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from the Governor's Gavel

By Tom Ramiccio



Tom Ramiccio

I am so proud to be a Kiwanian!

Carol and I recently attended the Key Club Convention in Orlando with over 1,500 Key clubbers. I am awestruck by the leadership that was displayed at this year's convention. They were well spoken, polite and dressed for success. My hats off to David McCampbell and his volunteer staff for delivering an inspiring program.

Key Club Governor Rene Miller was just plain awesome! His message to the delegates was motivational and inspiring. His message of service has caught fire and has energized this organization. Governor Rene will be attending MIT in the fall. I have no doubt that he will rise up and be the very best that he can be. Good luck Rene, "you're simply the best".

On Saturday the 1,500 delegates elected Doug Ream as their Governor for 2011-2012. He is also focused on service. On Saturday afternoon I had the privilege of participating in the "Walk for Eliminate". Florida Key clubbers are leading the world in Key Club donations.

Governor Rene was featured in the Eliminate promotional video. Both he and Doug will be great ambassadors for our K-Family.

One of my top priorities has been for Kiwanians to continue to support of local Key clubs and ask that each club ensure that a Kiwanian attends their meetings and show our support. Key Club is the largest high school service organization in the world.

Be proud to be a Kiwanian and get involved by developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Yours in service,

Tom Ramiccio

Florida Kiwanis Governor

Time to Serve!

2010-11 GOALS



✓ *Serve More Children*

✓ *Support Our Service Leadership Programs*

✓ *Develop Advocacy*

✓ *Encourage Club Excellence*

✓ *Provide Club Counselors*

Governor - Elect's Message



Eddie Lee

It has been 10 years since a District dues increase was proposed, considered, approved and over 2 years implemented. The increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00 was to last for 5 years and then be revisited. The way it was supposed to work was that for the first two years we would have a surplus of funds, the 3rd year would see us break even and the 4th and 5th years we would run in the red but be able to cover any shortfall with the surplus from the first two years. It was also anticipated that membership would stay the same and perhaps show a small net gain. Well we are about to enter the 9th year of the 5 year plan and for the last three years we have submitted and the various Boards have approved deficit budgets that total just under \$100,000. Actual expenses turned out to be less than budgeted and last year we had a remarkable return on investments, so we needed to draw very little from our prudent reserves to balance the budgets. However a financial strategy that depends on less spending than budgeted, combined with a hope the stock market does much better than expected, is a plan that has failure written all over it. We need a modest dues increase and that is what I am proposing. I will be asking the current Board to approve a recommendation of a 25 cent a week increase in our District dues, half due this coming October 1st and the additional half October 1st 2012. This should come as no surprise, it was talked about during the District Treasurer's report at last year's annual District Convention and our Executive Director also spoke of the need to generate more income in his annual report. A workshop was held at DCON to discuss the issue and the topic was discussed during the Zone Conferences at the Town Hall meetings.

The Florida District budget is no different than any other - it is based on revenue, with convention income and dues supplying the bulk of income, and expenses, with Administrative overhead connected to staff and the operation of the District office taking up the largest amount. So there is little opportunity to increase the events revenue unless we substantially increase attendance. The alternative to a dues increase is to increase revenue and cut cost. Much easier said than done. We have been losing members at the rate, on average, of 300 members a year for the past decade and need to be realistic about our future membership numbers. I believe this year we are going to turn the corner and have a net increase in membership, but there is no guarantee. Convention income is pretty predictable and there are few opportunities to increase income from that event. So, without a small dues increase the only way we can stay within budget and not tap our reserves is to cut overhead. Where would you suggest we start? We have 3 full time employees and one part time employee, should one or more of them be let go? Should we eliminate any or all of the following: Lt. Governor Training, CLE Training, contributions to our Service Leadership Programs, reimbursements for Board Member travel, aid for Board Members to attend conventions, Governors visits, or training held at Mid Winter conventions, Zone Conferences or Education Days.

We can continue the level of service in the Florida District if you are willing to spend a quarter a week more than you are spending now. I really hope you will give this your approval. Frankly it should have been done 2-3 years ago. Our Five Year Plan worked now it's time for a new plan.

Treasurer's Message



Allen Whetsell

Wow.....I can't believe how fast this year is going.....Having just returned from LTG Training this past weekend, I had the opportunity to meet a group of dedicated Kiwanians who have volunteered to lead the District next year. Gov. Elect Eddie Lee led the group with his vision of "Embrace the Possibilities" of Kiwanis for next year. AND, the weekend before that I had the opportunity to be at the KEY CLUB convention in Orlando. Words cannot describe the enthusiasm, passion, work accomplished and unlimited talents that were displayed by the 1500 plus students at this convention. To say farewell to Gov. Rene and hello to Gov. Doug, was a great honor for me to participate in.

Going off to Geneva for the International Convention in a few weeks will be a unique experience for me as I have never been in Europe before. Then right around the corner we will be off to Marco Island for our District Convention. This is my official call to ALL CLUBS TO HELP WITH THE "CARING CORNER".

