A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

By: Greg Beard, 2011-2012 Governor

As the 2011-12 Governor of the Great and Historic Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International, I want to welcome you to an amazing year of Kiwanis SERVICE. For the next twelve (12) months, we will embark on a mission to make our District (and the world) a better place through SERVICE, LEADERSHIP and GROWTH. Along the way, we will have FUN.

Our LaMissTenn District is fortunate to have been served by a dedicated and committed group of individuals as Governors, of which includes our immediate Past Governor Linda Ramsey. I thank her for her leadership and guidance to our District and to me personally. Also, our District would not be what it is—Great—if not for the each Kiwanian in our clubs. With almost 5,000 members strong and our amazing commitment to Kiwanis, we can continue to change the world, one child, and one community at a time.

Throughout the month of October, our District website will be adding information about our District leaders, events and activities. Please don’t just take one look, but continue to look throughout this month. Also, our District’s Facebook page will have much information about individual clubs. If you want your club’s activities or events listed on the District’s Facebook page, please contact me.

If you were not able to attend the LaMissTenn District Convention in August, I ask that you read my remarks made in accepting the Governor position. My hope is that we RISE UP with the URGENCY and the PASSION by showing our best in “Building our Legacy through Service” to children, families, and communities.

Greg Beard
2011-12 LaMissTenn District Governor

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’ MESSAGE

By: Allen Penn, Kiwanis International President

LET’S GET STARTED

October’s an exciting time for all of us in the Kiwanis world. It’s the start of a new Kiwanis year, a new administrative year. A time to begin a new year of service, fun and fellowship with our club members.

This year will be our best yet as Kiwanis members. We’re not only embarking on a new year of service to our communities, but we have also launched our fundraising campaign for the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus. For just $1.80—less than the price of a cup of coffee—we can ensure that a child is born without having to endure the excruciating death from this terrible disease. As a fellow Kiwanian has said, “We are the game changers.”

The Eliminate Project will be a major focal point of our 2011–12 year. It’s the time to begin to raise the $110 million we need to save and protect the lives of more than 61 million women and their children in 38 countries. What better calling for our organization than to be known for helping put an end to this disease.

During this year of service to children and families in your communities, I am asking each club to give above and beyond their current contributions and consider setting aside an additional 10, 20 or 30 percent of all funds raised over the next 12 months for The Eliminate Project.

In addition, each member should consider joining the Walter Zeller Fellowship with a personal gift of $1,250. When we do our part, we’ll all know we made a difference in the lives of mothers and children. The beginning is always an exciting time full of anticipation. I hope each of you is ready for our new year of service. I know I am.

Alan Penn, Kiwanis International President
ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING:

By: Governor-Elect, Robert Benoit

October marks the beginning of many things. For some it brings relief from a long hot summer, while for others, it is a time to prepare for special events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. But for Kiwanis members, it is the continuation of service to society.

Whether we like it or not, attitude plays a major part in our lives that can have a lasting effect on the way we interact with others. Fall portrays a sense of renewal that often brings out the best in people who take advantage of the cool weather by spending more time outdoors. This is a perfect opportunity for Kiwanis members to spread the word about what we do by wearing our Kiwanis attire while enjoying some of the cool weather. Visibility means everything and wearing our logo has a tendency to attract spectators with interest that could lead to club growth.

Holidays have the tendency to attract large gatherings especially family to share in good food and conversation. What a fantastic way to get the message out of how your club has impacted the community in helping kids. You may be surprised at the interest that could develop when positive stories are shared with others, especially relatives that may be experiencing the same kind of problems or know someone who is in need of assistance. More often than not, a lot of good ideas that make for great service projects are generated around family meals. After all, isn’t that the reason the majority of our meetings are centered around food?

As new officers take the reins in a new season that is filled with energy and fresh ideas, let’s keep in mind why we were elected and do the very best job that we can. I hear people talk about giving 110 percent to a cause that they like, well we don’t have to work that hard, merely giving 100% will accomplish the same task, because it truly is full devotion.

I am very humble and grateful for the confidence bestowed on me by you, the membership, in electing me to serve on the board once again. I applaud Governor Linda Ramsey for her outstanding service over this past year and pledge my full support to Governor Greg Beard during this fiscal year. We have a great district and together with the guidance from Charlie Ford, Executive Director, we will make it greater.

Work hard, have fun!

Robert P. Benoit
Governor-Elect

URGENCY and PASSION:

Governor Greg Beards Speech given at District Convention

Imagine a grandfather and grandson walking through a park on a Sunday afternoon. People are walking, people jogg...
We must have an URGENCY and PASSION to develop Relationships with friends, coworkers and others in our communities to share our own personal Kiwanis experiences by inviting them to join us in the greatest worldwide service organization. Many times it has been said that the company we keep is important; the meetings, the service projects, the socials, the conferences/conventions all are opportunities we learn from others, all are opportunities to share our ideas and to have fun with people.

We must have an URGENCY and PASSION of an Attitude on positive thinking. It has been said that thought is the word of wonder and we can do and use what we have done. What we are doing and what we will do. Words that will build us up and not tear us down. Words that will bring us together and not separate us. We must have that attitude to share what we have, positively, with others.

To take a positive approach to achieve excellence in SERVICE, LEADERSHIP and GROWTH by building on our strengths and deemphasizing our weaknesses and to focus on positive outcomes so that a greater number of members and clubs feel that they contribute in a positive way to the Kiwanis mission, vision, and objects.

We must have an URGENCY and PASSION to grow in club membership, by ending next year in the positive, even if the positive is plus 1. We are currently on track to end this Kiwanis year with a positive membership growth; first in many, many years. We must seek out locations for new Kiwanis clubs or create satellite clubs, just as we have done this year. We must help those clubs that are below charter strength to return to charter strength for better service to their communities.

We must have an URGENCY and PASSION to make Leadership decisions for the good of Kiwanis. For almost 100 years, Decisions have been made by many that have come before us, to make Kiwanis what it is today the greatest worldwide service organization. It is our turn to provide the same great educational opportunities to our officers and members at the various conference and conventions. We must lead by example of doing what we know we should be doing in our communities building our legacy.

Finally, we must have an URGENCY and PASSION for Service. Service is our trademark; Service is what we do best. Service to our communities and to our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). By fulfilling our responsibilities to K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion clubs, we show to them, and to the world, our youth are the future and we must invest our time, talents and treasures in them.

For the time will come for them to be leaders in our world, in our communities. We must participate in our Kiwanis Brand-ed service projects such as Young Children Priority One (YCPO), Read around the World, Bring Up Grades (BUG), Terrific Kids and Key Leader programs. For what better way to ensure our future than to show our students and our youth that they are important to us.

