A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
By: Greg Beard, 2011-2012 Governor

One-third of the Kiwanis year has gone, but much more is ahead of us. It has been a wonderful experience for us. As Lisa and I travel throughout our great LaMissTenn District, we are amazed of how much clubs are making an impact in their communities. We should feel good about what we are doing in our communities—Service. If Kiwanians are excited about what we are doing, then it should lead to more opportunities to grow and fellowship. Kiwanians are involved in service more than ever before. I thank all Kiwanians for their commitment, dedication and service to our communities.

We have completed two of seven Mid-Year Regional Meetings—Hammond and Lafayette. Over 150 Kiwanians and guests from these areas came together for an incredible day to learn how our clubs can function better within our communities. These one day events allow every Kiwanian to participate in an open forum session covering the “How To’s” of fundraising, service projects and membership.

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
By Alan Penn, International President

Fun and Fellowship!

Every February a small community called Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania uses a groundhog to determine whether there are six more weeks of winter. We all know there are better ways to predict the future, but this community has created a special day and special celebration surrounding a groundhog. Kiwanis, we can learn something from this celebration. We need to put the fun and fellowship back into our clubs. We need to enjoy the company of our members as we raise funds and provide service in our communities. If we do this others will want to join in the party others will want to join our clubs to help us as we improve the lives of children and families in our communities. If we do this we can use our Kiwanis presence to rescue clubs before they are lost and we can build new clubs where they can help us expand our service. Just like Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Kiwanis is a community of friends who have the opportunity to enjoy each other’s company and the power to not only to help one another but to help the children of the world. So I encourage you to make each club experience meaningful. Help new members to immediately get involved on committees and on your board. Acknowledge the talents of everyone and make them feel welcome. Let’s be like those residents of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania who use a groundhog to bring their community together to have fun, to celebrate each other and to encourage others to join them.
SUCCESSFUL REGION V MID-YEAR REGIONAL HELD

By: Vic Couvillion

Past Governor Russ Kercher, Governor-Elect Robert Benoit, Governor Greg Beard and Past Governor Dennis Oliver attended the Region V Mid-Year Meeting in Hammond on January 28.

Eighty-eight Kiwanians from Region V, which is comprised of Districts 8A, 8B and 13, gathered in Hammond on Jan. 28 for the Mid-Winter Conference which featured an address by International Trustee Dr. John R. Button of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada. In addition to Button’s inspiring address, those at tending the conference heard remarks from La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. Governor Glen Beard, participated in workshops and enjoyed fun and fellowship.

Hammond Mayor Mayson Foster opened the conference with a welcoming address to the attendees. He presented Button and Beard with “Keys” to the City of Hammond and told conference participants that he was “thrilled to have them visit our city.”

The conference, held at the University Center on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University, ended with a luncheon that was highlighted by the governor’s speech and a lively, spirited auction that netted $1000 for the District Development Foundation.

Addressing the opening session, Button called on Kiwanians to support the ELIMINATE Project which has as its goal the eradication of neo-natal and maternal tetanus in developing nations around the world. Button reminded his audience that through the IDD Project, which has been completed, that millions and millions of children are now being born without goiter, mental retardation and a host of other medical complications.

Button said that Kiwanis is joining with UNICEF to make the ELIMINATE Project a reality and he added that this initiative will ultimately affect the lives of millions of women and children who would otherwise succumb to the dangers of tetanus.

In his address, Governor Beard urged all Kiwanians to support both the ELIMINATE Project and the district’s major emphasis program, the installation of AEDs in all schools in the district. Beard praised the clubs present for the positive, community building programs that they now pursue and encour-aged all club officers and members to continue working to make the “K” a visible part of their respective communities.

Judge Dee Drell of Alexandria, a veteran Kiwanians and certified trainer presided over two sessions, one aimed at helping clubs recruit new members and the other focused on fund-raising projects. Lauren Call headed two breakout sessions that offered pointers on ways that Kiwanis clubs can become more involved in a variety of ways.

The jambalaya luncheon was provided by the Cortana Kiwanis Club. Presid-ing over the luncheon was Sid Guedry, president of the Hammond Kiwanis Club, host club for the conference. Judy Couvillion of the Hammond Club, one of the conference coordinators, provided continental breakfast item for attendees during the registration period that was presided over by Beverly Cain of the District Office in Baton Rouge.

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Also, there is a presentation on the Worldwide Service Project: The ELIMINATION Project and how you can make a difference in the life of a mother and child. There are still more regional meetings to come. To see where the next regional meeting is to be held, go the District website, www.lamisstenn.org and click on the “Conventions and Conferences” tab.

As your Governor, I urge you to attend the regional meeting in your area; not only for the educational opportunities, but for the fellowship of many we haven’t seen in a long time. Oh, and don’t forget about registering for the International Convention in New Orleans. The $100.00 early bird registration deadline for LaMissTenn volunteers has been extended to March 20, 2012.

Also, don’t forget to check out the District’s Facebook page—Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. Be sure to “Like” the page and click “Share” on any posting in order to share our stories with your Friends. Also, you can post any comments, stories, or suggestions for others to see, and it will also appear on your wall for your Friends to see. “Just another way to spread the message of Kiwanis”.

As we hit the road again making meetings and club visits, we look forward to visiting with you and listening to what great things you are doing in your clubs. Again, got an event, give us a call; got a club meeting, give us a call; got a service project, give us a call. We might just show up.

Greg
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETS IN NEW ORLEANS

By: Greg Beard, Governor La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District

During the week of January 12th, the Kiwanis International Council was held in New Orleans. The international boards—Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, Past Presidents, District Governors along with the International Boards for Key Club and Circle K—met to discuss policy and bylaw changes. These proposals are to be presented for discussion and vote at the International Convention in New Orleans.

The Council members considered several proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. The Council used its authority (granted in the bylaws) to adopt several amendments:

- Add a statement that clubs must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of local jurisdiction.
- Eliminate current provisions and restrictions regarding cancellation of club meetings, allowing greater flexibility in rescheduling club meetings.
- Eliminate the requirement that clubs must have at least one vice president.
- Eliminate the many specific details related to admission of new members, allowing greater flexibility for clubs to set their own process.
- Reduce the required minimum number of club directors from five to three.
- Expand the time frame for clubs to hold annual elections of new officers, allowing greater flexibility.
- Remove the reference to “petitions” in forming new clubs, because petitions are no longer used by Kiwanis International, and remove district approval for new clubs.
- Eliminate the requirement that districts must approve club use of lotteries, raffles and other games of chance.
- Clarify that clubs must report all club delegates and alternates for the Kiwanis International Convention 60 days prior to convention, not just those who do not belong to their club.
- Update provisions related to the Kiwanis International board election process, now that electronic voting is used.
- Provide that the host district of a Kiwanis International Convention may hold its own convention in conjunction with the international convention.
- Remove administrative details from the bylaws which are more appropriate for procedures.
- Amendments adopted by Council will become permanent unless rescinded at the 2012 Kiwanis International convention in New Orleans. The deadline to propose rescissions is February 15, 2012.

