00	11 Winnfield.....\$215.00
4A Saint Bernard-Arabi.....\$310.00	12 De Ridder.....\$110.00
4B Kenner North\$250.00	12 South Lake Charles.....\$250.00
4B River Region, The.....\$ 60.00	12 Southwest Contraband.....\$162.00
4B South Lafourche.....\$100.00	13 Amite\$250.00
5 Pearl\$205.00	13 Greater Covington\$165.00
6 West Monroe.....\$150.00	13 Hammond\$500.00
7 Acadiana-Lafayette\$250.00	13 Northshore Mandeville\$580.00
7 Crowley.....\$145.00	14 Orange Grove\$95.00
7 Lafayette\$500.00	14 Picayune\$100.00
7 Southwest-Lafayette\$130.00	17 New Iberia\$400.00
8A Louisiana State Univ.....\$ 95.00	17 St. Martinville.....\$300.00
8A Oaks, B. R., The.....\$200.00	

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KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dues Rebate for Clubs with 25 Percent Growth Discontinued (All Districts)

Just a reminder that the House of Delegates voted to discontinue the dues rebate for clubs that have grown at least 25 percent in the prior year.

The payments (rebates) that went out last month to clubs for growth realized in the 2012-13 year are the final rebates to go out and serve as a conclusion of the program.

Time for clubs to file IRS Form 990

The IRS Form 990 is an informational tax form that most tax-exempt organizations must file annually with the Internal Revenue Service. The form gives the IRS an overview of Kiwanis club's activities, governance and financial information. For those clubs with a Foundation, they need to be reminded to file, as well. Please help. Club and Foundation treasurers are required to file one of three Form 990 reports based on gross receipts on the 15th of the month, 5 months after the end of the fiscal year. For example, if the fiscal year ends September 30, file your report by February 15, 2014. You'll find suggested steps to follow and details about determining which form fits which club's circumstances on the [Kiwanis website](#).

The [IRS website](#) also includes related tools and resources. Kiwanis International does not have records of club's IRS history, but clubs can contact the Kiwanis International Office's Finance Department by email at finance@kiwanis.org or call 1-800-549-2647, ext. 153 or 146, for guidance.

Things I Know That You May Not (All Districts)

- Convention registration opens January 20th
- Kiwanis Magazine via your iPad is coming soon. I've seen the latest digital issue in demo form and it's very well done.
- Kiwanis One Day is Saturday, April 5th this year.
- Speaking of April, the grant application deadline to the Kiwanis International Foundation is April 15th this year and will be reviewed in July. All Kiwanis family clubs, districts and district foundations are eligible to submit.
- Check out these cool retro sweatshirts for CKI - <http://store.kiwanis.org/product/2814>
- Next summer, Circle K International will launch the inaugural "CKIx"—the ultimate six-day experience that combines the best aspects of the Circle K International convention and Large Scale Service Project. CKIx, which happens June 17–22, 2014, at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, will give attendees more leadership and personal development opportunities than ever before.
- Two months into the year **ALL** North American Districts are currently showing growth. In percentage of growth, the Pacific Northwest District leads all.
- Ever wonder how the dues paid to Kiwanis International compares to dues being paid to the headquarters of other service organizations?

... Zonta - \$83
... Sertoma - \$80
... Jaycees - \$75
... Mensa - \$70
... Optimist - \$61
... Civitan - \$60
... Pilot - \$60

... Rotary - \$54
... Soroptimist - \$52
... Ruritan - \$44
... Lions - \$43
... Kiwanis - \$42
... AMBUCS - \$30

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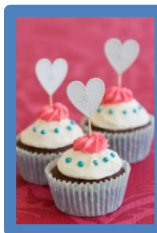
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

