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

IT’S STILL CONVENTION TIME!

What a fabulous time we had at the International Convention in New Orleans! Our great District did a wonderful job of hosting Kiwanians from around the world. There was a lot of great food, fellowship and fun.

I want to thank our Host District Committee Chairman, Joe Pratt. He has been working endlessly for the past year making sure that this International Convention with off “without a hitch”, and it did. Also, many thanks to his volunteers who helped with transportation, information and registration. There were many positive comments that were heard saying that we did an excellent job of making this Convention one to remember. Way to go LaMissTenn.

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PEARL KIWANIS CLUB AWARDS SEVEN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
By Mitch Childre, Secretary/Treasurer Pearl Kiwanis Club

The Pearl Kiwanis Club recently awarded seven college scholarships of $700.00 (seven hundred dollars) each to seven graduating Pearl High School seniors. Pictured above are the scholarship winners and club members when the graduates attended a recent meeting of the Club to discuss their future career plans. Pictured above are front row: Mitch Childre - Club Sec/Treas; Cindy Williams - Club President; Tiffany Johnson, Kathy Hernandez, Lauren Bicker, Alyssa Wilmoth, Jake Neal, and Hunter Davis - Scholarship winners; Erma Gay Jones, Club Scholarship coordinator; Nelda Neal - Club member; back row: Doyle Russell, Miranda Black, Brian Byrd, Sean Guillotte, David Burke, Brian Prochilo, and Luke Gleason -Club members. Not present is scholarship award winner Lexis Morgan. The Club members raised the funds for the scholarships through donations and projects including their annual pancake supper and golf tournament.
Most importantly, our own Past Governor Dennis Oliver from Gulfport, Mississippi, was elected to a three year term as Kiwanis International Trustee beginning October 1st. Along with his election, Dr. John Button, our District Counselor, was elected as Vice-President. Both will be serving when Kiwanis International celebrates our 100th Anniversary in Indianapolis in 2015.

BUT, we are not finished. Our LaMissTenn District Convention is vastly approaching—August 2-5, 2012 in Lafayette, Louisiana. Plans have been made for a golf tournament, great food (again), fellowship, workshops, House of Delegates, Foundation Gift Baskets, retiring District officers and installing newly elected District officers, all great ingredients for a great convention full of FUN. For information about registration and activities, see the “2012 District Convention” tab on the District website: www.lamisstenn.org.

In regards to membership, we have hit the positive numbers of now having more members than we did in October, 2011 - +3! Again, great job LaMissTenn! But don’t stop, we have 3 months remaining in this Kiwanis year with much more to do before we finish. Our District membership has reached 4978. Let’s look to the 5000 member mark. We need those clubs that have not added a member this year to do so, not only for membership growth, but to share our Kiwanis experience with others.

And yes, our membership growth is attributed to our District’s new club: The Kiwanis Club of The River Parishes in LaPlace, Louisiana. My congratulations to our newest club in the LaMissTenn District. A charting ceremony will be scheduled later this year and everyone will be invited to attend this event. Again, many thanks to our District’s New Club Builder, Cynthia Bentley, and her successful efforts for chartering another new Kiwanis club in our District. This new club will be part of Division 4B under the leadership of Lt. Governor Ira Synder. Congratulations Cynthia and Ira.

My congratulations to the Lt. Governors who have positive membership numbers in their respective divisions: Tony Weaver-3; Patrice Cusimano-4A; Ira Synder-4B; Kim Champagne-7; Blaine Grimes-8A; Tom Sheldon-13; Frances Cothern-15; Hollis Crowder-16 and Jeff Woods-18. Congratulations to these divisional leaders.

Now is the time to invite someone to join Kiwanis; to join in the fun and fellowship of the greatest service organization in the world.

If I didn’t see you in New Orleans, I hope to see you in Lafayette.

Circle K International Humanitarian Award bestowed upon Jeffery Woods!

Congratulations to Kiwanis Division 18 Lt. Governor Jeff Woods for being awarded the Circle K Humanitarian Award at the 57th Annual Circle K Convention which was held June 27-July 1, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As part of the CKI International Convention, Jeff was nominated by Kari Quinnelly for this award which was presented at the CKI Leadership Luncheon with Kiwanians in attendance.

Jeff is an alumnus of the Circle K club of El Centro College in Dallas, Texas. As a college student, he joined Circle K and not only participated as a member, but also was one of their leaders and became one of their club Presidents during his membership. As an adult, he joined the Louisiana National Guard and later became full time with them. Jeff is a Unit Supply Sergeant the 527 Engineering Headquarters’ Support Unit, Ruston. He was one of the 200 that was deployed to the Superdome to protect & secure during that horrendous experience. Jeff is currently very active with the Grambling CKI club.

On Sunday, August 28, 2005 the 527th Engineering Unit deployed to New Orleans in preparation of Hurricane Katrina approaching the city. His unit was assigned to the New Orleans Superdome and the task of assisting police and emergency personnel in providing safety, security and water/food to New Orleanians who chose not to leave. After people were finally placed in communities of safety, Staff Sergeant Woods was one of the few National Guardsmen that remained in south Louisiana until December 2005 for clean-up from Hurricane Katrina’s destruction.

