DISTRICT ELECTS 2010-2011 GOVERNOR AND GOVERNOR-ELECT

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Kiwanis Year! And welcome to some great new things in Kiwanis!

First Off - Linda Ramsey assumes the office of District Governor for 2010-2011 - and takes her place in LaMissTenn History as our first female Governor. Linda is a member of the Martin, Tenn. Kiwanis Club, and has served the District well as Lieutenant Governor on Division 1A in 2004-2005, as Region I Trustee from 2006-2008, and as Governor-Elect in 2009-2010. The District is expecting great things from Governor Linda! You can find Linda’s goals by going to www.lamisstenn.org All clubs are encouraged to read these goals and incorporate them into your club’s goals for the year.

Along with a new Governor comes a new Governor-Elect. Greg Beard, Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria, and Immediate Past Lt. Governor of Division 11, was elected as the 2010-2011 Governor-Elect at the 2010 District Convention-At-Sea.

The District also wants to welcome the two newest members to the District Board of Trustees, both beginning 3-year terms on the Board:
- Gary Graham, a member of the Baton Rouge Club, representing the Florida Parishes Region (Region V) and the clubs of Divisions 8A, 8B, and 13.
- Claudia Johnson-Hall of the Southwest Lafayette Club, representing the Southwest Region (Region VI) and the clubs of Divisions 7, 12, and 17.

A full list of the District Officers, the 2010-2011 Lt. Governors and District Committee Chairs can be found on page 5 & 6 of this issue of The LaMissTenn News. A District Directory will be mailed soon to every club president and secretary.

Governor Linda looks forward to hearing from your club during the year, reporting on some new and exciting service opportunities within your community.

At the recent board meeting held in Baton Rouge, Immediate Past Governor, Greg Stevens, passes the Governor banner to Linda Ramsey. Governor, Linda Ramsey passes the Governor-Elect banner to Greg Beard.

LIGHT YOUR INNER FIRE:
A Monthly message from 2010-2011 International President, Sylvester Neal

It’s no secret that I have a vision of a Kiwanis that is stronger than it is today. I see a Kiwanis family that is stronger in membership, stronger in leadership and, most importantly, stronger in service. And I’m here to tell you that my pledge as president is to give my all, to do what I can to lead this organization in the right direction—toward strength, stability and success. And I have ideas on how to get it done.

I’ve given this year a theme, the “Kiwanis Year of the Fire.” As chief, I’m going to help you build your own fire, and together, we’ll ignite the flame for others until we have a raging bonfire. We have what it takes—that burning passion within each of us to make a difference. We need that passion more than ever as we face an amazing opportunity to make a difference with The Eliminate Project. Kiwanis, with help from our partner UNICEF, can eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth. We changed the world one time. We can—and we will—change the world again.

All I ask of each of you is a personal commitment to help improve your club and grow Kiwanis to meet our goals. Thanks for fueling the fire.

Being a former fire chief, I know about fires. In the past, I trained, studied and worked hard to extinguish those flames. Today, you and I set out to light the fire for Kiwanis.
Ramsey’s Ramblings!

Greetings Kiwanians!

It is such a pleasure to be able to correspond with you throughout the year via our District Newsletter. I owe a big thank you to Beverly Cain who has agreed to serve as our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster for the coming year.

We had a wonderful Convention at Sea. Everyone who went on the cruise had a marvelous time, and before the cruise was over, they were asking us when we were going to go again. The District Board discussed this at our last meeting, and we are looking at the possibility of every three to four years. Charlie Ford did a fabulous job of negotiating with the Carnival Cruise Line, and we got a lot of perks as a result. Thank you Charlie for a job well done!

Greg Stevens, Immediate Past Governor, thank you for your mentorship this past year; it has been much appreciated. You did a great job as Governor, and we all applaud your efforts to move our district forward.

I am traveling throughout our District, participating in installation banquets and meeting with Lt. Governors and club leaders. Please let me know when things are going on in your area, and I will try my best to attend if my calendar permits.

