This is my last Governor’s article. Oh, how times flies! My term as your District Governor ends September 30, 2012, adding to the title “Immediate Past”. However, I plan on continuing my involvement with this great district. Also, as with the Governor, it is time for Kiwanis clubs to make the change of club leadership for the new administrative year. A change in leadership is sometimes what we need to energize ourselves to do more service for our communities and the world around us. Club leaders never get the credit they deserve, but we on the district level know that we owe them more than we could ever repay. I also thank Charlie and Beverly, two dedicated individuals, who are committed to making the job of the Governor much easier. I do not exaggerate when I say that anything that we may have accomplished on behalf of our District during this past year is due to their hard work and their counsel. I look forward to working with the incoming leaders, particularly Governor-Designate Robert Benoit, for the betterment of our clubs, our divisions, our district and our Kiwanis.

September is the final month for the 2011-12 administrative year. Please know that we are not yet done. We still have some work to do. Our current district membership numbers are the best they have been in a long while for this time of year. We are oh so close to a positive membership year. During these last few weeks, please invite one or two new members to your club before the end of September to take advantage of the new member fee - it’s only $6.00!

So you ask the question: “What have we done this year?” First and foremost, I say thank you for giving us the opportunity of not only to represent this great district but to enjoy the many clubs, the many people and the many places. So far, we have logged about 73 clubs visits of our 141 total clubs and traveled over 31,000 miles. Some of the many accomplishments have been: 22 conference calls; 7 Key Club rallies; 7 Mid-Year Regional Conferences; 10 Club/Officer Installations; 2-90th, a 75th and a 25th Club Anniversary ceremonies; a radio talk show; 4 crawfish boils; a new Aktion Club chartering ceremony and 2 cruises. Some memorable visits have been: Lake Tahoe—yes, as a representative of our District to see the International President at a Cal-Nev-Ha reception; Germantown, TN where club President Claude Vinson announced that they would have a new member each week (I think he meant a guest)

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each week); Waynesboro, MS with LTG Tony Weaver on the MS/AL line only 2 weeks after my kidney surgery; Algiers club visit during the International Council where I took my fellow Kansas Governor with me to show him how the Westbank does a meeting; St. Bernard-Arabi club with LTG Patrice Cusimano where you have to get a to-go box because there’s too much to eat on the plate; Baton Rouge Early Risers and they don’t call it early risers for nothing; LSU club because LTG Blaine Grimes wanted me to make Governor visits to all of the clubs in his division and this was the final one—plus he is/was my Baton Rouge driver and photographer; Cortana because every club you visit in BTR, they are there because of Cal Robbin’s interclub program; South Baton Rouge club because they meet in North Baton Rouge; Starkville, MS for a service project of working the concessions at the Mississippi State basketball game, only problem was that LSU beat them that night and we didn’t think we were going to get out of there alive; Biloxi, MS club because Julia Carter told me I needed to come there and I don’t argue with Ms. Julia; Pascagoula club because it is the farthest point on the Gulf Coast; New Iberia club with LTG Christine Berard because they had a crawfish boil, had to go; St. Martinville club to get the best bread pudding you can find.

I am also proud of our Service Leadership Programs (SLP), as they have grown this year with 5 new K-Kids Clubs, 3 new Builder’s Club, 4 new Key Clubs and 2 new Aktion Clubs. We also had a new Key Leader site this year in Eva, Tennessee in conjunction with the Kentucky-Tennessee District. And finally, we had a great time hosting the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. I am proud of our District and what we have accomplished during this past year.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Governor during this past year. Lisa and I have truly enjoyed traveling throughout our great District, meeting so many of you and seeing the great service that you do in your communities. Please know that you are appreciated. So many times, we never fully understand the importance of the service that we perform but it is reflected in the children served in our communities. By our Kiwanis mission statement, we are “making a difference”. I thank you for making a difference. I thank you for being a Kiwanian.

I say farewell and to thank each of you for your support over the past year. It has truly been an experience we will remember.

Dear Club Secretary!

Congratulations to you and your fellow club members on another successful year of incredible service to children and communities.

Kiwanis International will again measure the number of members in the organization as of September 30, 2012. We do this to accurately measure the number of members serving in our organization. We would appreciate your assistance in updating the membership roster for your club.

We know you want to get started as soon as possible! On September 4, your club can begin filing the billing roster online. Just login to the KiwanisOne Club Management portal at www.kiwanisone.org/login. You will find instructions for the online filing conveniently located on the Secretary Dashboard.

We appreciate your assistance in maintaining accurate membership records and reporting your membership changes on time.

Please contact the Kiwanis helpline at 800- KIWANIS (800.549.2647) ext. 411 or 317.875.8755 ext. 411 or memberservices@kiwanis.org for assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Wilson, Manager, Member Services Kiwanis Int’l.

