

The Kiwanis
Calliope

Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee
District of Kiwanis International



*Kercher's
Korner*

Russ Kercher
2008-2009 Governor

Remember Sir Isaac

The big push for new members in May is now history. My sincere thanks to Past Gov. Dennis Oliver for his leadership, and to all of you who demonstrated a Heart for Kiwanis, by bringing in a new member(s) during the 31 day period. At this point I don't have all the "official" numbers, but Kiwanis International credits us with 20 applications received, paid, and processed. I know for sure, that there are a significant number of additional applications that are in the pipeline, and will be reflected in our June, and even July membership numbers.

I never took physics in high school, no less college, but I have picked up a few things about natural laws over the years. For instance, it always rains after you wash your car, the computer always runs the slowest, when you need it the most, and Sir Isaac Newton's apple story regarding gravity. He also told us that "A body that is at rest tends to stay at rest, and a body that is in motion tends to stay in motion." That applies to us as Kiwanians. Those clubs that have initiated a growth plan will continue to grow, and those clubs that have no plan, will "tend to stay at rest". Only in our organization resting is rusting, and it's not long before the wheels come off, and the once great Kiwanis Club of, is no more.

In case you haven't noticed, we are in a battle to exist as an organization. Our membership has been in decline far too long. If you aren't part of the solution, you are part of the problem. If you don't believe in what we stand for, our demise is inevitable. So, it's incumbent on all of us to "Keep the Drive Alive", and continue to emphasize membership at every meeting, continue to

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We're Back (to New Orleans)... and We're Better Than Ever!

That's right! The La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District is going back to New Orleans for our 91st Annual Convention. And it is guaranteed to be better than ever!

The City of New Orleans is opening its doors to welcome visitors to the city. Most of the famous attractions and restaurants are back and open for business. Plus, many new places have opened offering new places to visit, and excellent menus. There is so much to see and do, that Kiwanians are encouraged to come early and stay late to take it all in!

The District Convention will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, conveniently located on Canal Street, just outside the French Quarter. In fact, walk out the back of the hotel, and you're in the Quarter, only a block away from Bourbon Street.

Lenny & Cathy Simmons, Co-Host Chairs for the Convention have planned a program to take you to different venues during your stay - to the WWII Museum, the Insectarium, and to the Musee Conti Wax Museum.

The Convention will also provide ample educational opportunities for the new officers and members, time for fellowship to see old friends from around the district and to meet new ones, and the House of Delegates to handle the business of the District. Then there's the traditional New Orleans events - a dinner Jazz Cruise on the Mississippi River and a Jazz Brunch to close out the weekend events. There's a full program planned to entertain the entire family!

The entire Convention Registration Packet is available in this issue of the Calliope. Check out pages 7-10 for information on the convention—and pages 11 & 12 for the Registration Form.

Deadline to make your room reservations at the Ritz-Carlton is June 29th - and the deadline for Early Bird Registration is July 10th. So act now—and we'll see you in the Crescent City for the 91st Annual Convention.



Convention-At-Sea 2010!

Even though this issue of Calliope is devoted primarily to promoting the 2009 District Convention in New Orleans - remember that the deadline for "Early Bird Deposits" for the **2010 Convention At Sea** is Sunday, August 2nd. The required minimum deposit will increase from \$200 per person to \$350 per person after the New Orleans Convention ends. So plan ahead and get your deposit in NOW - Don't Miss The Boat!! Everything you need to know is on the District Web Site: www.lamisstenn.org.

Get your deposit in by June 20th and be included in the drawing for a FREE cabin for 2!



2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR

June 25-28

Kiwanis International Convention:
Nashville, Tenn.

July 30-August 2

Kiwanis District Convention: New
Orleans

August 21-22

Kiwanis District Board Meeting:
Baton Rouge

September 30

End of 2008-2009 Kiwanis Year



60 Years:

Abbeville
June 30, 1949

55 Years:

Winnfield
June 22, 1954

Jackson, Tenn.

July 27, 1954

45 Years:

Starkville
July 24, 1964

25 Years:

Southwest-Lafayette
July 11, 1984

**Serving the
Children of
the World**



The Kiwanis Calliope will be produced six times this year. The deadline to submit articles and photographs will be the 15th day of the month preceding publication:

ISSUE	DEADLINE
August/September	July 15th
October/November	September 15th
December/January	November 15th
February/March	January 15th
April/May	March 15th
June/July	May 15th

Mail information to the District Office - or e-mail to editor@lamisstenn.org


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spread the good word about Kiwanis, continue to "ASK" them to join. You may be tired of getting "no" for an answer, but the "Yes" that you get when you least expect it, is unbelievably rewarding.

The good news is that we continue to expand. Last month, we chartered the Northshore Aktion Club, and we are in the process of creating a satellite Internet club. Our 20 new members have family and friends that they can ask to join Kiwanis--people who probably have never been told the Kiwanis story. So, our future is bright! Be proud to wear and show your "K". And please accept my personal thanks for all you do for Kiwanis, and for the Children of the World.

DECEASED MEMBERS

- **Peter DeVries**, Red Stick, Baton Rouge
- **J. B. Fontane**, New Iberia
- **Gary E. Hunt**, Desoto Parish, Mansfield
- **Joseph A. Liuzzo**, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
- **Ken Rappold**, Kenner North



**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 91st
ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION
New Orleans, La. - July 30 to August 2, 2009**

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 4, of the District Bylaws, official notice is hereby given that the 91st Annual Convention of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 30-August 2, 2009.