There are 2 ways to live: get all we can get or give all we can give. As Kiwanians, we must look to servicing our local communities with our own local service projects; but we must not forget that we are a worldwide organization. By making our personal service to their communities, is to have a place in the world.

With our District Major Emphasis Project, Automated External Defibrilators (AEDs) in our local schools, we can make a difference in a life. It has already been proven by a number of people, old and young, who have been saved by the use of an AED provided by our own Kiwanis clubs. Better yet, with the Eliminate Project/MNT, we can serve the world from our own local clubs. For the next four years, we have the opportunity to make a difference, like we did in the 1990s with Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD). During this next year of Inspiration, we can make a difference once again with the Eliminate Project/MNT along with financial support to our International and District Foundations.

So the time is now the wait is over. Let us not get to this time next year and say we should have done this, we could have done that. Let us do what we believe is great service, and the only way to do great service is to love what we do that is to have a PASSION. I ask you to find a place of service and be passionate about it.

I leave you with a quote I use at my Certified Leadership Education (CLE) sessions:

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do. The key to accomplishment is believing that what you can do will make a difference.”

So back to the balloons. Really, it’s not our color, it’s not our shape, it’s not our size it’s what’s on the inside of us.

This coming year, join me as we RISE UP with an URGENCY with a PASSION to do what Kiwanis is about that is serving the children of the world.

Thank you.

Greg

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I am married to Angela for 40 yrs. We have three children and for grandchildren. I am a Charter Member of Waynesboro, Miss. Kiwanis Club and serving my third term as Lt. Governor of Division 3. I have served on the district level as a past member of the District Foundation Board of Trustees, and a past member of the WSP Wrap-up Committee. I am currently also serving as the Divisional Coordinator for Eliminate Project."

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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 http://www.kiwanisone.org/cle. 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. Online participation in leadership training counts toward the distinguished club award.

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

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL STRUCTURE

CHILDREN SERVED (MILLIONS)

MEMBERS (260,701)

KIWANIS CLUBS (8,241)

LT. GOVERNORS (750)

DISTRICTS (53)

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD AND STAFF
Club management 101

NEW: Service Project Database

If your club's looking for its next service project, check out the Service Project Database (in English). Located at www.KiwanisOne.org/findaproject, this online resource lets you browse through various projects, find ideas and inspiration, read helpful tips, download materials to duplicate a successful project and more. Only 20 projects appear at a time. To narrow your search, choose from one of the categories listed.

To maximize this new tool, clubs are asked to submit their best service project for consideration. If you have a great success story or project idea, submit your details to service@kiwanis.org.

You asked for it. We listened. Databases being combined.

A big high-five is in order: Until now, club secretaries have needed to maintain club data in two spots—in the KiwanisOne Club Management System (your club website) and in the Kiwanis International database. The two didn’t really talk to each other, but that is about to change thanks to user feedback.

We’re putting the final touches on a database synchronization that will combine the two data sources and give club secretaries’ just one single place to maintain member records. Changes will be reflected in real-time.

Looking ahead

September | October | November 2011

- Monthly club reports due 10th of every month
- Time to renew K-Kids and Builders Club programs you sponsor
- Club election report closes September 30
- New Kiwanis year starts October 1
- Distinguished Club/Member honors deadline: October 15
- Annual club report for 2010-2011 opens in October, due November 30
- Key Club Week, November 7-11
- November is March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Month. Collaborate with this Kiwanis partner. Details at www.KiwanisOne.org/partners

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Club Resource is getting a makeover

Club Resource Inc. is getting a new name and logo to better reflect the nature of the club management system and our vision for the future of online tools for clubs. Future plans and a new look are taking shape. We will announce the new name by the end of 2011. Current users of the club management system will not notice any immediate changes in KiwanisOne.

We are excited about upcoming plans, improved support and modernized rebranding to better serve our users. Stay tuned!

Support

For help with the KiwanisOne Club Management System or online reporting, email KiwanisOne@kiwanis.org or call +1-317-663-4561 (worldwide).

Ask a direct question or provide feedback via www.KiwanisOne.org/gethelp (fill out the form for quick response). You also can access the self-serve support overview page with links to video tutorials, helpful downloads and how-tos at www.KiwanisOne.org/support.

Thanks for using the system and providing great feedback!
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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

Are you jazzed for New Orleans?

Here's one sure way to put you in the mood for Kiwanis' 97th Annual Convention in New Orleans: a night with Branford Marsalis. Born in New Orleans, Marsalis is a world-renowned saxophonist with an expansive range of musical interests from blues, funk, classical to jazz.

100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Be a part of history!

Be on the watch, because you may be asked to help Kiwanis plan its 100th anniversary party. In the coming weeks, Kiwanis members selected at random will receive an invitation to participate in a survey. Responses will be used to organize the celebration. If you receive an invitation, please take a few moments to answer its questions.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Answering the call to serve.

Each year, Kiwanis-family clubs participate in the Kiwanis International Foundation's Annual Club Giving campaign, because they know their gifts help children in local communities wherever the Kiwanis family is called to serve. Show your support with an Annual Club Gift today.

In 2010-11, KIF grants will serve more than 127,000 children in need, providing food, medical and dental care, school supplies, clothing and other basic services. Learn more about our Kiwanis-family grant program.

http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/Foundation

MEMBER TOOLS

Advisors: Be prepared.

Kiwanis members are a powerful and positive influence when they volunteer as sponsors and advisors to Service Leadership Programs. To ensure you're well-equipped for the responsibility, check out Kiwanis' helpful resources at www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources
YOUR INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
By: Julia Carter, District Chair International Foundation

Happy New Year! Yes, the 2011-12 Kiwanis year has begun. My fellow Kiwanians, as we start this new year of helping the children of the world, let us do so with enthusiasm and pride. We should all do our best to make this the best year in Kiwanis history.

We did fairly well as a District in the Annual Club Gift area for the 2010-11 year. Some Divisions were even 100% in their giving! But some clubs did not even make the $100 minimum effort. I know the Great and Historic LA-MS-TN District can and will be more successful this year in doing its share to provide funds for the children and the needy.

The best way to accomplish our goals is to understand what the Kiwanis International Foundation really is --- the financial backbone of Kiwanis. But do not confuse donations to the KIF with annual dues to International. KIF is a separate corporation and is funded entirely by donations. Our dues are paid from the administrative account; our gifts to the Foundation come from the civic or project account or from individuals.