Although, Jeff was not a Kiwanian at the time of Katrina’s destruction, he soon was invited by one of his fellow guardsmen to join Kiwanis International. Since that time, he has become very involved in the Kiwanis Club of Ruston. He is the Kiwanis Advisor of the Grambling State Circle K club, the chair to The Terrific Kids Club at a local elementary school, board member. Congratulations Jeff on receiving this momentous award.
CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
94th Annual Convention of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International
Hilton Hotel & Towers ~ Lafayette, La. ~ August 2-5, 2012

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY - OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED!

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!

☐ Check, payable to "Kiwanis District Convention"

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

Name as it appears on card

Card No

Exp. Date

Signature

Check if applicable: ☐ First Time Convention Attendee
☐ 2011-2012 Club President
☐ 2012-2013 Club President

REGISTRATION FEES:

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

CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Fee if postmarked/faxed...

BY July 11th AFTER July 11th ON-SITE FEES TOTAL FEES:

BASIC REGISTRATION: Required for ALL convention attendees

Kiwanis Member: ☐ 175.00 ☐ 200.00 ☐ 250.00 $
(Includes Saturday Breakfast and Lunch & the miscellaneous costs for staging the convention)

Non-Member: Spouse & Guest:

☐ 20.00 ☐ 22.50 ☐ 25.00 $
(Covers ONLY miscellaneous costs for staging the convention)

Youth:

☐ 0.00 ☐ 0.00 ☐ 0.00 $

Optional Programs & Events

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3rd

District Golf Tournament:

☐ 75.00 ☐ 77.50 ☐ 80.00 $

Optional Program: Cooking Class & Lunch:

☐ 20.00 ☐ 22.50 ☐ 25.00 $

First Timers' Reception with Governor Greg:

☐ 5.00 ☐ 5.00 ☐ 5.00 $

"Dessert & A Night Cap!":

☐ 10.00 ☐ 12.50 ☐ 15.00 $

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th

Youths' Daytime Activities:

☐ 20.00 ☐ 22.50 ☐ 25.00 $

(Optional for Spouses/Guests) Breakfast with the Governor-Elect:

☐ 20.00 ☐ 22.50 ☐ 25.00 $

(Optional for Spouses/Guests) Spouse/Guest Program & Lunch:

☐ 22.50 ☐ 25.00 ☐ 28.00 $

(Optional for Spouses/Guests) Fellowship Lunch:

☐ 20.00 ☐ 22.50 ☐ 25.00 $

Saturday night "Governor's Celebration!":

☐ 50.00 ☐ 52.50 ☐ 55.00 $

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th

Prayer Breakfast:

☐ 25.00 ☐ 27.50 ☐ 30.00 $

FAX (credit charges only) TO: (225) 769-9215 or toll-free (866) 669-9215

MAIL TO: Kiwanis District Convention Registration, 5319-B Didesse Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808-6401

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Convention Headquarters Hotel

The Lafayette Hilton & Towers

Set on the banks of the Vermillion River, the Hilton Lafayette hotel is close to downtown Lafayette, the Acadiana Center for the Arts and University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The guest rooms in this Lafayette hotel are all richly decorated with mahogany furniture and offer complimentary wireless internet access.

The Hilton Lafayette hotel is also fully equipped to make your stay refreshing and exciting. Relax in the outdoor swimming pool or lounge on the sun deck. Maintain your fitness routine at the 24-hour gym or play some golf on the nearby courses. Settle down for a lively dinner in Maximilian's Lounge. Taste traditional Cajun cuisine in the award-winning restaurant, Alexander's.

Relax in your stylish guest room at this Lafayette hotel. Watch an HBO movie, enjoy the HD channels, or surf the internet on your own computer with high-speed WiFi.

The Lafayette Hilton & Towers will serve as the headquarters for the 94th Annual La-Miss-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Convention, August 2-5, 2012.

Special room rates for the District Convention will be $95.00 per night, plus 12% tax and fees.

To make your hotel reservations for the convention:

★ Use the LaMissTenn District’s PRIVATE ON-LINE GROUP system.
★ Call 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667) Identify yourself as a member of the La/Miss/W.Tenn District Convention
★ Call the Lafayette Hilton directly at 337/235-6111

Reservations will be accepted by the Lafayette Hilton Hotel until Wednesday, July 11, 2012. Any reservation requests after that date will be accepted on a space available basis only. The hotel cannot guarantee room availability nor the special convention rate after this release date.

Deadline to Reserve Rooms & Early Bird Registration: July 11th!
Support your District Foundation Fund-Raiser...