Click on the links below to see all amendments, with full text:
Amendments Adopted: http://kwn.is/2012-council-adopted
Amendments Endorsed: http://kwn.is/2012-council-endorsed
Amendments Referred: http://kwn.is/2012-council-referred

Amendments adopted by council will become permanent unless rescinded at the 2012 Kiwanis International convention in New Orleans. Instructions to propose rescissions are included in the link below; please note that the submission deadline is February 15, 2012.

Amendments rescind instructions: http://kwn.is/rescindinstrux

The Council also endorsed several other proposals, recommending them for adoption later this year by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Kiwanis International Convention. Two other proposals were referred back to the Kiwanis International Board for further consideration.
Everyone in attendance enjoyed the Region VI Mid-Year Regional meeting in Lafayette, La. on Saturday, February 4 at Governor-Elect Fire Chief Robert Benoit's Training Center for the Lafayette Fire Department. St Martinville was the host club. 55 Kiwanis members of the Region enjoyed the fellowship and sharing that was had by all.

**Pictured left to right:** Kevin Domingue from Layfayette who is a ROCK to us!!! He has constructed our web site, stationery, and keeps up with our BLOG!!! Thank you a million times, Kevin!!!, Trustee of Region 6, Claudia Hall and yours truly. Also pictured is Claudia Hall, Region VI Trustee and Past Governor and Candidate for International Trustee Dennis Oliver.

**La.-Miss.-W. Tenn Governor**

Greg Beard and FIRST LADY Lisa Beard energized our meeting. Thank you Lisa and Greg for you continued support in everything that happens in LAMISSTENN!! Look at Lisa's poster board for Eliminate!!! Yea!!

**Special Moment!**

La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. Governor Greg Beard and his wife Lisa were recently presented framed certificates and lapel pins for pledging $25,000 to Project ELIMINATE. Making the presentation was Past Governor Dennis Oliver who is ELIMINATE chairman for the district. In making the presentation Oliver said, “this is the first major donor contribution to Project ELIMINATE. I commend Governor Greg and Lisa for their generous donation…they have set a wonderful example for our district. More than 14,000 babies and mothers thank Lisa and Greg.”

**Eliminate Tree**

Claudia Hall, (left), trustee for Region VI, created the ELIMINATE Tree of Life to encourage donations to the Kiwanis International program which seeks to end maternal/neonatal tetanus worldwide. With her is Kim Champagne, Lieutenant Governor for Division 7, and Dennis Oliver, Project ELIMINATE chairman for the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International. Each person who donates to Project ELIMINATE receives a leaf which they then place on the tree. About Hall’s initiative, Oliver said, “I love the idea and we plan on sharing it will other regions that we visit.” At the Region VI conference, the “Tree” helped raise $203.55 for Project ELIMINATE.

**Happenings in the District**

**West Tennessee** by: Linda Ramsey, Immediate Past Governor lramsey@utm.edu

Dear Kiwanis Friends,

There are a couple of things going on in West Tennessee that I would like to share. First, we have the adult Key Leader Training which is set for February 11, 2012 in Brentwood, TN. If anyone else is interested in attending, please let me know asap. We will be offering a Key Leader Weekend on May 4-6 at Lakeshore Methodist Camp in Eva, Tennessee. We are trying to locate young people in high school who are potential leaders who are not necessarily Key Club Members who might want to attend. In Tennessee, Peyton Manning is offering some scholarship money for those who might wish to attend. Please ask at Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, YWCAs, etc. to locate young people who would benefit from this life-changing experience. Anyone can register at www.key-leader.org.

The second item I wanted to bring up is that we are hosting the Regional Mid-Winter Conference in Martin, TN on the UT-Martin Campus on March 17, 2012. We wish to invite all clubs in Region 1 to attend this informative meeting. We are bringing the convention to your back door, so please make every attempt to be there. This is Governor Greg Beard’s official Governor’s Visit, and we would like to have a lot of people here to welcome him to our part of the District. Registration will begin at 9AM with an opportunity for Club Presidents and Lt. Governors to meet with Governor Greg, and the Opening Session will begin at 9:30AM. The meeting will conclude with a luncheon and a Keynote address by Governor Greg. We hope to see you there!
Region I Activities  

by: Bill Austin, Trustee

As trustee for Region 1, I am also a member of the District Membership Growth Committee along with trustees Lee Jeter and Claudia Johnson-Hall and we are always looking for suggestions for ways to encourage Kiwanis membership growth.

Here are a few suggestions: Club publicity is a good way to attract interest in your club as well as Kiwanis in general. Get articles in the local newspapers about club activities along with pictures. Have local radio and TV stations do public service announcements about your fund raisers, ie; Pancake Day, etc. Develop a club web site and publish it in the local news every time you submit an article.

Does your club have a brochure? Place copies in local hotels and motels and welcome centers, how about barber shops and beauty shops, clinic waiting rooms, etc. Make sure each Kiwanis visitor has a copy. Let the general public know the good things your club is doing and how rewarding it is to be a Kiwanian.

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has developed an attractive brochure as pictured being displayed by club president Claude Vinson. If anyone would like a copy, please e mail me your mailing address.

Bill

Division 4A Activities

By: Patrice Cusimano, Lt. Governor, Div. 4A

Busy Bees on the Bayou

The Pontchartrain Club continued its good works by partnering with two other clubs, WestBank Konnection and Camellia City, to participate in Toys for Tots. The club also adopted three families whose homes were destroyed by fire. Gift cards were given for a Bikes for Books program, and cash, toiletries and clothes were donated to military men and women, the New Orleans Mission and the Ozanam Inn. Pontchartrain will be hosting its annual Red Beans & Rice fundraiser on March 24.

The WestBank Konnection was extremely busy hosting a bake sale with proceeds donated to Share our Strength, a program to address child hunger. A unique program in which they participated was partnering with Dillard’s department store to fill handbags (a trade-in program) with health tips for women. The club worked at the Boo at the Zoo, a domestic violence awareness campaign and the Children’s Miracle Network. It also participated in a Shots for Tots program, which has really taken off.

The Third District club worked with Second Harvest, as they do every quarter, and recruited their Key Clubs to help. Members made fleece scarves which were distributed at Luke’s House, a respite for the homeless. The club continued its regular participation at the Harahan Farmer’s Market and the Uptown Shepherd Center. The club is planning to help barbecue at Angel’s Place Spring picnic and to have prayer breakfast in March.