CLUB DELEGATES: Article VIII, Section 6 states: "Each chartered club in good standing in the District shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, two of whom shall be the president and president-elect. Each chartered club, at the time of selecting its delegates to the convention, may choose one (1) alternate for each delegate, including the president and president-elect."

The names of the three (3) delegates and the three (3) alternates of each club must be certified to the District Secretary-Treasurer by the Club President and the Club Secretary, using the "CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES" form for this purpose. Said form should be mailed to the District Office no later than two (2) weeks prior to the opening of the convention.

WELCOME...
to our newest members!
(Members added April & May, 2009)

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| Abbeville
Troy A. Frederick | Laurel
Harold W. Melvin |
| Alexandria
Winafred W. Hubbard
Brittany Sonnier
James W. Welch | Livingston
Ray K. Burleigh |
| Algiers Morning Edition, New Orleans
Maureen Cuttillo
Deborah Frederickson
George Hubbell
Anne Katherine Lene | Memphis
George S. Flinn
Mindi Hill |
| Amite
Chester Shelby | Millington
Rhonda K. O'Dell
Debra L. Sigee |
| Amory
Jerry Drinkwitz | Monroe
Marshall Hollis |
| Biloxi
Michelle M. Agreggaard | Moss Point
Sharon Haynes |
| Brookhaven
Becky Currie
Bruce T. Gray
Steve Ham
Dustin D. Walker | Northshore Mandeville
Karen Eckelmann
Mary-Susan Riche |
| Corinth
Mary L. Dilworth
Henry E. Hamill
Ronny D. Humes | Olla
Sharon S. Lasiter
Clayton S. Lasiter |
| Cortana, Baton Rouge
Candace Garcia
Mark R. Turner | Opelousas
Frank A. Cuccio |
| de Pont Breaux
Robert E. Hollier | Oxford
James M. Stephens
Pascagoula
Michiel Hawkins |
| De Ridder
Sean Riley | Petal
Steve O. Stringer |
| Germantown
Jerry P. LaChapelle
Joy C. Lawrence | Pineville
Scott R. Shovan |
| Greater Covington
Joan J. Wolfe | Ponchatoula
Dianne H. Crim |
| Greenville
Joanna R. Formosa
Mark A. Rogers | Ponchartrain, New Orleans
Deidre Charlot
Deborah W. Crosby
Charlotte Hicks-Gilmore
LaChandra McGowan
Isabella W. Moore
Lucille C. Walker |
| Gulfport
Lillian Watson Jenkins | Port City, Vicksburg
Walter H. Hardy |
| Hancock-West Harrison
Rhonda S. Bridges
Stephen M. Burrell
Elise E. Deano
David M. Dear, Sr.
Rose Hurder
Sharon R. Sutherland | Rayville
Robert D. Landry |
| Houma
Bridgette B. Gros
Neil P. Narter
Dee Dee Thurston | Red Stick, Baton Rouge
Pam Bolke
Bryan Neibuhr
Susie Waggener |
| Hub City, Hattiesburg
William Browning | River City Savannah
David Boroughs
Robert Joseph Thomas |
| Jackson
Charis Davis | South Baton Rouge
McArthur Brown |
| Kenner North
Faye A. Dufour | Southwest Contraband, Lake Charles
Christy Moore |
| Lafayette
Chavanne Nicole Barbour
C. Ted Beaulieu
David S. Friedrichs
Dana Christine Guillebeaux | St. Martinville
Cynthia DiCarlo |
| Lake Charles-North
Larry J. Brignac
Shannon Ryan Moore | Tupelo
Jeff R. Overstreet |
| | Vicksburg
Melanie E. Roach |
| | Winnfield
Luke Lazarone |





NEEDED: Just 1 New Member in Every Club!

By Dennis Oliver, District Chairman for Growth

My Kiwanis Friends...

"JUNE IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH"

Yes, I know that sounds familiar. We are repeating our May membership effort. We did not quite reach our goal of at least **ONE NEW MEMBER IN EVERY CLUB**. Some new members may have been reported too late for May results. That's okay, but please let's all find a good prospect this month.

FACTS:

1. We belong to the greatest service organization anywhere.
2. You and I are dedicated members and want our organization to grow.
3. We know that every new member will contribute at least 2 hours a month to service projects.
4. We know a new member will bring new ideas, enthusiasm and possibly will be a future officer in your club.
5. We know that for various reasons we lose good members each year.
6. There are so many children out there anxiously waiting for Kiwanis to "TOUCH THEIR LIVES."

THE CHALLENGE IS BEFORE US!!!! Will YOU "share you K" with at least one new member in June?

When we visit a good restaurant or see a good movie, we can't wait to tell our friends. I am asking you to repeat that excitement to those you influence. Ask them to visit your Kiwanis Club this week where we are "touching the lives of children" every single day.

Will you be the one to lead the way for your club?



Valuing Diversity

By: Sylvester Neal, Vice-President, Kiwanis International & 2008-09 District Counselor

I believe we must work harder to make the Kiwanis experience more attractive to the segments of our society that are under-represented in our clubs. If we are to effectively serve the communities we represent, we must find ways to attract younger members, and members from different cultures and backgrounds. We must be flexible and open to change, but at the same time, maintain the high standard and ideals of our *Objects and Core Values*.

If Kiwanis is to truly become an organization of inclusion, we must demonstrate that we value diversity. Our differences will make us a stronger organization. This is a modified version of how a company defined it:

"Valuing Diversity"

This concept works at creating an environment in which every individual feels accepted, respected, valued, and can contribute to the Kiwanis club's mission. It is more than numbers. But rather, creating an organizational culture that supports the many differences that exist in it and which allows full participation. Valuing Diversity is an attitude that allows for differences in experiences, skills, approaches, styles, and functions in the organization. It is a concept that focuses on creating an environment of inclusion where every member's needs/values are taken into account.