The last week of October, I will be making two Regional Governor Visits: the first to Region 6 to Lafayette, Louisiana with Lt. Governor of Div. 7, Kevin Domingue, to attend their opening of a park for special needs individuals. The second Governor’s Visit is to Region 3 near Gulfport, MS and Hattiesburg, MS with Past Governor, Dennis Oliver, and Lt. Governor of Div. 14, Bob Dever. I look forward to these visits and I hope to meet many Kiwanians from these two Regions. I have invited Roxan Chen, travel agent for the Geneva International Convention in July 2011, to be in attendance at both of these Regional Visits to answer any questions about the upcoming convention and your travel plans.

Ramsey’s Ramblings con’t. on page 8

GREG BEARD, GOVERNOR-ELECT

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as the 2010-11 Governor-Elect for our Great Historical Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee (LAMSTENN) District of Kiwanis International. It was a privilege to be elected at the 92nd Annual District Convention at Sea.

I joined the Kiwanis Club of Alexandria, Louisiana in 1995. I am married to Lisa Ware of Rayville, Louisiana and we have one son, Tyler, who is 14 years old.

As we know, October 1 begins a new Kiwanis year—a time when we look ahead to the next 12 months and beyond. What plans have you made as the new Kiwanis year begins?

My goal for 2010-11 is two-fold: (1) to support our current Governor Linda Ramsey in her vision to lead our great District; (2) to spend the next year as Governor-Elect visiting clubs in the District to introduce myself and getting to know you. We have already been down to Houma, up to Shreveport, back up to Monroe and over to Leesville. Mississippi and West Tennessee are coming. But I need your help. If you have a fundraiser, an activity, a community project or just a club meeting, please email me with the information. My email address is gregbeard@aol.com.

I challenge you to grow in service and membership, and to be a contributor to your community. This year, as every year, we can make a difference by changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Making a difference in the life of a child—isn’t that what we do?

Sincerely,

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Our Mid-Winter Convention will be in Natchez, Mississippi on February 11-13, 2011. Our International President, Sylvester Neal and his wife, Doris, will be in attendance. He is a wonderful man who is ready to “Light the Fire for Service” in Kiwanis. The District Headquarters will be the Natchez Grand Hotel, and information about hotel accommodations will be forthcoming.

Our District Convention will be in Tunica, Mississippi on August 7-11, 2011. The convention hotel will be Harrah’s Casino and Convention Center.

Please don’t forget to promote and encourage attendance at the two Key Leader Weekends. The first one is October 15-17 in Camp Wesley Pines, Gallman, Mississippi, and the second one is November 5-6, 2010 at Greenwell Springs, Louisiana. It is evident that these events do so much to enhance the self-confidence of our youth. Please assist our young people in their endeavors to attend these important meetings.

One other item I need your assistance with, and that is to please check with the schools in your divisions to see which schools have AEDs that weren’t placed there by Kiwanis. Our Governor’s Project is to place them in every school in the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District. There may be some out there that we don’t know about, and our District Coordinator, Pam Morgan, needs to know about those AED placements. Please either let Pam Morgan know directly or let your Lt. Governor know so that he/she can relay the message to Pam.

My home club, The Martin, Tennessee club is working with me to build a new club in Greenfield, Tennessee. We have met with the folks from Greenfield three times, and they probably will start as a satellite club. I have asked the Lt. Governors throughout the district to work toward building a new club in each division whether it is a satellite club, an internet club, a family club, or a classic club. If we don’t build new clubs and grow, within our lifetime, we could lose Kiwanis. I don’t know about you, but I want Kiwanis to be around a long time for my children and grandchildren. After all we change the world one child and one community at a time!

I am contacting the Lt. Governors via a conference call once each month, the 3rd Thursdays, so if you have any concerns, please contact your Lt. Governor so that he/she can bring those concerns to our attention. If there’s anything we can do to assist you and your clubs, we are only a phone call or an email away. Please stay in touch with your Lt. Governors and myself, and let’s work together to communicate and educate, to provide service leadership, and to put WOW back into our organization. Thanks for all you do in the name of Kiwanis. It is much appreciated!