West Jefferson continued its quarterly dinner socials (a great recruiting tool!) at Café Hope, and its many reading programs at a local library. The club hosts “Kiwanis in Pajamas,” Crafts with Key Club, and Read Around the World. They are planning a safety day on April 14 and pancakes with the Easter Bunny on March 31, also at Café Hope.

The New Orleans Club helped gather and package care packages for the military serving in Afghanistan. It organized a “no-sew” blanket project, very simple, but much appreciated by the recipients. The club intends to have this project at the International Convention, so look for them at the Convention Center. Members donated bookmarks to local libraries as part of the club’s literacy program. An evening of reflection is also planned for February 28.

The St. Bernard-Arabi Club continued its regular Terrific Kids/Teens programs. A Lifesaver Award was given to a deserving fireman at the quarterly evening meeting. The Key Club participated by baking goodies, with the proceeds going to the Eliminate Program. The club is planning a fundraiser dance near the end of the school year, right after working at Jazz Fest with the Algiers Club. The club will also host the Mid-Winter Regional Conference on March 10 at Chalmette High School’s Ninth Grade Academy.

All of the clubs are gearing up for the International Convention. We are proud of our city and region, and want this to be the best convention ever!!!

Patrice Cusimano
Division 9 Activities
By: Court Crow, Shreveport Kiwanis, Human & Spiritual Values Chair 2011-12

One of La.-Miss.-Tenn.’s smallest Divisions had a really busy and fulfilling December. The Kiwanians contributed to our community in many ways:

The Kiwanis Club of Shreveport continued the cooperative effort with Brookshire’s Food Stores for the 38th year to pack and distribute over 400 food boxes to needy families. Kiwanians, the North Louisiana Food Bank and the Key Club at C.E. Byrd High School picked up, packed and delivered boxes to help make Christmas a little brighter for families throughout northwest Louisiana.

Kiwanians also manned (or womanned) Salvation Army Bells at two Wal-Mart’s in Shreveport and Bossier City. Many Kiwanians remember really cold hours spent ringing bells of the downtown streets of Shreveport over the years.

The Kiwanis Club of DeSoto Parish held its annual Christmas Fruit Cake Sale. The funds raised go to their projects throughout the year. Citizens of the Mansfield, Louisiana area look forward to these high-quality fruit cakes each year.

One favorite holiday tradition for the Kiwanis Club of Southeast Shreveport is the annual Christmas party for children from Riverside Elementary School. Children from the school sang holiday songs and were given gifts from the club. We also do Terrific Kids presentations throughout the year.

This year, the Southeast Kiwanians also named our first ever “Honorary Kiwanian” to the counselor at Riverside. Karen Rothell was recognized for her service to the children of the school and for being recognized as the Louisiana Elementary Counselor of the Year for 2011. It is always a pleasure working with all of the staff at Riverside.

And Kiwanians from throughout the Division worked together to enhance the Christmas spirit at the Sheriff’s Safety Town. Kiwanians from the Southern Hills club decorated it and Kiwanians from Southern Hills, Southeast and the Shreveport club came together for the area’s Christmas parade which ended at Safety Town. We distributed candy canes to children and cheered on the local high school bands and dance lines who participated in the parade.

We had a busy but fulfilling December in Division 9. We hope all Kiwanians gave as well as received a wonderful and Merry Christmas.

Division 14 Activities
By: John McCay, Lt Governor, Div. 14

2012 is off to a great start in Division 14! The Gulfport club celebrated 90 years of service and we had International President Alan Penn as a special guest in our division at their celebration. We were also fortunate to have Trustee John Button and our own Governor Greg Beard in attendance that night. It was a great evening and in many ways resembled a District Convention. Division 14 is also hosting the Harlem Wizards on February 14th to help purchase an AED and raise money to fund projects through our District Foundation. As you can see, January was a special month with many great activities. February will also bring excitement with the basketball game and reorganizing one of our clubs.

John McCay

$100 Volunteer Registration Until March 20th!

By: Joe L. Pratt, Host Committee Chair H: 504/888-6433 C: 504/239-4662 E: jlpromo@aol.com

Volunteer registration for the International Convention is still $100 that is until March 20th. If you and/or your club would like to volunteer, please contact me at the above contact information. You can go to www.lamisstenn.org to get a complete list of volunteers needed. Just click on “2012 International Convention”. You will also get important information on Hotel reservations, schedules, programs and entertainment. Hurry, time is running out!

Joe
When it comes to tracking the success of Kiwanis (whether it be on an International, District or club level), technology can be quite helpful & can provide instant results to help us all do a better job with membership, recruitment and service in general. For example, despite the fact that the overall KI membership is decidedly male, take a quick look at the LaMissTenn Facebook demographics below…

As you might expect, the largest group of people who like us on Facebook are males over age 55. But we also have an impressive percentage of female followers between the ages of 35 and 54. And (even accounting for the fact that those who don’t disclose their gender might be male) we have more females keeping up with us online than males. This is just a quick example of how easy it is to use technology to see whether we are meeting our goals. Academia has a phrase “publish or perish” to describe the pressures to sustain one’s career. We could replace that in Kiwanis by “analyze or dematerialize” to describe what could happen if we fail to use technological tools to see where we are meeting or missing the mark to remain relevant to the generations to come.

Make your club more human and spiritual values-conscious

All six of our Kiwanis International Objects are important pillars on which to build our personal and professional lives and, of course, to build our clubs. But I hope you’ll make an effort in the remainder of 2010-2011 to make your clubs more CONSCIOUS (yes, open their eyes) to our first Object: to give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material val-

examples of where by giving “primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life,” we have seen fruits of this behavior? Don’t just find or write small devotionals for your newsletter (which is certainly a good start) but find, create or write examples of Kiwanians using this object in their personal or business experiences.

Just a quick reminder of other suggestions:

a. Be sure that each club meeting starts with an Invocation. May I suggest that we ask different Kiwanians to offer the Invocation each meeting, not the same person? I know change can shake things up, but having the same person each week may make the whole opening “fall-in-a-rut” while a different person shares that responsibility or privilege.
b. Be sure to end each meeting with the Kiwanis prayer. May I suggest the following Kiwanis prayer; it won’t take more than a couple of weeks to learn:

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

c. Start planning now to sponsor a Community Prayer Breakfast … or a Prayer Breakfast for your K-Family … or a Prayer Breakfast for the young athletes of your community (co-sponsored with FCA) for the spring. Plan one for the spring to get 2011 started on the right spiritual foot. Your civic leaders will always show up and invite two or three different religious leaders to lead.

d. Start your planning now to recognize a Lay Person of the Year (yes, Layman of the Year) and, maybe, a Young Leader of the Year (high school or college) recognized for the spiritual role models they are in the community. The District will recognize these at the District Convention next summer and I hope we have several recommendations from clubs throughout the District.