Wouldn't you like to be in this club?

"ONE REALLY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!"

Q & A's About Corporate Membership

Kiwanis International is opening new ideas for different membership initiatives. Here are some questions and answers about "Corporate Membership."

What is a corporate membership? A corporate membership allows a club to designate an individual membership spot in a Kiwanis Club for an employee of a specific company or organization. As an employee changes jobs or is transferred to a new location, a new employee can be designated to take the place of the previous member without being charged a new member fee by the organization.

Why would a club want to offer a Corporate Membership? Corporate membership will appeal to large organizations with employees at multiple locations, especially where employees tend to be transferred every few years: bank branches, financial service companies, retail stores, restaurant chains, public

school systems, etc.

Can an employer have a corporate membership and send different employees to the meetings each week? Yes. Different employees from the same employer can attend meetings. However, only the designated person can hold office or vote on club business.

Does a corporate member pay regular dues? Yes. The member pays all associated club dues just like any other club member. The employer may choose to pay the dues on behalf of the employee, however, this is not required.

Can a corporate member be extended to our Key Club Faculty Member? A Kiwanis club can establish a new membership in the name of the local high school (for purposes of having their representing faculty advisor for the Key Club be a member). They will initially pay the new member fee; but, in the future, if the schools needs to switch the faculty in that

spot, they may do so without incurring the new member fee each time (of course, annual dues will be owed for that membership).

Can a corporate member hold office? Yes. Corporate members are entitled to all club benefits of any other member in good standing.

Can a corporate member be part of a satellite club? Yes.

Can one employer have two corporate memberships? Yes. Each corporate membership would have a specific person named to the membership. There is no limit to the number of corporate memberships in a club.

Does a corporate membership require a change to the club bylaws? No. The club secretary will need to denote on the member application that this person is a corporate member and identify the company or organization.



Get It Done Before the Convention!

By Pam Morgan, AED Coordinator

The District Convention in New Orleans will be here before we know it. The theme is *Kiwanis ...we're back and we're better than ever!* Kiwanians have always supported their communities, especially the projects involving children. I am very impressed and thankful for the **57 Kiwanis clubs** in the LaMissTenn District that have participated in the Major Emphasis Project to place **AEDs** in every school. They have written grants, held fund raisers, and partnered with local businesses to raise necessary funds. In many cases, after Kiwanis gets the ball rolling, the school systems are paying for additional AEDs. The effect Kiwanis clubs can have on a community is phenomenal – it just takes commitment!

Has your club provided AEDs for your local schools? Zoll Medical has given Kiwanis a wonderful package, and now is the time to take advantage of the price. With the cost of living on the rise, we have no guarantee how long we can get this same price. Actually, the cost of shipping has gone up, and that is reflected in the latest Order Form that you can download from the Kiwanis website at www.lamisstenn.org. Remember to send all orders to me at the District Office.

At the District Convention, will your club's name be on the **AED Honor Roll**? Will it be up there with outstanding clubs like Waynesboro, Pascagoula, Oxford, Gulfport, Algiers, Southwest Lafayette, Lake Charles, Germantown, and Martin? Governor Russ had a goal of 250 AEDs, and currently we are at 230. With your help, we could far surpass that goal and provide this life-saving equipment to the schools. Let's show the world that *Kiwanis is better than ever!*

DISTRICT FOUNDATION AWARDS \$22,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. Kiwanis District Foundation recently announced \$22,000 in scholarships to be presented to 16 graduating Key Clubbers and 4 active Circle K members. The Foundation Scholarship Committee, coordinated by Jerome Hafter of the Greenville Kiwanis Club, consists of Fred Banks, Denham Springs-West Livingston; Dr. Henry W. Nash, Tupleo; Dr. Linda Ramsey, Martin, Tenn.; and Dr. Jay Vallelungo, Crescent City Eye Openers. Funding for these scholarships is made available through the Annual Club Gift Program of the District Foundation. The

announcement of the winners were made at the Circle K and Key Club Conventions, and the International Matching Scholarships will again be announced at the organizations' respective International Conventions this summer.

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 District Foundation Scholarship recipients:



Williamson Laughrey



Jacobi Owens



Stevie Cantrell



Robert Cavell



William Chadwick



Jordan Chiasson



Rachel Hebert



Emily Lazek



Britney McWilliams



Arush Sarwar



Natalie Tran



Christy Coulon



James Lowder



Thuy Nguyen



Jordan Reed



Ianisha Chairs



Joshua Gidlow



Amy Pellittieri



Katie Pellittieri

Photo of Alexandra Averill not provided.

KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Joel P. Ory Scholarship (\$2,500)

Williamson Laughrey, McKenzie High, TN

Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship (\$1,500)

Jacobi Owens, Xavier Prep, New Orleans, LA

Key Club Leadership Scholarships (\$1,000)

Alexandra Averill, CHS Pointe Coupee, New Roads, LA

Stevie Cantrell, St. Patrick High, Biloxi, MS

Robert Cavell, E.D. White High, Thibodaux, LA

William Chadwick, C.E. Byrd High, Shreveport, LA

Jordan Chiasson, E.D. White High, Thibodaux, LA

Rachel Hebert, Mandeville High, LA

Emily Lazek, Houston High, Germantown, TN

Britney McWilliams, Arlington High, TN

Arush Sarwar, Ridgewood Prep, Kenner, LA

Natalie Tran, West Jefferson High, New Orleans, LA

Kiwanis International Foundation Matching Scholarships (\$1,000)