This is how the funds are raised:

**Annual Giving**
- Club Gift
- Skip-A-Meal
- Kiwanis Leadership Society
- Kiwanis Children’s Fund
- Memorials and Tributes

**Endowment Development and Individual Recognition**
- George F. Hixson Fellowship
- Hixson Ambassador
- Diamond Level(s) Hixson
- Tablet of Honor
- Benefactor
- Founders Circle
- Elite Eagle
- Heritage Society

K-KIDS CLUB

By: Don Eye, K-KIDS District Chairman

Please help where you can. If you are a Club Officer and the Foundation(s) are not a line item in the club’s budget, please have the Annual Gift added. Let’s join together and make this a record year in giving to the children.

Kiwanis is about K I D S. It’s just that simple to me. Whether we "change" the world or "improve" the world we live in we have a great opportunity through Kiwanis to play a positive role for our kids. After 21 years as a Kiwanian and 16 years working with the elementary grades in our community I have discovered that I must have been a dumb kid. Every club member and visitor to our local K-Kids and Terrific Kids programs has left with a greater hope for our future. These kids are wonderful. I have learned so very much by working with them.

Did you know that the spotted dog on the fire trucks has a real purpose? He is there to fine the fire hydrant.

Seriously, there are 140 plus Kiwanis Clubs in the LaMissTenn District and only 28 active K-Kids Clubs. K-Kids is the easiest club in the universe to start. The clubs practically run without Kiwanis help. What an impact we would have if every club had just one K-Kids club.

Your club would be doing a great service to your future and what a way to get your name out there for future members.

Governor Greg has been abundantly clear about service. K-Kids is a great place to start. The magic source... kkids.org. Contact me Kiwanians...that is why I am here.
YOUR FOUNDATION @ WORK ...

Submitted by: Cathy Simmons, Secretary-District Foundation

Thank you and the Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for YOUR support of YOUR District Foundation. Through the Annual Gift Campaign from Kiwanis Clubs, gift basket raffles at Convention and Regionals, as well as personal donations from Kiwanis members, YOUR District Foundation was able to assist clubs in the District with COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis Year, with such projects as:

- Germantown, TN (Brinkley Heights) $ 550
- West Jefferson, LA (Senior Bingo) $ 150
- Southwest-Lafayette, LA (B.U.G.) $ 375
- The Oaks, LA (Timing Clocks) $ 711.25
- Columbus, MS (Patriot Park) $1,000
- Pascagoula, MS (Senior Center AED) $ 500
- Hammond, LA (Council on Aging Sr. Cntr) $1,000
- Vicksburg, MS (Playground refurbish) $ 725
- Tupelo, MS (Summer Camp AED) $ 500
- McKenzie, TN (Recreation Park Dept AED) $ 275

$5,786.25 community grant funds awarded in 2010-11

AEDs given as community grants went to centers other than schools. Since the District project is for AEDs in SCHOOLS, these applications were awarded as community grants, for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis Year. Future funding for AED grants will ONLY be for schools within our District. There are so many schools in need of these life-saving devices, let's continue to support the District Project of AEDs in ALL schools of our District!

AED GRANTS were awarded during the 2010-2011 to SCHOOLS, by the following Kiwanis Clubs:

Amite, LA $ 500
Southwest Contraband, LA $ 500
Greenville, MS $ 500
Germantown, TN $ 500
Northshore Mandeville $ 500
Algiers Morning Edition $ 500
Crowley, LA $ 500
Laurel, MS $ 500
Hub City, Hattiesburg, MS $ 500
Hammond, LA $ 500
South Baton Rouge, LA $ 500
Natchez Trace, MS $ 500

$6,000 AED grant funds awarded in 2010-11

Other funding YOUR District Foundation awarded:
- Sponsored programs (Key Club Scholarships, Circle K Scholarships, Leadership Training and Travel) = $24,250
- Lawman, Teacher, Layman and Firefighter of the Year @ $250 each = $1,000

Thank YOU for making a difference to a child, a family or a community!
Kiwanis AED Project “Saves”

By: Pam Morgan, MIP Chairman

Do we really need AEDs on school campuses? Let’s ask some of the people whose lives were saved by the use of an AED that was provided by Kiwanis clubs right here in the LaMis-Tenn District.

1. A 42-year old father picking up his son from Bon Lin Middle School in Shelby County, TN was saved by an assistant principal and a nurse, using CPR and the AEE on site. (August 2009)

2. A mother of 3, attending a performance at Covington High School in Covington, LA was saved by a nurse on site, using CPR and the AED. (October 2010)

3. A football umpire on the sidelines of a football game at Lafayette High School in Lafayette, LA was saved by early CPR and the AED that was on site. (November 2010)

4. A 7th grader in Martin, TN was saved by the use of an AED at an away football game. (September 2010).

5. A freshman football player at a scrimmage at Breaux Bridge High School in Breaux Bridge, LA was saved by the coaches performing early CPR and the AED on site. (May 2011). The coaches, principals and nurses had an emergency plan in place and had practiced it several times simulating an incident during practice.

6. A contractor working on the air conditioning system at Martin Middle School collapsed in the cafeteria. The school nurse began CPR and shocked him twice with the AED before EMS arrived. Another life saved! (August 8, 2011)

All of these survivors and their families are grateful to the Kiwanis clubs that provided the AEDs, the first responders on the scene, and the paramedics. They know that about 95 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital. Survival is directly linked to the time between the onset of cardiac arrest and defibrillation.

15-Year-Old High School Football Player in Louisiana Saved with ZOLL AED Plus

Coaches and Team Practiced CPR Just Weeks Before Life-Saving Event September 14, 2011—CheLMSford, Mass.

ZOLL Medical Corporation (Nasdaq GS: ZOLL), a manufacturer of resuscitation devices and related software solutions, reported today that football coaches at Breaux Bridge High School in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, combined CPR and a ZOLL AED Plus® to save the life of a freshman football player on May 19. The coaches launched into lifesaver mode when they spotted then 15-year-old Teddrick Lewis lying face-down on the sidelines during a football scrimmage. Because of their preparedness and quick action, Lewis has just started his sophomore year of high school. According to Head Coach Paul Broussard, Lewis collapsed moments after leaving the field and was sprawled out on the ground with his face buried in the grass. Instinct and training immediately took over for Broussard and his staff. Because we had a plan in place, we knew exactly what we had to do. Just two or three weeks earlier, our principal and nursing staff was adamant that we simulate a mock rescue drill after school. We had the whole football team there, and they put us on the clock, said Broussard. Thank goodness for that drill. We never thought we would have to use it so soon after.