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**OXFORD KIWANIS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP**

*By Michael Danahy, Oxford Kiwanis Club Secretary*

On Wednesday, September 5, the Kiwanis Club of Oxford, Miss. awarded its second annual Key Club Scholarship to Katherine Farese, a member of the Chancellor’s Leadership Class at Ole Miss. Katherine graduated from Marshall Academy in Holly Springs as President of the Key Club, Senior Class Vice President, and Valedictorian. In the photo are (l.-r.): Diane Greer, Principal of Marshall Academy, Katherine Farese, Michael Danahy, Kiwanis Secretary, Tony Farese, father of Katherine, and Karen Farese, her mother.
When Ascension Episcopal School’s football team plays its first home game Sept. 7, the student athletes are in for a treat.

They’ll play at renovated Clark Field with a new turf field, lights, goalposts, sidewalks and press box.

"It's sort of like the kid at Christmas who asked for a pony and looks under the tree and finds Secretariat," Ascension head football coach Randy Johnson said during a phone interview Tuesday. "I don't think we'd be able to put in anything as nice as that, and the kids and parents are excited about it. This is true exuberance on my part."

Johnson said he went to the field to see the improvements earlier this summer, but most of his student athletes have not yet been in the renovated stadium. Tuesday morning, officials from both Lafayette Consolidated Government's Parks and Recreation Department and the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to showcase the results of a year-long project that cost $850,000.

The Kiwanis Club of Lafayette contributed $150,000 and helped spearhead the renovations.

"For us to complete what we have done would have taken about 30 years if the Kiwanis hadn't stepped forward and assisted us with it," said Gerald Boudreaux, director of LCG's Parks and Recreation Department, during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "We would have had to phase it in over the years, but we were able to fast-track that."

The Kiwanis Club of Lafayette's logo - a large blue fleur-de-lis with a golden banner reading "Lafayette" - is painted at the center of the field, which has artificial turf grass realistic enough for athletes to need cleats.

During football season, Clark Field is used nearly six days a week for games and practices involving LCG's Youth Football program, junior high schools, recreation games and the AES team.

Boudreaux said the city of Lafayette purchased Clark Field in 1925. The last major renovations before the new turf field took place in 1965, when officials built concrete bleachers there.

Robert LeJeune, a Kiwanis Club of Lafayette board member, said giving $450,000 to improve nine of Lafayette’s parks and contributing $150,000 to the Clark Field improvements aren't the first times the Kiwanians have helped LCG's Parks and Recreation Department.

The Kiwanis Club of Lafayette raised $100,000 and contributed much of the labor to build Parc Indépendance, Lafayette's first handicapped accessible park. LCG spent $300,000 on that project. Officials opened the park in 2010.

City-Parish President Joey Durel commended the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette for working to make the Clark Field improvements, as well as Parc Indépendence, a reality.

"It's significant that the Kiwanis are helping get these kinds of things done," Durel said at the ceremony Tuesday. "It's going to take those public-private partnerships if we're going to continue to be a complete community and bring in things for the entire community to give us a level of quality of life that's going to make people want to live here so we can collect the taxes to do the other things we have to do."

City-Parish Councilman Kenneth Boudreaux, District 4, said he is excited about the opportunity for Lafayette's youth to play on a turf field.

"I wish," Kenneth Boudreaux said, "this turf was here when I played ball here."
Without a doubt, Lantern Light is by far the best kept secret in New Orleans, and...it is a shame! Located directly behind St. Joseph’s Catholic Church on Tulane Ave., in N.O (1803 Gravier St.), as part of what is called "The Rebuild Center", commonly called the Fr. Harry Thompson Center, sits a miraculous haven for the homeless and downtrodden men and women of the Greater New Orleans area. Led by Sister Vera Butler (yes, she is a member of Dawn Busters Kiwanis) and her band of unselfish nuns of the Presentation Sisters Order, these forgotten men and women receive medical attention, prescriptions, bath facilities and toilet facilities, mailing addresses, birth certificates, attorney's assistance for any legal problem, telephone and Internet access, clothes washing, and most important, food for body, and prayer for the soul!

Breakfast and lunch are served 5 days per week, and most of the time to a full house of up to 250 men, women, and unfortunately, also children, most without a permanent home or address to call their own. No one is turned away, but the Sisters do run a tight ship, and order is the rule...no chaos here. This is a business like no other...keeping men and women safe...physically and mentally, and spiritually!