By Stephanie Crow, District Fundraising Chairman

Valentine's Day and Easter Fundraising Ideas



- ❖ Gift baskets – Use donated items, gift certificates, or items obtained during clearance or close out sales. You can make a really nice basket for little to no money and then sell them for a flat rate, sell tickets for a raffle, or have a silent auction. It's a great way for local businesses to advertise their stores or products. They will usually donate items. Ribbons and wrapping can easily be found at a dollar store. Suitable baskets can sometimes be found at dollar stores or places like Walmart or craft stores.
- ❖ Wine tasting – Sell tickets to a wine tasting. A venue may be willing to host it and split the profits with you. It would bring customers to their restaurants. They may be just donate the wine or sell it at a discount. **Great idea for Valentine's Day!!!**
- ❖ Bake sale – Fun, festive way to raise money. Be sure to have a wide variety. Everyone likes goodies of one kind or another. Check with local businesses, banks, grocery stores, etc. to ask about having a table in their lobbies on a specific date. Also, if you have a popular product, you can sell them separately. Promote it by email or flyer and sell them individually over a month or so leading up to the event. For example, cookie bouquets or cupcake trees.
- ❖ Cookie or Cake Competition – People love being creative. You'd be amazed at the different designs people can use with cakes or cookies. Make an event out of it. Have a cooking fair with local businesses, have chefs showing demos, have tastings, have other entertainment, give out a prize, get sponsors, charge admission...make a day out of it!!
- ❖ Flower Sale – With all of the success of poinsettia sales at Christmas. Why not expand on the idea and sell potted tulips at Valentines and Lilies at Easter? Often the same venders you get poinsettias from will have the other flowers as well. They may also have other suggestions for flowers popular in your area.



DIVISION 14 COUNCIL MEETING HOSTED BY PASCAGOULA KIWANIS CLUB

By Richard "Woody" Wood, Pascagoula Kiwanis Club

The Division 14 Council meeting was hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula on February 4, 2014.

Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Travis Moore the members voted to give \$1000.00 to Camp Camellia a camp dedicated to children 6-12 years old who have experienced the loss of a loved one during Camellia Hospice care. The members also voted to donate one third of the cost for an AED to be placed in Pass Christian Elementary School.



Pictured are members of Division 14 Council.

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CAMELLIA CITY KIWANIS CLUB stays involved with Aktion Club and Terrific Kids!

By Wanda Farbe, Camellia City Kiwanis Club

Camellia City Aktion Club Volunteers At Mayfield Elementary School

The Camellia City Aktion Club is always looking for ways to help in the community. At their monthly meeting, their Aktion Club adviser, who is also an adviser to the Mayfield Elementary Terrific Kids Program (a joint effort of Kiwanis with the school to provide teachers with a tool to reward students for special achievements that might otherwise go unnoticed), mentioned to the group that Mayfield's librarian could use some help.



Alan Pittman



Mel Carter - Aktion Club Adviser (STARC), Alan Pittman, Tricia Galloway, Stevie Kennedy, Mary Ann McNulty, Luanne Caballero (Mayfield Elementary librarian), Susie Moore, T.J. Stephens, Kerri Soo (Mayfield Elementary Asst. Principal), Wanda Farbe - Aktion Club and Terrific Kids Adviser (Camellia City Kiwanis), Gwen Fleming (STARC)

The Aktion Club wanted to help and immediately snapped into action. A group of them volunteered. Arrangements were made and the volunteers accompanied by STARC staff and their adviser went to the school the next month.



Tricia Galloway and T.J. Stephens

They spent two hours doing various small tasks in the library including stamping books, dusting shelves and gluing torn books. The Aktion Club plans to make this an ongoing project by volunteering at the school's library twice a month.

Aktion Club Welcomes New Members

The Camellia City Aktion Club, Slidell recently held its monthly club meeting and welcomed Michael Collins, President of the Camellia City Kiwanis Club as their guest

speaker. The meeting also doubled as an installation ceremony for its newest members, who are Troy Hendrick, Stevie Kennedy, Anna Bullock and T.J. Stephens. New members received their Aktion Club certificates, pins and t-shirts. Some of the proceeds from the Aktion Club's Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser were used to purchase the t-shirts.