He went on to explain how when Teddrick collapsed, an assistant coach raced off to retrieve the AED Plus, another coach called 911, while yet another began CPR as someone removed Teddrick’s shoulder pads. The routine and the training just kicked in and adrenaline took over. The AED Plus worked great. It told us exactly what to do. We gave him a shock when it advised, then resumed CPR as it instructed, and after the second shock, he started to come around. By the time the Arcadian Ambulance paramedics and an Arcadian Air Med team arrived, about 10 minutes later, Teddrick had regained consciousness, said Broussard. It wasn’t until later, when I started thinking about it, that I realized the magnitude of the situation and felt scared.

As for Teddrick, he says the last thing he remembers was walking off the field feeling very tired, and then waking up in a helicopter wearing an oxygen mask. He was airlifted to Lafayette General Hospital, about 30 minutes away, where he was treated and released a week later. While he is not sure he could be able to play football again, he says he is forever grateful to the coaches. They saved my life. And because of them I got to celebrate my 16th birthday on June 5 and can now continue my education.

The AED Plus the coaches used to help save Teddrick was donated to Breaux Bridge High School by the Louisiana Mississippi West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. Its District AED Project is a multi-year initiative to place AEDs in every school in Louisiana, Mississippi and West Tennessee. ZOLL offers the AED Plus units to the district at a discounted price, and then each club raises...
funds from local businesses and organizations to purchase AEDs for the schools. To date, the clubs have placed over 330 AEDs in schools in the tri-state district and at least six lives have been saved.

About the AED Plus
The ZOLL AED Plus is the first and only full-rescue AED that provides Real CPR Help® for depth and rate of chest compressions during CPR. ZOLLâ€™s enhanced Real CPR Help technology is fully compliant with the 2010 American Heart Association Guidelines for deeper CPR chest compressions to help responders provide high-quality CPR. The AED Plus guides rescuers through the complete Chain of Survival, helping all sudden cardiac arrest victims, not just those who need a shock.

About Sudden Cardiac Arrest
SCA is an abrupt disruption of the heartâ€™s function, which causes a lack of blood flow to vital organs. It claims more than 325,000 lives each year in the U.S. SCA is the leading cause of unexpected death in the world and strikes without warning. Currently, 95 percent will die from SCA.

About ZOLL Medical Corporation
ZOLL Medical Corporation develops and markets medical devices and software solutions that help advance emergency care and save lives, while increasing clinical and operational efficiencies. With products for defibrillation and monitoring, circulation and CPR feedback, data management, fluid resuscitation, and therapeutic temperature management, ZOLL provides a comprehensive set of technologies that help clinicians, EMS and fire professionals, and lay rescuers treat victims needing resuscitation and critical care.

A NASDAQ Global Select company and a Forbes 100 Most Trustworthy Company in 2007, 2008, and 2009, ZOLL develops and manufactures its products in the United States, in California, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. More than 400 direct sales and service representatives, 1,100 business partners, and 200 independent representatives serve our customers in over 140 countries around the globe.

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Happenings in the District

Region IV Activities by: Kathy Webb, Trustee
Welcome to all the new officers and Board members for this year and hello to all members. I know it will be an exciting time for all. The clubs in Region IV have a lot of great projects and fund raising events planned for the year. Plan to work closely with your Service Leadership Programs and spend time with these enthusiastic youth. I recently attended the Key Club Rally in Metairie and these young people are awesome!!!!!!

I am serving as the Division Coordinator for Divisions 4A & 4B for the Eliminate Project. I will keep you posted on activities for this wonderful worldwide project. Please make sure to put March 10th on your calendar for our Regional Mid-Year Conference which will be held at Chalmette High School. Also put June 27th-July1st on your calendar for the International Convention which will be held in New Orleans. Plan to attend these meetings to meet new people and share ideas. We also have a candidate for International Trustee from our district, Dennis Oliver. We need your support.

If I can be of any assistance to your club, please let me know. Thanks for letting me have the privilege of serving as your Trustee.
Kathy Webb, Trustee, Region IV
kwebb14@cox.net

Region III Activities by: Barbara C. Johnson, Trustee
Greetings to all Kiwanians, but especially those in Divisions 3, 5, 14, and 15. I hope youâ€™re as excited as I am to begin a new year of Kiwanis service so we can all experience the satisfaction of knowing that weâ€™ve changed the world one child and one community at a time.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be of service to Region III and the historic LaMissWTenn District. I really look forward to working with all of you and hope we can establish a communications network that will allow us to share ideas and successes as well as take care of the business for our region.

If youâ€™re like me, chatty news articles are great to read when you have the time but hey, who has the time! Below, Iâ€™ve listed pertinent information for our region that wonâ€™t take you long to review.

• Division 5 Clubs â€” Welcome to the Magnolia South Region! Geographically, it only made sense that you should be a part of Region III and weâ€™re glad to have you! I hope this change will enable you to participate more easily and conveniently in regional activities.
• New Officers for 2011-2012â€”If your club has not submitted the new officer contact information to
International and District, please do so immediately. Contact information is imperative if we are to communicate efficiently and effectively.

- Region III’s Mid-Year Conference set for February 25, 2012é During the District Convention in August, representatives present from each division met and determined that the 2012 Regional Mid-Year Conference would be held in the Laurel area. Lt. Governors and Presidents, I’ll be contacting you soon so we can share the work load to make this an exciting and successful meeting.


If you have any questions or are in need of assistance, please contact me.


We are off to a fantastic start for 2011-12 in Division 14! Five clubs have held installations and the other three are scheduled later in October. At those club installations, I have had the pleasure to listen to the new club presidents and they have relevant visions for their clubs. In response, club members appear to agree and want to see those visions become reality. One of the most exciting aspects of every club installation so far has been the welcoming of at least one new club member! The only reason they joined is because someone asked them. Remember, someone asked us too. Who have you asked to come and join us in serving the children and our community? On another exciting note, Division 14 is going to be featured in a special edition of the Beach Boulevard Magazine which will feature civic clubs in our communities. This is a great time for us to show the Mississippi Gulf Coast what our eight wonderful Kiwanis clubs are all about! Also in the article, there will be information about our worldwide service project—Eliminate. Division 14 is relevant and this will be a banner year!

John M. McCay, III, Lt. Governor
revmccay@juno.com

**BUILDERS CLUB**

By: John Collins, Builders Club Administrator

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new District Administrator for Builders Clubs in the LaMissTenn district. My name is John Collins, and I’m a member of the Kiwanis Club of St. Bernard Î Arabi. I became a Kiwanian in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. As we were rebuilding our home, our children organized the neighborhood kids and were raising money for a sick child whose picture they saw on a donation box at the corner convenience store. My entire community was rebuilding from scratch, and neighbors were helping neighbors. With my kids as my inspiration, and with a desire to help rebuild my community, I wound up at a Kiwanis meeting. As my kids were all in elementary school at the time, the natural job for me was working with K-Kids and Builders Clubs.

