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Greetings from Governor Gary

By Gary Graham, Governor



Heading for the Last Roundup

This is my last column for the District newsletter as Governor. There is so much I would like write about how great this year has been so far. We're ¾ of the way through the 2015-16 year and I am still trying to visit every club and meet more of the fantastic Kiwanians in LAMISSTENN. I have found by far that those clubs that I have been to have so many great Kiwanians doing great things for the kids and their communities. And what has been more rewarding to me is to visit the different kinds of clubs we have in our District. Each is unique in its traditions but there is a common thread that runs through all of them. You all give service and have fun doing it. I have also met many great young people in our Builder's Clubs, Key Clubs and CKI and Aktion Clubs. We hear too many negative stories involving young people. But there are far many more good ones out there that we need to promote. Kudos to Sid Guedry for all he has done to revitalize CKI. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Governors Alex and Emily in our overlapping year. I can't say enough about our

Key Clubs and what Jean Benoit and Anthony Simmons have done to make these young people an important part of our K Family and working with Governors Emma and Winston. I encourage you all to get more involved with our SLPs - they are the future of Kiwanis. There is such an untapped potential with these energetic and enthusiastic young people. We need to mentor and connect with them. And then there is our Aktion Clubs. I have been to two chartering ceremonies and you can't imagine the desire for service that these adults bring to the K Family. I don't want to gloss over the difficulties in our District. We have positive growth so far but it is very tenuous. I don't let that discourage me and it should not discourage you. We now have the I Plan as our blueprint for the next century of service. Also there are many Kiwanians in our District who want to help you make your clubs bigger and better. More members mean more service for the children. I have been told that the number of children that a Kiwanian impacts in a year is 206. That number can go either way – lose a member that 206 less children we help – grow by a member and that 206 more. But to grow may mean having to make some changes and getting out of your comfort zone. However, the reward of leaving your club's legacy of service in the capable hands of the next generation of Kiwanians is the most important thing you can do. You may not see the results of your efforts any more than those Kiwanians that came before us. Those Kiwanians who

moved to make Kiwanis a service rather than a business organization nearly 100 years ago could not imagine what a global organization for helping children we have become. But here we are today at the beginning of a new century of service to the children of the world and LAMISSTENN was integral to making it happen. That is why we refer to ourselves as "The Great and Historic Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International." I ask you to look to your club's history as we approach 100 years of Kiwanis in our District and ask yourself, why did I become a Kiwanian? And why do I stay? If you answer this honestly you will realize that you have a great desire to serve children. If you rekindle this passion it will be easy to pass it to the next generation. Don't let your legacy pass away. What you do is too important. You may not see the results of your efforts just as those visionaries before us could not imagine how we have changed the world. But you must leave your legacy in good hands for next generation of Kiwanians to carry on your good works. But this will require you to continue to ask members to join and get them involved. I hope to see you at our convention in August in Shreveport. But if you can't make it, be assured I will stay involved in working to make our clubs and our District better. I'm not ready to stop working to improve Kiwanis in LAMISSTENN and you should not be either. I thank you for allowing me to serve you. I cannot think of any great honor than to be your Governor this year.

A Message from the Governor-Elect

By Fred Pitts, Governor-Elect

Governor Gary's leadership this Kiwanis year has seen great things happen. We have experienced record attendance at Regionals and Leadership Retreats so far and hope to see this trend continue. This shows that our district is alive and well, ready to be even more successful in serving the children of our communities and the world. I look forward to taking up the torch in October and continuing this positive attitude to make the "Great Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District" the best.

By the time you get this newsletter, our International convention will be a thing of the past. If your club is not attending the district's Mid-winter or District convention then you are missing many great opportunities such as: learning from other clubs about fund raisers, signature projects, grant offerings, and fellowship with fellow Kiwanians.

Carol and I have visited several clubs in the last few months that did not even know Kiwanis was 100 years old, nor had heard of The Formula. These were clubs not attending District meetings. I pledge to do everything in my power to get all of our clubs attending district meetings for 2016-2017.

The best investment a club can make is to budget accordingly by helping send your President-Elect to district meetings, which keep them and your club's members informed.

Our District Foundation has money for club grants for which your club needs to apply. These range from Level 1 (\$1001.00-\$5000.00), Level 2 (up to \$1000.00) and AED grants for (\$500.00). It is amazing to me as I visit clubs how many do not know of these grant opportunities.

As I began to think about goals for my year as your Governor, I realized that it is not my goals but our goals as members of the "Great Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District." What better goals to have than the Kiwanis *I-Plan*? So, I plan to have at least 60% of our clubs with a written *I-Plan* by September 30, 2017. If



every club has a written *I-Plan* then my job, and all future Governor's jobs, will be easier. This means that every phrase of Kiwanis will be covered. We can do this with your help!

Here are a few areas within the *I-Plan* I would like to emphasize.

INSPIRATION:

Increase membership: Jane Erickson, Kiwanis International President, has set a goal to increase membership by 35,000 net for 2016-2017 and has asked the Governors to set our goals accordingly. The goal for new clubs is 300.

Yes, WOW, those are some big numbers but if we believe we are members of the greatest service organization in the world, then we can do our part.

1. As a district, we need to open at least 6 new clubs in 2016-2017. Our Formula Program has currently identified 20 cities where #kidsneedkiwanis.
2. Increase our District membership by 752 members. Yes, another big number, but if every club added 6 net new members, that would be 738, and the clubs that normally add more than 6 will make up the additional 14 members.

Remember we do not open clubs or add new members to be patted on the back but to serve the kids that need Kiwanis.

Remember, *KIDS NEED KIWANIS*.

Develop Leaders: I will ask all Past District Officers to be looking for and encouraging new leaders. We should have folks standing in line to be Lt. Governors in every division as well as Governors for this district.

IMPACT:

Encourage every club to develop a signature project. Besides serving the children of your community, this helps enlist new members and increases your club's visibility in the community. In order to measure this I will plan to have at least 10 clubs with new signature projects in 2016-2017.

IMAGE:

We need to increase name recognition locally and throughout our district. I have asked Past Governor Robert Benoit to be the district chair for Public Relations. His responsibilities will encompass helping clubs be more visible through local papers, news sources and Multi Media avenues. Stay tuned for more from Robert.

INVESTMENTS:

Educating and informing our clubs about District Foundation grants as well as International grants is imperative. At the end of September 2017, I would like to see all District Foundation grant money used and some applications left over, and Internationally to have increased the number of grants applied for and hopefully received. This strengthens the services for the kids of our district.

REMEMBER the African Proverb:

"If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far, go together."

