A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

By: Greg Beard, 2011-2012 Governor

The month of May has traditionally been designated “Kiwanis Membership Month” and our clubs are in full swing with their own “May Recruitment Campaign 2012”. Each club’s success is vital for our communities and for our Kiwanis organization. We have all heard the saying “More members are more hands to do more service”. Have you invited someone to join Kiwanis lately?

Last month, our travels took us to some exciting places and clubs. We went down to New Iberia for crawfish; got up very, very early for the Early Risers-Baton Rouge club; across the Mississippi River to Iberville; over to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to Hancock-West Harrison and Orange Grove clubs; up to the 90th Club Anniversary of the Ruston, Louisiana club; and ate some more crawfish at my home club, Alexandria, La.

We also had the honor of attending the 69th Annual LaMissTenn Key Club District Convention in Baton Rouge. What a FUN time we had with our high school students at a great convention! Some 400+ Key Club members learned from their workshops, had fun and made new friendships with others. Congratulations to outgoing Key Club Governor Gabby Murphy and to incoming Governor Rachel Benoit. I look forward to getting to know and working with the incoming district board.

Finally, there is still time to register for the International Convention in New Orleans for the low price of $100.00. But time is running out, so if you are planning on attending, register now.

After New Orleans, our District Convention will be in Lafayette, August 2-5. Look for more information next month. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans and Lafayette.

GERMANTOWN KIWANIS DONATES AED

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has donated an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to The Bodine School in Germantown. The Club has an ongoing project of placing the life-saving devices in area schools.

Pictured at the presentation are (left to right): Kiwanis President Claude Vinson, Andrew Inglis-Business Manager at The Bodine School and Wood Phifer-Kiwanis Community Services Chairman.
Dr. Bill Wayman, a retired Endodontist and his wife Linda were guests at the recent evening meeting of the Camellia City Kiwanis Club in Slidell. The couple do mission work in Granada, Nicaragua. Both are members of the Northshore Kiwanis Club in Mandeville.

In 1992, Archbishop Gregory Aymond established the mission known as Christ the Healer, in Granada, Nicaragua. At the time, he was a priest, as he had not yet become the Archbishop. Dr. Wayman and Linda have been going to the mission since 1998. They go three times a year in January, April and August.

Christ the Healer is basically a medical mission. There are two Dental Clinics, OBGYN Clinic, Eye Clinic, and Los Ninos Orphanage. Outreach programs have also been established such as the Beans and Rice Foundation, Home Builders, Keep Dentistry Alive (now serving 8,000-10,000 patients a year) and Preventive Dentistry - working with the local schools. In addition, Kiwanis International fulfilled a grant application and gave the dental side of the mission a grant to develop its dental program.

According to Dr. Wayman, Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in this hemisphere, second only to Haiti. Eighty percent of the population lives on less than $2.00 per day. It is a very beautiful country – oceans on both sides. The Atlantic on the east and the Pacific on the west and is only 150 miles apart from ocean to ocean.

How can you help the mission? By fundraising – school programs for children to help children. Second by going on a mission trip – it could easily change your life and help others greatly. You could also support their upcoming Gala at City Park in New Orleans by attending, placing an Ad in the program and/or offering an Auction piece or service. For additional information contact Dr. Wayman at 985-727-9759 or at www.billwayman@yahoo.com

Congratulations to The Oaks Kiwanis Club featured in the April Kiwanis magazine

One of your fellow Kiwanis clubs was featured in the April 2012 issue of Kiwanis Magazine. The Oaks, Baton Rouge, La. club subscribes and uses the full version of the Club Management System. Nice work!

The Oaks, Baton Rouge, LA – Creole cookin’ Page 38 & 39 www.theoakskiwanis.org

No time to update your club's site? Borrow, cut and paste.

Use the club website example at www.KiwanisOne.org/idealsite to get ideas or 'borrow' content. Cut and paste text into Notepad and then into your own website editor and personalize (and/or format) for your club. Regular news updates are an easy way to keep your site fresh too. Browse www.KiwanisOne.org/readytorun for the latest news and images to post on your site’s home page.

2012-2013 Annual Report of Club Election Due By June 1, 2012

This is to be completed by the Club Secretary on the kiwanisone.org system.

Kiwanis International and the District Office utilize this system to update our databases for each Club’s President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President. This information is used to produce the e-mailing lists used by the District and Kiwanis International to send all correspondence and dues invoices, etc.

This information is also what is published in the Kiwanis International Directory (printed in June each year for the following year) and the District Directory (printed in November each year for the following year). It is imperative that this information be current and accurate to allow for efficient and effective administration of the Kiwanis organization.
This month is **May** Membership Month!

Kiwanis International President

**Alan Penn**

Challenges You To:

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And

Playing Your Part To The Fullest!
Germantown Kiwanis Club By: Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis Club

......INDUCTS NEW MEMBER

At the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown on April 5th, the club inducted new member Richard Scarbrough. Mr. Scarbrough is a Broker with First National Realty, Inc.

Pictured are (left to right): Kiwanis President Claude Vinson, new member sponsor Bill Griffin, Richard Scarbrough and Membership Chairman Jerry LaChapelle.


......KEY CLUBBERS SERVE PANCAKES

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown had another very successful Pancake Breakfast but it could not have been as successful without the help from a group of dedicated "servers" from the club's sponsored Key Clubs from Briarcrest Christian, Germantown and Southwind High Schools. Our Germantown Charity Horse Show Princess Monica Nash, a Key Club member at St. Agnes Academy, also served pancakes.