At the time, there was one elementary school in the Parish, and we started a K-Kids Club. The faculty ad-
Welcome everyone to the start of the new Kiwanis year. My name is Kevin Domingue, and I am the District Chair for the newly-established Club Technology Committee that Governor Greg has created. Kiwanis International President Alan Penn has also seen a need for evaluating the uses of technology and has established an International Committee on Technology Integration. I am one of 8 Kiwanians who have been appointed to that committee as well. The purpose/focus of Alan’s committee is to provide tips, tools, and examples to improve and enhance Kiwanis commitment to the use of technology at the club, district, regional, and international levels of membership and leadership.

Along these same lines, Governor Greg would like our District Committee to bring back to the District what is happening on the International level, and to provide information to clubs in our District on how to use technology for their benefit. All topics are on the table for discussion, but primarily we are talking about websites, Facebook, twitter, club text messages, blogs, email lists, event scheduling/promotions/tickets sales, calendars, etc.

The fact that you are reading this article already shows that you are engaged in what is going on in the District, and that gets us halfway there. Now, if you are someone who has a penchant for making optimal use of technology, I would ask you to contact me ASAP about being a part of this new effort to collaborate on ways to help clubs and the District. And if you have specific topics that you would like the committee to look at, please let me know.

Thanks and until next time,

Kevin

HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES

By: Porter C. “Court” Crow, Committee Chair 2011-12 crow52269@aol.com

LOOK AT HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES WITH FRESH EYES IN OUR CLUBS

Kiwanians, take a fresh look at the first of our six Objects: to give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life. Let’s find new ways to bring these ideals to our clubs and communities’ attention.

a. Be sure that each club meeting starts with an Invocation. May I suggest that we ask different Kiwanians to offer the Invocation each meeting, not the same person. I know change can shake things up, but having the same person may make the whole opening fall-in-a-rut while a different person shares that responsibility or privilege.

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

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

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

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

e. Include short devotion or spiritual messages in your weekly or monthly newsletters. Borrow these from any source you may have: other Kiwanis newsletters, radio spots you hear on your local station. If you receive THE COMPASS, the e-newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Southeast Shreveport, there are almost always Spiritual Aims articles you may borrow at any time for your newsletters. I probably borrowed them from someone else, too. (If you don’t receive it, send me your email address and I’ll add you to our mailing list.)

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 2011-2012 a year we can remember for our reigniting our love for Human and Spiritual Values.

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**Young Children: Priority One**  
*By: Neil Simmons, YC:PO Chairman, nfsimmons@bellsouth.net  800-460-4599*

**Reading is Fundamental!**

A well-documented fact exists: investing in children’s language development begins at birth. Differences in vocabulary growth between low income and high income children appear as early as 18 months. Now you can see why Young Children/ Priority One is such an important part of your Kiwanis Club.

Research documents the importance of parents speaking and reading to children to build language skills beginning in the earliest month of life. High quality early education programs, including Head Start and home visiting, improve language skills by coaching parents to support early literacy skills, and by exposing poor young children to language-rich environments.

Here are some things your Club can do:

1. Your Kiwanis Club can partner with a local Head-Start Center.
2. Your Kiwanis Club can purchase and donate books to Head Start programs.
3. Your Kiwanis Club can read to children at a local Head Start Center.
5. Your Kiwanis Club can survey the needs of local Head Start programs.

Unfortunately, these programs reach a fraction of eligible children and are a risk for dramatic funding cuts. Students will continue to fall behind if we fail to recognize investments in the first three years of life as investments in future academic achievement, a more educated workforce and a stronger economy.

Will your Kiwanis Club steps up to the pumpé and do your part to help?

**Interclub Relations**  
*By: Cal Robbins, Committee Chair for Interclub Relations*

A new year is starting, and that is always exciting time. Governor Greg is encouraging all clubs to participate in the District’s Inter-club Contest. The rules for this year’s competition have been sent to your club and are available on the District’s Website. The rules have changed a little from last year, so be sure to review the 2011-2012 contest rules.

For those new to Kiwanis and those not familiar with what is an Inter-club, I will go over the basics of Inter-clubbing. An Inter-club is when the required number of your members of your, club visit the meeting of another Kiwanis Club or of a Service Leadership Club. The required number of members is based on the size of your club. Visiting groups can all be members or your club or a combination of a minimum of two members of your club plus members of a Service Leadership Club sponsored by your club.

For clubs with a membership of 20 or less, a minimum of 2 members are required for an Inter-club. For clubs with twenty-one to thirty members, the required number is three members. Clubs with more than thirty-one members need four members to constitute an Inter-club.

Inter-clubs are a means of supporting the fifth objective of Kiwanis, “To provide through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.” By visiting another club you may learn something you can bring back to your club to make it better. That could be an idea for a fundraiser or a service project. You may hear a speaker that you would like to invite to speak at your club. You learn that the Kiwanis community is much larger than your one club.

All Presidents are urged to have an Inter-club Committee and to appoint an Inter-club Chairman. Inter-clubbing is fun and can be a learning experience. You get to meet new people that have some of the same interests that you do. Inter-clubs also provide members a way to make up missed club meetings.

**Welcome to the Newest SLP Clubs**

**New Builders Club**

Welcome to the Natchitoches Magnet School Builders Club chartered on August 29, 2011 with 40 members. The club is sponsored by the Natchitoches Kiwanis Club. The Faculty Advisor is Margie Machen, mma-chen@nat.k12.la.us and the Kiwanis Advisor is Tammy Trichell, ttrichell@lacapfcu.org.

**New K-Kids Club**

Welcome to the Magnolia Trace Elementary K-Kids club chartered on August 23, 2011 with 40 members. The club is sponsored by the Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club. The Faculty Advisor is Laura Cangiamilla, laura.cangiamilla@stpsb.org and the Kiwanis Advisor is Rick Danielson, Richard_danielson@ml.com.
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 E. Burkhardt - Starkville
John Cardone - Calcasieu, Lake Charles
James C. Dixon - Amite
Willie W. Hinton - Petal
Charles L. Perkins - Collierville
Chris Primes - Amite
Alvin Smith - Brookhaven
Eric Taylor - Lake Charles-North
William B. Wilson - Gulfport