Santa's Helpers Spotted At Terrific Kids Event At Mayfield Elementary

Santa's Helpers better known as members of the Camellia City Kiwanis Club hosted the December "Terrific Kids" recognition program at Mayfield Elementary School in Slidell.

The program is a joint effort of Kiwanis with the school to provide teachers with a tool to reward students for special achievements that might otherwise go unnoticed.



The student recognition program promotes character development, self-esteem, and perseverance.

Students work with their classroom teacher and establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance, or schoolwork. Students then work toward achieving the goal during a specific time period.

Santa's Helpers, Kiwanis members, presented students with certificates, bumper stickers, pencils and refreshments. Parents and family members of the "Terrific Kids" were invited and attended the recognition event to witness the school congratulating the child on his or her accomplishment.



TERRIFIC is an acronym meaning: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

Camellia City Kiwanis also sponsors a Terrific Kids program at Abney Early Childhood Center in Slidell.

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ST. BERNARD-ARABI KIWANIS CLUB FILLS NEED FOR WINTER PROTECTION AT SCHOOLS

By Robert Showalter, St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis

Susie Showalter, chairperson of the Kiwanis Club Coats for Kids Program, reports a successful year for the program. For over 25 years, the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard has furnished coats to needy children at the elementary school level in St. Bernard. What used to be coats has now changed to supplying sweatshirts with school colors to the student's. It became apparent that the children were only using the coats a few days out of the year, but with the sweatshirts, the students can use them year round.



This year, the Kiwanis club distributed over 628 sweatshirts to the 6 elementary schools. Each school evaluated the need and requested the number of sweatshirts needed. Susie states that knowing our young students are going to school with some sort of winter protective wear is very rewarding and is the driving force behind her effort to make sure the program continues every year. Susie has been running the program for the last 15 years. The Coats for Kids Program is funded by donations and grants to the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard.

COLLIERVILLE KIWANIS CLUB SERVES 348 CHILDREN WITH ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

By Dianne Polly, Collierville Kiwanis Club



Pictured above is the school auditorium with bikes and gift bags filling up the entire room. The coordinator of the program is Kiwanian Jill Engelken (second from left) who has done this for five years now. Next to her is Cindy Rial, leader/secretary of Collierville club. On the far right is Kiwanian Terry Dean.

The Collierville Kiwanis club served 348 children with their Angel Tree program this year. They have been coordinating this program for 14 years! Parents qualify for the program and requests their wants and needs for all their children. Various groups and individuals help buy the gifts and bikes and deliver them to schools and other drop off sites where they are recorded, tagged and assembled for pick up on a weekend before Christmas. The club collaborates with Boy Scouts, Collierville Key clubs, the football team, cheer teams, and K-Kids to make this a successful project. The Mayor, Stan Joyner, and Alderman, Vice Mayor Maureen Fraser were in attendance. Children also were treated to cookies. Kiwanian Jason Wellikoff dressed up as a big ELF

and added cheer to the very festive occasion. Fantastic event with an estimated over one thousand persons participating.



The Mayor, Alderman Maureen and Cindy Rial and Terry Dean.



Jason Wellikoff a member of the Collierville and Germantown Kiwanis clubs played the role of elf.

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HAMMOND KIWANIS INITIATES TERRIFIC KIDS PROGRAM

By Vic Couvillion, Hammond Kiwanis Club

The Hammond Kiwanis Club recently inaugurated a Terrific Kids program at Trafton Academy that drew appreciation and thanks from the school's principal and faculty as well as a large group of parents and other family members of the honorees.

Later in the semester, the club will add a Bringing Up Grades (BUGs) program to the school.