The men and women of Dawn Busters (118 members) have been fortunate to become a very small part of this gigantic task. For the past 5 years, Dawn Busters have been paying for the meals to be cooked every other Monday for lunch. Ozanam Inn, which is headed by Biaggio"G" DiGiavonni, also a member of Dawn Busters and a Catholic Deacon, arranged for the red beans, rice and sausage and ham to be cooked at his facility on Camp Street, where they also help the poor, feeding over 600 men and women breakfast, lunch and dinner, 7 days a week, 365 days a year...another article for another day!. Then, Ray Eiffert, also a Dawn Buster, picks up the food and delivers it to Lantern Light where a team of 8 or more members of the club, men and women, plate the food to be served, and at precisely 1:00 p.m., every other Monday, the windows are open, and the procession to receive the bounty occurs (Dawn Busters pays for the beans and rice, and bread is donated as is the dessert which is always donated by Rouses, and lemonade or punch is also served with the meal). 250 men, women and children can actually be served in a matter of 12 minutes, or less. It is a true assembly line filled with hope, love and understanding on both sides of the window. Every one of the "guests" as Sister Vera calls them, will look you in the eye and say thank you and God bless you, and this is the main reason that we are part of Kiwanis isn't it...to serve those in need. Over 25,000 men, women and children have been served a hot meal thanks to the men and women of Dawn Busters Kiwanis. Unfortunately, on the days when we aren't at Lantern Light, sandwiches are served as very seldom does another organization provide a hot meal...yes, it does cost money to do this, but maybe another organization or two will read this and want to hear more about this amazing facility, known as "Lantern Light"! For more information about Lantern Light, please contact Mel Dussell, President-Dawn Busters Kiwanis at (504) 454-8397 or Sister Vera Butler at (504) 273-5573, Ext. 116.
KIWANIS CLUB OF LAFAYETTE FOUNDATION AWARDED $1 MILLION GRANT

By Kevin Domingue, Lafayette Kiwanis Club

According to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation, “among the 50 states, Louisiana currently ranks sixth for adult obesity, and fourth for childhood obesity.” In response to the obesity epidemic affecting several local families, the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette Foundation is working with several other Lafayette-based organizations to implement a coordinated healthy living program.

Kevin Domingue, CEO of the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette Foundation says “Our Foundation is proud to take the lead on this community-wide collaborative effort. Since our club’s founding in 1944, we have had but one core mission – service to children. I believe that this history of volunteer service, and the multitude of partners who have all rallied together to address this serious health issue were the reasons why our Foundation’s grant proposal was selected.”

The local project will receive $1 million as partial funding from the “Challenge for a Healthier Louisiana” program, a statewide initiative directed by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation.

As part of the grant process, organizers had to garner additional support from community partners, who in response pledged more than $1.5 million in funding and in-kind contributions.

Lafayette’s “Healthy Living Club” promises an integrated and interactive strategy that educates, engages and motivates the community. Planned activities include healthy cooking demonstrations, health-based programming through AOC Community Media, rollout of various curricula within the school and recreation departments, playground improvements and a public awareness campaign.

ST. BERNARD-ARABI KIWANIS DONATES BIKES FOR LIBRARY’S ANNUAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

By Polly Campbell, President St. Bernard-Arabi Kiwanis Club

Friday, July 13th was anything but unlucky for six summer readers this year. After having read for the entire length of the library’s annual program, Anthony Kurtz, Carter Westerfield, Kayli Perez (front row), Shaye Patton, Robert Lewis and Moises Perez (back row) rode home in style—compliments of the Kiwanis of St. Bernard-Arabi. Each year the Kiwanis organization supports the St. Bernard Parish Library’s annual summer reading program by donating bicycles to be given away at the prize drawing held at the end of the program. (Not pictured was Kiwanis member, Mr. Mitch Perkins who was on hand for the drawing.)

GERMANTOWN KIWANIS CLUB MAKES DONATION

By Bill Austin, Germantown Kiwanis www.GermantownKiwanis.org

The Kiwanis Club of Germantown recently made a donation of $2,250 to the Urban Child Institute. The donation was recommended by the club’s Young Children:Priority One committee, which focuses on addressing the needs of young children, including maternal and infant health, child care and development, parent education and support and safety and pediatric trauma. The mission of the Urban Child Institute falls in line with the purpose of the initiative by focusing on the health and well-being of children from conception to age three. Accepting the check was Ms Katy Spurlock, recently recognized as Kiwanis District Layperson of the Year. For more information on the Urban Child Institute, visit the web site: www.urbanchildinstitute.org.