Please don’t make this committee one of little consequence. There are so many ways that our clubs can emphasize our first Object and many Kiwanians feel that their clubs broaden their personal ministries in our communities. Let’s make 2010-2011 a year we can remember for our reigniting our love for Human and Spiritual Values.

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**PLAN AHEAD NOW FOR KIWANIS PRAYER WEEK**

By: Court Crow, Human & Spiritual Values Chair 2011-2012

This is the perfect time of the year to start planning ahead for Kiwanis Prayer Week which is held annually the second full week of May. (May 6-12, 2012)

In recognition of the first Object of Kiwanis, “To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life,” and Kiwanis’ long-standing program of Human and Spiritual Values, many Kiwanis clubs observe Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week.

The observance, which began in 1980, occurs during the second full week of May (from Sunday thru Saturday). It provides clubs an opportunity to promote spiritual and religious activities both within the club and throughout the community. It also gives clubs an opportunity to recognize individuals for outstanding contributions to spiritual welfare.

Here are several suggestions. Additional ideas can be found in the Human and Spiritual Values Bulletin Twenty-two which is available by calling Kiwanis International (or available on line):

1. **PRAYER BREAKFAST** – These events should be conducted by laymen rather than professional religious leaders in order to maintain the non-denominational atmosphere of the meeting. The main speaker may certainly be a major religious figure from throughout the community or region.

2. **AWARD CERTIFICATE OR PLAQUE** – This is an ideal project to focus attention on those local individuals (adults or students) who have made an exceptional contribution to the spiritual life of the community or their school or university.

3. **PROMINENT SPEAKERS** – Ask one of the outstanding religious leaders or laymen in your community to deliver an appropriate message to the club meeting during the Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week. Encourage each club member to invite his or her own clergy to attend the meeting.

4. **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT** – Involve your K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K or Action Club in special projects and programs during Worldwide Prayer Week.

5. **PUBLICITY** – Several publicity materials are available from Kiwanis International including radio spots to be aired on local radio stations, a news release to submit to local newspapers and a Mayor’s Proclamation to show community-wide support of this Kiwanis observance.

Additionally, ask members’ churches and houses of worship to mention Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week in their weekly sermon or bulletin. Suggest that they characterize Prayer Week as an effort by laymen to bring about peace and understanding through non-denominational devotions.

State planning now … May will sneak upon us before the snow thaws!!!

Court Crow
**INTERCLUB RELATIONS**

*By: Cal Robbins, Interclub Relations Chair 2011-12*

**Interclub Participation**

I always try to get at least one more member than the minimum required to commit to attending each Inter-club. If something happens and one member cannot attend you will still have a successful Inter-club. I also request that members let me know if they will not be able to attend, as soon as they know, so I can get a replacement if necessary.

Are you short a member to complete an Inter-club? Try contacting members who need a Make-Up. Attending and Inter-club counts as a Make-Up for a missed meeting of your club. When you report your Inter-club activity to your secretary, be sure to report the names of the members who attended so they can be given attendance credit for the Inter-club.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Submitted by: Richard “Woody” Wood, District Community Service Chairman 2011 - 2012*

Community Service should be one of the primary goals of every Kiwanis Club. The club should strive to fulfill the Kiwanis Vision of “Changing the World One Child and One Community at a time.” There are so many ways that we can change our communities through service just to mention a few.

- Start a Terrific Kids Program in a local school.
- Visit a nursing home.
- Work with your local Head Start.
- Start a Key Club in your communities High School.
- Mentor a child.
- Build a Kiwanis Club in a community that does not have one.
- Honor a Lawman, Firefighter, or a Teacher at one of your meetings.

- Worldwide Service Project “Eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus”

Let’s take a moment to think about the definition of Community and Service

Community is defined as “The public, the people, the nation, the town”

Service is defined as “Helping others, support, assist, comfort, and giving”

When we combine Community and Service we define our Kiwanis Vision of “Changing the World One Child and One Community at a time”

“**Remember the reward for service is yours.**”

Also remember that your nomination for Lawman, Firefighter, and Teacher of the year must be received by me no later than July 1, 2012.

The criteria for these awards can be found on the District Web-Site
KIWANIS, COUNTY GIFTS HELP SAVE LIFE OF LHS ATHLETE

Submitted by: Jack Taylor, Oxford Mississippi Kiwanis Club
Story written by: Alyssa Schnugg, The Oxford Eagle
January 26, 2012

In 2008, the Oxford Kiwanis Club made it a goal to eventually have at least one automated external defibrillator in every school in Oxford and Lafayette County. However, they had hoped no one would ever have to use them.

Unfortunately, that day came on January 13 when Lafayette High School basketball player Serquan Herod collapsed on the floor during the second quarter of a game against Senatobia. Herod, who was making his second start of the season, was sitting on the bench when he suddenly landed face-first onto the floor after suffering from a cardiac-related episode.

The AED and CPR were administered to Herod in an attempt to get his heart berating again and make him responsive prior to the arrival of an ambulance crew from Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi.

On Wednesday, Lafayette County School District Business Manager Brian White thanked the Kiwanis for their persistence in their goal of getting an AED into every school in both the city and county school districts.

“If it were not for the initiative taken by the Kiwanis Clubs and the hard work of Mr. (Wil) St. Amand, I’m scared to think of where that student would be today,” White said. “We thank you all so much.”

An AED is now in every school in the local school districts. Three defibrillators were donated by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors in 2008. The cost for each AED was $1,676 and they were purchased through Zoll Medical.

The AED admits an electric charge to the heart when it’s stopped beating.

“We have purchased two units for the Water Valley school system,” said St. Amand, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Oxford Mississippi. “We hope these are never used. But when it turns out they are necessary, it’s great comfort to know they were there, used appropriately and had a favorable outcome.”

Herod’s mother, Sherry Herod, said her son was at home and improving after a smaller defibrillator was inserted into his chest last week at Methodist Le Bonheur in Germantown, Tennessee. Doctors told Sherry her son experienced a “sudden death” moment.

“He’s doing real good,” Sherry said this morning. “We have a doctor’s appointment today and will find out when he might be able to return to school.”

Sherry said she is thankful the AED was available at the school and has been told by doctors that the AED and CPR administered to her son after he collapsed saved his life.

Herod had been previously diagnosed with a heart murmur and had to be cleared by a doctor prior to playing this season.

2010-2011 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS AND DISTINGUISHED DIVISIONS

Distinguished Divisions
1A Myrna Johnson, McKenzie, Tenn.
1C Ray Ponnath, Memphis, Tenn.
2 Milford Hough, Greenville, Miss.
5 Jan Robertson, Flowood, Miss.
6 Lori Adams, West Monroe, La.
9 Rebecca Crow, Southern Hills/Shreveport
15 James O. Franklin, The Natchez Trace, Miss.