Yours in Kiwanis,
Linda Ramsey, Governor
LAMISSTENN District

WHY PLAN AHEAD?

Nettles Brown, Co-Chair, Membership Education & Club Development

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 4th without holding any practices? Did not think so.

So why do 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 teams also have football 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.

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 master trainer, at 318/357-1520 or email him at leshnett@bellsouth.net
REGION IV, Kathy Webb, Trustee

A new Kiwanis year – I look forward to hearing about the many service projects the clubs in the Bayou Region provide for our children and communities. We start this year with a new enthusiastic club, The Westbank Konnection Kiwanis Club in Division 4A. Remember, the more members we have, the more children we can serve, the more lives we can touch. Please let me know if I can assist your club in any way in the upcoming year. I can be reached at (504) 888-3257 or kwebb14@cox.net

Kathy Webb, Trustee, Region IV

NEWS FROM YOUR LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-W. TENNESSEE DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Your Foundation is proud to announce the funding of the Endowment. The $320,000 is a great start to the goal of $500,000. The Endowment is a perpetual investment in our District. The Foundation Board Finance Committee reviewed the options for the placement of the Funds and recommended to the full Board the “CREATE Foundation” that offered $10,000 in matching funds. The Board voted unanimously to invest the Endowed funds with “CREATE”.

Your LAMISSWTENN Foundation not only invest your money but we also fund grants for worthy club projects. During the 2009-2010 year your Foundation awarded $4000 in community service grants, $10,000 in AED grants, Key Club Scholarships totaling $6000 and Circle K Scholarships totaling $2000. Your Club’s annual giving and your individual giving to the Foundation is of high priority. Your generosity enables your Foundation to fund what matters in our District.

A special Thank You to Foundation Board members who work hard to be good stewards of the LAMISSWTENN assets.

Your Foundation Board is ever aware of their mission statement:

“To adopt and fund ongoing charitable projects, particularly those benefiting young people, that require resources greater than those available to Kiwanis clubs or divisions within the District.”

Respectively,

Eva B. Abate, President
Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District Foundation of Kiwanis 2010-2011

HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES
REIGNITE HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES IN OUR CLUBS AND IN OUR DISTRICT

Court Crow, 2010-2011 District Chair

As our new Administrative Year gets rolling, let’s reignite, re-energize our clubs to pay attention to and to honor the first of our six Objects: to give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

How can we do this? I’ glad you asked! Let’s touch on a number of ideas:

1. Identify new ways we can emphasize the Human and Spiritual Values of Life:
   a. Be sure that each club meeting starts with an Invocation. May I suggest that

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we ask different Kiwanians to offer the Invocation each meeting, not the same person. I know change can shake things up, but having the same person may make the whole opening “fall-in-a-rut” while a different person shares that responsibility or privilege.

b. Be sure to end each meeting with the Kiwanis prayer. Ooops, didn’t know that there is a Kiwanis prayer. May I suggest the following; it won’t take more than a couple of weeks to learn:

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

2. If you can’t remember when your club last sponsored a Community Prayer Breakfast … or a Prayer Breakfast for your K-Family … or a Prayer Breakfast for the young athletes of your community (co-sponsored with FCA); if you can’t remember, it’s been too long. Plan one for the spring to get 2011 started on the right spiritual foot.

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

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

A NEW BEGINNING

Dennis Oliver, District Growth Chairman

The Kiwanis calendar allows us the opportunity to "start fresh" every October the first. No matter what has gone on in the last 12 months, we are back to the starting gate.

Governor Linda Ramsey has been busy for months preparing, working with her 11 District Board members, and selecting 22 Lt. Governors. Club officers have attended Club Officer Training and committee chairman have been assigned.

* What's missing?
* I am glad you asked.

* The most important piece of the puzzle!