Pictured (left to right): Immediate Past Kiwanis President Elizabeth Wojcik, Committee Chairman Wood Phifer, Ms. Spurlock, and Kiwanis President Claude Vinson.
DIVISIONS 8A AND 8B PAST DISTRICT OFFICERS HOST SUMMER DINNER PARTY

By Beverly Cain, Div. 8A PDO

The Past District Officers Organization of Divisions 8A and 8B are a strong group of about 41 PDO’s. A core of about twenty meets regularly every month at the Drusilla Seafood Restaurant to discuss divisional issues and for some good ole fashion fellowship. The main focus is to mentor the incoming Lt. Governors and to offer support to all the clubs and officers in the two divisions. In addition to that they host a traditional “Summer Dinner Party” for all the incoming and outgoing club presidents and secretaries to get better acquainted. This year’s party was no surprise when there were 60 guests present at the home of Charlie and Sharon Ford.

17 Clubs make up Divisions 8A and 8B. Attending the party were 7 incoming presidents and 7 secretaries from the clubs. Also in attendance were Gary Graham, Region V trustee as were Governor Greg and Lisa, and Governor-Elect Robert Benoit and his Fiancé Jennifer Tyler. The attendees feasted on Sharon Ford’s “world renown” brisket, and great appetizers, vegetables and desserts provided by the PDO members. Past Governors Fred Banks and Mark Simmons were present, as well as quite a number of past Lt. Governors from Divisions 8A and 8B. PDO representatives Beverly Cain from 8A and Chuck Morgan from 8B welcomed the guests, and Governor-Elect Robert Benoit returned thanks for the meal. A truly fun evening was enjoyed by all. The Summer Dinner Party is just one activity that is sponsored by the 8A and 8B PDO. They also have a Christmas party each December and get together at District Convention for drinks and fellowship. For a number of years the PDO held a Kiwanis officer and committee training program for incoming club officers, board members and club members prior to the start of the Kiwanis year.

All Photos by Blaine Grimes, Lt. Governor Division 8A

Top row of pictures:
Left picture left to right: Rick Blackstone, President-Elect, Audubon Kiwanis Club; Rae Phillips, President, Audubon Kiwanis Club; Gay Lazare, President, The Oaks Kiwanis Club and Past Lt. Governor, Div. 8A; Al Phillips, Zachary Kiwanis Club. Center picture left to right: Laura Gilliland, President-Elect, Red Stick Kiwanis Club, Jennifer Tyler, Fiancé of Robert Benoit; Sharon Ford, wife of Charlie Ford and host; Pat Canning, Baton Rouge Kiwanis Club and Past Lt. Governor, Div. 8B. Right picture left to right: Marie Simmons wife of Past Governor Mark Simmons; Lisa Beard, wife of Governor Greg Beard; and Jennifer Tyler, Fiancé of Governor-Elect Robert Benoit.

Bottom row of pictures:
Left picture clockwise from top: Phil DiVincenti, Secretary, Red Stick Kiwanis and PDO Div. 8B; Danny McConnell, The Oaks Kiwanis and PDO Div. 8A; Roger Worth, Secretary, Audubon Kiwanis; back facing is Lowell Tilley, PDO, Div. 8A; Joan Tilley, wife of Lowell; Dave Patton, friend of Laura Gilliland; Laura Gilliland, President-Elect, Red Stick Kiwanis. Right picture: June “Mimi” Mince, Sharon Ford’s mother; Greg Beard, Governor.
In July, Bayou Lacombe Middle School’s garden family—parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, teachers, members of Concerned Citizens of Lacombe, North Shore Democratic Women’s Club, Camellia City Kiwanis Club, and the Home Depot team—helped the students transplant their entire garden to a new, larger location! Mrs. Rebekah Ellis, teacher and project advisor, the students, and Mrs. Linda Franzo (Louisiana Master Gardener) essentially started over from scratch, expanding from a 40’ to 70’ garden!

The fabulous organic garden that the community helped create (overflowing with okra, tomatoes, eggplants, sweet and hot peppers, squash, melons, sweet potatoes, and cucumbers) had to be moved so the school board maintenance crew could do repair work on the adjacent buildings. However, as a consolation, St. Tammany Parish School Board Administration offered to give them a bigger space for the garden.

Days before the garden transplant, Mrs. Ellis, Henrietta Jacobs and her young relatives (ages 9-14), Danesha, Rai-lynn, Maya, and Aliya, worked for two days tilling the entire compacted garden area, building the rows, and digging a two-foot perimeter around the garden for the rock path. Mrs. Ellis said, Henrietta and her girls were amazing! She also gave special thanks to Coach Jeter and the St. Tammany Parish Recreation District for their help and support. She said, the garden transplant would never have happened, without her “Garden Angels” and she is “forever grateful for their amazing generosity!”

On a hot and humid Monday and Tuesday night, the “Garden Troops” (parents, students and their families, teachers, the Home Depot team, members of Kiwanis Club Of Camellia City, Concerned Citizens of Lacombe and North Shore Democratic Women’s Club) worked tirelessly to complete the task. The “Garden Troops” armed with wheelbarrows, shovels, trowels, and garden gloves worked simultaneously in teams: removing the plants, transporting and hand-transplanting each plant, designing and laying the rock path, setting up the irrigation system and garden fencing, moving the bird and butterfly garden, and organically fertilizing each plant. There was a job for even the smallest of helpers! The Lacombe Fire Department even brought the fire truck for the kids to play and explore.