Together we can build the foundation for the next 100 years during 2016-2017. What an incredible achievement that one day all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

Candidacy of Dr. Otha L. Britton for Governor-Elect Announced

By Anita Bell, Martin, Tenn. Kiwanis Club President



It is with much pride and pleasure that the Kiwanis Club of Martin, Tennessee announces and endorses the candidacy of Dr. Otha L. Britton for the office of Governor-Elect of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. Otha is a member of the Kiwanis Legion of Honor, having been a member of the Martin club for 37 years. He has served the club in many ways, including board member, vice president, president-elect, and distinguished president. Because of his service to the club and his service as Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of our Division 1A, the club purchased a life membership for him. Due to his fundraising efforts for the Iodine Deficiency Project and his support of the UT Martin Women's Basketball team, the team and the Martin club presented him a Kiwanis International Foundation Tablet of Honor.

Otha has served the District and Kiwanis International in many ways. Not only has he served as Lieutenant Governor, but also as Trustee representing West Tennessee on the District Board of Trustees. He has served on the District Foundation Board for five years, including one as vice president, one as president, and one as Immediate Past President. He has served and continues to serve on the Eliminate team as division coordinator, and he has demonstrated his sincerity about the Eliminate Project by purchasing both a Charter Zeller Fellow-

ship and a Centennial Award. He purchased a River of Life Fellowship from the district foundation and he is a "Friend of the Foundation."

Other service work performed by Otha includes service to his profession, to his church, to the American Cancer Society, and to the local food bank. He has received numerous awards, such as the Tennessee Higher Education Computer Processing Distinguished Service Award, the UT Martin College of Business and Global Affairs Outstanding Service Award (twice), the UT Martin Phi Kappa Phi Meritorious Service Award, the UT Martin Sigma Xi Meritorious Service Award, and the Sigma Nu Fraternity National Scholar of the Year Award. He was elected and served as vice president and then president of the Association for Computing Machinery's Mid-Southeast Chapter. He has numerous publications and has presented many professional talks at the national, regional and state-wide levels. Otha has taught an adult Sunday School class for his church for over 30 years and he regularly performs various tasks during church services. He has served on an American Cancer Society Relay For Life team for the past 12 years, raising thousands of dollars to help cancer patients and to fight cancer.

Upon graduation from Portales, New Mexico High School, Otha turned down several football scholarships in order to concentrate on his academic work in college. He was awarded a four-year scholarship by the Portales Kiwanis Club and graduated summa cum laude from Eastern New Mexico University with a major in mathematics and a minor in physics. He then attended Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on a

teaching assistantship and earned both the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in mathematics. His first post doctorate faculty position was at the University of Mississippi, where he taught both mathematics and computer. When he was given an opportunity to teach full-time computer science and help start a computer science major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, he moved to Tennessee. During his tenure at UT Martin, he served 19 years as Director of Computer Services, while continuing to teach at least one course each semester.

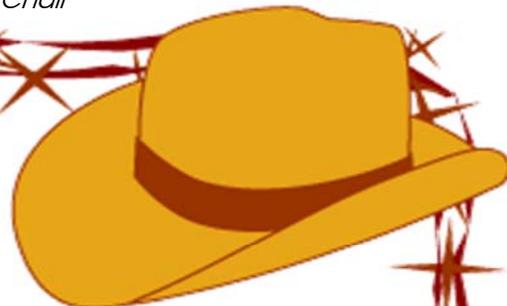
Paying back Kiwanis for his scholarship was the first motivating factor for Otha to become involved with Kiwanis, but as he read and studied more of the mission, the objects of Kiwanis, and the desire to improve the world by serving the children and communities in which we live, he became determined to be a part of Kiwanis. He is very concerned about the declining membership in Kiwanis and the detrimental effect it will have on our communities and the world.

Otha is married to Mary Monica (Rajnik) Britton, and they will soon celebrate their 48th anniversary. They have three children: Dawn, a chemical engineer; Carla, an accountant; and John, a software engineer. They have two young grandchildren and will show you pictures any time you will let them.

The members of our club wholeheartedly support Otha in his efforts to become Governor-Elect and then Governor of the district. As a member of the Martin club he will follow in the footsteps of the late Ernie Blythe and of Linda Ramsey, the first female Governor of the district.

Saddle Up for the District Convention!

By Stephanie Crow, District Convention Host Chair



COME TO THE KIWANIS CORRAL AT THE 2016 DISTRICT CONVENTION IN SHREVEPORT!!

Howdy all you cowboys and girls!! It's almost time to mosey on over to Shreveport for the 2016 District Convention. I hope you've all packed your cowboy hats and spurs! You're in for a weekend of FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY!! On top of all the Kiwanis education, workshops, and fellowship, we have fun events planned in the hotel and around Shreveport. Be sure to pack up your covered wagons with school supplies for the Convention Service Project supporting the Providence House. Help them "Stuff the Bus" and send the kids in their program back to school with confidence!! Our Kiwanis Deputies are looking forward to the district coming back to Shreveport after 20 years. Make sure you come to the Kiwanis Corral at the [Wyndham Garden](#) on August 5-7.

See y'all there!!

★ ★ ★ **FRIDAY** ★ ★ ★

Tour the [Louisiana State Exhibit Museum](#) and have lunch at [Wine Country Bistro](#). Friday afternoon, be sure to join Linda Ramsey to learn some line dances for Saturday Night's Hoedown. Friday night, look to be entertained by local musical theater stars Anna Maria Sparke Keele and Rocky Maddox and local comedian/public speaker Lee Marvin Adams.

★ ★ ★ **SATURDAY** ★ ★ ★

The kiddies will have a great time at [Sci-Port: Louisiana's Science Center](#) for hands on science fun! The spouses/guests, or the "Spice in our Lives", will get to walk through music history at the [Shreveport Municipal Auditorium's Louisiana Hayride Museum](#) and have lunch at a local gem, the [Glenwood Tea Room](#).

★ ★ ★ **SUNDAY** ★ ★ ★

The guest speaker at the Prayer Breakfast will be Mack McCarter, Coordinator of Community Renewal International and past LA-MISS-W. TENN District Layman of the Year.

Visit www.lamisstenn.org for more information.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

98th Annual Convention of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International
 Wyndham Garden Inn - Shreveport, La. - August 5-7, 2016

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY - OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED!

Name _____ <i>First (for name badge) Last</i> Kiwanis Club _____ Spouse/Guest (only if registering) _____ Youth Name(s) & Age(s) - (only if registering) _____ Daytime Phone _____ Fax No. _____ E-mail address _____	<div style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Check, payable to "Kiwanis District Convention" <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> American Express Name as it appears on card _____ Billing Zip Code _____ Card No _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____ Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Convention Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> 2015-2016 Club President <input type="checkbox"/> 2016-2017 Club President
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REGISTRATION FEES: *NOTE: All Kiwanians, Spouses, & Guests must be registered to participate!*

CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKAGES	How Many	Fee if postmarked/taxed...		ON-SITE FEES	TOTAL FEES:
		BY July 17th	AFTER July 17th		
REGISTRATION PLAN #1: Full Packages					
Kiwanis Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 210.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 225.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 250.00	\$
<i>(Includes Fellowship Lunch (#3 below), Saturday Dinner Party (#4), Sunday Breakfast (#5), plus Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Convention Costs)</i>					
Non-Member: Spouse & Guest:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 120.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 135.00	\$
<i>(Includes Spouse/Guest Saturday Lunch & Program (#2 below), Saturday Dinner Party (#4), Sunday Breakfast (#5), plus Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Convention Costs)</i>					
Youth:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 77.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 80.00	\$
<i>(Covers the costs for the Youth Activities, including the Saturday events and lunch, and the Saturday Dinner Party (#4) and Sunday Breakfast(#5))</i>					

REGISTRATION PLAN #2: Basic Registration Fees

Kiwanis Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 200.00	\$
<i>(Includes Fellowship Lunch (#3 below), Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Convention Costs)</i>					
Non-Member: Spouse & Guest:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 27.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	\$
<i>(Covers only the basic convention costs for the Non-Member Activities)</i>					
Youth:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 17.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00	\$
<i>(Covers the basic convention costs for the Youth Activities, including the Saturday events and lunch)</i>					

Note: Attendees must be registered for the convention (Plan 1 or 2 above) to purchase any of the optional programs below!