1A Martin
1A McKenzie
1A Union City
1C Bartlett
1C East Memphis
1C Germantown
1C Whitehaven
2 Greenville
3 Waynesboro
4A New Orleans
4A Ponchartrain, N.O.
4A Saint Bernard-Arabi
4B Dawn Busters, Metairie
4B Kenner North
4B Moisant
5 North Jackson/Madison
5 Pearl
6 Monroe
6 West Monroe
7 Acadiana-Lafayette
7 Lafayette
7 Southwest-Lafayette
8B Baton Rouge
8B Cortana, Baton Rouge
8B South Baton Rouge
8B St Gabriel
9 Southeast Shreveport
11 Jena
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- Bruce, Ginger F. – Dawn Busters, Metairie
- Davis, Leonard L. – Millington
- Day, Donald B. – Shreveport
- Dispenza, Sam – Baton Rouge
- Dixon, David W. – Corinth
- Dodd, Nixon – River City Savannah
- Dulberger, Reid – Memphis
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- Floyd, Troy L. – Brookhaven
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- Hand, Robert E. – Corinth
- Hayes, Amanda E. – Southeast Shreveport
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- Hill, Edith B. – Ruston-Sunrise
- Hogwood, Jay – Baton Rouge
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- Kruse, Ryan P. – Dawn Busters, Metairie
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- Long, Ernest Michael – Cortana, Baton Rouge
- Lyons, Jordan G. – Ruston-Sunrise
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- O’Keefe, Arthur – Southwest Contraband, Lake Charles
- Parks, Rita P. – Corinth
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- Quiett, Tiffany R. – South Baton Rouge
- Robertson, Shana – North Jackson/Madison
- Skelton, Karen – Jackson
- Smith, Sylvia A. – South Baton Rouge
- Summers, Jamie – Martin
- Terry, Kenneth C. – South Baton Rouge
- Terry, Michael H. – Germantown
- Thomas, Damian – Dawn Busters, Metairie
- Trim, Ed – Flowood
- Vanderbrook, Todd L. – Hub City, Hattiesburg
- Wade, Jerel – Laurel
- Williams, Cassandra L. – Big Easy, New Orleans
- Williams, Natasha R. – Orange Grove Gulfport
- Williams, Jr., Merton E. – Clinton
- Young, Jacqueline S. – South Baton Rouge
- Zeriwgue, Andre – Livingston

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**In Memoriam**

*He left us quietly, His thoughts unknown, But left us a memory, We are proud to own; So treasure him Lord, In Your garden of rest, For when on earth, He was one of the best.*

- Ernie Alexander – Lafayette
- Elliot Kolker – Germantown
- Phillip Bryant – Oxford
- Larry O’Shaughnessy – Memphis
- Bennie Haynes – Rayville
- Robert Patterson – Oxford
- Gerald Jackson – Alexandria
- Floyd Smith – Lake Charles-North
- Gordon Johnston – Starkville
- Eugene Tims – Baton Rouge
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MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS=ELIMINATE

By: Dennis Oliver, District Coordinator, Eliminate Project
Ph: 228-832-6786  EM: DMOKiwanis@aol.com

HOW CAN MY CLUB BE A MODEL CLUB??????
I AM GLAD YOU ASKED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Let's assume you have 30 members. 30 times $750.00=$22,500 pledged over five years----$4,500.00 @ year.

HOW WILL MY CLUB RAISE $4500??

1. Individual gifts.
2. Club projects to raise money for ELIMINATE
3. Club treasuries
4. Division/District Foundations
5. Businesses/Foundations in your community
6. SLP clubs

DON'T YOU SEE HOW EASY IT CAN BE???

I am asking all clubs to consider being a Model Club. There are levels of club commitments from $350 per member up to $2500 per member!

Whatever your decision is, we are asking clubs to commit now, so we get a picture of our progress. Let International know your plans.

"MONEY GIVEN TODAY GOES TO WORK TOMORROW."

NOTE: Refer to www.TheEliminateProject.org

Call me for anyway that I can help. There are coordinators in your area to offer any assistance needed.

In 2015 Kiwanis celebrates 100 years and no more MNT!! Hallelujah!!

Dennis Oliver, District Coordinator
"Kiwanis focuses on the needs of ordinary people and children to create extraordinary life-changing moments!"

GULFPORT KIWANIS CLUB CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY!

By: Dennis Oliver, Gulfport Kiwanis Club

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS!

On the evening of January 10th, 2012 the Gulfport Kiwanis Club celebrated 90 years of serving the children of the Mississippi Gulf Coast! The Club organized on December 12, 1921, welcomed 150 guests from Division 14 and others as far away as Hammond, Covington, Laurel, Waynesboro, and New Orleans!

Special guest were International President Alan Penn and his wife, Jeri, International Trustee Dr. John Button and his wife, Debbie, and our own LAMISSTENN Governor Greg Beard and his wife, Lisa.

Alan installed 3 new members and Governor Greg took part in awarding 5 Legion of Honor Awards. Dr. John Button and District Coordinator for Eliminate, Dennis Oliver, awarded 5 Walter Zeller Awards to some of the longest service members. (2 more were presented at a later meeting).

After a very motivating talk by our International President, President Alan was surprised to receive a New Orleans Saints cap and shirt inscribed "PENN 1".

President Haley Broom and her committee did an outstanding job of organizing a very special event.
**A service idea for Young Children: Priority One**

**What a Kiwanis doll can do!**

**THE PAIN**

A hospital experience can be overwhelming for an adult. Imagine what it is like for a sick or injured child.

The child enters a strange environment of bright lights, strange noises, uncomfortable furniture and lots of strangers. Someone takes away clothes and starts poking and prodding. The child has no sense of control. Through all this, the child hurts.

**THE PURPOSE**

Here’s a way to help these children: the gift of a Kiwanis doll, which can serve many purposes.

**Boredom buster.** A child can draw on the doll with markers, distracting him from discomfort and boredom. Because the doll is soft and squeezable, it can be a comfort when the child is anxious.

**Outlet for expression.** The child can express his fear or unhappiness by drawing a face on the doll. Also, the child can mark on the doll the injury or pain she feels. This allows adults to discuss concerns or pains more objectively with the child.

**Doctor’s demonstration.** When medical personnel use the doll to show a child what will happen during the procedure, it helps the child understand. Sometimes the child can even help “doctor” the doll. This converts the activity into something the child has control over. Often, this allows a child as young as 2 or 3 years old to undergo the procedure much more calmly, whether it’s putting on an oxygen mask or having a cut sutured.

Explaining a procedure using the doll as an example can actually save medical personnel time because children are so much more cooperative, according to Gerry Silk, clinical nurse educator at Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne, Australia.

Each child keeps his doll when leaving the hospital, a positive reminder of the hospital visit.