Christy Coulon, Chalmette High, LA

James Lowder, C.E. Byrd High, Shreveport, LA

Thuy Nguyen, Biloxi High, MS

Jordan Reed, E.D. White High, Thibodaux, LA

CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Kiwanis International Foundation Matching Scholarships (\$1,000)

Ianisha Chairs, UNO, New Orleans, LA

Joshua Gidlow, LaTech, Ruston, LA

Amy Pellittieri, SLU, Hammond, LA

Katie Pellittieri, SLU, Hammond, LA

UNION CITY HOSTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The **Union City Kiwanis Club** hosted the annual Area 7 Special Olympics Saturday May 2nd at War Memorial Stadium at Union City High School. The Union City Club



Photo by Chris Menees
Union City Daily Messenger

coordinates the event, provides each participant with a Special Olympics T-Shirt and feeds them all lunch with generous help from McDonalds. The Union City Kiwanis Club has done this event for many, many years. Assisting

this year was the Union City High School Football Team and Coach Darren Bowling who has a special needs daughter.

Pictured above is longtime Union City Kiwanis member Joe Ward as he encourages participant Charlie Chapman in the softball throw.

Special Olympics Oath: Let me win. But if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt.

MARTIN BUILDERS CLUB DONATES \$200 FOR "HOPE"

The Martin Middle School Builders Club recently made a \$200 donation to the Red Fern Animal Shelter, located nearby in Weakley County. Kim Hawks from the shelter spoke at the Builders Club meeting about being a responsible pet owners. To enforce her message, she brought one of the shelter puppies "Hope" for the kids to meet.

The members loved Hope and were shocked to hear from the shelter reps that Hope was one of 10 puppies abandoned in a box in a ditch without their mother during the winter.



The donation was a part of the Martin Kiwanis Club's *Pay It Forward Project*. Martin Kiwanis gave each of their service leadership clubs \$100. The SLC's then in turn matched that money and donated to a cause of their choice.

PONTCHARTRAIN KIWANIS DOUBLES UP FOR KIWANIS ONE DAY

If ONE service project is good enough for Kiwanis One Day, why not go for 2! And it was a successful day for the Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club in New Orleans.



Pontchartrain Kiwanis served its "world-famous" Red Beans, Rice and Bar-B-Q Chicken to about 200 homeless people at Ozanam Inn, a homeless shelter located in New Orleans.

Members that attended "Feed the Homeless" at Ozanam Inn were: Larry Turner, Larry Johnson, Jerry Wilson, Joe Perriat, Joe Marion, Lem Barbarin, Ken Frick, President, Mary Champagne Barnes, Cynthia Bentley, former members Charlie Stinson and Jim Thorns and volunteer John Patrick Simmons from St. Augustine High School.

The club dedicated 122 hours service on this event and spent \$375.00. The club also donated 30 sets of men PJ's to Ozanam Inn at a value of \$450.00.

The second event of the day was at Winn Dixie on Chef and Louisa Streets. Under our Young Children: Priority One Project (YC:PO), the club collaborated with partner Healthy Start New Orleans, Aggie Williams, Director. Members distributed and discussed information to expectant moms and moms with young children on the following topics: For Your Baby Before it is Born, Immunization, Alcohol Awareness, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Lead

Poisoning, Smoke Awareness, Childhood Diseases You Can Prevent, Reading is Fundamental, Awareness and Prevention of Child Abuse, Burns, Everyday 100 Children are Burned, Home Security Checklist, and Open Water Safety. Coloring books were given out to over 175 children and touched over 90 mothers or care givers. Colors were provided by Piccadilly Cafeteria, Gretna, Mr. Charles Schultheis, and Manager. More than 100 safety covers were given out to cover electrical outlets in the home.



The Kiwanis Club of Pontchartrain also collaborated with JOB1 Business and Career Solutions with the Mayor's Summer Youth Program. Information on the registration process and jobs available to youth between the age of 14 to 21 concerning Summer Employment, Educational opportunities, and GED Program.

The New Orleans Saints donated 20, New Orleans Saints 2008-year books.

The Club dedicated 75 hours of service on this event and spent \$60.00. Members attending were President Mary Champagne Barnes, Secretary Julie Williams, Myra Lewis, DarLika Downs, Carolyn Simmons, Cynthia Bentley, Karen Durand, and new member Debra Crosby. These members were joined by Healthy Start New Orleans Staff Member Brittany Shelby, and volunteers John Patrick Simmons of St. Augustine High School and Simone Marion.

Send us information on your club's project -
the District wants to know what you are doing!

LONGTIME KIWANIS HONORED BY HOME CLUBS



The Kiwanis Club of Germantown recently honored member Bob Nichols by proclaiming March 26th as “Bob Nichols Day.” Bob has over 45 years of perfect attendance in Kiwanis, and has served in many Kiwanis positions including Lt. Governor. Bob has resigned his membership in the Germantown Club but will remain an active member in the Kirby Pines club.



Larry Brown, center, was recently honored by the Hammond Kiwanis Club for having marked his 50th anniversary as a member of the club. Larry’s name was enrolled in the Circle of Leadership, part of the La.-Miss.-W. Tenn. District Foundation. With Brown are District Governor Russ Kercher, left, and Hammond Club President John Pearson.