......HOLDS 3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

Three years ago the Kiwanis Club of Germantown, TN was looking for a new fund-raising project to support the club's community children's programs.

Club Treasurer Bill Griffin suggested a Car Show to the board of directors and it was unanimously approved.

Each year the "show" has grown by leaps and bounds and this past month the club held its third annual show. Over 100 cars of all models from antiques to moderns, foreign to domestic, even the police SWAT Team vehicle, were on display. There were more than 70 categories and trophies were given to first and second place entries.

The event is free to the public but the participants are charged an entry fee. There was a raffle and silent auction that added a lot of money to the club's charity fund.

It was an opportunity to bring something to Germantown that was a fun event. Only one problem exists, the show is getting so big a new venue may soon be needed. Each year following the car show we always have several guests and potential members attend a club meeting.
SUMMER VACATION

By: Bill Austin, Region I District Trustee

I would like to share some thoughts on honoring some very special people.....

As summer vacation rapidly approaches, our clubs should make every effort to stay in touch with the faculty advisors of our SLP’s (Service Leadership Programs). Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club and K Kids advisors rarely have the occasion to visit the sponsoring Kiwanis Club meeting during the school year.

Summer vacation offers an opportunity for them to visit, participate, and learn more about Kiwanis. Let’s invite them and make it a special day of recognition and honor for the time and dedication they give to our Kiwanis youth. It may take more than one Kiwanis meeting to get them all together, but surely we can set aside a few minutes at a club meeting to give some special attention to these dedicated teachers to encourage them to continue the important work they do and let them know how much they are appreciated.

I look forward to hearing how your club plans to honor these dedicated faculty advisors.

DIVISION 8A & 8B ACTIVITIES
By: Blaine Grimes, Lt Governor, Div. 8A
Fundraisers and Governor’s visits keep clubs in Divisions 8A & 8B

2. LSU Kiwanis held its Annual Jambalaya Fundraiser, along with Christian Life Academy Key Club and local newscaster Whitney Van.
3. Governor Greg visits with the Iberville Club
4. Governor Greg visits with the Baton Rouge Early Risers Club.
5. Livingston Kiwanis held their Annual Golf Tournament.
DIVISION 14 ACTIVITIES

By: John McCay, Lt Governor, Div. 14

April was a very busy and exciting month for the clubs in Division 14. The Biloxi Club started the month with an Easter Egg hunt for children with special needs. The Hancock/West Harrison Club recognized Terrific Kids from the schools in Hancock County and in attendance was our own Governor and First Lady, along with well over seventy other people. The Orange Grove Club sponsored a supper meeting with the Beards on April 24th. There was representation from all over the division that night. At that meeting, the Orange Grove Club presented District Eliminate Chairperson Dennis Oliver a check for $500 from the clubs ‘split the pot’ profit! As a gift to the Beards, we selected a project near to their hearts and made a contribution of $133 to Eliminate. Then, Gulfport Club’s Kiwanis One Day at the Harrison County Children’s Shelter was a meaningful and special event. Up in Lucedale, the Lucedale Club had a golf tournament to help them carry out many worthwhile projects in George County. We are currently putting plans together for Kamp Kiwanis. If you would like to help, please contact Past Lt Gov Bob Dever at ltgovbob@gmail.com.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS

By: Cal Robbins, Interclub Relations Chair 2011-12

Inter-club with Service Leadership Organizations

One of the requirements of the Inter-club competition is to Inter-club at least once each quarter with a Service Leadership Club and if your club sponsors more than four Service Leadership Clubs you need to Inter-club with each sponsored club at least once. The requirements aside, we should be Inter-clubbing with our Service Leadership Clubs. It is just the right thing to do. This demonstrates our interest in and commitment to our Service Leadership Clubs. These Inter-clubs also expose our members to the great things our Service Leadership Clubs are doing. Our members will see one of the truly worthwhile things the club does.

HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES

By: Court Crow, Human and Spiritual Values District Chair

DISTRICT RECOGNITION OF LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR

I hope your clubs have begun to see where the Human and Spiritual Values of Kiwanis help to make us different from other purely service or social organizations in our communities. Many of our fellow Kiwanians actually see their Kiwanis experience as one of their personal ministries. Giving back to their communities is simply the spiritual collateral they put back into the communities to make them a better place to live and raise their families.

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

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

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

The District will recognize these at the District Convention next summer at the District Convention in Lafayette and I hope we have several recommendations from clubs throughout the District.
**WHY PLAN AHEAD?**

*By: Nettles Brown, Co-Chair, Membership Education & Club Development*

Club Officer Elections should be held by the end of May and if you are the lucky person selected to lead your club for the 2012-2013 year you need to begin planning for that time and you should begin as soon after you are elected as possible. CLEs are scheduled for June and July and your club officers would do a better job by attending a session. **Why?**

Ever thought about why we need to plan ahead before we begin a new project? Would you consider opening a new business without a business plan? How about beginning a football season on September 1st without holding any practices? Did not think so.

So why would we begin a new Kiwanis year without planning or preparing for the outcome we would like to see. Yes, we have some individuals who have been in their position before, but most football teams also have players who have played their position before, yet they need preparation and practice to perform better.

Has your club or board of directors ever been through a planning session to determine where you are and where you want your club to be in 5 – 10 – 20 years? Why not? You would do that for your business. You see most people do not plan to fail, they fail to plan.