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

GIFT BASKET IDEAS:
Be creative in what kind of basket to wrap in. A bucket (so many kinds), umbrella baby stroller, trash can, laundry basket, a hat, the ideas are endless. This is a random list that might help spark more ideas:

- Spa/Bath Products
- Golf/Fishing
- Movie Night (DVDs/Blockbuster rental, popcorn, movie theater candy)
- Tailgating
- Family Night Out for 4 (Family friendly dinner, a movie)
- Camping supplies
- Candy/Chocolates
- Wine & Cheese
- Music
- Kitchen/Baking gadgets
- Pasta or Mexican Dinner (all the trimmings)
- Baby or BBQ
- Certificate for photo shoot and frames
- Art supplies for kids/teens/adults
- Teas
- Coffees
- Books for Kids/Teens/Adults
- Tools
- Scrapbooking
- Sewing
- Any Sport
- Computer software
- Games
- Teddy Bears
- Gardening
- Exercise
- Beer & Pretzels
- Bath/Beach Towels
- Safety Products
- Disposable Cameras, albums, and frames
- Pampered Chef
- Homemade Gourmet
- Car Wash
- Picnic
- Summer/Beach (Fall, Winter, or Spring)
- Seasonings & Spices
- Any Holiday
- Cleaning Supplies
- Wrapping supplies (wrapping paper, bows, tape wrapping paper containers)
- Patriotic
- First Aid
- Automotive (Prepaid gas cards, oil, auto emergency kit)
- Snacks & Junk Food
- Sundae Toppings
- Travel (travel games, word search, travel toiletries)
- Cookbooks
- Different Flavored Popcorns
- Hats

Your District Foundation will again hold its very popular GIFT BASKET RAFFLE at the District Convention in Lafayette. Themed “Gift Baskets” will be raffled off, with tickets available for purchase on Friday and Saturday. The drawings will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Important: Your Foundation needs YOUR help!

Kiwanis clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate baskets for the raffle. The “baskets” should be “themed” – like a Garden Basket, with tools, gloves, and plants in a small wheelbarrow; a Picnic Basket including cheese, crackers, wine, etc.; a Golf Basket, with balls, tees, towel, etc., in a ball bucket; or even a “Tailgating Basket, with sling chairs, umbrella, and an ice chest. As our members have shown over the years, the sky is the limit with some creativity!

The “baskets” will be accepted for display in the District Foundation Room at the Lafayette Hilton Hotel beginning on Friday morning. Participants can purchase $1 tickets to try to win one or more baskets of their choice. The “Gift Basket Raffle” will conclude with drawings on Saturday afternoon.

Please help support this fund-raiser and YOUR Foundation!!

NOTE: The “Kiwanis Store” will NOT be held this year at the Lafayette District Convention. Order your annual awards and officer pins directly from the Kiwanis Store on-line at www.kiwanisone.org.
Making Little Lives Brighter

Maison de Mère (French for “Mother’s House”) is a long-term residential program for adolescents and teenagers who are pregnant or parenting a child. This program, one of 3 children’s shelters operated by Acadiana Youth, Inc., serves up to seven girls from 12 - 17 years, and their child. They can remain at Maison de Mère until they are eighteen years old. Maison de Mère addresses teenage pregnancy in a comprehensive manner, focusing on prenatal care, parenting education, pregnancy prevention, and independent and life skills training. A strong emphasis is placed on educational and vocational training and girls are required to be enrolled in the public school system, adult education, vocational training or The University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This is a unique program in Louisiana and was implemented largely as a result of the state’s high teen pregnancy rate.

Below is a “want list” of items needed at Maison de Mère:

For the babies:
Crib sets (pads, sheets, blankets)
Bath tub
Diapers (newborn size 1, 2, 3 & 4)
Changing pads
Baby wipes
Vaseline & butt paste
Baby wash clothes
Hooded baby towels
Baby lotion
Baby powder
Baby oil
Baby wash
Baby shampoo
Baby socks
All in ones (newborn to 12 months)
Baby rattles teething & learning toys
Microwave bottle sterilizer
Quick read ear thermometer
Divided bowl / with spoon
Newborn headrest
Baby spoons
Baby deluxe grooming set
Bottles
Pacifiers
Baby bibs
Burp clothes

For the toddlers:
Sippy cups (hard top)
Starter set (bowl-spoon-fork)
Baby socks
Blankets

Also appreciated:
Cash
WalMart or Sam’s gift cards

For many years now, the La-Miss-W. Tenn. District has conducted a service project in conjunction with each annual Convention. The belief is that Kiwanis, as a service organization, should do something to improve the community that has graciously hosted our convention. Members attending the convention - and even those who cannot attend, are asked to make a contribution in support of the selected charity, by either donating one or more of the items listed on the wish list - or by simply making a cash donation.

Please help the LaMissTenn District leave a lasting impression on our charity this year.
**District Scrapbook Contest**

*By Vic Couvillion, District Public Relations Director*

During a recent conversation with District Governor Greg Beard he reminded me that once again it would be my task to judge the club scrapbooks at the rapidly approaching La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Convention.

While readily agreeing to accomplish this challenging assignment one more time, I informed the governor that I would avail of the pages of the district newsletter to make some comments about what is expected in a club scrapbook. I think this is necessary because there have been some misunderstandings and disappointments every year since we started the scrapbook contest about ten years ago. It has been my responsibility to judge most of these contests and I must state that this is a difficult proposition. While a judge wants every entry to be a winner that is just not possible. It seems each year that I deeply disappoint those who are not declared winners.