FRIDAY, August 5th	(1) District Golf Tournament:	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 52.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 55.00	\$
	(2) Free Optional Tour w/ Dutch-Treat Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.00	\$0.00
SATURDAY, August 6th	(3) Spouse/Guest Program & Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> 35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 37.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	\$
	(4) Fellowship Lunch (included in all "Members' Packages):	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 27.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	\$
	(5) Saturday night Celebration BBQ & Hoe-Down:	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 42.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.00	\$
SUNDAY, August 7th	(6) Prayer Breakfast:	<input type="checkbox"/> 35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 37.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	\$

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

TOTAL FEES PAID: \$0.00

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

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Farewell from Region V Trustee

By Judy Couvillion, Region V Trustee, Hammond Kiwanis Club



At the District Convention in August I will be retired as Trustee for Region V. This will be a bitter-sweet moment for me as I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as a Trustee. The past three years have gone by quickly and it hardly seems as if my time as a trustee is coming to an end. Those three years have been most rewarding and I have grown as a person and a Kiwanian from the experience.

When I joined Kiwanis 19 years ago, I really knew little about Kiwanis; only that my husband Vic had been a member for years. As time went by, I learned more about our great organization, especially the rewards that come with being of service to others. While lieutenant governor of Division 13, my knowledge of Kiwanis expanded and I came to appreciate being a

Kiwanian even more. As lieutenant governor my contacts with other Kiwanians was expanded and with the added responsibility came increased dedication and commitment to the clubs in my division.

When called upon to serve as Trustee I really didn't know what to expect. The responsibilities of a Trustee go far beyond that of being a lieutenant governor and the new challenges the position brought with it was at first a bit frightening. However, after a few meetings, I gained a new appreciation of how the district works. Above all, I was afforded the opportunity to work with some really great people who were all dedicated Kiwanians.

Over the past three years the district leaders have been faced with making some important decisions. Mandated by Kiwanis International, we had to implement background checks for ALL members who worked with children. We had to initiate "The Formula" and then the "I-Plan." The district's officers were challenged with getting the clubs to buy into these efforts to revitalize Kiwanis. The Trustees had to plan regional leadership conferences, officer training sessions and try to

increase membership and build new clubs. All of this took tremendous dedication on the part of the district officers.

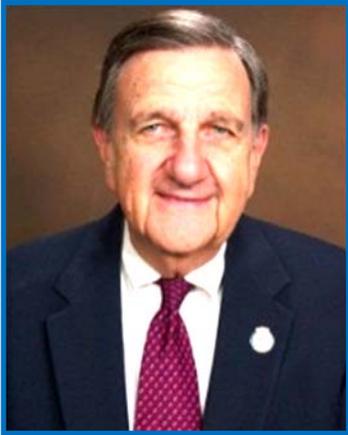
Looking back, I must say it was all worth every minute that I spent being a Trustee. It was a pleasure to work with the officers and other Trustees and I have built friendships that are very valuable. I learned that maintaining and growing the district is important. But above all, I learned just how vital our fantastic organization is and how great is our capacity to do good things. I especially enjoyed working with Charlie Ford, our executive director, and Governors Jeems White, John McKay and Gary Graham. All are highly motivated and dedicated Kiwanians and our district is the richer for their hard work as governors.

It has been quite a ride...and I have no regrets. It was an honor to serve and I encourage those who are considering becoming a Trustee to take that step. The rewards far outnumber the time and effort spent. As a Trustee you will grow as a person and, above all, as a Kiwanian.

- Judy

Eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus

By Dennis Oliver, Project Eliminate Co-Chair



When you go home tonight, hug your children and grandchildren and count your bountiful blessings for their clean and safe environment at birth. Ninety million children under the age of 7 have known nothing but war and turmoil in their life. One million refugees entered Europe last year. Many babies die on the dangerous journey.

Many babies die on the dangerous journey.

Not too far away babies face the possibility of :

- TETANUS
- POLIO
- MALARIA
- TUBERCULOSIS
- AIDS
- HUMAN TRAFFICING
- CHILD MARRIGE

INTERESTING FACT:

UNICEF, our partner, received 513 million dollars last year and as a top rated non profit with \$.90 of every dollar collected directly going to children.

TOP 4 DONORS TO UNICEF:

1. United States Fund For Children
2. Bill Gates
3. Rotary
4. Kiwanis

I ask you to start today to be a part of history!!!!

NOW:

Since our "slice of the pie" is tetanus, I am again asking every member/club to get involved (personal gifts, projects, community partners).

CURRENT HOT BUTTONS:

1. 5 FOR 6=2: Every member contribute \$30.00 between now and District Convention (August).
2. Autographed boxing glove from Mohammed Ali. (\$20.00 chances for a winner at District Convention!)
3. STILL a \$250.00 grant for a Walter Zeller. (\$1000 if purchased or pledged 2 years.)

LATE BREAKING NEWS/UPDATES:

1. No more tetanus in Indonesia (leaving 20 countries which are working toward elimination.)
2. Kiwanis International has reached 110 million dollars in gifts and pledges. (54 million received. The rest in pledges.)
3. The LAMISSTENN DISTRICT has reached 1.9 million dollars with a 2.3 million goal.

THE BAND WILL PLAY AND THE FLAGS WILL BE RAISED ON THAT DAY!!

WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE WHEN KIWANIS ANNOUNCES . . .

NO MORE TETANUS!!!!

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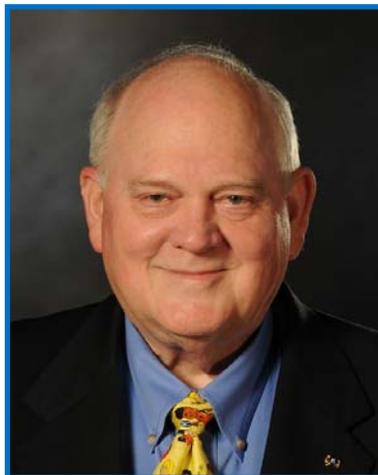
PSSSST . . . Pass it on!