Our district has several individuals who are trained and willing to come to your club to facilitate almost any program that you can imagine. In fact, we presently have over 25 different modules and education sessions that are available to you and your club, and if they do not meet your needs, we will build a new one that does.

If you would like to know more about what is available or how we can help you and your club become the “Best Show in Town”, please contact Nettles Brown, the district Membership Education Coordinator, at 318/357-1520 or email him at leshnett@gmail.com

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**The Eliminate Project Worldwide Report Day Event to take place on May 22, 2012**

May 22, 2012 is The Eliminate Project’s very first Worldwide Report Day. Each district coordinator has a scheduled time to call in and speak directly with Campaign Chairman Randy DeLay. Randy will receive reports on the amount of committed and pending Model Clubs, Zeller Fellows, club coordinators and Lead and Major Gifts in your district. Committed totals are those where the campaign office or Kiwanis International Foundation has received the form or gift transfer, respectively, and it has been formally documented in each category. Pending means that the club or person has been asked to pledge, but has not yet completed a form or confirmed their gift. Any club coordinator whose form has not been received by the campaign office would count as pending, not committed.

Campaign leaders will work together to provide this information from the clubs and divisions to their district coordinators so that they may discuss progress made and next steps to take to achieve success in your district.

Do you have questions about Worldwide Report Day or what your role is? Get in touch with the District Coordinator, Eliminate Project by calling Ph: 228-832-6786 C: 228 343-5444 or emailing at DMOKiwanis@aol.com Watch the worldwide progress in real time on May 22 at www.TheEliminateProject.org/WWRD.
2012-2013 Kiwanis Lt. Governors Training and District Board Meeting

Attending the 2012-2013 Lt. Governor’s training were Fred Hancock, Division 1A, Claude Vinson, Division 1C, Tony Weaver, Division 3, Lisa Griggs, Division 6, Brenda Eccles, Division 7, Blain Grimes, Division 8A, Bruce Hammatt, Division 8B, Richard Corbett, Division 9, Christian Heinkel, Division 10, Malissa Sweeney, Division 11, and Frances Cothren, Division 15. Master Trainer, Nettles Brown spent most of 2 days educating, motivating and preparing the new Lt. Governor’s for their upcoming year. One point stressed was for the new Lt. Governor’s to start contacting and visiting their clubs. So be on the lookout for your new 2012-2013 Lt. Governor to visit your club soon. Incoming Governor Robert Benoit spent time going over his biography and his goals and visions. Friday night at Charlie Ford’s house allowed the group to spend time together socializing and getting to know each other.

2012-2013 Lt. Governors listen attentively to Nettles Brown, Master Instructor. Incoming Governor, Robert Benoit addresses the group as does Dennis Oliver, Eliminate District Coordinator. Lt. Governor’s and spouses and guest enjoy the evening at Charlie Ford’s home. All offer their many thanks to Sharon Ford for going the distance to cook an excellent dinner.

Items Discussed at District Board, May 5, 2012

Club Leadership Education Conferences (CLEs) for 2012-2013 Club Presidents: Incoming club presidents will have 3 options to participate in CLEs to prepare for their year of leadership:
1. Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans – 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Wednesday, June 27th – register using Convention Registration Form – or contact Kiwanis International
3. District Training: Saturday, June 9th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Baton Rouge General Hospital Conference Room, Bluebonnet Campus (8585 Picardy Ave., Baton Rouge, La.) Contact the District Office for more information.

Club Secretary Training: Incoming club secretaries will have 2 options to participate in CLEs to prepare for their year:
1. Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans – various workshop sessions available using the “Web & Online Member Resource Track”
2. District Convention: Thursday, August 3rd, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., Hilton Hotel, Lafayette, La.

Re-Divisioning: The Board voted to eliminate 3 divisions over the next 2 years, assigning the existing clubs into different divisions:
- Eliminate Division 1B in Tennessee by moving Paris and Paris-Landing into Division 1A, moving Jackson into Division 1C, and moving River City, Savannah into Division 16. This change is effective 10/1/2012.
- Eliminate Division 18 in north Louisiana, by moving Ruston, Ruston-Sunrise, and Jonesboro-Hodge into Division 6. This change is effective 10/1/2012.
- Eliminate Division 19 in south Louisiana by moving Houma, South LaFourche, and Thibodaux into Division 4B, and moving East St. Mary Parish, Morgan City into Division 17. This change will be effective as of 10/1/2013, unless the 2012-2013 Lt. Governors of the respective Divisions 4B and 17, agree to move the change to 10/1/2012.

New Trustees: The Board welcomed the 2 newly-elected District Trustees who will begin their 3-year terms on October 1, 2012: Region IV: Ira Snyder, Kenner North Club and Region VII: Dr. James White, III, Alexandria Club.

Mid-Year Regional Dates Set: The dates of the 2012-2013 Mid-Year Regional Conferences were set:
- January 26 – Region V, the Florida Parishes Region
- February 2 – Region VII- the Red River Region
- February 9 – Region II – the Natchez Trace North Region
- February 16 – Region III – the Magnolia South Region
- February 23 – Region I – the WestTenn Region
- March 9 – Region IV – the Bayou Region
- March 16 - Region VI – the Southwest Region
Optional background checks can help protect your club
These days, more organizations protect themselves with criminal-history background checks. Thanks to Kiwanis International’s relationship with Safe Hiring Solutions, your Kiwanis club can do the same. Safe Hiring Solutions can perform criminal-history back-

ground checks on club members—including those who work with children, manage club accounts or take on other potentially sensitive roles. With Safe Hiring Solutions’ secure electronic process, no paperwork is required for you or your club. Criminal-history background checks are a new optional service. Find more information at www.KiwanisOne.org/backgroundchecks.