**Anatomy of a doll**

What makes a doll a Kiwanis doll?

**Height:** 15 inches

**Covering:** cotton fabric

**Contents:** soft stuffing

**Features:** child’s choice

**Benefit:** comfort and companionship

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**KEY CLUB**

*By: Glenn Borne, La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. Key ClubDistrict Administrator*

February starts a very busy time for Key Club. The month of February all Key Clubs should be electing their Officers for the next school year. In addition, New Officer training is schedule in Baton Rouge on March 23rd and 24th and the final planning of the Key Club District Convention on April 20-22 is almost complete. If your Kiwanis Club sponsors a Key Club make sure their plans for election are included in their monthly events. The New Officer Training is a great place for the Key Clubbers to learn about their duties as an Officer and to meet other Key Clubbers around the district. There will be advisor training and fellowship at the Officer training. The Key Clubs should be making plans to attend the District Convention. The Key Club District Board has been working hard and we expect a great convention this year.

As a side note some Key clubs have not paid their dues as yet. Please check with your clubs to make sure there are no issues with the dues or how to get them paid. The dues are what support Key Club activities throughout the year.

If you have any questions or suggestions please send me a note or call and we can discuss your ideas.

borneglenn@bellsouth.net

Yours in service,

Glenn Borne
Service Leadership Programs Sponsorship outline
10 Tips & tools for sponsoring Service Leadership Programs

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME, treasure and talent through the Kiwanis family of youth programs—from Kiwanis Kids to Builders Club, Key Club, Key Leader, Circle K International and Aktion Club. These tips and tools will help you powerfully and positively influence the Service Leadership clubs you lead.

Steps to sponsorship:

1. Appoint a Kiwanian or a committee of Kiwanians to be Service Leadership Program (SLP) advisors.
   • Key points for Kiwanis advisor selection and SLP 101: Guidelines for working with each program

2. Attend SLP club meetings and events.
   • Ten good reasons to attend SLP meetings and events

3. Maintain an expense line item in the service account.
   • Budget recommendations for each SLP

4. Meet with the school principal or facility manager each year.
   • Agenda topics and suggested attendees

5. Ensure all dues and fees are paid.
   • Specific instructions for the annual dues and fee-payment process

6. Make sure SLP club officers receive proper training.
   • Training modules, corresponding trainers’ guides and officer handouts

7. Schedule an annual meeting with Kiwanis and SLP club leadership.
   • Suggested meeting topics

8. Host or participate in joint activities.
   • Ideas for joint projects and activities

9. Invite SLP club members to attend Kiwanis meetings.
   • Tips for incorporating and energizing SLP members

10. Ensure SLP members are provided training opportunities beyond the club level.
    • Ongoing education and leadership opportunities for all SLP programs

KEY LEADER: Information about sponsorship and support for Key Leader, Kiwanis’ weekend leadership program for teens.

TERRIFIC KIDS AND BUG: Guidelines for administering Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades programs for elementary school students.

Complete Kiwanis SLP Sponsorship Toolkit: www.KiwanisOne.org/advisor
The 2012 Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference (TLC) will be held June 27-June 30, 2012, in New Orleans, LA. This conference will be held concurrently with the Kiwanis International Convention and the Circle K International Convention. By registering for the Aktion Club TLC, you will enjoy not only the programming and events scheduled for Aktion Club, but also some of the events, speakers and special programming offered by both conventions.

**Invitees will experience fun, learning and fellowship!**

- Informative workshops for club leadership and personal development
- Entertainment and fellowship
- A Service Fair and service project with the Alumni Association

**Make your plans early**

Early bird registration fee is US$95; lodging prices vary, based on your hotel reservation.

Information about the Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference will be updated as it becomes available. Check this website occasionally for the latest news and details.


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**HELLO AGAIN!!!**

I was asked to speak to a small, but active Collierville, Tenn. Kiwanis Club, the other day about K-Kids. When I arrived they had the principal of one of their local elementary schools and most of their 14 members present. Instead of a speech I found myself in the middle of a light training session and I was really having a good time. The principal was ready to sign up when it was over.

The Collierville Club has some impressive and passionate volunteers. They will do well. They got a check and an application from a prospective member at the end of the meeting. It also looks really good for a new K-Kids Club. It is proof that a few can make a big difference. Thank you Collierville. We may soon be plus 3 K-Kids since October.

All-in-all it was a great day to be a Kiwanian.

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**LETS TALK!!**

After 4 great days in the Indiana sunshine in January it was painfully clear that we have a communication problem in the Kiwanis family. At the 2012 SLP Conference, communication was at the top of the list of the problems our leaders and administrators are facing. Communication implies sending and receiving. We can fix most on the sending, but when there is no response from the other end the communication process is lost.

Your SLP administrators are passionate volunteers and have a responsibility to keep you informed. The problem is…we may not know who you are. When clubs forward their reports they need to be accurate and timely. If changes occur the data needs to be updated. There are 28 K-Kid Clubs (I think) in the LMT District, but only half have good contact information or at least I know they are still active. How do I know? I have had to call each school to get the correct information. International faces the same problem and it’s compounded by the numbers.

We have some of the best leaders and administrators in the system. Kiwanis will benefit greatly from their expertise and they are ready to help. I ask each club member that reads this to challenge their particular club to contact their

District Chairs of each SLP and update their data… or just call and say “hello, I know you are their”. If you are bashful…send a postcard.

We are here to help.
**The Eliminate Project and SLP—Great News from the SLKP Conference!**

The SLKP conference took place from January 20-22 in Indianapolis with more than 200 district administrators, district chairmen and governors-elect in attendance. The Eliminate Project was made a high priority on the agenda and the activities ranged from individual SLP brainstorming sessions, a general dinner presentation and a service project specifically designed for The Eliminate Project.

On Sunday, the participants created “New Mother Kits,” which were donated to Project Home Indy, a local nonprofit in Indianapolis that serves pregnant, homeless, teenage girls.

“Kiwanis International has as its motto – Serving the Children of the World,” said Jerry Johnson, an SLP subcommittee member. “These are not just words, but state our commitment to address the needs of children in all circumstances both in other parts of the world and here at home. Here in Indianapolis we find Project Home Indy serving young mothers and their children, and we as Kiwanians want to open our hearts to them in a moment of support that we hope can be continued. In other parts of the world, Kiwanis is partnering with UNICEF who shares this same vision.”

The participants are now eager to identify service projects and fundraising events in their local communities for The Eliminate Project. We look forward to seeing some of these projects take action soon and be sharing the stories with you.

**Elementary Early Childhood Center Hosted by the Camellia City Kiwanis Club, Slidell, La.**

*By: Wanda Farbe, Camellia City Kiwanis Club, Slidell, La.*

The Camellia City Kiwanis Club of Slidell has founded a Terrific Kids program at Abney Elementary Child Development Center that has earned the praise of the school’s administration.