By Jeems White, III, Past Governor

Do you remember all the childhood games teachers or older children taught us outside of regular school? One of the most interesting was when the teacher would have us all sit in a circle, then tell the first child a simple sentence, whispered into his or her ear. The instruction was to then whisper it to the next child in the circle then in turn to the next and so on around the circle. The last child was to repeat out loud the sentence just whispered secretly “mouth-to-ear” all around the circle. It was always remarkably different from the original sentence. I don’t recall if this game had a formal name, but a good one would be “PSSSST PASS IT ON.”

There were several lessons to be learned from this game in childhood. Listening skills would be foremost, followed by attention span (short term memory) and also verbal skills. If each child were asked to run around the circle and then repeat the “secret sentence” that would enhance the longer term memory part of the lessons being taught. I do recall it was always a gleeful game and we laughed hilariously at some of the distortions created around the circle.

Now here we are as adults playing the same game of sorts in our Kiwanis activities. We receive newsletters (such as this one), we read the Kiwanis Magazine, we attend meetings and hear announcements. We pass along this information to other members who missed the meeting or don’t read the distributed materials. The LMT District leadership sets up Mid-winter Regional Conferences, a great variety of seminars and programs also at the District Convention and Club Leadership Education sessions. [also available online.] Those who don’t attend these opportunities mostly receive the information in the classic “Pssst, Pass It On” style.



It’s no wonder that each Kiwanis Club has its own style, culture and traditions of operations. Yet, essentially all Kiwanis Clubs and its Kiwanian members share the same goals (often voiced as a group) “to improve the world one child and one community at a time.” Most clubs do a pretty good job of this, but with a wonderful myriad variation in programs, techniques and methods.

You know the drill: Key Clubs, Circle K (CKI), Builders Clubs, K-Kids, Terrific Kids, Key Leader, Reading Programs, Playgrounds, The Eliminate Project, etc., etc. ... and lots of non-traditional, often unique, activities. Just read through this newsletter and you’ll see some of it in action.

A WHOLE LOT MORE to the “PSSSST, PASS IT ON “ GAME

Yet there is a whole lot more to all this than meets the eye besides the contemporary “passing it on” of information. There is the ongoing teaching/learning process of new member orientation and involvement motivating new members to participate and have fun as they achieve satisfactions and ultimately to become Kiwanians for life.

What does that mean? “Life”? Contemplate that for a minute. Does it mean that when we die our impact on children ceases? What if we move, resign or become inactive? Did it not matter what we did? Look around you. Everyone without exception was influenced for the good by someone when they were children: parents, teachers, religious leaders, boy/girl scouting programs, etc. In a not insignificant way, for me, this article began with Key Club in the 1950s. I remember a few of the adult Kiwanians who influenced me, but not all. There were many unsung and un-thanked adults who added positive influences for me and untold other Key Clubbers, etc.

Looking at the big picture maybe our Kiwanis programs for children are trying to bridge the gaps and make up for voids in some children’s nurturing to productive adulthood. Call it an inter-generational transfer of values.....call it leadership development....call it the gift of life itself in the case of The Eliminate Project. Call it anything you like, but all our programs for children are an undeniable positive contribution of Kiwanians to the future of the world. We don’t expect any thanks and rarely get much. It’s the old saying, “planting trees under whose shade we don’t expect to sit.”

Each of us are part of the “Long Kiwanis Line” helping to pass values, skills and leadership batons from generation to generation for over a hundred years now and counting. However perfect or imperfect our efforts may be, let’s get our personal satisfactions from the things we do for children..... have fun doing it....and never forget the importance of our collective achievements to the future of the world.

- JAW, 5-23-16

Spreading the Word about Key Leader

By Linda Ramsey, Key Leader District Committee Chair

Dear Kiwanis Family,

This spring we celebrated our fifth Key Leader Weekend at Camp Lakeshore. Camp Lakeshore is located on the west side of the Tennessee River in Eva, Tennessee near Camden, Tennessee. The reason this location was selected originally is because it is near the border between KY-TN and LAMISSTENN Districts which is the Tennessee River.

There were 51 students and 12 adult chaperones in attendance. We had students attending from Memphis, Dyersburg, Union City, McKenzie, Martin, Greenfield, and Clarksville, but we would like to share this life changing experience with many more high school students. We need your help! We are always looking for more student facilitators too. Those are students who help the Lead Facilitator with the administration of the program. Our Lead Facilitator, Chris Niles, came to us from Pennsylvania, and he was so inspirational!



If you know someone who attended Key Leader Weekend, I encourage you to invite them to present a program for your Kiwanis Club Meeting, and they can tell you first hand how much they enjoyed it as well as how much they benefitted personally from the experience. If you would like the names of some of the students who attended, I'll be happy to give you some contact information so that you can arrange for them to attend and present at one of your meetings.

This year we were able to provide every student with scholarships or sponsorships to attend Key Leader Weekend. If your club would like to serve as a sponsor, please let me know for I am always looking for sponsors. If you need any additional information about Key Leader Weekend or about how to register, email me at lramsey@utm.edu or go to the Key Leader Website, www.key-leader.com. For pictures from this year's event, please go to our Facebook Page, Lamisstenn and Ky-Tn Key Leader.

Many thanks to all of you who help by recruiting students to attend and for helping me spread the word about Key Leader Weekend. There will be a display at the Kiwanis District Convention about Key Leader Weekend. Please stop by and pick up some information. Thanks for helping us improve the world one child and one community at a time!

- Linda



K-Kids: Young Leaders Helping Others

By Paddy Harris, K-Kids District Advisor



Terrific Kids and K-Kids programs are unique, but efficient tools to expose the qualities of Kiwanis principles. Children are the most important part of my life and without them life would be without beautiful shades of color and sounds of wonder and excitement. To help a child to grow in these times of our world is even more important than ever. Our common sense and morals have been stretched to the limit. We as Kiwanians have an opportunity to keep the ship on the correct course. Having an SLP in your club shows you

are dedicated to the children of your community and improving their lives one child at a time. It is not difficult and tons of support are in the Kiwanis pages of knowledge. Just a few clicks away on the old PC and you can be an expert.

If you attend the District Convention this August you will hear a speech from a 5th grade K-Kid from Germantown Elementary School. This young lady lives the words of her speech. It is not something she conjured up in her beautiful head, but she lives by her words.

I sincerely hope that you will attend our District Convention Opening Session August 5, 2016 in Shreveport. Please try to meet with Emma Haddix, your La. Miss. Tenn. District Speech Contest winner and **First Place** Kiwanis International Speech Contest winner.

- Paddy



Foundation Updates

By Cathy Simmons, Fundraising Committee & LAMSTN Foundation Grants Chair

**Dreams really DO come true ...
with help from YOUR District Foundation!**



1. AED grants of \$500 awarded to: **Cortana, Pearl, Germantown, Gulfport, Jackson (TN), Greater Covington**

2. **Vernon** refurbishes a Pocket Park. Award: \$3,300

3. **Dawn Busters** feed the Homeless. Award: \$1,700

4. **Alexandria** partners with the LA National Guard to build a Seawall & replace the existing dock. Award: \$4,000

5. **Vicksburg** refurbishes the Good Shepherd Center. Award: \$3,600

6. **Pontchartrain** supplies snacks for tutor & summer reading program at the local library. Award: \$777.