BACKGROUND CHECKS
Taken from KiwanisOne.org

Best practices for club policies
With Safe Hiring Solutions, your club has an option for criminal-history background checks. Check out the Safe Hiring Solutions screening program customized for Kiwanis.

Before you implement background checks, we recommend a first step: develop a club policy. Here are best practices for developing a policy.

The basics
Here’s what you need when developing a policy:

- The name and contact information of the screening vendor
- Information to be collected in the background check
- How information would be collected (e.g., by government source or commercial screening vendor such as the one Kiwanis provides through Safe Hiring Solutions)
- Period of time the screening would cover
- Clarity about how results would be communicated and to whom
- Consequences for members who decline a background check

For your convenience, Kiwanis International also provides a sample policy and procedure, with suggested language to help guide your club’s leaders.

Information security
Here’s how to keep your club’s background check information safe and secure.

- Never email screening reports without using encrypted technology. Normal email is highly insecure.
- Store authorizations and printed reports in a locked filing cabinet with controlled access.
- Limit access to screening reports exclusively to people who would make a decision on a volunteer candidate. Safe Hiring Solutions provides three levels of access to help maintain privacy:
  - Level I: Can only order reports but not view completed reports
  - Level II: Can order and view only reports ordered by the user
  - Level III: Can view everything in the account

Record retention
Maintain screening reports as part of your club records for at least seven years. Safe Hiring Solutions allows reports to be archived online indefinitely.

Criminal record policy
Provide club leaders with direction for action when a criminal record is found. The security of children, volunteers and Kiwanis members should be paramount. Many organizations, such as school districts, have policies that define the impact of offenses on membership or employment. The following categories may serve as a model for your club’s policy for members and for any paid employees:

- **Definitely exclude**: Decision-makers will likely want to exclude those who have been convicted of crimes such as sexual violence, violent crimes, felony theft, child abuse, child exploitation, child molestation, child seduction, dealing in drugs, possession of child pornography or Internet child crimes.

- **Exclude for a period of time**: Crimes such as DUI, theft, simple possession of narcotics and illegal consumption may not be disqualifying after a period of time, such as 5–10 years, has passed.

- **Don’t necessarily exclude**: Offenses such as minor moving violations don’t necessarily have an impact on volunteering.
GRANTS ...... if you have a project, We have the matching funds *

* 50% matching up to a maximum of $1,000
(AEDs match up to $500)

This is YOUR Foundation ... let’s see how it works.....

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Q: What type of Grants can we get?
A: AED Grants or Community Grants - “Seed money” for a new project or a “One time Enhancement” grant for existing project.

Projects must be within our District.

All Grants must fall within the criteria, as noted on the grant applications.

Q: Can anyone apply for a grant?
A: Only Clubs can apply for Grants. Each request must have their Club’s Board Approval, and be in “Good Standing”, by having contributed their Annual Club Gift (ACG) of $5 per member, to the Foundation for the current Kiwanis Administrative year.

Q: How much money can we get from the Foundation?
A: 50% of the total cost of the project, up to $1,000
($1,000 club funding + $1,000 matching = $2,000 for your project!)

Q: How can our club apply for a grant?
A: Go to www.lamisstenn.org and click on the link to the District Foundation. There’s plenty of information, as well as the simplified application for either Community Grant or and AED Grant.

Q: I don’t know how to write a grant!
A: There’s NOTHING to it ... just complete the 2 page guided form, get your President & Secretary to sign off on it, and fax/mail it to the District Office with the proposed budget ... viola ... it’s that easy! All grant requests are reviewed by the Foundation Grant Committee prior to the monthly Board Meetings.

Q: Where does the funding come from?
A: Annual Club Gifts ($5 member/per club)
District Tablet of Honor
River of Life Fellow
John T. Roberts Fellow
Leadership Circle
Private Donations (tax deductible)

Q: What types of Grants have been given to clubs in the past?
A: Go to www.lamisstenn.org and click on the link to the District Foundation. Under “Foundation Grants”, you will be able to see a History of Grants awarded to clubs from the District Foundation since 1997.
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION ICON FORUMS

By: Julia Carter, District Chair Kiwanis International Foundation

The Kiwanis International convention is just around the corner, and Kiwanis has many extraordinary opportunities in store. Mark your calendar for these outstanding forums and special events:

- **Women’s philanthropy.** Learn about the trends in charitable giving by women, followed by a discussion among a panel of female donors.

- **Conference of Kiwanis foundations.** Join other Kiwanians to hear presentations, share information and celebrate the breadth of Kiwanis’ philanthropy across the globe. This is a ticketed event, but it’s free. Register now [http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/NewOrleansConvention/Registration.aspx](http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/NewOrleansConvention/Registration.aspx). If you have already registered for the convention and would like to attend this forum, please contact Eleida Ehman at +1-317-217-6132 or registration@kiwanis.org for assistance.

- **Understanding the Kiwanis International Foundation.** A panel of foundation trustees will give an overview of the philanthropic arm of Kiwanis International.