ALEXANDRIA KIWANIS CHARTERS ASH KEY CLUB



The Kiwanis Club of Alexandria was pleased to host a Pizza Party late this spring as the club chartered a new Key Club at Alexandria Senior High School. Pizza and soft drinks were enjoyed by all, as Kiwanis President James “Jeems” White, presented the charter to Dionell McNeal, President of ASH Key Club (top photo), with Faculty Advisor Maxine Murphy looking on. Ms. Murphy launched the ASH Key Club with a positive direction and along with Mark Roberts, Assistant Principal and Asst. Key Club Faculty Advisor are looking forward to a promising Fall School year.

Along with their charter, members pins and certificates were presented to the new Key Clubbers, and the club officers were officially inducted into office.

The photo below shows the new members enjoying the pizza party Alexandria High School Cafeteria before the ceremony was underway.



KENNER NORTH KIWANIS AND FRIENDS PUT ON SPECIAL EVENING AT HOPE LODGE



A great gathering of Kiwanis-Family folks came together at the Patrick F. Taylor Hope Lodge for a wonderful time and an even more wonderful cause. 14 members of the Kenner North Kiwanis Club, along with 37 Key Clubbers (27 from Haynes Academy and 10 from John Curtis Christian School), 18 residents of Hope Lodge, a gaggle of spouses, one Lt. Governor, one advisor, and one guy that kept

NORTHSHORE KIWANIS STARTS AKTION CLUB

The Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club recently chartered an Aktion Club in association with STARC (St. Tammany Association of Retarded Citizens). Pictured at the organization meeting of the club are, from left: Rick Danielson (seated), Karen Liautaud, Peter Barsczesk (Aktion Club Advisor), Sandra Barsczesk, Lori Pausina, Governor Russ Kercher, Jimmy Maxwell, Northshore Club President, Division 13 Lt. Governor Judy Couvillion, and Vernon Ray. Aktion Club is the only community service club for adults living with disabilities. The club’s mission is to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities by providing them with opportunities to develop initiative and leadership skills, to serve their community and be integrated into society. Pausina, a member of the Northshore Mandeville Club, spearheaded the founding of the Aktion Club. Danielson, Liautaud, the Barsczesks, Ray and Governor Russ are also members of the Northshore Mandeville Kiwanis Club.



wanting to know what we were going to do with the leftovers. The visitors and residents joined in at the Karaoke Machine, and at the dinner table as the Kiwanians prepared a delicious treat for all.



The 91st Annual La.-Miss.-W.Tenn District Convention

Ritz-Carlton Hotel ~ New Orleans, Louisiana ~ July 30-August 2, 2009

The 91st Annual La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District Convention will again be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, in New Orleans, La. And your Convention Host Co-Chairs **Lenny & Cathy Simmons** are eagerly working to make this convention a better experience for you.

The City of New Orleans is also back - back as one of the premier convention destinations in the entire world. With it's world-famous restaurants, it's fantastic nightlife, and it's unique attractions, New Orleans is even better than ever - and awaits the Kiwanians from around the District.

Lenny, Cathy, and their entire Convention Host Committee invite all Kiwanians to come and explore the "new and improved" Big Easy. The convention programs will entertain, educate, and excite all Kiwanians and their families, and have been designed to take full advantage of facilities and services offered by the Ritz Carlton. The French Quarter is conveniently located just out the backdoor of the Ritz and will host some of the special programs for the convention.

Every Kiwanis Club in the District is encouraged to send a minimum of three delegates to represent your club at the convention. Come to New Orleans to relax, enjoy the food and music of the Crescent City, and learn more about what you can do for your community as a Kiwanian!



... and we're **BETTER** than ever!!

Convention Registration: 2 Packages to select from

Kiwanians attending the 91st Annual District Convention can select from two Registration Packages to custom fit your convention experience:

1. "A La Carte" Registration Package

The Kiwanis Member's "A La Carte" Registration Package includes the Fellowship Luncheon and the Coffee Breaks on Saturday, and the costs of putting on the convention - i.e., speakers, printing, etc.

The Non-Member's "A La Carte" Registration Package covers the Coffee Breaks on Saturday and the other basic costs of the convention program.

Kiwanians, Spouses and Guests selecting to register with this "A La Carte" Package have the option to purchase tickets to the Luncheon, the Saturday night Governor's Party and the Sunday Jazz Brunch.

2. The Full Registration Package

The Kiwanis Member's "Full Registration Package" includes the Fellowship Luncheon, Coffee Breaks, the costs of putting on the convention (the speakers, printing, etc.), *plus* the Saturday night Governor's Party and the Sunday Jazz Brunch.

The Non-Member's "Full Registration Package" covers the Spouses' Program, including the Continental Breakfast & Luncheon, the Saturday night Governor's Party and the Sunday Jazz Brunch.

The Youth Activities can also be purchased for the entire package or "A la Carte."

To encourage everyone to register early, the price of each registration package will increase slightly after the cut-off day of **July 10th** and again for those selecting to register once they arrive on site for the convention. These deadlines and prices will be enforced, so everyone is encouraged to plan ahead - **register early and save \$\$!**

First-Timers - Take note!

We have something special for you!

If this is your first time at a District Convention, you may have questions about what to do, where to go, etc. Governor Russ and First Lady Laurie invite you to join them at a special breakfast at 7:00 on Saturday morning, where they will give you some inside scoop on the convention and to answer any questions you may have.

We do need for you to register to attend so we know how many to prepare for - order your tickets for this breakfast using the Registration Form.

Convention Headquarters Hotel



The Ritz-Carlton Hotel

...will serve as the headquarters for the 91st Annual District Convention, July 30 to August 2, 2009.

Special Convention Rates for the will be **\$129 per night (plus tax)**. Valet parking at the hotel is priced at a special rate of **\$18 per night**.