7. **Third District** plans meals and cooks with the Residents of Raintree House. Award: \$963

8. **Lafayette** partners with Hospital Foundation to purchase two Neonatal Cooling Blankets. Award: \$2,500

MSU Provides Furry Service!

By Kate Parsons, President & Kate Anderton, Vice President, Mississippi State University Circle K International

All creatures, big and small, need a helping hand from time to time, so the **Mississippi State University Circle K International** club decided to answer the call! The West Point Animal Shelter in West Point, Mississippi utilizes the service of volunteers to exercise and socialize their animals properly. Members of MSU CKI dedicated two of their monthly service projects to walk, talk, and play with several of the shelter's animals. The first service day was in January, when nine CKI

members took the short drive from Starkville to West Point to brighten the day for both the older dogs and new puppies. CKI Vice President Katie Anderton said that the project was "the most fun and rewarding one we've had in a long time." Because the club members had such a wonderful experience with the service, they voted to return to the West Point Animal Shelter and volunteer again in April. This time, four members attended to exercise as many dogs as possible. Aside

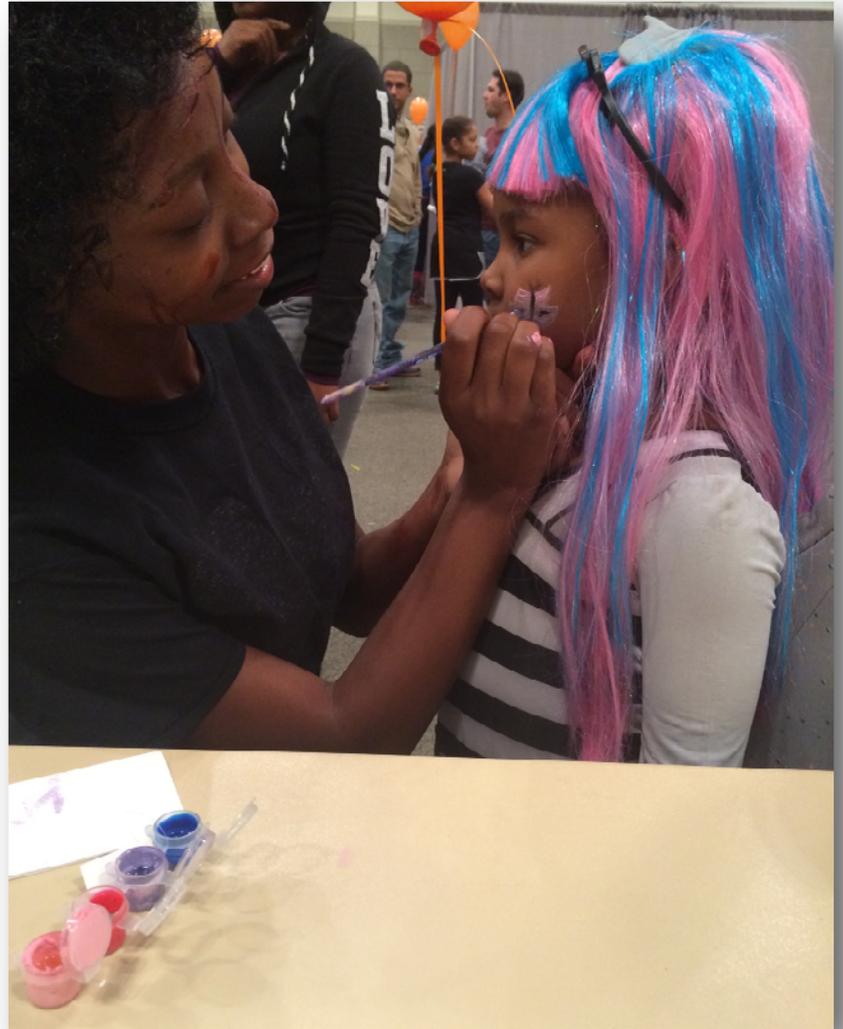
from the animals being able to leave their cages for a couple of hours, the staff of the shelter also benefited from the service. Since the staff members show great concern for the happiness of the animals, volunteers provide them a much-needed peace of mind that the animals are receiving the care they deserve. Altogether, the MSU CKI club devoted six hours of service to the animal shelter and left with shirts covered in fur and hearts full of love for the amazing animals.



Witch Way to Main Street?

By Mercedes Wiles, Northwestern University of Louisiana Circle K International

Trick-or-Treating is right around the corner! Before you know it, Halloween will be here! On Halloween evening, Circle K'ers from the **Northwestern State University of Louisiana** chapter of CKI volunteer their time to assist the Natchitoches community with their annual Trick-or-Treating event, "Witch Way to Main Street". The purpose of this event is to provide parents and children within the community a safe, yet fun opportunity to enjoy their Halloween holiday. The volunteers provide candy for the children to collect while other volunteers do face painting. Pictured is former CKI Vice President Temberlee Mallet, painting a butterfly on one Trick-or-Treater's face. Many parents are thankful we are able to be a part of this wonderful Halloween event. CKI members look forward to this event every year, as members get to dress up, and be able to participate in an event that enables families to enjoy a holiday and have a peace of mind.



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And the Race is on!

By Governor Gary Graham, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club

A few weeks' work by the **Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge's** Cub Scout Pack on their Pinewood Derby cars came to fruition as the boys were finally able to race them on April 28. There was work done several weeks in advance as Governor Gary Graham and Bruce Hammatt helped cut out and shape the cars according to the designs each boy made for their individual car. Then they undertook the arduous task of sanding them smooth and painting their unique designs on the cars. On a Sunday, the boys came over to Gary's house with their parents and the final touches made in installing and aligning the wheels and checking the weight limits were made. The following Thursday, the excitement was evident as the boys eagerly waited to see whose car was the fastest. Gary and Bruce set up the track and parents assigned judging duties at the finish line, including slo-mo video to determine the close finishes. The boys competed in their ranks and then for the Pack's overall champion. They then had some time for a few challenge races before it was time to take down the track and head home. Thanks go out to Pack & Troop 50 at University United Methodist Church for the loan of the track.



Governor Gary Graham helps the Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club's Cub Scouts Pack build Pinewood Derby race cars.



Region V Trustee Bruce Hammatt sets up the Pinewood Derby race track.



The Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club's Cub Scout Pack shows off their Pinewood derby race cars.

Abbeville Spruces up the Park

By Carla Frederick, Abbeville Kiwanis Club

Members of the **Abbeville Kiwanis Club** worked on making improvements and cleaning the Kiwanis Lafayette Street Park in Abbeville, Louisiana. Club members planted trees, replaced swings, repainted riding toys, replaced and painted boards on park benches and picnic tables, added new blue mulch, and hung a new Kiwanis Club Sign. The Lafayette Street Park needed repairs so the community could enjoy this wonderful park. The Club members enjoyed repairing and cleaning the park. We can not wait to do more in this park in the future!