THE 5000 MEMBERS WHO DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OF THIS GREAT DISTRICT!!!!!!

Governor Ramsey is asking every member to be the very best they can be.

Would you:

1. Recruit at least one new member?
2. Attend every club meeting possible?
3. Participate in all projects and fundraising opportunities possible?
4. Proudly wear your Kiwanis pin?
5. Seek out leadership possibilities?
6. Try to attend Division and District functions?
7. Have fun?
8. Have fun?
9. Have fun?
10. Did I say HAVE FUN????

This is so little to ask of us to belong to the GREATEST SERVICE CLUB IN THE WORLD. "YOU WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!
SERVICE LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Club advisor counselor is the go-to man for all your Service Leadership Program questions
Dave Wohler, the club advisor counselor for Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs, is the man with all the answers. Sponsoring Kiwanis clubs, host institutions, faculty and Kiwanis advisors and even members of Service Leadership Programs are welcome to call or e-mail Dave with their queries at 800-KIWANIS, ext. 163 (U.S. and Canada), +1-317-875-8755, ext. 163 (worldwide) or dwohler@kiwanis.org.

The Circle K Club of Louisiana State University at Alexandria is Back!!!

Circle K, the world's largest collegiate service organization, has been rechartered at LSU Alexandria after a few years of inactivity. The organization was reactivated at a ceremony on the 50-year anniversary of the first day of classes in 1960.

Circle K is the collegiate version of Kiwanis International. Greg Beard, a member of the Alexandria Kiwanis Club and governor-elect of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee Kiwanis District, represented the parent organization at the ceremony. It also was attended by Dr. Charnia Cheatwood, former dean of student affairs and the second Circle K faculty adviser at LSUA and Past Governor of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International.

The re-chartering ceremony was held at the flag poles in front of campus, which were part of a service project in 1963 by Circle K and the VFW.

Bob Tillie, professional adviser and faculty sponsor of Circle K, said approximately 25 students are members of the LSUA chapter. "The sense of service these students have shown is impressive," Tillie said. "They've already gathered 97 boxes of books bound for African schools through the Better World Books program."

Jennifer Ducote, a senior from Marksville with a double major in psychology and criminal justice, is president of Circle K. The LSUA chapter is the 15th in the three-state Kiwanis district. Several members of the LSUA faculty belong to local Kiwanis Clubs.

Builders Club and K-Kids clubs renewal time

Time to renew your Builders Club and K-Kids club
Kiwanis clubs can renew their Builders Club membership for 2010-11. Go to www.buildersclub.org or www.kkids.org and click on “Club Renewal Center.” You will need the following information handy:

- Club key number
- School or club address and phone number
- Faculty advisor name and e-mail
- Kiwanis advisor name, address, phone and e-mail
- Number of members in the club
- Address of the individual to receive the kit

The US$150 annual fee can be paid via credit card online or an invoice can be printed. Don’t delay, your club will benefit from getting their 2010-11 supplies as soon as possible. Contact the Member Services Team (memberservices@kiwanis.org) with questions.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF: 60 years strong

For 60 years now, children in the United States have dressed in costume on Halloween night and gone door to door collecting coin donations for UNICEF. Since 1994, Key Club has joined in the fun Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF, a worldwide organization that, like Kiwanis, is dedicated to serving children’s needs. Over the years, Key Clubbers—with help from Builders Clubs—have raised nearly $5 million for iodine deficiency programs worldwide, HIV and AIDS programs in Kenya and Swaziland and, most recently, Operation Uruguay. (http://www.keyclub.org/service/fund/osp/unicef/opuruguay.aspx): Protecting the rights of children.

Join Key Club in their effort to raise $1.5 million for Operation Uruguay by Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. Builders Clubs and Key Clubs will receive their collection boxes in early fall. Order any extra collection boxes—and encourage members of your Service Leadership Program clubs to do the same—from UNICEF (http://youth.unicefusa.org/trickortreat/participate/).
ONLINE TRAINING FOR CLUB LEADERS AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

Get ready for your new role with leadership training

Are you a rookie in your new club or district leadership role? Know what to expect - as well as what’s expected of you - with online Club Leadership Education. (https://www.kiwanisone.org/kiwanisonlinetraining/login.aspx).