WELCOME TO LA.-MISS.-W.TENN. DISTRICT’S NEWEST MEMBERS

Abel, Jr., Homer - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Alexander, Tahira L. - St. Gabriel
Allgood, Melissa - Dyersburg
Anderson, Nick P. - Pearl
Anson, Linda - Lafayette
Auger, Reneé - Monroe
Bachemin, David - Northshore Mandeville
Bagwell, Jacob - New Albany
Barreca, Shirley - St. Bernard-Arabi
Beavers, John M. - Corinth
Benoit, Jean - Natchez Trace (The)
Benoit, Michael - Natchez Trace (The)
Birrcher, Barra - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Black, Miranda - Pearl
Blanchard, S. Michele - Camellia City, Slidell
Boaz, Amanda - McKenzie
Bounds, Dane H. - Hammond
Brackett, Troy W. - Camellia City, Slidell
Brasher, Elaine - West-Cal, Westlake
Bratton, Larry - Monroe
Breland, Vern A. - Monroe
Brown, Constance W. - Big Easy, N.O.
Bruno Jr., Joel - Camellia City, Slidell
Burton, Lori - Collierville
Call, Lloyd John - Lakeside, Metairie
Campbell, Phil K. - Brookhaven
Camper, Diane - Dyersburg
Carrol, David - River City Savannah
Carter, Courtnie Gill - Monroe
Castens, R. W. - Pearl
Charlot, Marie - Southwest-Lafayette
Comstock, Ashley - Gulfport
Cook, Margaret S. - Union City
Cooperwood, Felecia - Greenville
Covington, Alfreda - Monroe
Crowder, Laura L. - West Monroe
Crowder, Pamela R. - Oxford
Cunha, Adam - New Orleans
Daigre, Jan Hyland - Port City, Vicksburg
Danielfield, Flora - St. Gabriel
Dartez, Chad E. - de Pont Breaux
David, Luke A. - South Lake Charles
Davis, Tommy M. - Laurel

Deely, Elizabeth - Collierville
Desanti, Patricia - Northshore Mandeville
Deutsch, Joshua M. - Pascagoula
Dickerson, Michael R. - West-Cal, Westlake
Dickinson, Peter D. - Cortana, B.R.
Dörso, Robert L. - Bartlett
Drayton, Carmalita C. - Memphis
Drory, David - Northshore Mandeville
Druskat, John - Zachary
Dunn, Larry A. - Waynesboro
Dupaquier, Kenneth - Greater Covington
Dutschke, James - Baton Rouge
Eaton, Steven C. - Corinth
Evans, Anthony - Dyersburg
Ezell, Sharon - Waynesboro
Fitzgerald, David - Northshore Mandeville
Flood, Tina - Greenvile
Fontenot, DeAnn C. - Southwest Contraband
Ford, Marlin R. - South Baton Rouge
Formeller, Michael - St. Martinville
Gallagher, Frank P. - New Orleans
Gallagher, Christy - Collierville
Garrett, Chasity B. - Jena
Gherardi, John - Lafayette
Grace, Joyce A. - St. Gabriel
Graham, Matthew C. - Ruston
Green, Michelle - Vernon
Green, Robert L. - Vernon
Grenevitch, Jill - Corinth
Haines, Jonathan W. - Grenada
Hammatt, Blake - Baton Rouge
Hance, Jr., William T. - West Monroe
Harrell, Jeremy R. - Monroe
Harris, Jennifer J. - New Albany
Hartnell, Jeremy - Corinth
Hearn, Jr., Robert E. - Ruston
Henderson, Trevonda - South Baton Rouge
Hewson, Tiffany - Northshore Mandeville
Hines, Lisa B. - Westbank Konnection
Hoggatt, Julie S. - Jennings
Hooter, Robin - Alexandria
Hope, Jackie - Greater Covington
**Natchez Trace Kiwanis Club helps students**

*Story submitted by: Stuart Heflin, The Natchez Trace Kiwanis*

The Natchez Trace Kiwanis Club kicked off the 2011-2012 school year with a $3,000 donation to the Natchez Adams School District to help purchase the myriad supplies children need to be successful in their studies.

*Pictured at left back row left to right are: Stuart Heflin, President; Shad Roberts, new member; Marcus Mathis; Front row left to right are: Pauline Robertson and Kimberly Murphy.*

Kiwanians greatly enjoyed earning the students' funds during their 4th Annual Bowling Tournament held September 1, 2011, at Rivergate Bowl in Natchez. Fifteen five-person teams entered the competition at $200 per team. *Pictured at right is the United MS Bank team. Starting with back row left to right are: Agnes Holloway, past Lt. Gov. and Kiwanis Member; April Bove; Catherine McDaniel; Reed Simpson; Front row left to right are: Cooter Thames and Sherry Gill.*

Trophies were presented to the first-place team of each division - banks, investment companies and other businesses. The trophies will remain with the winners until next year’s event. In order to retain bragging rights though, they’ll have to compete next year and win first place again!

*Pictured at left is the Special Olympics team from Natchez. Bottom to top are: Ashlyn Jordan; Haley Freeman; and Chandler Warren.*

The Board of Directors of the Natchez Trace Kiwanis Club annually votes on a worthy cause to be the recipient of the bowling tournament proceeds.

**AED placed in Pascagoula Senior Center**

*Article submitted by: Richard “Woody” Wood, Pascagoula Kiwanis Club*

The Kiwanis Club of Pascagoula partnered with the Pascagoula Lions Club and presented an AED to the Pascagoula Senior Center. Accepting the AED is Melani Caver Director.

**New Orleans Kiwanis Club offers “Food for thought…”**

*Story submitted by: Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis*

A package of ūK-Groū was awarded to Lenny Simmons, of the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans, for his recognition as Membership and Growth Chair for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis Year. Over the past 2 years, Lenny has brought in 5 members to the club, and continues to spread the word about Kiwanis.

**New Orleans Kiwanis Club SWEEPS THE BEACH!**

*Story submitted by: Cathy Simmons, New Orleans Kiwanis*

Over 2,000 volunteers from the Greater New Orleans area and the Northshore, came out in droves to assist the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation in their annual ūsweep the Beachū to rid the area of trash and debris. Stickers were placed on all drains, informing the public not to dispose of trash in the drains, because they empty directly into the lake. Thanks to the members of the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans for ūmaking a differenceū, one child and one community at a time.
SOUTH BATON ROUGE KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS DONATE TOILETRIES, BACKPACKS FOR MOHICAN EDUCATION CENTER STUDENTS IN NEED

Baton Rouge, La. – When Delores Watts, principal of the Mohican Education Center, discovered some of her students were in need of basic toiletries and backpacks, she reached out to the Kiwanis Club of South Baton Rouge – and the members answered her call. The Kiwanis Club members, including President Clarissa Preston and C. Denise Marcelle, who also is city councilwoman of District 7, collected a number of items, like toothbrushes and soap, plus 30 backpacks, and donated them to the school at a recent club meeting. Watts accepted the items on behalf of students.