Snap Shots from the Oaks

By Mary Stockwell, The Oaks Kiwanis Club



Bringing up Grades Celebration at Magnolia Woods Elementary School



Magnolia Woods Elementary School Easter Egg Hunt



Helping Out at the Special Olympics



The Oaks and Cortana: Day at the Races



Cortana Helps Students Bring up Grades

By Wanda Magee, Cortana Kiwanis Club

BUG (Bringing Up Grades) is one of the special programs Kiwanis offers to reward and motivate young children. This program recognizes students who have improved their grades to a standard set by the teachers. **Cortana Kiwanis** worked with a local elementary school to encourage their third grade students. The program was very successful with forty-nine students joining Kiwanis members to celebrate their success at mid-term. The students and teachers attended a party where they were served cookies and ice cream. Certificates and pins were awarded to the students, calling them up one by one for individual recognition.

The Cortana sponsor of the BUG program kept in touch with the teachers throughout the second semester. It was wonderful to see that forty-eight students met the criteria the teachers set for improvement. May brought Cortana members back to the school with cookies, ice cream, certificates and pencils. Also, five names were drawn for five special prizes. Cortana Ki-

wanis also drew two additional names, providing these hard working students with a new bicycle.

The students were so excited and appreciative at their mid-term and end of the year celebrations. The teachers were very pleased with the students' progress and very thankful to Cortana for working with their students.



Dawn Busters Feeds the Homeless

By B.J. Kruse, Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club

On Monday, May 9, 2016, members of **Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club** prepared red beans and rice for the homeless at Lantern Light next to Saint Joseph's Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dawn Busters was awarded a La. Miss. Tenn. District Grant that allowed the Club to add an additional week to their biweekly schedule of feeding the homeless. As a result, Dawn Busters was able to prepare meals of red beans and rice for over 3,200 men, women, and children at Lantern Light from July 2015 through March 2016. Given the success of the additional week that the District Grant allowed, Dawn Busters now plans on making this addi-

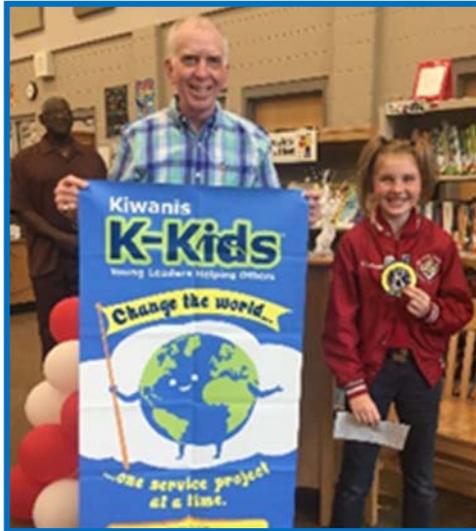
tional week permanent in their monthly service calendar and will now be preparing meals at Lantern Light on the first four Mondays of each month. In addition, the club will be serving the homeless at Ozanam Inn on the last Friday of every month.

On behalf of the homeless men, women, and children of Lantern Light, Dawn Busters would like to show our appreciation to the La. Miss. Tenn. District Foundation for awarding our Club this grant and all of your efforts with the District Foundation.



Algiers Sponsors New K-Kids Club

By Linda Leger, Algiers Kiwanis Club



The Kiwanis Club of Algiers held a charter ceremony for the new 16 member K-Kids Club at Alice Harte Elementary School in Algiers. The Algiers Kiwanis Club is the sponsoring organization for the K-Kids Club.

The Club banner was presented by Marty Broussard, Algiers Club President, to Julie Cantwell, K-Kids Club President, at the Alice Harte Club Charter Ceremony.

K-Kids is an international student-led program for elementary school students providing members with opportunities to perform service, build character, and develop leadership skills.

Camellia City Honors Terrific Kids

By Wanda Farbe, Camellia City Kiwanis Club

With the end of the school year nearing, Wanda Farbe, a member of the **Camellia City Kiwanis Club** and one of the advisers for the Terrific Kids Program, presented Terrific Kids Awards to students at Brock Elementary School on Thursday, May 12, 2016. Ochsner Medical Center Community Outreach sponsors the Camellia City Kiwanis 'Terrific Kids' Program. Students

chosen to receive the awards have shown leadership and good citizenship in school and their community. They are nominated by their teachers for these awards. Students work with their teachers to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance and schoolwork to reach their goal during a specific time period.

Front row: Razyon Mills, Ashley Gutierrez, Khloe Trahan, Ralynn Mills, Marilyn Brown, and Gabriella Aversa

Middle row: Jamireya Hopkins, Beyankah Wheeler, Clinton Steiner, Senya Ray, Laila Jenkins, and Janisha Nelson

Back row: Isaiah Guterrinez, Elijah Griffin, Dereyon Jenkins, Rose Smith (Principal), Yakel Charles, Caleb Johnson, Marian Mejias, and Breanna Rigdell

Not Pictured: Heidi Wiggins, Titus Holmes, Cruz Carriere, A'Jahn Mundy, De'Antai Lewis and Wanda Farbe



East St. Mary . . . Catching on!

By Blane Aucoin, East St. Mary Kiwanis Club

On May 14th the **East St. Mary Kiwanis Club**, Division 17, held its 8th annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Lake End Park in Morgan City, Louisiana. In sponsoring the fishing rodeo, the club strives to live up to its goal of making a difference in children's lives one community at a time. This rodeo provides the opportunity for children to fish, some who have never fished before, while spending time with their parent, guardian, or friends. The club provides fishing poles and bait to any child in need. Free hot dogs and refreshments are also provided. Lots of door prizes as well as trophies are awarded for 1st through 5th place for catfish, perch, sac-a-lait, bass, and mystery categories. Club members

are rewarded every time a participant and their guardian proudly bring in their fish, no matter the size or category, to be weighed in. This project is accomplished with the cooperative effort of the local school board by allowing the distribution of rodeo entry forms in our local elementary schools along with city officials allowing free entry into the park and use of the facility. The success of the rodeo has continued to grow with over 200 children participating this year! It has become an event the community looks forward to each year for old time, recreational, family fun in a beautiful setting along the shores of Lake Palourde.



Kenner North Celebrates 40th Anniversary

By Doris Rappold, Kenner North Kiwanis Club

As part of the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of **Kenner North Kiwanis**, members were recently presented a proclamation by the Jefferson Parish Council. A proclamation was also presented by the Kenner City Council.

Among the many projects undertaken during the club's existence is the sponsoring of Key Clubs at four area high schools, K-Kids clubs, and a Backpack program at an elementary school.

There is also a monthly Fish Fry at Chateau Living Center and a

Christmas party, a movie night at a local senior residence, quarterly dinners served at Hope Lodge for cancer patients and caregivers, participation in Special Persons activities, and support efforts for Metropolitan Center for Women and Children and for the Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter.