These self-guided tutorials are ready whenever you are and are specific to each position: secretary/treasurer, president, membership chairman, lieutenant governor and - new this year - board member. The new board member module includes Roberts Rules of Order, basic board function and structure and knowledge that will be helpful in running smooth, productive meetings. Log on as often as you like to use this information as a resource.

Another valuable resource for new leaders is the Leadership guide, which includes a list of responsibilities, timelines and sample forms. Download the entire guide or the appropriate section. http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=286

USING GOOGLE FORMS ON YOUR WEBSITE

Ever need a quick and easy way to add a poll to your site or collect data from your members about a project without resorting to a tangle of e-mail messages? Google has a solution! And Kiwanis has crafted a handy how-to document to walk you through the simple steps to creating a Google online fillable form and embedding it into your club or district website.

Within the Google Docs feature is a powerful forms tool that lets you create forms and collects the data in a spreadsheet which you can access to view or output a report. A Google account by the form administrator (creator) is all that is required. The people who use your form do not need a Google account to participate.

Download the Google Forms tutorial (http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/18998.aspx) and begin creating free online fillable forms in minutes.

YOUR DIVISION NEEDS YOU!

Have you been a club president or club secretary? Did you enjoy your year of leading your club and members to a great year of service? Do you want to continue to find ways to develop your leadership talents?

If so, Kiwanis needs you to step up and serve as a Lieutenant Governor for your Division. The office of Lieutenant Governor is often called the "best job" in Kiwanis because it allows a member to maintain his/her friendships in the home club, while extending the Kiwanis contacts and friendships to the other clubs in the division.

A Lieutenant Governor...
• is a District Officer who serves as a liaison between the clubs of your home division, and the district.
• serves as a leader by communicating the vision/messages of Kiwanis International and the District to the clubs and motivating the members to action.
• ensures participation in Club Leadership Education sessions.
• speaks on behalf of the district and prepared messages are positive, personal and passionate.
• communicates regularly with club presidents. Provides opportunities to meet face to face by scheduling productive Division Council meetings.

If you are interested in finding more about the "best job" in Kiwanis, contact your current Lieutenant Governor, Governor-Elect Greg Bead greg-beard@aol.com or the District Office districtoffice@kiwanisone.org

NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT?

Simply go to www.kiwanisone.org to find out information on 2010-11 District Award Criteria, updates on the Mid-Winter Conference, International Convention, District Convention, trainings, Governor Linda’s goals, etc.
From Natchez, Mississippi
February 11 - 12, 2011

Sitting high on the bluff above the mighty Mississippi river rests Natchez - a city 300 years in the making. At first glance, Natchez appears to be frozen in time, with perfectly preserved homes and buildings that remind us of days gone by. But upon closer inspection, you soon discover that Natchez, while indeed a reflection of the past, is also alive in the here and now – filled with arts, music, culture, events, commerce and natural beauty.

Natchez is home to over 1,000 historic structures, residential and commercial, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This enchanting historic city is the anchor of the 444 mile scenic Natchez Trace, which runs from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez-Under-the-Hill.

On February 11 - 12, 2011 the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District will convene for the Mid-Winter Conference in Natchez, Miss. International President, Sylvester Neal will be our guest at Mid-Winter and also the guest speaker at the Saturday noon luncheon.

It’s not too early to make reservations at the Natchez Grand Hotel by calling 601/446-9994 or 866/488-0898. Or the Natchez Eola Hotel at 601/445-6000 or 860/445-3652

To Geneva, Switzerland
July 7 - 10, 2011

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees invite ALL Kiwanians to come to the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention July 7-10 in Geneva, Switzerland!!