- **The international foundation’s panel, Kiwanis worldwide philanthropy.** A panel of Kiwanians from foundations outside of the United States will share how philanthropy is vastly different around the world.

- **Nonprofit guidelines and how they affect your club and its foundation.** Join experts in nonprofit accounting and management as they discuss guideline issues and address your questions.

MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS = ELIMINATE

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

GOOD MORNING LAMISSTENN LEADERS,

As we are getting the ELIMINATE campaign story spread across our District, how is your club's progress toward a plan for success?

Our Fundraising Office at International has outlined a guideline for club participation:

40% will excel at fundraising

40% will try, but not quite reach the top group

20% probably will choose to not get involved

With a 4 year plan every club's success rate may change some, you surely don't want to be in the bottom 20%! So----as of 4/15-----let's review!

53 CLUBS OUT OF 142 HAVE REPORTED $$$$ FOR ELIMINATE!

I REALLY NEED YOUR INPUT!

1. does your club have a plan to encourage member/club/community gifts to eliminate?
2. do you feel your club has received sufficient information to make your plans?
3. do you need an eliminate team member to put on a program on eliminate?
4. does your club have a designated club coordinator to keep your club aware of eliminate info, updates, etc?
5. are you aware of the eliminate web site www.theeliminateproject.org?
6. do you realize that all gifts (except the Waler Zeller (2 year)---may be pledged over the next five years?

Club leaders our success will come from how passionate you are about eliminating a horrible, unnecessary disease that takes a babies' life every 9 minutes----160 today. It will take us all to celeBRATE THE VICTORY---NO MORE MNT IN 2015, Kiwanis' 100th birthday. CAN I COUNT ON YOU???

I welcome your calls, ideas, concerns, and questions.
Over the weekend of April 20-22nd, almost 600 Key Clubbers gathered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to become...”All Wrapped up in Service”. That’s right, the 69th annual Key Club District Convention descended on the Crowne Plaza Hotel to celebrate the Key Club’s final event of the year. After a weekend of Training, Motivational Speakers like Ms. Harriet Turk, workshops and some fun the Key Clubs were recognized for their efforts during the year. The talent show was outstanding; I know the judges had a hard time deciding the winner. Along with Key Facts Contest it made for an interesting night’s event. And the Governor’s Dance was fantastic.

The individual awards were also very close. Below are the top winners:
Outstanding Club President:..........................Brittany Eads, North shore High
Outstanding Vice President:..........................Christina Mollere, John Curtis High
Outstanding Secretary: ................................Kade Smith, E.D. White High
Outstanding Treasurer: .................................Sarah Schaefer, Crescent City Christian
Sandy Nininger Outstanding Key Clubber: ..........Tatum Gehbauer, E.D. White High
Outstanding Key Club: ................................E.D. White Catholic High School
Outstanding Kiwanian Advisor: ........................Irby Bourque, Kenner North Kiwanis
Outstanding Faculty Advisor: ..........................Lorilei Songy, Ecole Classique High

These people worked hard this year and in years past to make LaMissTenn Key Clubs the best. Thank you for your hard work.

On Sunday morning, Kiwanis Governor Greg Beard retired Key Club Governor Gabrielle Murphy and the 2011-2012 Key Club Board and Kiwanis Governor-Elect, Robert Benoit installed newly elected Key Club Governor Rachel Benoit the 2012-2013 Key Club Board. It was a weekend to celebrate their accomplishments from throughout the year.

Key Club Governor Rachel Benoit, from Natchez, Mississippi has already started planning with her Board and will attend Governor’s training before the New Board training.

The New Board training will happen in May, and then it’s off to Key Club International Convention in Orlando, Florida. The Board will continue their efforts throughout the summer. The Key Club Rally planning will start at New Board Training, with the Key Club Rallies starting in September.

Thank you for your support of LaMissTenn Key Clubs.
Bringing up Grades Program (BUG) is a program developed by Kiwanis International to encourage academic improvement.

By: Ira Snyder, Lt. Governor, Division 4B, Kenner North Kiwanis Club

The Kenner North Kiwanis Club presented awards and gift certificates to Jefferson Community School students who demonstrated outstanding academic performance on their third quarter report cards. In the picture, left to right are, Kenner North Kiwanis Representative, Ira Snyder, Luis Gay, Moesha Blissett, Allan Marcias, Keith Osborne, Collin Richard, Noah Miller, Taylor LeBlanc, and Adrian Fernandez. Marouan Dziri was another recipient but not in the picture.

GLASGOW MIDDLE BUILDERS CLUB DONATE BOOKS FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Oaks Kiwanis Club held a book drive with their sponsored Builders Club at Glasgow Middle School. The Builders Club collected over 200 books and the Oaks Club collected over 100 books. The Oaks Kiwanis club also has a BUGs program at the Boys & Girls Club.

Pictured left: Glasgow Middle School Builders Club members donate over 200 books they collected for the Boys & Girls Club of Baton Rouge.

Pictured right: Carlos Daniels, Director of Program Operations, Boys & Girls Club Baton Rouge, Josetta LeBeouf, faculty Advisor, Glasgow Middle Builders Club, and Danny McConnell, The Oaks Kiwanis Club.
Circle K Board members Michael Abramovich, Lt. Governor Delta Central; Elise Moore, Secretary Treasurer; Christina Phanna, Lt. Governor Bayou South; Samuel Hardin, Lt. Governor Natchez Trace enjoy a fun evening at the home of Charlie Ford after a long day of training.