Reservations can be made by calling the Ritz-Carlton at **(800) 826-8987**. Mention the name **"Kiwanis," 2009 Kiwanis District Convention**, or the Group Code **KDC** to book your room at this special rate.

On-line reservations can be made at www.ritzcarlton.com, using the **Group Code: KDCKDCA** (for a King Bed) or **KDCKDCB** (for a Double Room).

Reservations will be accepted by the Ritz-Carlton Hotel until June 29, 2009. Any reservation requests after that date will be accepted on a space available basis only. The hotel cannot guarantee room availability nor the special convention rate after this release date.

The Spouses' Program...

...begins with a "coffee" at the Ritz, to allow time for the spouses to gather and visit. Then board a motor coach to Longue Vue House & Gardens, "one of the country's finest city estates." Longue Vue (www.longuevue.com), a National Historic Landmark, was designed and built in 1939-1942 for Edgar Bloom Stern, a local cotton broker, and his wife Edith Rosenwald Stern, an heiress to the Sears-Roebuck fortune. Longue Vue features Classical Revival style buildings and landscaped gardens, a magnificent collection of European and American decorative and fine art pieces, museum exhibits, and a delightful museum shop. Lunch will be served at Longue Vue, and the spouses will return the Ritz in time for the drawings for the Foundation's Basket Raffle.

Highlight your convention experience with the Governor's Dinner at the Musee Conti on Saturday night to celebrate the 2008-2009 year, and conclude your weekend experience on Sunday, with a New Orleans-style Jazz Brunch to close out the Convention.

The Youth Activity Program...

... will be take the children to the Audubon Insectarium, located down Canal Street in the historic Custom House.

The Insectarium showcases the largest group of animals on the planet, insects! The visit to this one-of-a-kind, interactive Insectarium will illuminate amazing things about these tiny (and not so tiny!) creatures.

The Youth Activity Program includes a light breakfast, a ride on a streetcar, and admission fees, and lunch at the Insectarium. Additionally, the kids will assist with the Convention Project, helping collect schools supplies to each earn 1 Service Hour and a Certificate of Service.

The Friday Optional Program...

... will be tours of the National World War II Museum (www.nationalww2museum.org). The National World War II Museum, originally founded as the National D-Day Museum, features permanent exhibitions highlighting the nation's road to war, life on the Home Front, and the amphibious landings at Normandy and in the Pacific. The WWII Museum has received numerous accolades for its design and programs.

A bus will pick up the participants at the Ritz-Carlton at 9:45 a.m., and will be available at the WWII Museum should anyone wish to return early. Lunch will be "on your own" at a nearby café.

**Tickets for all of these events
are available on the
Registration Form!**

PDO Breakfast and Annual Meeting

The Past District Officers Organization (the Past & Present Lt. Governors of the District) will hold their Annual Meeting and Breakfast on Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. All convention attendees are invited and welcome to attend, and hear an informative program. Tickets can be ordered in advance using the Registration Form.



DISTRICT CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT: School Supplies

There continues to be a great need for school supplies in the Greater New Orleans area. Governor Russ and First Lady Laurie have asked all Kiwanis Clubs to participate in collecting school supplies for the area, and bring them to Convention. Even if your club is not planning on attending the convention, you can get supplies to another club in your region who is! Let's have 100% club participation - remember children make up only 20% of the world today, but they are 100% of our future! Education is the key to their future!

Once collected, the supplies will then be divided into the 4 school districts of the greater New Orleans area: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and Recovery School District.

Suggested Ideas for Donated Items: Writing Instruments, paper products, notebooks, calculators, art supplies, back packs, rulers, PE Equipment

Tentative Program-At-A-Glance

Thursday, July 30th

1:30-5:30 pm	T.A.G. Team Training—Part 1	3:00-6:00 pm	Registration
3:00-5:30 pm	2008-2009 District Council Meeting		

Friday, July 31st

7:30 am	Foundation Board Meeting & Breakfast	1:30-4:00 pm	Meeting for the 2009-10 Club Presidents and Lt. Governors
8:00 am	1st Tee Time - Kiwanis District Golf Tournament at Audubon Golf Club	3:00-4:30 pm	Fun Workshops - Session No. 2
8:00 am-6:00 pm	Registration & Credentials; Exhibits; Convention Service Project: School Supplies	3:00-4:30 pm	Meeting of the Past District Officers Organization Executive Committee
9:00-12:00 noon	T.A.G. Team Training—Part 2	3:00-4:30 pm	Meeting of the Past District Governors
9:45 am-2:00 pm	Optional Tour of the WWII Museum	5:00 pm	Opening Session of the Convention
1:00 pm-5:00 pm	District Foundation Room: “Gift Basket Raffle; Kiwanis Supplies Sale; Exhibits	7:15-10:00 pm	Optional Dinner Cruise on the Creole Queen**
1:30-3:00 pm	Fun Workshops - Session No. 1		

Saturday, August 1st - “Show Your ‘K’ Day!”