It was important that they transplanted all the plants in the evening, when the sun would not dam-
ed to live nutritionally healthy and environmentally sustainable lives. In the garden, the students will prepare various delicious dishes from the produce they have grown as they discover the pleasures of hands-on food education while learning to build and maintain an organic garden and grow and harvest a wide variety of vegetables, fruits and herbs. The garden and kitchen provide a real-life open-ended learning experience--growing, harvesting, preparing, and sharing fresh organic foods.

The organic garden functions as an "outdoor classroom" challenging the students in all aspects of the curriculum and developing higher order thinking and problem solving skills. The garden is not simply horticultural skills and natural sciences but advanced mathematical skills in diagramming the garden layout, calculating the supplies needed for the garden and appropriate transplanting measurements; Language Arts skills in writing garden poetry, grant proposals, and publishing garden storybooks; Technological skills by employing soil moisture, temperature, and pH probes and Internet research in becoming horticultural experts; Social Studies skills as they build positive community relationships with the Farmer’s Market; and entrepreneur skills in running a business. The students also learn the intrinsic value of philanthropy—the joy of giving from their hard work to those in need. Moreover, the students will continue to develop and refine their horticultural and environmental skills, expand their knowledge of health and family and consumer sciences and study environmental stewardship and sustainable living while they grow fresh produce (free of pesticides, hormones, and chemicals) and create meals with their vegetable and herb garden harvest.

Mrs. Ellis and her students will be teaching hands-on science and horticulture lessons in the garden as well as incorporating hi-tech gardening. At the start of the year, the students will be giving a professional development workshop for the teachers demonstrating the use of Go! Link probes and sensors in their classrooms and in the garden. The students will then serve as experts with the teachers as the science classrooms move outdoors to the garden where all the students will experience the wonders of hi-tech gardening with sensors. Mrs. Ellis and her students use the temperature probe, pH sensor, and soil moisture sensor to incorporate the most modern techniques into their organic garden and to ensure a high produce yield. The students’ carry the laptops (with the probes/sensors connected) into the garden, and as the probes/sensors are inserted into the soil, they upload immediate data, which is plotted into charts and graphs in real time. This data is used to diagnose potential soil, nutrient, or water problems. Each of Mrs. Ellis’ students will continue to become an expert for one particular fruit or vegetable. This entails hours of research and hands-on cultivation and experimentation.

Mrs. Ellis said, “Words cannot express my overwhelming gratitude for everyone’s generosity and very hard work! I am so blessed and honored to be part of such an amazing community and family of friends! I would also like to give special thanks to Rodney and Karen James, Rick Franzo, John Robert Ellis, Jeanne Revere, Rudy Arevalo, Margo Rosas, Michelle Day, Kay Narcisse, Dana Dumas, Andrea Roberts, Cody Stephens, and Denise, Charles, Kaylee, Sophie and Logan Labella for their amazing hard work and generosity.”

Pictured installing the fence are Rai-lynn Jacobs; Maya Laurent; MaKayla Walker; Danesha Jacobs; Alisa McCollums; Aaliya Jones. Laying the stone path are Kelci Daniels; Addrian Dumas; BJ Walker; Kristen Noullet; and Yasmin Jackson. Transplanting plants is Rai-lynn Jacobs. Planting strawberries are Cody Stephens; Jacob Stephens; Joseph Dumas; Dana Dumas.
DIVISION 14 ACTIVITIES
By: John McCay, Lt Governor, Division 14

It is hard to believe that this administrative year is just days away from going down in the history books. I would like to say that it has been a high honor to serve the eight hardworking and dedicated clubs that make up Division 14. As I think about this past year, I have to say I have been to more than one Pancake Breakfast and read many monthly reports. Then at every club meeting I visited, I heard excited people talking about everything from Terrific Kids programs and Eliminate to the latest club project. As a Division, we are preparing for the 10th anniversary of KAMP Kiwanis (September 14-16) and held a fundraiser basketball game with the Harlem Wizards to purchase an AED in memory of Fred Dunbar, Jr. As I close my last Lt Governor news from Division 14, I would like to again say thank you for allowing me to serve you and this has been a great experience. I look forward to where we are heading as a Division because we have many wonderful people and projects in the works. I am so proud to be a Kiwanian and I hope we never forget the communities and children we are so honored to serve. Remember, the only reason you are in Kiwanis is because someone asked you to join. Who can you ask to join? Thank you Division 14 for everything!