When judging a scrapbook I look for content as much as I do decoration and beauty. The purpose of a club scrapbook is to reflect on what was accomplished by a club during the Kiwanis year which, as you all know, stretches from Oct. 1 of one year until Sept. 30 of the next year. The club scrapbook should be a history of what your club has done over that period of time. It should reflect club activities such as installations, special social events, recognition of members’ accomplishments and participation in district and international conventions. This can all be conveyed through pictures and short stories accompanying the pictures.

Of greater importance is a visual record of what good works a club accomplished in the community. Again, you can use pictures and short articles to describe any activities that your club pursued…such things as Terrific Kids/BUGs programs, assisting with Habitat, working with schools, any of the many and varied wonderful community service projects we accomplish as Kiwanians. You should also include pictures and accounts of your fund raising activities because without these efforts we could not pursue our good deeds.

Finally, your scrapbook should include copies of any PUBLICITY that your club elicited during the year. I think that this is critically important because as public relations director it is of vital interest to me that we get the Kiwanian message out to the public. Your scrapbook should include newspaper and magazine clippings that you managed to get published during the year. I realize that this is a difficult challenge for some clubs, especially those in larger media markets. However, even if you did not manage to get a story or picture in the newspaper, include your submission of such publicity in your scrapbook so that I can be aware of your efforts in that area.

Finally, let’s talk about the “pretty.” A scrapbook decorated with flags, buttons, ribbons, cutouts, and all sorts of truly attractive items makes for a great visual impression, even on a judge that some deem extremely strict. A great amount of “bells and whistles” certainly makes your scrapbook attractive and will encourage your members and others to peruse it from time to time.

However, and I hope that some do find this offensive, the value of a scrapbook, in its final analysis, is not measured in the volume of decorations that can be purchased at Hobby Lobby. A good scrapbook should be a balance of: a recording of what the club accomplished during the year; what publicity a club generated for the Kiwanis cause and the good of the community; and then a pleasant, visual rendering that completes the work and makes it attractive.

In closing, I reiterate: your scrapbook should be a valuable asset to your club. It should be a history book, renewed each year, of what your club is accomplishing. It should be a tool that you can use while recruiting new members. It can be a valuable keepsake for your president or other officers. Your scrapbook can be a very positive part of your club’s life.

I encourage all clubs to maintain a scrapbook because no one else is going to preserve your club’s history. I admire ALL who maintain a scrapbook and I especially salute those clubs that enter their scrapbooks in the competition. If you do not win, please don’t take it personally and please don’t take it out on me!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at blaise47@att.net or at (985) 351-333.
GREATER COVINGTON KIWANIS CLUB RAISES MONEY FOR TERRIFIC KID - BUG PROGRAMS
By Carol Llull, Greater Covington Kiwanis Club

On the last Friday of every month from March until October of each year, the charming city of Covington, Louisiana holds a block party in the downtown area of the city. It is a wonderful opportunity for this small community of wonderful people to come together to enjoy music, food, and friendships. The Kiwanis of Greater Covington will begin their monthly fundraising event at these Block Parties selling barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers (and hopefully recruiting new members) in downtown Covington. Our club has become a friendly face at the Block parties and we are able to raise funds that help us in providing services for children and families in our community, especially the TERRIFIC KID and BUG programs in three of our local schools. Please join us at one of these block parties.

CAMELLIA CITY KIWANIS CLUB CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY
By Wanda Farbe

Several members of the Camellia City Kiwanis gathered with friends and family at Young’s Restaurant in Slidell to celebrate the club’s one-year anniversary. Along with great conversation everyone enjoyed a delicious meal, which included a choice of Mahi Mahi topped with Crawfish and Mushrooms, Chicken Florentine or Rib Eye Steak including a salad, baked potato and dessert.

After dinner, members reflected on some of the projects completed and other accomplishments of the club over the past year. Included were Camp Bearable, a Kid’s Grief Camp held at Fountainbleu Park, the first fundraiser the Pancake Breakfast held at Northshore High School in collaboration with the Key Club, support of Northshore High School Key Club Rally, support of Builders Club at Lake Castle Middle School, support of Terrific Kids Awards at Abney Elementary Child Development Center, volunteering at the Slidell Memorial Hospital 5K Run, and Interclub held at K-Bar-B Youth Ranch on Kiwanis One Day and the Christmas Party which were specifically held for the enjoyment and benefit of the residents. In a like manner, individuals within the club find time to volunteer with other community organizations. Members of The Camellia City Kiwanis Club have showered the Slidell community with 2,500 service hours in various activities in and around the Greater Slidell and New Orleans area.