Hammond Kiwanians, who already sponsor Terrific Kids and BUGs programs at two other schools, Midway Elementary and Natalbany Elementary, were eager to add Trafton Academy to their list of schools where special services are performed.

When approached about bringing Terrific Kids and BUGs to Trafton, the school's principal, Mrs. Susan Day, enthusiastically endorsed the program. After making a presentation to her faculty, she contacted Kiwanis Club members and relayed that the faculty was equally excited about introducing Terrific Kids and BUGs to their school.

Applause greeted each announcement of the Terrific Kids honored that morning. A large group of parents, friends and relatives were on hand to mark the occasion that honored these "terrific kids" at their school. Many cameras clicked as the honorees were presented.

In addition to the work with Terrific Kids and BUGs, the club sponsors a Kiwanis Happy Pack program whereby more than 75 students are given food items to help sustain them over the weekend along with two books, and a perfect Attendance Program at Woodland Park School.

During the course of a year the Hammond Kiwanis Club touches the lives of countless numbers of young scholars through its school-oriented programs. Club President Judy Couvillion said of this effort, "our involvement in the schools has been one of the most rewarding things our club has accomplished. These young students are just so special...the smiles on their faces when they win recognition is priceless. Our programs also bring many parents to the schools and thus they get to be involved in the education process."



TERRIFIC KIDS STARTED AT TRAFTON – The Hammond Kiwanis Club recently initiated a Terrific Kids program at Trafton Academy. The first group to be singled out for the honor included: first row, from left: Kenzie Jones, Amelia Mistretta, Ava Mistretta, Alyssa Danz, Aiden Brown and Luke Johnson; second row Brady Brown, Jaces Caves, Sarah Mayeaux and Seth Danz; third row: Jacob Hendee, Marley Vinet, Tyler Luster, Taylor McGovern, Brynleigh Berthelot and Rayna Myers; fourth row: Caroline Vaughan, Wyatt Beachy, Hattie Maddox and Parker Costanza. The Terrific in "Terrific" Kids is an acronym for: thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, inclusive,

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NORTHSHORE MANDEVILLE KIWANIS CLUB COLLECTS AND DISTRIBUTES COATS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

By Anna Bier, Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club

During the holiday season, Northshore Kiwanis of Mandeville collected hundreds of coats during their annual Coats for Kids campaign. The coats collected were needed this year more than ever! Thanks to the support of the Aktion Club and local dry cleaners we were able to provide warmth and comfort to hundreds of people this winter. Kiwanis members Bruce Mabee; Rick Johnson, Project Chairman; Sherry Jacob, Co-Chair; and Joey Taylor organized and distributed the coats on behalf of the club.

Many children and adults would have gone cold this year without the generosity of our local community and the dedication of Kiwanis members in our club. This annual event is just one of the many ways Northshore Kiwanis is working to provide a better life for the less fortunate in our community, especially the children. This marks another successful coat drive for the club and is just another success for our Kiwanis Community!



Kiwanis members Bruce Mabee, Rick Johnson (Project Chairman), Sherry Jacob (Co-Chair), and Joey Taylor organized and distributed the coats on behalf of the club.

NORTHSHORE MANDEVILLE KIWANIS CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By Anna Bier, Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club

On December 7, 2013 Northshore Kiwanis held its Annual Pancakes with Santa Breakfast. All the proceeds collected from ticket purchases will benefit the children of our community. The club also collected additional monies for the Eliminate Project. Members of Northshore Kiwanis, with the help of local Key Club and Builders Club members, served hundreds of pancakes to hungry families all morning. Santa and his elves also made an appearance at the breakfast to take pictures with the all the children! This annual event is becoming a staple of the holiday season in the community and for many marks the beginning of the season. It's just another way Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis is reaching out and connecting with their community!



REMEMBER that the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Kiwanis District Convention falls BEFORE the Kiwanis International Convention this year! Almost 6 weeks earlier than usual! So check your calendars and mark the dates of June 20-22, 2014 so that your club can plan accordingly to attend the district convention in Jackson, Mississippi!