NORTHSHORE MANDEVILLE STARC AKTION CLUB

Story submitted by: Lori Pausina, Northshore Mandeville

STARC (a not for profit organization in St. Tammany Parish, LA which was founded on the basis of providing a lifetime of Service, Training, Advocacy, Resources and Community connections for individuals with disabilities) has long sought a way to increase their clients' exposure and involvement in the local community. In searching for a partner in this endeavor, the Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis with its commitment to children and the local Mandeville community was a perfect fit, and in April 2009, the Northshore Mandeville STARC Ak tion Club was chartered with 17 founding members. Mohammed Patwa, President; Connie Carter, Vice President; Susan Engebretsen, Secretary; Michael Dalpiaz, Treasurer, were sworn in as the officers.

As most members of the Ak tion Club live in group homes rather than individually with parents or guardians, the decision was made to partner the club's service work with that of the parent Kiwanis club. Much of the work done by members takes place at STARC during the normal workday. Some of the projects which have provided meaningful and rewarding work for the Ak tion Club members include:

KIWANIS CIRCLE K SERVICE CLUB ORGANIZED

Story submitted by: Myrna Johnson, McKenzie Kiwanis

Ceremonies were held September 22 at the Vera Lowe Center of Bethel University to recognize the official formation of the Kiwanis Circle K at Bethel University in McKenzie, TN. Circle K is the largest and oldest service club for college/university students who are interested in service to others. The Bethel University service club joins over 12,000 members in 17 nations to offer their energy, enthusiasm, and potential service to Bethel University, the community and to children and families in need. Members of the sponsoring McKenzie Kiwanis club and LaMissTenn District Governor Linda Ramsey officiated with words of thanks and encouragement to the charter members, advisors, and new members as they become active citizens with a lifelong commitment to service. Circle K is part of the Kiwanis family of students which includes high school Key Club, middle school Builders Club, and the elementary K-Kids. McKenzie Kiwanis has sponsored and is active with all four of the school Service Leadership programs offering several opportunities of helping others with their service projects. Frank Black of Martin, TN Kiwanis and incoming Lt. Governor Otha Britton, IA also attended the event.

Mardi Gras beads- STARC has partnered with the Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis to set up bins to collect Mardi Gras beads and other throws. Beads are recycled for future Mardi Gras parades, but stuffed animals, balls, plastic cups, and other Mardi Gras throws are sorted and bagged by Ak tion Club members to donate to an orphanage in Granada, Nicaragua.

Kiwanis Annual Golf Tournament- Ak tion Club members put together the 70+ ditty bags for the participating golfers.

Kiwanis 5 K Fun Run- Ak tion Club members assist with water and beverages for the participants during the race and walk.

Thanksgiving Food Drive- Ak tion Club and Kiwanis club members work together outside participating grocery stores to solicit food donations for needy families for Thanksgiving.

Coats for Kids- A special project of a past Kiwanis president, Ak tion Club members pick up donated coats at the collection bins at area schools and sort the coats for dry cleaning or immediate donation.

Breakfast with Santa - Ak tion Club members help with breakfast service and cleanup.

The enthusiasm and energy with which Ak tion Club members approach their community projects is a sure indication that a great partnership has formed.

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At the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Germantown on Thursday September 15th, Tom Schild was inducted into Kiwanis Membership. He is pictured (Right) as his sponsor, Don Eye, presents him with the Kiwanis pin.

The club offers a unique opportunity for prospective members to experience a Kiwanis activity by attending and participating in a club meeting, youth program, or fund raising event. For more information, check out the club’s web site: www.germantownkiwanis.org

The Kiwanis club of Germantown welcomes new member Tom Tompkins. He was inducted into Kiwanis membership at a recent meeting of the club. Pictured (left to right) are: Kiwanis President Elizabeth Wojcik, Membership Chairman Steve Jackson, Mr. Tompkins and Incoming Kiwanis Lt. Governor Randy Lawson.

Members of Key Clubs from Briarcrest, Germantown and Southwind High Schools are a reason the Germantown Kiwanis Club Food Trailer is a successful fund raising event at the annual Germantown, TN Festival. The two day event nearly doubles the population of the City of Germantown.

The favorite activity of the Key Clubbers is making and selling snow cones, a favorite of the festival. It also gives members of the different schools a chance to network and get to know each other. If it were not for the help of the SLP clubs the Kiwanians would be sorely limited. Key Club members are also very important in making the club's annual Pancake Day a huge success. Just being around these young people invigorates the Kiwanians.

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown has presented an Award of Appreciation to the Germantown News for the support the newspaper gives to Kiwanis projects and club news. A special thanks to Editors Wally Wellman and Maxine Hunter for supporting Kiwanis activities.

The newly formed Aktion Club of Germantown, TN held their first official meeting at the Madonna Learning Center on September 16th.

The club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Germantown.

The Madonna Learning Center advisors are: Laura Freeman and Leigh Ellis.

The Kiwanis advisor is Don Eye.

Germantown K-Kids met on the 30th of September to begin planning for their annual K-Kids Trick- or-Treat "Eliminate" project. A motivational talk was given and UNICEG boxes were handed out to each of the members.

Last year the members raised close to a $1000 last year and want to double that this year.

Pictured are the 44 members of the 2011-2012 Germantown Elementary School K-Kids.
HONORING OUR NEW ORLEANS FIREMAN

Story submitted by: Cynthia Bentley, Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club

The Pontchartrain Kiwanis Cub presented certificates and donuts to New Orleans Finest....Our Firemen!

The visit to the fire houses was a surprise to our firemen. They all said they appreciated the certificate and were happy to know that we care enough to do the "small act of kindness" to show their appreciation for the work they do in the City of New Orleans.

Certificates and Donuts were delivered to over 30 Fire Engine Houses.

Club Members delivering the certificates and donuts were: Cynthia Bentley, Pamela Bentley, Deborah Ward Crosby, Larry Turner, and Aloysia Everett.

Pictured first row, left to right are:
New Orleans Fire Engine # 36, Read Blvd.
New Orleans Fire Engine #39, N. Claiborne Ave. and Caffin Ave.
New Orleans Fire Engine #24, Poland Ave.
Daddy's Donuts on Caton St., N.O., La., helped make this day a success!
New Orleans Fire Engine #12, Franklin Ave.