The Club’s past, present and continuing efforts can be summed up in the Kiwanis pledge which is “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time”. To learn more about us, see us on Facebook or http://www.wix.com/slidelllouisiana/camelliacitykiwanis

Pictured are front row seated left to right: Catherine Collins, Mary O’Neal, Sheila Wagner, Shelley D’Antoni, Wanda Farbe.
Middle row left to right: Sal D’Antoni, Peter Cavignac, Ann-Marie Koehl, Sharon Riddell, Lauren Cavignac, Cynthia Bentley.
Back row left to right: Butch O’Neal and Michael Collins.
INTERCLUB RELATIONS
By: Cal Robbins, Interclub Relations Chair 2011-12

Make it Fun

Inter-clubs should be fun. When you plan an Inter-club consider the program at the Club you are planning to visit. Some programs are inherently more interesting than others. It is easier to drum up participation of an interesting program than an uninteresting one.

“FAITH REVIEW AND EXPECTATIONS”

By Bill Austin, Region I- District Trustee

“Faith Review and Expectations” was written in approximately 1773 by a slave trader turned minister, John Newton. Over the next 200 years many deletions and additions were made to the lyrics of this now very famous and adored hymn and it has been recorded approximately 4,000 times in many renditions. It gained its current popularity in 1960 when it was recorded by Joan Collins, although she admitted it had no special meaning to her. Doesn’t matter whether you’re black, white or even green when you hear the instrumental (especially on Bagpipes) or the acappella choir, the melody and words have some meaning to every listener. Today we know the song, not as “Faith and Expectations” but as “Amazing Grace”.

Why did I tell this historical fact, you ask? It’s the same with Kiwanis. Over the years there have been changes and new ideas, some we do not agree with, but like “Amazing Grace” we are still Kiwanis and we are still the same people dedicated to helping the children of the world. So, when I hear someone say, “Why should I raise money for children in a foreign land?” All I can think is, a child is a child regardless of where they live. So let us show some Amazing Grace to the children of the world.

DIVISION 14 ACTIVITIES

By: John McCay, Lt Governor, Div. 14

Division 14 is proud to be the home of the newest International Trustee of Kiwanis International! Our sincere congratulations go out to International Trustee Elect Dennis Oliver of the Gulfport Club and his wonderful wife, Ms. Ame. With that, International Convention was truly a great success and a great time was held by all. I would like to thank all of Division 14 for attending, voting, working, and fellowshiping with Kiwanians from all over the world. Yet, before heading to New Orleans, I had the grand pleasure of installing five new members in the Hancock-West Harrison Club! The eight clubs that make up Division 14 never cease to amaze me with all the great work they carry out in their communities. It is my honor to announce the election of Travis Burke of the Biloxi Club to serve as Lt. Governor for 2012-13 and Travis Moore of the Gulfport Club as the Lt. Governor-Elect. I would like remind everyone of our 10th annual KAMP Kiwanis that will be held on Labor Day weekend. Let us know if you would like to support the camp, volunteer or know of potential campers. You can email me at revjmccay@juno.com.

TO ALL OF OUR KIWANIS FRIENDS,

Ame and I wish to thank our many friends from LAMISSTENN and all of those ACROSS NORTH AMERICA for their support in our campaign for Kiwanis International Trustee. We will always remember and appreciate so many who have given us the privilege of their friendship and encouragement for all these years. We will serve you with a servant heart and a willingness to do all we possibly can to move Kiwanis in a positive way toward 100 years of "SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD."

Ame and Dennis Oliver
By: Dennis Oliver, District Coordinator, Eliminate Project
Ph: 228-832-6786 C: 228 343-5444 EM: DMOKiwanis@aol.com

The ELIMINATE TRAIN is pulling out of the station and picking up steam!! Some passengers (clubs) are on board and many others will board at future locations. The train will terminate in 2015 when Kiwanis will host the largest party ever to announce NO MORE MNT!!! Can you just imagine wiping a disease off the face of the earth, and you and I helped make it happen???? WOW!!!

MODEL CLUBS
Can your club be a MODEL CLUB? A model club pledges $750 per member over the next 5 years. Does every member have to come up with $750.00?? NO!
Money comes from:
1. Member Gifts
2. Club Treasuries
3. Division/District Foundations
4. Club Projects for ELIMINATE
5. Community Partners

I HOPE MANY OF OUR CLUBS WILL STEP UP AND COMMIT TO BE A MODEL CLUB. If you don't feel comfortable right now with a MODEL CLUB pledge, go ahead and contact International your best estimate.

Note: It is best to have an Eliminate Presentation by one of our Eliminate Team before committing!!!!

WALTER ZELLER
How many of your members will pledge $1250.00 over 2 years for this most impressive award? (Saves 700 lives)

Many clubs are honoring deserving members and also recognizing the outstanding service to outgoing officers. Will you pledge/pay today? Note all $$$$$ obtained from any source are credited to your HOME CLUB.

CLUB COORDINATORS
It is vital that YOUR club have a coordinator. This member of the Eliminate Team will keep your club aware of all Eliminate information, help encourage member gifts, help give ideas for projects, and report your club's giving.

If your club has not named a coordinator, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE name one TODAY!

Thanks to each of you for being a member of the greatest service club in the world and taking part in one of the greatest health stories in history!!