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Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International
96th ANNUAL CONVENTION
TENTATIVE PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE
 Marriott Hotel, Jackson, Miss. June 20-22, 2014

Thursday, June 19th

3:00-6:00 pm Registration Desk open

Friday, June 20th

7:30 am	** Kiwanis District Golf Tournament – location to be announced
7:30 am	District Foundation Board Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)
8:00 am-6:00 pm	Registration & Credentials
9:00 am-5:00 pm	Exhibits; Convention Service Project; Foundation Fund-Raiser:
Gift Basket Raffle	
9:00 am-2:00 pm (??)	** Optional Program for Spouses, Guests and other early arriv-
ers!	
1:30-2:00 pm	Lt. Governors-Designate Training – Part 2
1:30-4:00 pm	Club Secretary Training
1:30-3:30 pm	Meeting of the Past District Governors
1:30-3:30 pm	Meeting of the Past District Officers Organization Executive Committee
1:30-3:15 pm	Workshops
2:00-3:00 pm	** Governor Jeems White's Meet 'n Greet Reception for the First Timers
2:15-4:00 pm	Governor-Elect John McCay's Pep Rally for the 2014-2015 Club Presidents and Lt. Govs
3:30-4:30 pm	** Past District Officers' Welcome Reception ("No-Host" bar)
5:00 pm	Opening Session of the Convention
	Keynote Speaker: Past International President Steve Siemens
evening	Dinner on your own in Jackson



Saturday, June 21st

8:00-11:00 am	Morning Refreshments
8:00-11:00 am	Registration & Credentials
8:00 am-3:00 pm	Foundation Fund-Raiser: Gift Basket Raffle
8:00-11:00 am	Exhibits; Convention Service Project
8:15 am-2:00 pm	** Youth Activities
8:30 am	Saturday Morning General Session
8:30-2:00 pm	Spouses' Continental Breakfast & Program: t.b.d.
9:45 am-11:45 am	Workshops
12:00 noon	** Fellowship Luncheon
2:00 pm	Meeting of the Certified Instructors
2:00-3:30 pm	Meet the Candidates for Governor-Elect
2:00-3:30 pm	Workshops
4:00 pm	Regional Caucuses (if necessary)
5:00 pm	House of Delegates & Foundation Annual Meeting
Following	** "Governor Jeems' Celebration of the 2013-2014 Year



Sunday, June 22nd

8:30 am	** Prayer Breakfast & Closing Session
10:30 am	2013-2014 District Board Review of Convention

Revised: 1.23.2014

** - Denotes "ticketed" functions

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Come Celebrate with KCNO

Kiwanis Club of New Orleans marks our 95th Anniversary of service to the Greater New Orleans area!

- WHEN:** Saturday, March 29, 2014, 6:30 pm til 9:30 pm
WHERE: Lakeside Country Club (1520 Rose Garden Drive, Metairie, LA)
WHAT: Short program, followed by dinner & dancing to Big Band Sound, Music by "New Orleans Ragtime and Dixieland Band"
COST: \$19.19 for an interclub of 4 (Additional guests will be \$5 each)
MENU: Caesar Salad, Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Tea/Water/Coffee
CASH BAR AVAILABLE by Lakeside Country Club

DOOR PRIZES

RSVP by March 23, 2014 cathysimmons@cox.net (504-874-2816)

Adults Only

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YES, the Kiwanis Club of _____ will be joining you for your 95th Anniversary Celebration, with _____ people.

Contact person for your club: _____ Phone: _____

Enclosed is our check for \$_____ (\$19.19 for group of 4 – additional guests \$5 each)

Please make check payable to:
Kiwanis Club of New Orleans
P.O. Box 682, Metairie, LA 70004

RSVP NO LATER THAN MARCH 23, 2014