The La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District has worked out some wonderful travel plans with InConTra TRAVEL/Tumlare Corp. We are offering round-trip airfare from any of the major airports in the District, transfers from the Geneva Airport to your hotel, 4 nights stay at the hotel of your choice (breakfast included), shuttle bus transportation from your hotel to the Geneva Convention Center, plus daily tours in and around Geneva. For more information and pricing - go to www.geneva2011.com

To add to your trip to Geneva, check out the 26 pre and post convention tours being offered by InConTra/Tumlare - 7 offered before arriving in Geneva - and 19 after the convention ends - with fantastic tours offered all across Europe!

To sign up - just fill out the Reservation & Application Form and send it in with your deposit! For answers to your specific questions - call 1-800-466-6990.

Please Note: The InConTra/Tumlare Travel and Housing Package does not include registration for the Kiwanis International Convention. Convention Registration is set at $350 per Kiwanian and $100 for spouses/guests until January 31st. On February 1st, the registration rates increase to $425 and $150, respectively.

To Tunica, Mississippi
August 4-7, 2011

Tunica County, a place where quality businesses thrive and family life flourishes, and the site of the 2011 La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Convention in August 2011.

Incorporated in 1836, Tunica County grew from untamed hardwood forests to one of the richest cotton-producing areas in the world. Today, much of the land is available for industrial development.

Just 30 minutes south of Memphis, Tenn., Tunica County is conveniently located at the crossroads of I-40 and I-55, with access to I-69. It is also within a day’s drive of all points in the central United States.

Harrah's Casino Tunica offers three luxury hotels, a world class Convention Center, a state-of-the-art event and entertainment center and an expansive RV resort. A full service business center keeps you connected to the real world, while multiple great Harrah's Casino restaurants and the Bellissimo - a full-service spa and salon - helps you get away from it all.

Whether you are here for business or pleasure, Tunica County has something to offer you.

You can make your early reservations at Harrah’s Tunica Hotel & Casino by calling 1-800-424-7247 and mentioning Kiwanis Convention.
Smile makers

The Kiwanis Club of Northshore Mandeville, Louisiana, is keeping smiles on the faces of the poorest children in Granada, Nicaragua. The club operates dental clinics to provide preventive and restorative dentistry, as well as dental hygiene lessons for children. And the need is great: During one week, a clinic saw 50 6- to 8-year-old children, of which only three were cavity-free. The remaining children had an average of 12 cavities each.

The program, called Keep Dentistry Alive, received funds totaling US$18,000 from the Kiwanis International Foundation to help cover operating expenses for the next three years during which clinics hope to reach 5,000 children in the area.

A Nicaraguan child learns to brush her teeth at a Northshore Mandeville, Louisiana, Kiwanis Club dental clinic supported by the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Project with funds totaling US$18,000.

4 AED’s and Counting

Zachary Kiwanis Club presented their fourth AED to the Galilee Baptist Academy in Zachary, La.

One Day of Service

The Pascagoula Kiwanis club picks up trash along Ingalls Ave. Club members along with Pascagoula and Gautier Key club members picked up trash on Ingalls Ave. for Kiwanis One Day Service project. About a dozen people participated in the service project.

As the new District Bulletin Editor, I aim to give you the most up to date information happening in the District and at Kiwanis International. I don’t always have all the information. So if you have club news or you are a committee chair, Trustee or Lt. Governor, please send me your exclusive information or updates, or messages to editor@lamisstenn.org

I would really appreciate it and so would the membership of the District!  

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Beverly Cain
Kid’s Catch More than Fish

The poles were twice as tall as some of the kids but that didn’t stop more than 175 children from sitting under Spanish moss casting lines into a south Louisiana lake. It was all part of the East St. Mary Kiwanis Club’s Free Kid’s Fishing Rodeo Kiwanis One Day Project. Kids came from Morgan City area elementary and junior high schools to try their hand at what club members call southern Louisiana culture.

“It took me back to the days when my ‘Paw Paw’ would bring me fishing on the bayou,” said Kiwanian Cal Carrier.