(39 countries will be free from this horrible, unnecessary disease----MNT)

DISTRICT REPORT CARD
GIVINGS----$292,000 (saves 1,168,000 lives!!!
$100,000 CLUBS - 1 Alexandria, La.
MODEL CLUBS:
1. Gulfport, Miss.
WALTER ZELLERS----48
$1,450,000 already sent to start saving babies!!!!
Call on any of our Eliminate Team to answer any questions or present your club with an ELIMINATE PROGRAM.
"KIWANIS FOCUSES ON THE NEEDS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE AND CHILDREN TO CREATE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE CHANGING MOMENTS!"

The Eliminate Project…..Huge success in New Orleans!

This year’s Kiwanis International convention was a huge success for The Eliminate Project. Hundreds of Kiwanians attended workshops on getting involved with this lifesaving work and making their efforts as successful as possible. In addition, 44 Kiwanians became members of the Walter Zeller Fellowship, each saving or protecting more than 690 mothers and their future babies.

Members of the entire Kiwanis family also came together to participate in The Eliminate Project walk, which showcased our message throughout New Orleans. Through the generosity of the Kiwanis family, more than US$72,750 was raised—and more than 40,400 lives were saved or protected. This was truly an outstanding convention! Thank you to every Kiwanian who made this year a success.

Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Clubs
Alexandria, La. – 100 K Club
Denham Springs, La. – Model Club
Gulfport, Miss. – Model Club
South Baton Rouge – Model Club (200%)

CLUB LEVELS OF GIVING

100K Club - high-achieving club recognition for clubs giving US$100,000.
- On-stage recognition at Kiwanis International conventions.
- A banner patch, framed certificate and member lapel pins.
- Recognition in Kiwanis and The Eliminate Project publications.
- Recognition at the Kiwanis International Office.
- Progressive recognition is available for incremental increases in giving.

Model Club - status and recognition for clubs who give US$750 per-member average.
- Receive a framed certificate, banner patch and lapel pin for every club member.
- Recognition in Kiwanis and The Eliminate Project publications.
- Recognition at the Kiwanis International Office.
- Progressive recognition is available for incremental increases in the per-member average.

Global Service Society - per-member average recognition, expressed in terms of human impact.
- Diamond ------ US$2,500 more than 1,300 lives saved or protected
- Platinum ------ US$1,500 more than 800 lives saved or protected
- Gold --------- US$1,000 more than 550 lives saved or protected
- Model Club -- US$750 more than 416 lives saved or protected
- Silver-------- US$500 more than 275 lives saved or protected
- Bronze------- US$350 more than 190 lives saved or protected

100% Participation Award - Clubs with 100% of membership who make a personal gift to The Eliminate Project receive a banner patch.

Chairman’s Spirit Award - awarded in 2015 to a hard-working club that demonstrates a commitment to philanthropy throughout the campaign.
Hello, fellow Kiwanians!

I love PANCAKES! Maybe that is the reason I've been in charge of our Kiwanis Club Pancake Day every year. Truthfully, it's because I haven't learned to say NO.

Farmington Elementary School K-Kids closed out another highly successful year by having their Annual Pancake Breakfast in the K-Kids meeting room. Their faculty advisor, Ansley Albright, always comes up with unique events for the K-Kids each month, but this event is a favorite. Our Kiwanians were quick to volunteer their help and we even brought my friend, Clark Tompkins, to help.

We showed the new K-Kids video that Lisa Pyron and the International folks put together to enhance recruitment. Kiwanis International has a lot of support material for K-Kids, Terrific Kids, and BUGS. All of it is professionally done. I highly recommend you visit "kkids.org" and download or just review the material.

Every time I go to the site I get a new idea. The last thing I want is to allow the K-Kids program to become boring.

Well, that's all this month...school is out and the kids have gone to the grandparents.

Be safe.

Don Eye
LMT K-Kids District Chairman

PS... Looks like I will be your K-Kids Chairman again next year...forgot to say NO.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY KIWANIS CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The LSU Kiwanis Club hosted its annual Award Banquet on May 1st at the Faculty Club on the LSU campus.

Pictured back row standing are: Rev. Michael Mallet receiving the Outstanding Leadership Award; LSU Professor Dr. Granger Babcock Receiving the Outstanding Service Award; Dr. Olin Dart was honored with a Walter Zeller Fellowship for 36 years of perfect attendance and his service to the club; Steven Parker Club President. Seated on first row are: Beverly Cain receiving the Ralph Schmidt Kiwanian of the Year Award; Elizabeth Pendleton and Katherine Cronin each received the LSU Student Scholarships.
“OLDIES BUT GOODIES”

By Carol Llull, Greater Covington Kiwanis Club

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, 2011 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. Then the second annual Oldies but Goodies was held in March of this year and was met with the same success. This 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.

Germantown Lay Person of the Year

By Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has presented Ms. Katy Spurlock with the Lay Person of the Year Award for 2012.

Ms. Spurlock is Director of Education and Dissemination at The Urban Child Institute. In that position she plans, budgets, and executes strategies to educate target audiences in the Memphis community about the importance of early childhood brain development—particularly from birth to age 3.

She has an undergraduate degree from Rhodes College, a Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Tennessee College of Social Work, and an EMBA from the University of Memphis.