START PLANNING NOW
By Court Crow, Human and Spiritual Values District Chairman

I know all of our clubs are already working hard to plan their 2012-2013 Administrative Year so please include Human and Spiritual Values in your planning. Here are some suggested dates:

Start or end your first meeting in October with the Kiwanis Prayer. (If you don’t have it, email me and I’m happy to send it.)

Plan to discuss each of the six Objects of Kiwanis International at least once a month and emphasize the first two. Those two really make Kiwanis different from the other major service/community organizations.

Start planning to host a community Prayer Breakfast during the fall.

Start planning to recognize an outstanding Lay Young Person in the spring.

Start planning to recognize and submit a Lay Person of the Year by June 1, 2013 to the District for recognition at the District Convention next summer.

The main thing is to not let the Human and Spiritual Values Committee drift away or to become a one-person committee. It can be one of the major components of a successful Kiwanis year. But you’ve got to start planning now.

INTERCLUB RELATIONS
By: Cal Robbins, Interclub Relations Chair 2011-12

The End Is Near and so is a New Beginning.

It is time to wrap up your Inter-club activities for the year. You need to get those last Inter-clubs in, you worked hard all year, you do not want to let down in the last month. You need to meet with your Club Secretary and be sure you have reported all your Inter-clubs on the Monthly Club Report. If you failed to report and Inter-club on the Monthly Club Report talk to your Club Secretary she or he can amend the applicable report to report the unreported Inter-club.

I hope you had a successful Inter-club program and that it helped make your Club a better Club.

Now for a word to the incoming presidents, you need to set your Inter-club goals for the next Kiwanis’ year. If you have not already done so you should appoint an Inter-Club Chairman and committee for the 2012 - 2013 Kiwanis year. That way the Inter-Club Chairman can make plans for the coming year and hit the ground running on October 1, 2011.

NEW-CLUB BUILDING TOOLS NOW ONLINE

New-club builders now have resources available at their fingertips at any time of day via the new online club building tools. Builders can log and track prospects plus keep tabs on all communication with the future Kiwanians. The tools also make tracking conversions of prospect to member easy, including necessary forms. For more information, contact your area director, Rhonda Vrell, at rhondavrell@aol.com or 336/299-5495.
Hello, fellow Kiwanians!

McGruff has been a key to the Madonna Learning Center Terrific Kids Program since 1994.

The local police department loaned us the costume so often that they finally just gave it to us. You cannot imagine the enjoyment this fuzzy mutt brings to these special kids.

This program always has a great Kiwanis participation.

Well, SCHOOL IS OPEN!!

Advisors, get into your advisor's planning calendar and get your K-Kids clubs registered.

The "Club Renewal Center" makes the task easy. This report is important for the club and to Kiwanis International. Without updated info we at the district level and above have no idea of who is running the show or if your clubs are still active.

Get your K-Kid secretary involved in submitting reports...leadership training. If you need help call me or KI at 1-800-875-8755, ext 411. Also email k-kids@kiwanis.org. Make sure you have any new advisors, new contact info, or club status updated.

Some clubs may have to reelect club officers due to family moves or school transfers.

We elect our officers each August for that reason vs end of the school year.

Encourage your K-Kids to be aggressive on selecting their service projects early in the school year so your club can support their efforts.

Have a Great Day!!

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE

Free convention registration for new members

Did you know? New members attend the Kiwanis International convention for free! Consider sending that member as a delegate for your club to Vancouver for the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention. Or recommend they attend as a non-delegate to get a sense of the global scope of the organization they recently joined.

In Vancouver, new members can take advantage of numerous educational opportunities so they may return to your club a better, more informed Kiwanian. New members need to download a coupon to attach to their registration. They will have received the coupon as part of an emailed welcome packet from Kiwanis International. For more information, contact memberservices@kiwanis.org.

Hotels, flights, tours and much much more

Starting October 1, 2012, complete information regarding hotels, flights, tours, ticketed events, workshop line-up, online scheduling tool, travel insurance, will be available on the Vancouver convention website. So don't delay registering for convention any longer, and make plans for your time in Vancouver!
MATERNAL NEONATAL TETANUS

HOW FAR HAVE WE COME?

Since the launch of MNT at the 2011 International Convention in Geneva our great organization just announced reaching 16.4 MILLION DOLLARS which saves 9 MILLION MOTHERS AND BABIES from this horrible unnecessary disease. You and I can be so proud to belong to the GREATEST service club in the world!

DISTRICT UPDATE:

GIFTS AND PLEDGES ........$346,500
LIVES SAVED ....................1,925,000

RANK IN KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

1. Total Giving: #15 out of 48
2. Model Clubs: #10 out of 48
3. Per Member Giving: #16 out of 48
4. Walter Zeller Awards: #12 out of 48

A special thanks to those members and clubs who have made generous gifts toward the $110 million dollars Kiwanis will need by 2015 to "wipe this disease off of the face of the earth."