7:00 am	PDO Organization Breakfast Meeting **	10:00-10:15 am	Beverage Service
7:00 am	Governor’s Breakfast For First Timers’ **	10:15-12:10 pm	Workshops - Sessions 1 & 2
7:00-11:00 am	Registration & Credentials	12:15 pm	Fellowship Luncheon **
8:00 am-2:00 pm	District Foundation Room: “Gift Basket Raffle; Kiwanis Supplies Sale; Exhibits	2:00 pm	Foundation Annual Meeting
8:00-11:00 am	Exhibits; Convention Service Project: School Supplies	2:30-3:30 pm	Meeting Of The Certified Instructors
8:15 am-3:00 pm	Children’s Program: <i>The Insectarium</i>	4:30 pm	Divisional Caucuses
8:30 am-9:30 am	Spouses’ Coffee	6:00 pm	Retirement Of The 2008-09 District Officers
9:00-10:00 am	Saturday General Session	7:15 pm	Governor Russ’ Dinner Party **
9:45 am - 1:30 pm	Spouses’ Program & Luncheon **		<i>A celebration of the 2008-2009 Year of Service, with dinner at the Musee Conti (Historical Wax Museum of New Orleans)</i>

Sunday, August 2nd

7:00 am	Non-Denominational Service	9:30 am	Jazz Brunch & Closing Session **
7:30-8:00 am	Credentials Desk	11:30 a.m.	2008-2009 District Board Meeting
8:00 am	House of Delegates		

** - Denotes “ticketed” functions

Support the District Foundation Fund-Raisers: GIFT BASKET RAFFLE & KIWANIS SUPPLIES SALE

Your District Foundation will again hold its 2 annual Fund-Raising Programs as part of the District Convention in New Orleans. Themed “Gift Baskets” will be raffled off, with tickets available for purchase on Friday and Saturday. The drawings will be held on Saturday afternoon at the conclusion of the Foundation’s Annual Meeting. Kiwanis-branded supplies will be available for purchase on Friday and Saturday in the “Kiwanis Store.”

Important: Your Foundation needs YOUR help!

Kiwanis clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate baskets for the raffle. The “baskets” should be “themed” – like a Garden Basket, with tools, gloves, and plants in a small wheelbarrow; a Picnic Basket including cheese, crackers, wine, etc.; a Golf Basket, with balls, tees, towel, etc., in a ball bucket; or even a “Tailgating Basket, with sling chairs, umbrella, and an ice chest. These are just a few ideas - the sky is the limit with some

creativity!

The “baskets” will be displayed in the District Foundation Room. Participants will purchase tickets to try to win one or more baskets of their choice. The “Gift Basket Raffle” will conclude with drawings during the Annual Meeting.

The “Kiwanis Store” will feature Kiwanis-branded items such as shirts, jewelry, desk accessories, and so much more. Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to plan ahead for their annual installation banquets, and submit orders for their incoming and retiring officer pins and plaques at the store. The items may not be available on-sight, but can be shipped in time for the ceremonies, and the Foundation gets a commission on all orders taken at the convention.

**Support these fund-raisers
and support your Foundation!!**

Optional Activities for Convention

Celebrate 2008-09 amid the History of New Orleans!

Help celebrate the District's 2008-2009 year of service by joining Governor Russ and First Lady Laurie at the Governor's Dinner Party at the Musee Conti - The Historical Wax Museum of New Orleans.

As you arrive at the Museum, you will be greeted by a costumed tour guide who will invite you to wander the mysterious halls of History, Legend and Scandal of New Orleans. A Jazz combo will provide the sounds of the



city, and a cash bar will be available with your favorite libations.

After ample time to enjoy the museum, you will be invited to the Legend Room for a dinner buffet, and time to visit with Russ and Laurie, and your friends from throughout the Kiwanis District.

Tickets for this special event are \$50 per person, and include the tour, appetizers, and dinner.



DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT AT AUDUBON

4-Person Scramble - Tee times begin at 8:00 a.m. - limited to 24 players!
Tournament Fees: \$40.00 - Includes Golf, Cart, Prizes, Ditty Bag & Drinks
Contact David Lindsey for information: 985/801-0107 or dlindsey@bankonresource.com
www.audubongolf.com:80/courses/index.asp?id=12

The Audubon Golf Club is the oldest course in the South, with 200+ year old oak trees. Audubon was renovated in 2001 and reopened as an executive length course - playing from 3,333 to 4,189 yards.



Dinner Jazz Cruise on the Creole Queen

Experience the sights, sounds, and cuisine of New Orleans as you join with Kiwanians and other friends for a Dinner Jazz Cruise aboard the Creole Queen. What better way is there to kick off the New Orleans Convention than by enjoying a relaxing evening with friends.

Following the Opening Session of the Convention on Friday evening, shuttle buses will carry you from the Ritz-Carlton to the Mississippi River Dock, for boarding will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., cruising from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Buses will also be available to bring you back to the hotel, or you can continue your evening by strolling on in to the French Quarter for late night fun.

The menu will feature a Creole Buffet, with beverages available for purchase throughout the cruise.

Tickets for this optional Dinner Jazz Cruise are \$50 per person (ages 14 and up), and \$30 for child (ages 6-13). Because of required guarantees with the riverboat company, tickets must be purchased in advance. **No tickets will be available at "walk-in" registration in New Orleans.**

What better way is there to close out a Convention in New Orleans than with a...

SUNDAY MORNING JAZZ BRUNCH!

It's a tradition in New Orleans... one that you won't want to miss!! Indulge yourself in a delightful breakfast buffet prepared by the award-winning chefs at the Ritz! Spend some time with your friends reminiscing on all the fun you had during the convention. And if the music inspires you, get up and dance a bit! The Host Committee for the New Orleans Convention felt that there was only one way to send the Kiwanis visitors home - with a Jazz Brunch! It will provide a lasting memory to a wonderful convention!