Charlie Ford and Ronnie Cain serve hamburgers and chicken sandwiches.

By: Don Eye, K-KIDS District Chairman, C: 901-494-7496 F: 901-759-3046 doneye43@hotmail.com

Hello fellow K-Kid people!

Hard to believe that April is about over and the school year is just around the corner.

I included some pictures of my kids and a couple of little strays that wondered into a "Terrific Kids" program one day.

You will recognize the "Eliminate" boxes/floats if you and your K-Kids participated.

No real winners here, but they got the message out to their school, so expect big things next year. The Farmington Elementary School is a top notch school and loaded with superb teachers and students. I truly enjoy visiting. This coming Tuesday the Faculty Advisors and I will be serving the K-Kids pancakes to show our appreciation for their hard work and a great service year.

The two cute little guys thought we were having too much fun during a Terrific Kids program at Germantown last fall and decided the classroom stuff could wait...so they joined us.

How could we not let them join us. I always carry extra supplies and you can bet that we treated them special. It turned out to be a huge promotion for the program and some smiling parents. As it turns out they were kindergarten students. I think they will be K-Kids and Terrific Kids real soon.

I want each of you with a Terrific Kids program to look at how you are conducting your programs.

Please be honest with your findings and improve on the program if needed or seek help in making it a super program. The Kiwanis program is not just a give to every kid. They have to earn it. The teacher makes the decision...not the Kiwanian as to the selectees. Our goal of course is that every student becomes a TK sometime during their elementary school years. There are plenty of resources available through kiwanis.org and kkids.org to get you on the correct path.

Then there is me if you need a person.

Download the K-Kids video

If you’d like to download the K-Kids video you can do so at www.kiwanisone.org/getvideos, select English, and then select K-Kids. You’ll see the videos listed.
Looking to Serve at the District Level in 2012-2013?

La.-Miss.W.Tenn. District President-Elect Robert Benoit is beginning to organize committees for the 2012-2013 fiscal period.

If you are interested in serving on a committee please contact him directly at (337)281-9631 or by e-mail at rpbenoit@lafayettagov.net
GROWTH FOR SERVICE THROUGH FULFILLING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES OF KIWANIS FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

Our organization is unique because of our Kiwanis Family. From the first Key Club (Sacramento, California in 1925) to Circle K, Builders Club, Kiwanis Kids and Aktion, Kiwanians have been building the future by teaching young people the values of service and the lessons of leadership. Unfortunately, success breeds comfort. In many cases, a Kiwanis Club will charter one of our Family organizations, and, with time, the ACTIVE sponsorship can diminish. When Kiwanis Clubs fulfill their sponsorship responsibilities well, our young partners are the beneficiaries of our example, our young partners become fully aware of their affiliation with the Kiwanis Family (similar logos help, but a similar logo is not enough), and we invest in the future of our world and Kiwanis by igniting a spark for service that can continue right through our entire Family of opportunities.

WHAT CAN WE DO AS KIWANIANS?

- Increase our awareness of the Responsibilities of Sponsorship (see below).
- Make sure our club’s Service Leadership Committees (Key Club, Circle K, Builders, etc.) are fully staffed with Kiwanians who are willing to directly help the sponsored clubs.
- Be accessible and visible to our young partners in leadership positions. Try to regularly attend Key Club & Circle K board meetings, training conferences and other major events. Your presence sends the message that they are important!!

RESPONSIBILITIES OF KIWANIS FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

- Appoint a “Kiwanis Advisor” for each Kiwanis Family Club and ensure that those Kiwanis Advisors receive adequate orientation for the role.
- Ensure that Kiwanis Club members attend all meetings of every sponsored Kiwanis Family Club.
- Maintain an expense line item in the Kiwanis Club’s “service account” to support the activities of each Kiwanis Family Club.
- The Kiwanis Club leadership and the Kiwanis Advisor should meet with the principal of each Kiwanis Family Clubs’ school before the beginning of every school year. If the Kiwanis Family Club is a community-based club, the meeting should be with the manager of the facility where that Kiwanis Family Club is based.
- Ensure that the Kiwanis Family Club members pay annual dues. (For Kiwanis Kids and Builders Clubs, the sponsorship fee applies.)
- Ensure that the officers of each sponsored Kiwanis Family Club receive proper training following election. This can be accomplished with assistance from district leadership.
- The Kiwanis Club holds a yearly planning session with each of their Kiwanis Family Clubs’ leaders and advisors.
- The Kiwanis Club hosts or participates in at least two activities involving the membership of all clubs. This can include service projects and fun events i.e. bowling nights, mini-golf tournaments. (Invite parents of Kiwanis Family members as well.)

SPECIFICALLY FOR SPONSORING KEY CLUB AND CIRCLE K:

- Invite two members to attend every regular Kiwanis Club meeting.
- Ensure that the club is represented at their respective district and international conventions.

(Information “borrowed” from newsletter from International Past President Paul Palazzolo to his team of 2009-2010 Governors)

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.