Memories like that helped spur the community as a whole to pitch in and make the project a reality. A chance meeting with the local schools assistant superintendent, at another Kiwanis event, gave Kiwanians the chance to pitch their project in the classrooms. Even Teche Regional Medical Center and the Coast Guard got on board.

“All in all it was a team effort to make the event the success it was,” said Organizer Blane Aucoin. He says the club got that support because the project was joining together two things close to peoples’ hearts in South Louisiana. Fishing and kids.

To make sure that any South Louisiana child could take part Kiwanians found fishing poles for any kids who didn’t have their own. What’s more if a child was lucky enough to catch a fish they got a raffle ticket for a chance to win a new pole of their own. Kids catching the biggest fish were also awarded trophies.

Those trophies, featuring a fish on top, were given to the three best bass, perch, and even a category called “trash.” But kids who didn’t catch a fish still didn’t stay empty handed for long. Kiwanians were grilling up free hot dogs and drinks to make sure everyone was happy and full.

In fact this event required Kiwanians to do some unusual duties. In addition to working the grill Kiwanians were repairing fishing reels, weighing fish, and parking cars. Key Club members even got involved with the rodeo by, among other things, handing out bait.

What’s more it wasn’t only the kids who had a good time. The East St. Mary club wanted to ensure that the Fishing Rodeo was an event for the whole family. So every child was required to bring a parent or other guardian with them. Club members say that made the day even more special.

“The parents, grandparents, guardians, were as excited to be there as were the kids,” said Carrier.

The south Louisiana club says the project was a chance to affect local kids in a way that not only brightened their day but shared a little bit of the area’s heritage and brought parents/grandparents together with their children/grandchildren.

“Through the Fishing Rodeo the East St. Mary Kiwanis Club lived up to its goal of making a difference in kids’ lives one community at a time,” said Aucoin.

New District Mailing Address! 5319-B, Baton Rouge, LA 70808-6401
Children at Mississippi State Hospital’s Oak Circle Center gained a new avenue for recreation and therapy on Wednesday, September 08, 2010, thanks to a donation from a Clarksdale Kiwanis Club and Rep. John Mayo.

Tom Jones, Mississippi Division 2 Lt. Governor of Kiwanis, donated a Nintendo Wii and a Wii Fit game to the child and adolescent unit at MSH after Mayo, a personal friend, told him Oak Circle Center represented an opportunity for service. Mayo has been a longtime supporter of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health in the Legislature and had recently visited the hospital.

“He was the catalyst,” Jones said of Mayo. “He made the need known and went around to the community. We said we wanted to support something like that. We just got everything together and here we are.”

Oak Circle Center Unit Director Regina Lacking said the Wii and the Wii Fit game will provide a lot of entertainment for children on the unit, which serves children as young as four and as old as 17.

“It is a lot of fun for them, and just because they’re here doesn’t mean they can’t have the same fun that any other kid or any other teenager has,” she said.

The benefit of the Wii, though, goes beyond just entertaining the children, she said.

“There’s the fitness component of this game, where it keeps them active and healthy while they are still playing the game. They don’t see it as really exercising; they just see it as a game. They’re going to really enjoy it.”

Jones and Mayo visited the hospital to personally donate the game to Oak Circle Center. While it was the first time for Jones to visit the hospital, he said it wouldn’t be the last.

“The whole point is to give back a little bit of what we’ve earned throughout our lives and help out the children if we possibly can,” he said. “This is just a small token, but we want to do what we can.”
**KEY LEADER**

Dear Kiwanis Leaders:

Two Key Leader conferences will be happening in our own backyard in just a few weeks. Key Leader provides students, our future leaders, with a weekend leadership experience that is truly life changing. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership - leadership comes from helping others succeed. In 2003, a task force of professionals with more than 175 years of experience in teaching, coaching, developing, and encouraging young leaders was asked to invent something extraordinary. The result is an exciting program designed to move beyond where most other youth leadership programs stopped. The result is Key Leader.

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We look forward to sharing this experience with your students.

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