Prior to the brunch on Sunday, a Non-Denominational Inspirational Service will be conducted, followed by the House of Delegates to conduct the business of the District. The Jazz Brunch will provide a lead in to the Closing Session, where the District Officers and Lieutenant Governors will be installed to lead the

Lagniappe (A little something extra)

New Orleans is such a fascinating city with so much to do, we couldn't possibly have scheduled every tour for everyone! So here are some other interesting things to see and do on your visit to the Crescent City. Plan to come early and stay late

Audubon Institute: Aquarium of the Americas, Insectarium, Audubon Zoo

www.auduboninstitute.org

Haunted History tours: Cities of the Dead Cemetery Tour, Voodoo tours

www.hauntedhistorytours.com

Louisiana State Museums: Mardi Gras, New Orleans Mint, Cabildo

www.lsm.crt.state.la.us

Bayou and Swamp tours: www.bigeasytours.us/tours

~ Laissez les bon temps rouler ~

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

91st Annual Convention of the La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis International

Ritz-Carlton Hotel - New Orleans, La. - July 30-August 2, 2009

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY - OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED!

Name *First (for name badge) Last*

Kiwanis Club

Spouse/Guest (only if registering)

Youth Name(s) & Age(s) - (only if registering)

P.O. Box or Street

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone Fax No.

E-mail address

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!

Check, payable to "Kiwanis District Convention"

MasterCard Visa American Express

Name as it appears on card

Card No Exp. Date

Signature

Check if applicable:

First Time Convention Attendee
 2008-09 Club President
 2009-10 Club President

REGISTRATION FEES: *NOTE: All Kiwanians, Spouses, & Guests must be registered to participate!*

CONVENTION REGISTRATION PACKAGES	How Many	Fee if postmarked/faxed...		ON-SITE FEES	TOTAL FEES:
		BY	AFTER		
		July 10th	July 10th		
REGISTRATION PLAN #1: Full Packages					
Kiwanis Member:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 275.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 290.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 315.00	\$ _____
<small>(Includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner Party, Sunday Breakfast, Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Convention Costs)</small>					
Non-Member: Spouse & Guest:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 155.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 165.00	\$ _____
<small>(Includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday Dinner Party, Sunday Breakfast, Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Convention Costs)</small>					
Youth:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 110.00	\$ _____
<small>(Includes Saturday daytime activities, Saturday Dinner, Sunday Breakfast)</small>					
REGISTRATION PLAN #2: Basic Registration Fees					
Kiwanis Member:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 210.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 225.00	\$ _____
<small>(Includes Saturday Lunch, Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Convention Costs)</small>					
Div. 4A or 4B Convention Host Volunteer (see back of form):	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 210.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 225.00	\$ _____
<small>Working with the Conv. Committee: _____ (Includes Saturday Lunch, Coffee Breaks, & the misc. Convention Costs)</small>					
Non-Member: Spouse & Guest:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	\$ _____
<small>(Covers only the basic convention costs for the Non-Member Activities)</small>					
Youth:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00	\$ _____
<small>(Covers only the basic convention costs for the Youth Activities)</small>					
Note: Attendees must be registered for the convention (Plan 1 or 2 above) to purchase any of the optional programs below!					
FRIDAY, JULY 31st	District Golf Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.00	\$ _____
	Optional Tour to WWII Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	\$ _____
	Optional Dinner Party: "Dinner Jazz Cruise" Adult Ticket:	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	n/a	\$ _____
	"Dinner Jazz Cruise" Youth Ticket (age 6 to 13):	<input type="checkbox"/> 35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 35.00	n/a	\$ _____
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st	Past District Officers Breakfast:	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	\$ _____
	"First-Timers" Breakfast:	<input type="checkbox"/> 10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00	\$ _____
	Spouse/Guest Tour & Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> 35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	\$ _____
	Youths' Daytime Activities:	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 30.00	\$ _____
	Fellowship Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.00	\$ _____
	Saturday night "Dinner at the Wax Museum!":	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 60.00	\$ _____
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd	Jazz Brunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 45.00	\$ _____

TOTAL FEES PAID: \$ _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION POLICIES

- ✦ ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE PROPERLY REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION.
- ✦ ALL KIWANIAN MUST REGISTER AS "MEMBERS." Spouses and guests who are not members of a Kiwanis club may register as "Non-Members."
- ✦ Each Kiwanian should use a separate Registration Form. "Non-Members" should be registered on the same form as the "Member" they are coming with. Additional copies may be made from an original or additional forms may be requested from the District Office.
- ✦ All Convention Registrations postmarked, faxed, or hand-delivered after July 10th are subject to the increased registration rates as published.
- ✦ JULY 24th. If registration is not sent by this date, you must hand carry your form to the Convention and register at the on-site registration desk. Do not send your registration form after July 24th - it can not be processed in time.
- ✦ No tickets can be sold separately without payment of registration fees. Meal tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ✦ No registration can be accepted unless the form is accompanied by payment. Payment may be made by check or by charge card – Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

- ✦ Make checks payable and mail this completed form to:
La.-Miss.-W.Tenn. District of Kiwanis
P.O. Box 14026
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-4026

CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE REGISTRATION

- ✦ This special Convention Registration offer (as a part of the Plan #2 Fees) is made only to those Kiwanians from the clubs within Division 4A & 4B who are actively involved on one or more of the Convention Host Committees. The Kiwanian is asked to note which specific Host Committee he/she is working with to claim the special registration offer. Members not working on any Host Committee will be expected to pay the normal registration fees to attend the convention.
- ✦ The Special Convention Registration offer is available only until July 10th. After this date, all Registration Fees will be as noted on the Registration Form.

CONVENTION CANCELLATION POLICIES

- ✦ CANCELLATION REQUESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING - phone or verbal requests can not be honored.
- ✦ There will be a \$20.00 processing fee for any cancellation request postmarked or faxed until July 24, 2009.
- ✦ NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED IF REQUEST IS POSTMARKED OR FAXED AFTER JULY 24, 2009.