After graduation from Rhodes she served in the United States Peace Corps instructing 7th, 8th and 10th grade students in English, math and agriculture in New Guinea, and has worked for ALSAC/St. Jude, the Social Service Department at The Regional Medical Center, Associated Catholic Charities of Memphis, Children’s Community Services Agency of Memphis, the Prudential Center for Health Care Research, the Plough Foundation and served on many boards and committees that are responsible for public awareness, community relations, research and development of policy initiatives that support the goals of establishing children as a priority in Shelby County.

The Kiwanis theme is Young Children: Priority One and Ms. Spurlock exemplifies that goal.

Pictured at the award ceremony are (left to right): Kiwanis President Claude Vinson, Katy Spurlock, and Wood Phifer, Kiwanis Community Services chairman.

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2-5, 2012: District Convention * Lafayette, La. * Hilton Hotel
October 1, 2012 – New Kiwanis Year begins!
The Hammond Kiwanis Club, in cooperation with Options, recently hosted chartering ceremonies for the Aktion Club of Hammond. Nineteen charter members were inducted into the club and officers were installed by Greg Beard, governor of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International.

Options is a private, non-profit agency located in Hammond that provides services for people with developmental disabilities.

In his address to the officers of the organization, Beard said that the purposes of an Aktion Club is to develop initiative and leadership among the members, to provide experience in living and working together, to serve the community and to prepare for useful citizenship.

The officers installed were: Jason Belsome, president; Jill St. Pierre, vice-president; Robert Keller, secretary and Evon Cohn, treasurer. Each officer installed was accompanied to the podium by their counterpart officer in the Hammond Kiwanis Club.

The Aktion Club at Options joins other “K Family” organizations sponsored by the Hammond Kiwanis Club. The club founded Key Clubs at Hammond High School and St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Circle K at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Terry King, who is Kiwanis Club advisor to the Aktion Club, said in his remarks recognizing the new leaders and members of the group that the foundation of the Aktion Club was one of the most significant events in the more than 70-year history of the Hammond Kiwanis Club. King said that Aktion Club participation will give a very special group of citizens an opportunity to grow personally and in service to the community.

Judy Couvillion of the Kiwanis Club presented the Aktion Club members with a bell that will be used to open and close all meetings and a colorful banner especially made for the Aktion club of Hammond. All charter members were also presented with Aktion Club shirts that will be worn at events where the members participate.

Sylvia Bush, chief executive officer of Options, thanked the Kiwanis Club for its founding of the Aktion Club and for other ways in which the club assists Options. Bush said that Aktion Club members were very excited about the opportunities that membership in the group opens for its participants.

Hammond Kiwanis Club President Sid Guedry, in welcoming many visitors to the chartering ceremony, including a number of elected officials, noted that the foundation of an organization with affiliations to Kiwanis International is always a cause of rejoicing. Guedry said that Aktion Club members will benefit greatly in accepting and promoting the many ideals of Kiwanis International.
## District and International Foundation Club Contributions - as of July 9, 2012

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Carie, Mark – Algiers Morning Edition  
Cavender, Pat - Kirby Pines  
Cooper, Jean - Pearl  
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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.*

Roy Bell – Memphis
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

New York’s DeJulio prepares to lead in 2012-13

Tom DeJulio, a 46-year member of the Kiwanis family will lead the organization through the 2012-13 year. Convened at the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, this past June, the House of Delegates elected the Fordham, Bronx, New York, Kiwanian as the next Kiwanis International President.

DeJulio joined the Kiwanis family as a teen when he became a member of New York’s Mt. Vernon High School Key Club in 1966. Moving on to Fordham University, he helped found the Circle K club there in 1970. He has been a Kiwanis member since 1973 and has served as a distinguished club president, lieutenant governor and New York District governor, before joining the Kiwanis International Board in 2005. He is employed as general counsel of Fordham University.

Also elected at the New Orleans convention were:
- President-elect: Gunter Gasser, Kiwanis Club of Spittal an der Drau, Austria.
- Vice president: John R. Button, Ridgetown, Ontario
- Trustees for U.S. and Pacific Canada: Dennis M. Oliver, Gulfport, Mississippi; James M. Rochford, Peoria, Illinois; and Elizabeth M. Tezza, East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolinas were elected to three-year terms. Kevin Dean, Suncrest Area, Morgantown, West Virginia was elected for a one-year term to fill the position of Kiwanis International Trustee Oscar Knight III, who passed away this past April.
- Trustee for the Canada and Caribbean Region: Colin Reichle, South Edmonton, Alberta, was elected for a three-year term during the 2011 Western Canada District convention.
- Trustee for the Europe Region: Óskar Guðjónsson, Kopavogur-Eldey, Iceland, was elected to a three-year term during the 2012 Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention.