Development Center Principal Nina W. Tyner said of the initiative, “the Terrific Kids program has been an inspiration to our pupils. The children work hard to be recognized as a ‘Terrific Kid’ and this honor has given them something to strive for.”

Started in August of 2011, the Terrific Kids program has quickly gained support of the school’s faculty. As is the case with most Terrific Kids programs, teachers nominate students for Terrific Kids awards to those students who have shown leadership, good citizenship and participation in school and their community activities.

Executive Board Member and Advisor Michael Collins and Camellia City Kiwanis Club Vice President Wanda Farbe recently attend one of the awards program. The duo observed that 14 exuberant Terrific Kids honorees were given certificates and automobile bumper stickers. “Their proud parents, family members, teachers, staff and the student body cheered them on,” Fabre said.

Camellia City Kiwanis, one of the newer clubs in the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District, provided the certificates and refreshments for the awards ceremony.

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**WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE DISTRICT FOUNDATION ON YOUTUBE? GO TO HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/USER/LAFAYETTEKIWANIS**

**Dates to Remember**

- **February 15:** Deadline to propose Kiwanis International Bylaws amendments
- **February 15:** Deadline for submitting entries for Kiwanis One Day contest
- **February 15:** Filing deadline for IRS Form 990 (U.S. clubs only)
- **March 20:** Deadline extended to register for International Convention as a VOLUNTEER

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DR. RALPH DAUTERIVE & HIS WIFE, LILLY, ENDOW KIWANIS’ COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM
By: Robert Showalter, St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club

Dr. Ralph Dauterive and his wife, Lily, recently established an endowed fund with the St. Bernard Kiwanis Foundation benefiting the St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club’s Coats for Kids Program. Their initial $40,000 contribution is the first phase of the Dauterive’s planned endowment gift to this Program.

Dr. Ralph, a founding member of the St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club in 1957 and also an active community volunteer in St. Bernard Parish for 60 years, is pleased to support a program that provides coats annually to hundreds of needy children. Dr. Ralph seeing firsthand the impact that the Coats for Kids Program had in St. Bernard Parish for the last 25 years said, “It’s pleasing for Lily and I to play a leadership role in supporting a program that provides comfort and warmth to children. We are pleased that our planned gift will sustain the future of this wonderful program.”

Polly Campbell, President, St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club expressed her appreciation to the Dauterive family for their gift. “Our club and community are grateful for their generosity and commitment to ensure that the Coats for Kids Program will continue for many generations. Dr. Ralph continues to lead by example in serving this community.” If anyone is interested in either joining the Kiwanis Club or receiving additional information about the St. Bernard Kiwanis Foundation, contact Robby Showalter at 504-616-7312.

CORTANA DONATES 100 KIWANIS HOSPITAL DOLL
By: Pam Morgan, Cortana Kiwanis Club

Cortana Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge made a very special donation of 100 Kiwanis Hospital Dolls to Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital. All 100 dolls were handmade by members of the Young Children: Priority One Committee. The dolls are made of plain, beige cotton material and stuffed with pillow stuffing. Child Life Specialists at Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital use these dolls to educate patients and their families about the procedures the patient will undergo during their hospital visit which helps take away some of the child's fear and anxiety. The child can draw on the doll with markers to express feelings or show where pain and injury occur. Children are allowed to keep their doll when leaving the hospital.

Pictured from left to right, presenting the check to the St. Bernard Kiwanis Foundation Inc
Mitch Perkins, Foundation Board Member, Robby Showalter, Foundation Treasurer, Dr. Ralph Dauterive, Foundation Past President, Lily Dauterive, Danny Bourgeois, Foundation President, Bill Pope, Foundation Board Member, Judge Robert Buckley, Foundation Board Member

Pictured are members of Cortana Kiwanis Club and Our Lady of the Lake Staff. Left to right: Pam Morgan; Danny Fields, Annual Giving Coordinator for OLOL Foundation; LaRon, OLOL Children's Hospital patient; Sharon Wesberry, Manager of the Child Life Department of OLOL Children's Hospital; Wanda Magee; Cortana Kiwanis President Tommy Davis, and Michael Doyle.
GREATER COVINGTON HOLDS SUCCESSFUL FIRST TIME FUNDRAISER

The Kiwanis of Greater Covington continues its work in the community dedicating much of our time to children. We focused our attention in 2011 to establish a new fundraiser with the hope that the profit would help us to better serve the children of this community. We have yearly fundraisers which allow us to maintain many of our local service interest and obligations but we thought that there must be a way that we could do more.

So in September we had our first “Oldies but Goodies” dance at the local YMCA. It was a smashing success (both financially and personally) and a good time was had by all who attended. Therefore, the second annual Oldies but Goodies will be held in March of this year in hopes that we will meet with the same success which affords us the opportunity to help and provide good service to the children and families of our area. If interested in attending our dance, please contact our website (kcovington.org) for information.

Pictured are Carol Llull and husband San.

ST. BERNARD-ARABI KIWANIS CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

By: Patrice D. Cusimano, Lt. Governor Division 4A

"The Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard-Arabi recently awarded checks for spring 2012 to its current scholarship recipients.

Pictured from L-R are: Terese Benit (mother of Melanie Benit), Ryan Gregoire, who will graduate this spring from LSU with a double major in Political Science/Mass Communications; Kimberly Hirstius; Brandon Yorba; and Robert Buckley, life member of our club."

GERMANTOWN KIWANIS RAISES FUNDS FOR ELIMINATE

By: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

Although you might associate some humor with a Chili supper and ELIMINATE, the Kiwanis Club of Germantown, TN was looking for a special way to raise funds for the ELIMINATE Project, Kiwanian Bill Griffin came up with the idea to have a Chili Cook-Off contest. Approximately 15 Teams cooked Chili and various corn breads as members, and guests had a great time tasting Chili, playing Bingo and socializing. Everyone attending made a donation to the ELIMINATE Project to help raise $400.00 and fun was had by all.

Picture: Some of the Chili cooks serving members and guests.

If you are on Facebook, you should “Like” the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International page. You can also click “Share” on any posting and this will share our stories with your Friends. It appears on their wall and news feed for Friends to see. This also helps to spread the message of Kiwanis. You can post any comments, stories, or suggestions for others to see, and it will also appear on your wall for your Friends to see.

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Why Knot???

By: Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis Club, Secretary

When the Kiwanis International Council gathered in New Orleans, in January 2012, there was a lot of work to be done! The partners, led by First Lady Jeri Penn, got all tied up in knots!

Jeri wanted to create a service project that would involve many of the Kiwanis partners as possible, yet leave a lasting impression of the host city. She got together with the members of KI Staff and put together all the materials needed to make 105 “No-Sew” or “Tie Blankets” for infants and toddlers. Jeri has dubbed this project, “Why Knot???”