The club's signature project is the annual Park-a-Boo held at Lafreniere Park, a safe and fun Halloween experience attended over the years by thousands of children to age 12 years.

Recently the club has been recognizing "Unsung Heroes," ordinary people who go above and beyond helping others. Weekly meetings feature interesting speakers and camaraderie.

To celebrate, a luncheon was held at a local restaurant, complete with Governor Gary Graham and other district leaders, as well as members from other District 4B clubs. A scrapbook was prepared and memories were shared. We look forward to another 40 years!



Pictured are, back row, Councilman Mark Spears, Irby Bourque, Ira Snyder, Lum Ellis, Frank Ellis, Councilman Paul Johnston, Larry Sevenker, Louis Rosiere, Gene Katsanis, Mike Murphy, Administrator Diane Roussel, Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng, Councilwoman Jennifer VanVrancken, Councilman Ricky Templet. Front row, Debbie Manos, KNK president Dianne Cook, Barbara Larock, Councilman Ben Zahn who presented the proclamation, KNK secretary Doris Rappold, and Jefferson Parish President Mike Yenni.

Kiwanis Club of LSU Presents Awards to Divisions 8A & 8B

By Morris Welch, Kiwanis Club of Louisiana State University

The Kiwanis Club of Louisiana State University recently held its annual awards luncheon to honor several people in the LSU and Baton Rouge communities.

Pam Morgan of the Cortana Club received the Ralph L. W. Schmidt Outstanding Divisions 8A/8B Kiwanian Award for long-time service in the local community. She taught in public schools for 33 years, has been a volunteer reader to elementary children for 14 years, and twice served 3-year terms on the Board of Volunteers in Public Schools. She is a Deacon at Broadmoor Baptist Church, served three terms as chair of the Deacon Council, and has been the Church Clerk for over 20 years. She is a past club president, has served on the La-Miss-WTenn District Planning Committee, co-chaired the 2001 District Convention, was the District's coordinator for Katrina Relief, started the District's project to place Automatic External Defibrillators in schools, and has assisted in managing Cortana's Downtown Christmas Parade.

Jessica F. Johnson of the South Baton Rouge Club was selected as the Olin K. Dart, Jr., Divisions 8A/8B Kiwanian of the Year Award. She is best known as founder of Jess' Bra Closet to give gently used or new bras to women and girls in Baton Rouge that could otherwise not afford them. Through that organization she holds an annual Back to School event and partners with the Cinderella Project, Holiday Happenings and Toy Giveaway, Uplift Bogalusa, No Glass Slippers Prom Giveaway, Carville Job Corps Center's "Young Women's Day," and the St. Vincent

DePaul shelter. She recruited local health professionals, formed a Q&A panel, and provided a space walk and snowball machine for the South Baton Rouge Annual Community Health Fair. She has distributed toys at the Freeman-Matthews childcare center and candy at the Boo-at-the Zoo event, walks in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, participates in Volunteers in Public Schools, and has painted elementary school walls. In her club, she serves as Vice-President, chairs the Special Events Committee and Community Services Committee, and is a key organizer for the annual "Bowling for Babies" event that fills up an entire bowling alley to raise funds for KP's project to eliminate maternal and neo-natal tetanus worldwide.

These two awards are named in honor of the late Ralph L. W. Schmidt, former Dean of the LSU General College and Kiwanian for over 50 years, and the late Olin Dart, former professor in Civil Engineering, long-time consultant in highway engineering and safety, and Kiwanian for 38 years.

District Governor Gary Graham presented Walter E. Zeller awards to LSU club members Roger Hinson and Jeff Gillespie, who have been heavily involved in club activities for many years and have each served twice in widely separated years as President. In past years, the club has also recognized Brian Ainsworth, Blanche Cano, Olin Dart, Blaine Grimes, and Morris Welch with Hixson or Zeller Fellowships related to the Eliminate project.

Plaques were presented to Shu Li and

Zhitao Zheng, outgoing co-Presidents of the Key Club at Christian Life Academy that is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of LSU. Also awarded were \$1,000 LSU scholarships to Henrique Cheng, Jr., a Junior in marketing and George Kennedy-Stone, a Freshman in geography.

Dr William H. Daly, Emeritus Alumni Professor, received the LSU Distinguished Leadership Award for his 50-year career in polymer chemistry. He has mentored 40 PhD students and 8 master's students and has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles. He holds 40 patents, has given more than 280 seminar presentations, and has organized 26 national and international meetings. He served as the American Chemical Society's councilor of the Pacific Polymer Federation for 20 years. He is a past president of the Faculty Senate and serves as Vice-Chair of the University Planning Committee.

Mr. Charles F. Fryling, Jr., Associate Professor in Landscape Architecture, received the LSU Distinguished Service award for his long-time contributions to the environment, preservation of cultural heritage, wildflower designs, natural land management, and his teaching in landscape ecology, plant materials, and other classes related to the importance of land. He has represented LSU through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, LA Department of Highways, US Bureau of Land Management, US Environmental Protection Agency, the Atchafalaya Basin Commission, LA Geological Survey, LA Lung Association, LA Bartram Trail Commission, and others. He organized and directed two national conferences on scenic rivers and is unique among experts on the Atchafalaya Basin. He was recently elevated to the Council of Fellows in the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Left to right: Jeff Gillespie, Henrique Cheng, Jr., George Kennedy, Dr. William Daly, Jessica F. Johnson, Charles Fryling, Jr., Roger A. Hinson, and Pam Morgan



Bringing Books to Second Graders

By Pascagoula Kiwanis Club

Finding a way to be an inspiration to children in their community, **Kiwanis of Pascagoula** made their annual trips to the 2nd grade class rooms as school was about to end for the summer.

The Kiwanians of Pascagoula had 800 brand new books in hand for each 2nd grader in surrounding area schools. It's all about the smiles on the children's faces as they read the books. As the children prepared for their summer vacations, the Kiwanians of Pascagoula wanted to make sure they had inspiration to do that summer reading.

Pascagoula Mayor Blevins, member of Kiwanis of Pascagoula, was able to find time in his schedule to help make memories with these 2nd graders. Several of the Kiwanians of Pascagoula took time out of their day to read to the children after they received their books.

One of the greatest joys a child can have is learning to read and having the Kiwanians of Pascagoula there to show them it can be interesting.



New Orleans & Third District Fish with Angels

By Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis Club

The student campers of St. Michael’s Special School were treated to a morning of fun games, fishing and lunch at Joe Brown Park, in Eastern New Orleans. “Fishing With Angels”, a non-profit that provides fully funded fishing trips for children with a medical diagnosis, hosted this incredible “Day of Fishing”. The community came out in support ... the **Kiwanis Club of New Orleans**, the **Kiwanis Club of Third District**, Rummel High School Fishing Club, LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries, Kenner Fire Department, and the N.O. Recreation Dept (NORD) ... assisted the campers with teaching games of baiting and casting, and then headed to the lake to let them cast for real. Every camper caught a fish, ranging from 3” to 10”! What an amazing experience for all! There were “I spy” nature walks and fish tossing games, too. Lunch of burgers and hotdogs topped off a hot, but fun morning!