VOTING RESULTS: Delegates approve 14 amendments

Kiwanis club representatives approved 14 amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws, including provisions for clubs to investigate members’ misconduct. Here is a summary of results from the House of Delegates:

Approved
- Allow greater flexibility to clubs in various areas by providing that members must be “adults,” (legal age of majority) where the club is located.
- Allow a club flexibility to hold regularly-scheduled meetings once per month if desired.
- Allow a club greater autonomy and flexibility by providing that a club member’s rights and privileges are based on maintaining good standing with the club.
- Give greater flexibility to clubs operations by expanding the membership classes clubs may use.
- Clarify provisions about the role and purpose of districts.
- Set minimum standards for districts regarding government and financial reporting.
- Set minimum standards for federations regarding government and financial reporting.
- Align reporting duties for Kiwanis International finances.
- Include the vice president on the Kiwanis International Board Executive Committee.
- Provide that clubs will investigate and discipline for conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family.
- Clarify discipline of Kiwanis International officers.
- Extend the freeze on tiered dues rates.
- Determine the minimum number of members to charter a new club.
- Separate provisions about regular vs. special meetings of the Kiwanis International Board.

Approved as amended

Defeated
- Add a new Kiwanis Object.
- Establish a new Kiwanis International standing committee of past Kiwanis International trustees.

Referred to committee
- Increase Kiwanis International dues was referred back to the Finance Committee.
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS!

By David Lindsey, International Convention Golf Tournament Chairman

1st Place - Alan Penn International President with the Resource Bank Team Mike Rase, David Lindsey, Hunt Vaughn, & Craig Paretti
2nd Place - Alan Penn Int. Pres. with the Northshore Kiwanis team Tatem Ruiz-Richard, Paul LaRocca, Guy Guinot, & Don Villere
3rd Place - Alan Penn Int. Pres. with the Pascagoula Kiwanis team Harvey Barton, Josh Deutsch, Brandon Sherwood, & Glenn Freeman

Alan Penn almost makes a hole-in-one swing! Cortana Kiwanis members Chuck Morgan, Leatus Stills, Rene’ Roberts and Daryle Gauthier serve up the world famous Cortana Jambalaya to the golfers. Over $1,000 was raised for MNT on behalf of Alan Penn!
Thanks to the 42 golfers who came and played at Lakewood Golf club.

More golfing pictures!
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECTS

Make a Child Smile ... Paint a Ceiling Tile

WOW! What an awesome project for the 2012 Kiwanis International Convention, held in New Orleans ... painting ceiling tiles to be placed in the ceilings of the surgical suites of Children’s Hospital, in New Orleans. The KIWANIS CLUB OF NEW ORLEANS spear-headed the project of 150 tiles. The Kiwanis Club of Third District and Lakeside Kiwanis assisted the New Orleans club with “pre-convention” work, included tracing stencils on the 150 tiles, painting 10 of them as models, and delivering these tiles.

Five teams of local Kiwanians guided the convention goers through the process of painting the 150 tiles throughout the span of the Convention. Even Richard Simmons, Lenny Simon’s brother, participated by painting and signing a tile to be auctioned off at a later date. Children’s Hospital expressed their sincere appreciation for all the hard work. The tiles will be transported and installed at Children’s Hospital, after the convention. Great fun was had by all!

The “Prep” work!

The Artist!

Love Knots for the children of New Orleans

Kiwanians gathered in New Orleans for the 97th Kiwanis International Convention in June 2012, and was a lot of work to be done! The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans staffed a second service project that had Kiwanians all tied up in knots. We cut corners, snipped fleece and knotted our way to 105 “no-sew” blankets. These wonderfully soft blankets will be delivered to 7 different programs for infants and toddlers, in the New Orleans area.

Dennis Lindsey and Sharon Ford construct a “no sew blanket”; Cal and Brenda Robbins, Cortana Kiwanis tie knots on a “no sew blanket”.
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PHOTO ALBUM!

Joe Pratt did an excellent job as the International Convention Host Chairman!

*Thank you Joe for a job well done!*

Opening Session Parade Goers....

La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. Caucus!

International President, Alan Penn, speaks to the delegates.
Convention Volunteers!

Lt. Governor of Div. 8B, Clarissa Preston of the South Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club; Chuck & Pam Morgan, Cortana Kiwanis Club; Cal Robbins, Cortana Kiwanis and official Trouble Maker!; David Rafidi, Dawn Busters & Christine Berard, Lt. Governor of Div.17; all work the registration desks.

Jessica Johnson & Bridgette Hardy, South Baton Rouge Kiwanis; Tony Boudreaux, Lafayette Kiwanis; Lou Oschmann, Crescent City Eye Openers and Mary Ann Vincent, Lakeside Kiwanis help with YC:PO booth; and David Lindsey, Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis works the Credentials desk.

Woody Wood, Pascagoula Kiwanis Club; Frances Cothren, Lt. Governor Division 15; Charlie Ford and Gloria Girouard, New Iberia Kiwanis; Robby Showalter Kiwanis and Sammie Catalanotto, St. Bernard-Arabii.


Julia Carter, Biloxi Kiwanis inspects a trading pin; The Natchez Trace club members; Starkville Kiwanis Club members enjoy a meal at Mulattes.

Bill and Bill (Penny - Gaddis) are trouble together. Musical combos, featuring New Orleans music, entertained convention attendees during breaks. The Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee House of Delegates.