WHAT CAN I DO?

1. If you haven't, make the very best gift or pledge you can give TODAY! "Money raised today saves lives tomorrow!!"
2. Help plan projects in your club for ELIMINATE.
3. Is there money in your Club or Foundation which may be used?
4. When can your Club commit to be a Model Club?
5. Are there businesses or foundations in your community who may contribute?
6. Be sure your Club has a Club Coordinator to process information.

MY CLUB WANTS TO BE A MODEL CLUB. WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Agree in the next 5 years to raise:

1. $750.00 a member,

OR ANOTHER WAY TO UNDERSTAND would be

2. $150.00 per member for 5 years
3. OR $13.00 a month per member for 5 years.

You see when this is broken down and we know any money raised is credited to the Club, each member is not required to come up with $750.00 from their own pocket.

WILL YOU SIGN UP TODAY????

"Kiwanis chose to focus where the need is greatest on the population least served far away from television cameras and recognition. Kiwanis chose to tackle the hardest leg of a difficult journey at a time when MNT is on the brink of elimination, but sorely needing a champion to complete the work."

WOULD YOU SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE FOR $1.80?
GOVERNOR GREG STILL VISITING CLUBS!

On one of his recent travels Governor Greg visited The LSU and The Oaks Kiwanis Club. Both clubs meet on Tuesday. LSU meets at the LSU Faculty Club on the LSU Campus at 12 noon and The Oaks Club meets at the Picadilly Cafeteria on Essen Lane at 7:15 am.

Kiwanis Values

Our Values

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

MASTER INSTRUCTOR EXPLAINS NEW DISTRICT EDUCATION PLANS

By Dee D. Drell, Alexandria Kiwanis Club

At District Convention, Dee Drell, Master Instructor, explained how Club Leadership Education will be addressed in the immediate future. What follows is a written communication given to the incoming lieutenant governors but it also concerns every club and especially the incoming club officers. If you are a club president, if you are reading this article and if you have not yet received from your lieutenant governor, it is critical that you contact him or her ASAP! You will need the materials your lieutenant governor has for you. Then, if you have not yet gone on line to complete the CLE (or if you did not sign up for it at International Convention in June) please DO IT NOW. Remember, there is also on-line instruction for secretaries now and a brand new on-line module for NEW club secretaries that has just been rolled out by the Education Department at Kiwanis International. Check it all out at KiwanisOne.org. You can obtain your instruction certification there too, after you complete the appropriate module!

Also readers should note the entirely new work that is being done at present to provide club excellence presentations at midwinter regional conferences, after the new year. These should be much fun and quite educational. Our goal is to have eight people from each club in attendance. Club Presidents, begin to create your team now!

We wish you a GREAT year in Kiwanis!
GUIDANCE TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS FOR 2012-2013

By Dee D. Drill, District Master Instructor

CLE, Your Clubs and YOU!

You may have noticed that we are doing something a little differently this year. We did NOT schedule CLE sessions all around the district. By the way, CLE stands for CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION! It is a program designed by Kiwanis International to prepare club officers, but primarily club presidents for the upcoming year. So, are your presidents not going to get “trained” this year?????

MOST CERTAINLY NOT, provided you help! Here’s the deal. Two events this year have helped evolve our district approach to CLE this year. First at the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, a fair number of you club officers attended the CLE sessions there.....something over 350 altogether and over 30 from Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee.

Second, late last year the Kiwanis International Board voted to make the on-line version of CLE equal in full to the “face-to-face” CLE’s most districts were doing. Given our anticipation that MANY presidents would decide to go on line, given the choice of taking on line or traveling to a full Saturday conference, we surmised (hopefully accurately) that we would have a difficult time scheduling successful face-to-face CLE conferences all around the district. Indeed, the one we scheduled in Baton Rouge in June had no takers, and those divisions are usually right on with a face-to-face CLE.

There was another consideration. For some years now we have noted the ongoing criticism of the CLE materials in its absence of serious education for club secretaries. MUCH dialog has taken place with Kiwanis International about it. That problem was one major factor that resulted in an education summit held last winter in Indianapolis. I attended and participated. As a result of the meeting an entirely new CLE curriculum will be rolled out in time for next summer’s face to face sessions. By then we will also have a better idea of how many folks will want to participate in face-to-face CLE, and we can proceed in a more orderly fashion.

We have decided, instead this year to make a strong push to get full teams from each club to attend the midwinter regionals, and to present there a specialized curriculum and recipe for building EXCELLENT clubs. The materials for that are being worked up even now and we expect these sessions to be exciting and meaningful.