Charles Allen - De Ridder
Reymond D’Armond - Denham Springs
Francis Delhomme - Lafayette
James Hunter Lane - Memphis
Perry Sanders - Lafayette
TWO ANNOUNCE CANDIDACY FOR 2012-2013 GOVERNOR-ELECT

John McCay, III, Orange Grove Kiwanis Club

The Orange Grove Club of the LaMissWTenn District of Kiwanis International is pleased to announce the candidacy of John McCay, III to the office of Governor-Elect. McCay has been a Distinguished Club President and is the current Lt Governor of Division 14. He also serves on the District Foundation Board and is the Division 14 Eliminate Coordinator. McCay is a United Methodist minister and currently serves the Handsboro United Methodist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi. As a member of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, he has served as Chair of the Conference Interreligious Concerns Committee, the Seashore District Board of Ministry and President of the Seashore District Clergy. McCay is also a Chaplain, with the rank of Major, in the Mississippi Air National Guard, having received numerous military awards, including the 2006 United States Air National Guard Chaplain of the Year. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Memphis Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree and completing coursework for his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Trinity Theological Seminary. McCay is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow of the Boy Scouts of America and serves as the Vice Chairman of the Spanish Trail District Committee, and received the District Award of Merit for his work. McCay had the honor of being the 2008 Republican nominee from Mississippi’s Fourth Congressional District for the United States House of Representatives.

James A. “Jeems” White, M.D., Alexandria Kiwanis Club


Jeems is a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria, LA and a Past Lieutenant-Governor of Division 11. He is currently the Region VII Trustee-Elect of the LAMISSTENN District of Kiwanis and the recent recipient of the Legion of Honor for 40 years of membership in Kiwanis. Jeems is currently the “Upstate Louisiana” Multi-Division Coordinator for the Eliminate Project. He is a George Hixon Fellow and a Walter Zeller Fellow.

Other Kiwanis Family background includes:
President of Bolton High School Key Club 1955-56 and 1956-57
International Trustee of Circle K International (1958-1959)
Instrumental in organizing the LAMISSTENN District of Circle K (11 clubs) and presided at the first LMT District Convention held in Pineville, LA in 1959.

Career credentials include M.D. degree 1964, Tulane School of Medicine, U.S. Navy Flight Surgeon (USS Independence CVA-62) 1966-68, Board Certified Otolaryngologist (ENT) 1972 and private practice in Alexandria, LA.
Past President of Louisiana State Medical Society and Chairman of LAMPAC.

Personal data: two daughters, three grandchildren; past Layreader, Sunday school teacher and member of St. James Episcopal Church; avid interest in wine and food, cooking, wine judge at LA County Fair, published author; active community involvement in multiple areas outside Kiwanis.
TO: All Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District
FROM: The Kiwanis Club of New Orleans

It is with a sad and heavy heart that the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans and Broadway, Inc (the governing board for the K-Bar-B) announces the closing of the residential treatment program at the K-Bar-B Youth Home, (more widely known as the K-Bar-B Youth Ranch).

With over forty years of serving Louisiana’s children and families, the operation of our program is no longer financially viable due to the State of Louisiana cut-backs, (announced in Mid-April 2012), to facilities by reducing the cap to 16 residents, the reduction of the per diem rate, and the inability to operate other programs on our 60+ acre campus, according to IMD rules.

The K-Bar-B, itself is not closing. The Broadway Board and Kiwanis Club of New Orleans are looking into viable options/programs in order to continue our mission of helping children. We will keep you apprised of future developments.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all the Kiwanis Clubs throughout the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International, for their service and support over the past 40+ years. You have impacted so many young lives, and for that we are sincerely appreciative and thankful. YOU have made a difference, one child and one community at a time!

Club leadership education -Leadership 101

OK, you’re not a novice to leadership. But maybe you’re new to your particular leadership position. No sweat. When you step into your new role this October, be ready to take charge with Club Leadership Education. Whatever your office—secretary or president—Club Leadership Education offers position-specific training and a breakdown of job responsibilities and schedules to help you lead.

Sessions cover the nuts and bolts of each task, detailing procedures for conducting meetings, creating budgets and filing reports. Plan to invest a few hours, and you’ll learn the critical components of leading your club. You’ll also take home helpful Kiwanis-family materials—including the leadership guide, the go-to manual full of resources for success.

If you would prefer to complete Club Leadership Education online, you don’t have to complete the education all at once; you can stop, come back later and pick up where you left off. You can also repeat sections at any time for refreshers or reference.

This session is conducted by representatives from your district who have been in your shoes. You’ll also meet peers and other club members who can provide support when you need ideas. Visit www.KiwanisOne.org/cle for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

| May: Membership Month |
| August 2-5, 2012: District Convention * Lafayette, La. * Hilton Hotel |
THE OAKS KIWANIS CLUB HOSTS NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT REUNION

The Baton Rouge General Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit held its first reunion for graduates of the NICU. The theme was “Watch Me Grow”. The Oaks Club provided jambalaya, cookies, cake, juice, face painting and more for the successful event. The weather was perfect for the 30 plus graduates that attended the reunion each receiving a balloon for a balloon release. Other activities included planting a seed, art activities, and coloring.

Carolyn Pittman left releases a balloon in memory of her grandchild. Pictured below are some of the graduates in attendance.

A group picture of nurses and graduates. The art table. Oaks member Bob Blanchard (right) provided the music as he so often does at many events. Lt. Randy Aguillard, Baton Rouge Sheriff’s Department D.A.R.E. Program, takes time to play with the children.

GERMANTOWN KIWANIS AWARDS 5 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has awarded five college scholarships to outstanding high school seniors from local schools. Pictured at the award ceremony are (left to right): Kiwanian Sylverna Ford, scholarship recipients Curtis Wegener (Briarcrest Christian), Amber Lee (Germantown H.S.), Dajana Lawrence (Southwind H.S.), Vivian Hu and Rebecca Fong (Germantown H.S.), Kiwanis President Claude Vinson and Kiwanis Immediate Past President Elizabeth Wojcik.