Tupelo Rallies for Habitat for Humanity

By Jim Goodwin, Tupelo Kiwanis Club



On a recent rainy Saturday morning, the **Kiwanis Club of Tupelo** turned out to help with a local Habitat for Humanity project. Members painted the entire inside of a six bedroom house.

Pictured, from left: Gregg Johnson, Andy Garner, Jim Goodwin, Richard Tucker, Gena Nolan, Robin Haire, Frederick Adams, Rev. Dr. Tom Groome, and Phil Ruff

Vicksburg Serves on Kiwanis One Day

By Tom Osburn, Vicksburg Kiwanis Club

For Kiwanis One Day in April, the **Kiwanis Club of Vicksburg** joined other Kiwanians around the globe in a day of service. Along with the Vicksburg High School Key Clubbers, Troop 7 Boy Scouts and others, the volunteers worked at Vicksburg Family Development Service installing shelves, cleaning and planting flower beds, sprucing up the backyard, cleaning vines from fences, pressure washing the parking lot, sanitizing car seats, organizing closets, and tuning up computers, among other assorted tasks.

At the end of the day, Vicksburg Family Development Services had a much cleaner facility and the volunteers had a stack full of garbage bags and a hungry group of kids and adults who enjoyed hotdogs and chips. Vicksburg Family Development Services was very excited to have been the recipient of our work efforts this year! Thanks to everyone who was able to participate!



Divisions 8A & 8B Collect “Shoes for Shots”

By Gwendolyn Honore, Baton Rouge Early Risers Kiwanis Club and Bob Blanchard, 8A Lieutenant Governor

Divisions 8A and 8B (the Baton Rouge area) of Kiwanis International are collecting gently used shoes as a fundraiser via Funds2Orgs, with all proceeds going to The Eliminate Project.

Kiwanis members will bundle the shoes and Funds2Orgs will pay \$0.40/lb for them. The shoes will then be shipped to micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations, who clean and repair the shoes for local resale.

If you would like to donate shoes, please contact your friendly neighborhood Kiwanian. Don't think you know any Kiwanians and want to donate? Find a club close to you at <http://locator.kiwanis.org/FindAClub>. We have 15 clubs in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, St. Gabriel, and Point Coupee Parishes.

So far, Zachary and the Baton Rouge Early Risers Kiwanis clubs have collected the most shoes with Zachary in the lead at 114 bags and Early Risers following in at 72 bags. Currently, ten clubs have joined hands to collect shoes across Baton Rouge and surrounding areas for the Kiwanis Shoes for Shots project. Divisions 8A and 8B have worked tirelessly to make the Eliminate Project a success by collecting more than 250 bags of shoes resulting in more than \$2,500 for The Eliminate Project.

Special thanks go to Dr. Phil Quartaro, charter member and committee chairman of the Baton Rouge Early Risers who took the lead in coordinating an effort that delivered more than three truck loads of shoes (used and unused) last year.



Baton Rouge Early Risers Kiwanians Maureen Hewitt, Dr Phil Quartararo, Dr. Press Robinson and Willie Honore take care of business!!!



Zachary Kiwanis brought in the first 98 bags, that's 2450 shoes! Since then, Zachary's number of bags has increased to 114 total!



Martin Kiwanis Hooks 'em at Fishing Derby

By Jim Clark, Martin Kiwanis Club

Each year the **Kiwanis Club of Martin**, TN, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), and the Martin Department of Parks and Recreation sponsor a fishing derby. This normally coincides with “free fishing day,” a day when public waters are open for free fishing. This year’s event was originally scheduled for June 4, but morning thunderstorms forced a postponement to June 11. The change of venue did not dampen the enthusiasm of participants, although the blazing morning sun that shot the temperature into the low 90s by noon seemed to make the fish less cooperative.

Sixty-three youngsters 14 and younger took part in this year’s event. Kiwanis members were there bright and early to register participants. Fishing began at 9:00 a.m. Later, Kiwanis members were responsible for weighing and counting fish as well as awarding prizes in a plethora of categories. Catches included mostly blue gill, with a few catfish and bass thrown in. Successes and failures crossed all age groups. The heaviest fish of the day (a 2 lb. 6 ounce catfish) was caught by Will Borgens in the 9-11 group, and the most fish (25) was caught by Jacey Jahr in the 6-8 category. Averie Cross led the 5 and under group with a 15

ounce fish, the fourth heaviest of the day — the second and third heaviest weighing 1 lb. 11 ounces and just under a pound.

Random prizes of tackle boxes were also given out along with trophies for most fish, heaviest, ugliest, and shortest fish, and the coveted “best-dressed fisherman” of the day.

The idea behind the free fishing day is to promote fishing, especially among younger folks, but members have a day of fun watching children as young as 5 years of age participate and enjoy the sport of fishing.



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Tips from the Editor

By Tiffany Domingue, District Bulletin Editor



Greetings! I hope everyone is getting in some good quality service this summer to share in the district bulletin! We'd like to hear about, and most importantly, see what your club has been doing to help improve the community.

All articles must be submitted to tiffany@lamisstenn.org no later than two weeks before the publish date of each issue.

The **deadlines** for the upcoming Kiwanis year are as follows:

October-November-December 2016 Issue: September 17, 2016

January-February-March 2017 Issue: December 24, 2016

April-May-June 2017 Issue: March 18, 2017

July-August-September 2017 Issue: June 17, 2017

Please keep in mind that I cannot use articles that have been previously published in other publications. Articles and photos must be originals submitted by Kiwanians.

Here are some guidelines to help get your articles published in the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District News:

ARTICLES: All article submissions must be attached in an email as a Word document and should be about 250 words or less.

Include this information:

CLUB: Author, Club, City, State, and Division Number

EVENT: Include **what** was done, **why** it was done, **who** benefited, **when** and **where** it occurred, **how** it was accomplished, etc.

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

PHOTOGRAPHS: Send photos as separate attachments in the highest resolution TIFF or JPEG file possible. Include a description of the photograph. Captions may not always be published, but it is helpful if you can identify subjects.

Avoid poses such as check acceptances, podium speakers, and groups standing in line or stacked rows. If you're shooting a service project, look for an action photo of the volunteers in progress or interacting with children. Shoot from the front – we are not likely to use a shot with mostly backs or backs of heads. Use as high a resolution as possible.

AND REMEMBER . . . THE BEST ACTION SHOT WINS THE COVER!

The cover photo will be selected based on clarity & action. We want pictures that show how your club impacts the community! Thank You!

Spouses' Outing



Left to right: Jamie Graham, Sharon Ford, Susan McCay, Carol Pitts, and Cathy Fry enjoyed a cooking demo and brunch at Williams-Sonoma during the Lieutenant Governor Training Week-end in Baton Rouge on May 7, 2016.