Here is where we need your help. First, this afternoon we will hand out to you sufficient packets for YOU to distribute to your incoming club presidents. This needs to be done IMMEDIATELY, perhaps during your pre-visits, and so that you can go over the materials and use of the Guidebooks by club officers. Next, if your club presidents and secretaries have not yet gotten CLE either by going on line or attending CLE at the International Convention, please have them go on line and get certified that way. The on-line instruction is at KiwanisOne.org. You might help them get jump started on that if they are unclear. There really is no reason why your clubs’ CLE participation should not be at 100%, given these parameters.

Next we need for you to recruit at least 7 members from each club to attend your midwinter regional conference so that the work we do there will be productive. The folks selected should be people who do or will have some responsibility in the club. We plan to teach them how to do it right but we need a team there...a team who will take the message home and form a nucleus around which to breathe life into the club. That will take some work on your part but you will reap the benefits in the fall of 2013.

In your case as Lieutenant Governor, this is about exercising leadership to have the clubs in your divisions take some bolder steps to becoming excellent, and, more importantly, to provide great service to the children.

Thus, you will need to take the packets we give you now and distribute them ASAP! Then work with your clubs to help them jet jump started on a good year!

This will inevitably be a little confusing for some people at the start. Please help them understand. Face-to-face CLE has not gone away. It will just be changed to be better for 2013, and we will assess how to make it work next spring, when we have better participation data in CLE this new way.

Thanks in advance for your marvelous work as a lieutenant governor! You are the key to success!

Keep Serving the children!

Dee Drell, Master Instructor

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Thank you and the Kiwanis Clubs of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District for YOUR support of YOUR District Foundation. It is because of YOUR generosity 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 has been able to award clubs in the District with a myriad of COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS and AED GRANTS this year. Applications for grants are now closed. The final 10 submitted in August will be reviewed and presented at the Sept Foundation mtg.

3 cheers for the following clubs who contributed gift baskets or made donations during the District Convention, held August 2-5, 2012 in Lafayette, LA:

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13.....Hammond
13.....Northshore Mandeville
14.....Orange Grove
14.....Pascagoula
15.....The Natchez Trace
15.....Vicksburg
17.....New Iberia
17.....St. Martinville

We look forward to next Kiwanis Year, in being able to serve the clubs of the Great, Historic Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District! Again, thank you for YOUR support of YOUR District Foundation.

Yours in Service,

Cathy

Cathy Simmons
Grant Chair,
La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Foundation

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Mr. Greg Beard  
District Governor of LA-MS-West TN District  
Mr. Court Crow  
Committee Chair, Human and Spiritual Values  
Kiwanis International  
5319-B Didesse Drive  
Baton Rouge, La  70808-6401

Dear Mr. Beard and Mr. Crow:

To be selected to receive the Lay Person of the Year Award for the LA-MS-West TN District of Kiwanis International is an honor for which I am deeply grateful. Kiwanis is an organization renowned for its tireless efforts to improve the quality of life in our communities and to be selected by you for this award makes it even more meaningful.

It is a distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to share with the Kiwanis Club Membership the mission of The Urban Child Institute in which we focus on the importance of the development of a child’s brain during the years of birth to three years of age which is the critical period of time for optimal brain development. It is during this time that the foundation is laid for a child’s readiness for school and subsequent success in life in general. Your generous gift will be placed in a fund to assist the Institute in making the community more aware of the importance of this investment in the early years of a child’s life thus giving children an opportunity to become future successful, productive citizens.

Again, thank you for your generosity, and for the honor of being the recipient of this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Katy Spurlock  
Director, Education and Dissemination
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Felder, Jeremy - Laurel
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Thibodeaux, Susan L. - Dawn Busters, Metairie
Tramuta, Joseph - Biloxi
Trotter, Dan - Northshore Mandeville
Tucker, Barbara - East Memphis
Vollor, Frank G. - Vicksburg
Watts, Barbara - East St. Mary Parish
Wilson, Greg - Tupelo
Wood, Ron - Thibodaux
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.

Dr. Mary Grodner - Louisiana State University
Bobby Price - Ruston
Pablo Rangel - De Ridder

DATES TO REMEMBER

September through October: Review the webinar schedule and join the discussions on topics that include:
leading by example, club liability and creating public awareness about Kiwanis.

September: Club rosters are online to be updated for dues billing.
September 30, 2012: Last day of the 2011-2012 Kiwanis Year.
October 1, 2012: First day of the 2012-2013 Kiwanis Year. Dues become payable by all clubs.
October 1: A new Kiwanis year begins
January 21, 2013: 98th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International
April 6, 2013: Kiwanis One Day
April 13, 2013: Deadline for early registration for the 2013 Kiwanis International convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
June 26-30, 2013: 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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