GOVERNOR GREG VISITS CLUBS IN LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI

Orange Grove Kiwanis Club was proud to have Governor Greg at one of their club meetings recently. Pictured left to right are: Dennis Oliver, John McCay, Greg Beard and Howard Lock. The Orange Grove Kiwanis Club has 25 members.

The New Iberia club welcomed Governor Greg to their club meeting. Pictured left to right are: Governor Greg, Gloria Girouard, Secretary; Fran Henderson, Treasurer; and Stephanie Comeaux. The New Iberia Kiwanis Club has 84 members.
Dues Proposal Set For Vote

Dues Proposal
The Kiwanis International Board will propose a US$15 dues increase when the House of Delegates convenes at the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, June 28–July 1.

Why now?
Kiwanis dues have remained unchanged for nearly a decade. Several factors impact Kiwanis’ financial status.

Inflation
With today’s dollar, Kiwanis would need more than US$53 to continue doing business at the same level as 2003 when delegates set dues at US$42.

Kiwanis membership
The primary source of Kiwanis International revenue is members’ dues. Since 2004, our membership has declined from 264,464 to 226,929 at the end of the 2010–11 year, and revenue from dues and fees has fallen from US$10.6 million to US$8.7 million.

Stewardship
Every year, Kiwanis has cut expenses in various ways, including measures that have reduced services to our adult and youth clubs. As a result, the organization is operating efficiently and lean and has maintained an operating surplus every year since 2003—until last year. In order to return to fiscal stability, a dues increase is needed.

What will the increase fund?
In addition to keeping up with inflation, Kiwanis also would like to take advantage of additional opportunities, such as:

Education
New technology is available to improve the member experience through online education and club administration and support.

Program growth
For each of the past four years, Aktion Club, CKI, Key Club and Builders Club set all-time membership records. K-Kids also has set membership records in all but one of these years. Kiwanis needs to maintain financial stability in order to continue its investment in these youth and adult programs.

If passed, when and how will the increase affect members?
The increase will be effective October 1, 2012. Nations with a per-capita income between US$5,000 and US$10,000 would see a US$10 increase to their dues, and nations with a per-capita income below US$5,000 would see a US$7 increase.
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Averitt, Devin K. - Vernon
Batchelder, George - Tupelo
Bell, Anita A. - Martin
Blackwell, Malcolm - Ponchatoula
Bolin, Virgil N. - Starkville
Bonin, Donald M. - North Jackson/Madison
Bourque, Chris A. - New Iberia
Bowie, Marion - Hancock-West Harrison
Brian, Paul S. - Jackson
Brown, Kay S. - De Ridder
Burgio, (Corp.) Chris - Flowood
Caldwell, Landon - Corinth
Cardaronella, Rhonda - Denham Springs
Carson, Kelly - Jackson
Charles, Consuelia M. - Southwest-Lafayette
Chauvin (Corp - Coburns), Lionel - Houma
Colbert, III, Charles W. - Southwest-Lafayette
Cole, Arlenia H. - Germantown
Colom, Scott W. - Columbus
Crews, Lisa J. - Jackson
Foti, Robert W. - St. Martinville
Francioni, John - Camellia City, Slidell
Gimber, III, James P. - Monroe
Gumm, Jay Paul - Stone County
Hoffpaurir, Jeannie - Winnfield
Inbau, Ted E. - Pascagoula
Jones, Patricia - Wainesboro
Klingman, Jimmy - Houma (Corp-S. La. Bank)
Landry, Ryan - St. Martinville
Langhart, Drew Allan - Denham Springs
Lee, Vikki S. - South Baton Rouge
Longstaff, Robert A. - Petal
Malone, John T. - Ponchatoula
Matthews, Jackson P. – Ruston
McDonald, Pat - West Jefferson, Harvey
Moody, Allison - Memphis (Corp-Farris Bobango Branlan PLC)
Mueller, Foy Madine - Rosepine
Munson, Ryan - Columbus
Oberschmidt, Aaron - Columbus
Offiong, Francis - East Memphis
O’Regan, Brian E. - Hammond
Overstreet, Jeff R. - Starkville
Patin, Becky P. - St. Martinville
Pellerin, Bret - New Iberia (Corp-Copy Net LLC)
Pizzolato, Greg - Houma (Corp - Flynn Manceaux Arcement Pizzolato)
Potier, Andrea - St. Martinville
Ricks, Layton - Denham Springs
Rippel, Jeffrey J. - Denham Springs
Roberts, Reece R. - Gulfport
Roberts, Brenda G. - Southwest Contraband
Robicheaux, Jeremy P. - Denham Springs
Rogers, Darla S. - Houma (Corp-Heritage Manor)
Rothernel, John - Hammond
Soileau, Michelle - Oaks, Baton Rouge (The)
Steve, Ehrhart - Memphis (Autozone Liberty Bowl)
Stewart, John - South Baton Rouge
Stewart, Victoria - Gulfport
Travis, Kimberly - Vernon
Tripp, Jr., Alfred D. - East Memphis
Warner, James N. - Lafayette
Washington, Amy - D. S., West Livingston
White, Adam Samuel – Martin
Whittington, Dr. Paul – Abbeville
Wood, Allen R. - South Lake Charles