About 25-30 of the partners gathered on Friday & Saturday morning and quickly busied their hands; cutting, measuring, snipping and tying their way to 105 blankets. Cathy Simmons, of the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans, arranged for members of her club to deliver these blankets to 6 area programs for infants and toddlers.

The partners have encouraged Jeri to continue this fun, easy project during the International Convention, to be held in New Orleans, June 28 – July 1, 2012….. Why Knot?

Military Care Packages Shipping to Afghanistan

By: Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis Club, Secretary

Way to go, Kiwanis Club of New Orleans!!! Thank you for your generosity! Throughout the month of January, our members collected items such as toiletries, snacks, personal care, playing cards, etc to donate to the LSU School of Nursing’s Project to ship these items to Afghanistan. Anne Cerniglia, member of the Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain and nursing student, coordinated with other clubs in the area for this awesome Project.

Kiwanis Club of New Orleans proudly loaded 3 copy paper boxes and 4 shopping bags into Anne’s car, after our January 24th meeting. Packages will be shipped to Afghanistan the first week of February.

Put Kiwanis in Your Hand

Smartphones are everywhere! If you have one, chances are it is within arms’ reach right now. With such a powerful tool available to members, Kiwanis announces the launch of its mobile application. Have fun serving your community and increase your impact with the Kiwanis App. The app is free to download. Search for “Kiwanis” to find it in the Apple App Store or the Android Marketplace.

Some of the initial features include:

- Club locator
- Donation tools and fundraising tracker
- Service activity tracker
- Member invitation tool
- Set fundraising goals
- Make a gift to The Eliminate Project
- Get Kiwanis International news
- Give to the Kiwanis International Foundation
- Search the database of 8,000 clubs worldwide and find Kiwanis clubs near you
- Invite friends to your Kiwanis club meeting with personalized invitations.
- Manage service projects and keep track of minute details.
- Club members can track their volunteering and send a record of their service.
- Track progress of The Eliminate Project as we work to raise $110 million and eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.
Kiwanis
Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District

The 2011-2012 Mid-Year Regional Conferences:
Presents... The "How-To's" of Kiwanis!

Your La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. Kiwanis District Board cordially invites **ALL** Kiwanians to attend the 2011-2012 Mid-Year Regionals. Each of the 7 Mid-Year Regionals planned for 2011-2012 will present a meaningful program to help you learn how your club can function better within your community. Once again, the 2011-2012 Mid-Year Regional Conferences will be...

- **One-day events**, typically starting at 9:00 a.m., and ending before 3:00 p.m.
- **Centrally located**, at a convenient location within the Region.
- **Less expensive**, with a total registration fee of $30 per member in advance, $35 on site ($15 advance/$20 on-site for SLP members - i.e., Circle K, Key Club, etc., members). This fee will include refreshment breaks during the day, and lunch.

**TYPICAL 2011-12 MID-YEAR REGIONAL AGENDA**

**NOTE: Times may vary slightly by Region**

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
REGISTRATION
Governor Greg meets with Club Presidents & Lt. Governors
Continental Breakfast (recommended)
District Foundation Gift Basket Raffle
**9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
OPENING SESSION
- Welcome by Trustee & Introductions
- Kiwanis’ Worldwide Service Project: **ELIMINATE**
- Club Risk Management/Liability with Q&A’s

10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Workshops & Forums
10:00 to 10:45
The Nuts & Bolts of Fund Raising
“How To...” plan and stage a fund-raising project - with information on some specific successful club efforts.

Your SLP Konnection
“How To...” improve the working relationships between your Kiwanis Club and your sponsored organizations.

11:00 to 11:45
Service in a Box!
“How To...” develop more meaningful service projects for your club - from developing the ideas, to a successful conclusion.

Hints for a Successful Membership Drive
“How To...” plan and manage membership drives for your club.

12:00 noon
MODEL CLUB MEETING & CLOSING SESSION
Lunch
Governor’s Official Visit to Divisions
Induction of New Members (if any)
How YOU can continue your leadership in Kiwanis as a Lt. Governor, Trustee, or even as Governor
Your District Foundation can assist your club!

Adjournment following

DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING to share information and to elect Lt. Governors and Lt. Governors-Elect if necessary

TRUSTEE ELECTION (if needed for Regions IV & VII)
### 2011-2012 MID-YEAR REGIONAL SCHEDULE

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<td><strong>“Florida Parishes Region”</strong>&lt;br&gt;Region V - Divisions 8A, 8B &amp; 13&lt;br&gt;SLU University Center,&lt;br&gt;800 W. University Ave., Hammond</td>
<td><strong>“Southwest Region”</strong>&lt;br&gt;Region VI - Divisions 7, 12 &amp; 17&lt;br&gt;Louis F. Babin Institute of Fire Training&lt;br&gt;300 N. Dugas Rd., Lafayette</td>
<td><strong>“Red River Region”</strong>&lt;br&gt;Region VII - Divisions 6, 9, 11 &amp; 18&lt;br&gt;National Guard Armory&lt;br&gt;3102 McDonald Ave., Ruston</td>
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<td><strong>February 18th</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>“Natchez Trace North Region”</strong>&lt;br&gt;Region II - Divisions 2, 10 &amp; 16&lt;br&gt;University Club&lt;br&gt;300 No. Lamar Blvd., Oxford</td>
<td><strong>February 25th</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>“Magnolia South Region”</strong>&lt;br&gt;Region III - Divisions 3, 5, 14 &amp; 15&lt;br&gt;Dixie Electric Power Association&lt;br&gt;1863 Hwy. 184, Laurel</td>
<td><strong>March 10th</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>“The Bayou Region”</strong>&lt;br&gt;Region IV - Divisions 4A, 4B &amp; 19&lt;br&gt;Chalmette High School&lt;br&gt;1100 E. Judge Perez Dr., Chalmette</td>
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### 2011-2012 MID-YEAR REGIONAL REGISTRATION

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Registering for Regional Conference…

- ☐ Reg. I: Mar. 17th
- ☐ Reg. II: Feb. 18th
- ☐ Reg. III: Feb. 25th
- ☐ Reg. IV: Mar. 10th
- ☐ Reg. V: Jan. 28th
- ☐ Reg. VI: Feb. 4th
- ☐ Reg. VII: Feb. 11th

REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE ENCLOSED:

- Kiwanians attending: __________ X $30.00 per person = $
- No. SLP attending: __________ X $15.00 per person = $

Total included: $

Please print information below-use additional sheet if necessary:

NAMES of club members attending: OFFICE HELD (if any):

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NAMES of SLP members attending: SLP Club:

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Make check payable to: **La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis**

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Mail at least 1 WEEK BEFORE