Pictured second row, left to right, picture 1 & 2 are: New Orleans Fire Engine #6, 4550 Old Gentilly Rd.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September : Builders Club anniversary
September 9-11: Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference, Indianapolis
October 1: New Kiwanis year begins
October 1: Aktion Club anniversary
October 1: K-Kids anniversary
October 1: Registration opens for 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention; New Orleans, Louisiana; June 28-July 1.
November 30: Annual Club Report deadline
January 1: Kiwanis Float in Rose Parade
January 21: 97th anniversary of Kiwanis' founding
February 15: Deadline to propose Kiwanis International Bylaws amendments
February 15: Deadline for submitting entries for Kiwanis One Day contest
February 15: Filing deadline for IRS Form 990 (U.S. clubs only)
Sobriety check: The Lesson I Never Expected

Written by: Martina Scheuermann, former Key Club Governor, for Sean Brown, recently deceased Kiwanis Advisor for numerous Key Clubs. August 27, 2011

It is currently estimated that the world’s population is somewhere around 6.94 billion people. Obviously, we will only cross paths with a microscopic portion of that enormous number within our time on this earth. However, the ones with whom we do, in fact, interact are those who define and mold us into who we are. They are who create our life experiences. And they are from where we learn some of our greatest lessons and inadvertently construct the memories on which we reflect throughout our lifetimes.

Every morning, if we are lucky, we wake up. We are given a full day to make decisions, do something and have these emotional, sympathetic, social exchanges that are completely unique to our species mankind.

What I’ve come to realize this week is that no matter where we are in this world, we are always bound to find a gem. When we are given the opportunity, we somehow end up in the same place at the same time with extraordinarily special individuals. And it’s these types who through these social interactions unknowingly leave their indelible mark on our souls.

They inspire us. They challenge us. They better us.

What I was reminded of this week was how important it is to take advantage of and appreciate our undefined, precious time with these people. In these last six days, I was re-energized by someone in my life that woke up every morning and voluntarily made one extremely important decision every day.

He chose to make a difference.

Sean Brown (or Mr. Sean to me and many) lived his all-too-short-of-a life full of compassion, drive, energy, creativity, joy and enthusiasm. He was a man who walked into a classroom at my high school on an evening in the fall of 2003. In with him came his jolly laugh, his characteristic scent of spices and all the answers or suggestions that filled in the blanks to create some form of order. He quickly became one of my mentors and my time under his wing began.

Soon after, I met his wife Mrs. Linda, and the example setting, full-fledged support and our special, mutual friendship was born.

Mr. Sean lived and breathed a life of volunteering. He opened my eyes to the possibility of having success while still making the time to help others. And he undoubtedly impacted my life.

He was a hands-on man that rarely said no, fought for what was right, had no shame to ask the tough questions and always made sure his presence was known. His quick wit and sense of humor kept a room laughing; and his patience and enthusiasm at absolutely every project or meeting left you with no option but to happily join alongside him.

He had a way with correspondence, and there was rarely a month that went by that I didn’t receive an e-mail loaded with pictures and the success of the latest service projects. It was just his way. He was a storyteller and always found reasons to share his pride in other accomplishments. He never needed to brag about a business deal or the enormous amount of time he set aside to help his community. He ranted about those around him, and it was this selflessness that made him the admirable man that he was.

Mr. Sean defined Kiwanian and I beamed when I heard of his long overdue recognition in recent years. He never left anyone behind and was always looking for a way to help you get wherever was.

Mrs. Linda and his constant, immense support and belief in youth success never faded. They transported (literally and figuratively) people from point A to point B on a regular occasion. This was absolutely reinforced for me personally in my time knowing the Brown Team. There wasn’t a moment or decision I made from Day 1 until now that didn’t result in their cheering me on, squeezing me with a hug and exclaiming, so proud.

I could write for ages of my memories, of his influence and of the wonderful person that he was, but for the sake of length I’ll stop.

What I will say, though, is that he was taken too quickly. He left us most unexpectedly, and I never in my entire life thought I’d miss today.
It never crossed my mind that I wouldn’t have my chance to pay my final respects and share in the celebration of the life of a man, a friend, mentor, husband, father and grandfather that emotionally touched us all.

Today, he formally put to rest. His pain exists no more.

But my heart has broken, and I grieved for this loss for the community, for the youth he never abandon and for his family he loved so deeply.

However, it is in this same breath and in this same grief that I found strength and realization that being unable to be present for such an event is merely that – missing an event.

I’ve been reminded of what it is I want to do with my life because of the impressionable example and expectation he set. I’ve been given that shake of sobriety of the realities of this life. I remembered that we never actually know when we go. And I said again to myself that what he and your lost loved ones and mentors alike would want is for us to move forward.

So, I hurt, but I’m humbled.

I decided to carry on and continue because in times like these we have no choice but to do so. We always have answers to every one of our questions – the hideous ‘whys.’ We can’t debate the ‘ley de la vida’ (law of life).

So, instead, we must take it upon ourselves to take every opportunity we get to tell those we love how much we care; say thank you to those who have guided us; and treat every individual with whom we cross with respect.

The light of the people who have impacted us and may stand with us no more is only passed on through us. They are the brightest stars that shine in the sky, and they are our gentle reminders when we choose to act for and defend what is right.

It is through these types of decisions in my life that I will celebrate, instead of grieve over, his brilliant life.

I hope in times like these we may all be reminded to live our lives not only for ourselves, for materialistic gain, or to acquire monetary success. But, instead, if we are lucky enough to wake up tomorrow morning, that we appreciate the special moments in this life, tell all those we know how much we love them and find time in our time to give to those in need.

This is the beginning of me taking that candle he lit for me and passing it on. I hope you accept it, protect it and do the same.

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**How to submit an article for “The LaMissTenn News”**

Does your club have an outstanding community service project or an outstanding fundraiser and want to let the Kiwanis community know about it? Do you need help to writing an article? If you have the basic information; Date, place/location, club name, event or activity name, what your club accomplished, basic details, a picture with identifying names; then you can submit this information to Vic Couvillion at viccou@i-55.com with Newsletter Article in the subject line. He will put together an article for you and send it to editor@lamisstenn.org Or, you can write the article yourself and send it to editor@lamisstenn.org Pictures should be in a PDF format.

Beverly Cain, Editor

**Annual Dues Billing Information**

Clubs are reminded that Kiwanis International and the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District are in the third and final year of bringing all clubs back to the same billing period. For this last administrative year, all clubs were to file adjusted membership rosters by October 10\(^{th}\). Kiwanis International will generate bills for all clubs based on the updated membership rosters, and will begin to mail dues bills out soon.

- Clubs with Anniversary Dates between September 1 and April 30, payment is due upon receipt of the bill, but no later than November 30, 2011.

- Clubs with Anniversary Dates between May 1 and August 31, payment is due by December 1, 2011, but no later than January 31, 2012.

There has been no change for dues billing for either Kiwanis International or the District. International dues for 2011-2012 remain at $62 per member ($42 for dues; $8 for Magazine Subscription; and $12 for Liability Insurance Premium). District dues for 2011-2012 remain at a total of $30 per member.