For our SLP programs to be sustained and funding available to assist them, the Caring Corner is the major Fund Raiser. Each club is asked to bring gently used articles, games, books, reusable appliances, crafts, pictures etc etc etc.....to Marco Island. OR your club can write a check for at least \$200.00 and you will receive a banner patch from the Caring Corner. We also love homemade jams, jellies, bake goods, and all those yummy fudges and candies. ALL articles need to be listed on a donation sheet that will be emailed to club president. Also list what you consider the value. We also need LARGE \$\$ items for our auction on Saturday. Please ask for cruises, weekends away, tickets to sporting events, and those things that will bring in the BIG BUCKS. Please contact me at ADWHETSELL@aol.com with any questions. Volunteers are needed to man the corner also during the convention.

Some clubs are seriously delinquent on their dues payments. I have emailed the current class of LTG and the new LTG's regarding these payments. It is PAST TIME to make these payments. Please be sure the situation is addressed immediately and if there are issues, please contact 1-800 Kiwanis, Member Service to settle your accounts. Clubs with outstanding balances will not have their delegates seated at conventions. Please do it today.

I need to end this column with a tribute to my friend Past Gov. Donna B. Throughout my Kiwanis journey, I have had the pleasure of meeting many great people. But no one had the drive, energy, spirit and abilities to make your day a little brighter the way that Gov. Donna did. It was an extreme honor to be asked to arrange her memorial service and the tributes that were spoken that day showed the tremendous respect people had for a "Little Engine that Did". Please remember Dave and all her family in your prayers.

News from Your Executive Director

It's a Matter of Pride!

By George Langguth, Executive Director, Florida District of Kiwanis

May is "Madness Month" at your District Office. Staff has been assisting Key Club which just conducted their annual convention over Mother's Day weekend in Orlando. Our change of venues created major challenges, but the Key Club Board and Kiwanis Committee on Key Club was up to every one of them. More importantly they maintained their composure and made our nearly 1600 attendees welcome and left them with the positive feeling on the important values of service and fellowship. It is no wonder they call their monthly reports "Pride Reports." Are all of our Kiwanis activities and reports "A Matter of Pride?" If not, strive to turn your club's contributions around.

Your District Office Staff contributed countless hours to the effort and I want you to know how proud I am of Drew's, Ann's and Jose's contributions. At the same time, we were maintaining our regular responsibilities to Governor Tom Ramiccio and assisting Governor-elect Eddie Lee and Foundation President-elect Bill Knowles with their training, which took place at the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City the very next week.

Our "May Madness" continued as we raced to meet the District Convention deadlines for the June/July Kiwanian. Our convention is taking shape and I am pleased to confirm that we have secured the musical talents of Tony Buzzella for Saturday and Sunday. We have also arranged for Jack Levine for our Friday keynote speaker and Reverend Temple Hayes for our Sunday inspiration. Their information appears elsewhere in this edition.

We are also planning a relaxed low-key Friday night activity by the pool and on the Gulf of Mexico as we watch the sun set on the horizon and enjoy the tropical atmosphere of the islands including Steel drums, vocals and the spirit of "island hospitality." Whether you stop by for an hour or two or just a few minutes, we want to take the time to share in the fellowship of Kiwanis without all of the formality.

"It's a Matter of Pride" for me as your Executive Director, since 1988. Ann and I have worked with 24 Governors who have become friends and supporters. God called three Governors home this year, Jim Crum, 1966; Larry Kravet, 1987-88; and Donna Batelaan, 2005-06. Their leadership, like their predecessors and successors, helped guide this great Florida District. We were proud to have shared, in some small way, their impact on Kiwanis, just as they shared their love of mankind with us. Please remember their partners, Pat, Maria, and Dave in your thoughts and prayers.



George Langguth

Have you registered for Marco Island yet?



**Hotel deadline is approaching:
July 26, 2011**

**Marco Island Marriott Resort,
Golf Club and Spa Reservations:
\$99.00, Deadline: July 26, 2011
800-438-4373**



Don't forget to honor club, division or district officers

See program book ad form at
www.floridakiwanis.com
under Marco Island Convention

Don't Miss these Dynamic Keynote Speakers

The Strength of Diversity; The Power of Unity

This keynote address gives an advocate's perspective on the importance of community involvement in improving the status of children and family members at every stage of life. The value of partnerships, strategic communications and effective outreach to community opinion leaders will be emphasized to empower new successes for the Florida District of Kiwanis.



Jack Levine

After a 25-year tenure as president of Voices for Florida's Children, a statewide advocacy network, Jack founded 4Generations Institute to promote intergenerational policies and programs that benefit the young, their parents, and more experienced family members....also known as grandparents. Jack served on the Charter Board Voices for America's Children, a nationwide advocacy network which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary.

In addition, he is President of Advocacy Resources, a consultancy specializing in communications strategies, public policy initiatives, and creative resource development. Jack holds a Masters of Science in Child Development and Family Studies from Purdue University, and a B.A. in English Literature from Hunter College, City University of New York. Jack and his wife, Charlotte, are 32-year residents of Tallahassee. Their sons, Aaron and Josh, both work as educators.

The 4Generations Institute is dedicated to promote inter-generational conversations and connections for the mutual benefit of all age groups.

The Institute inspires a new level of commitment to volunteerism and professional services which span the generational divide and provides counsel for public policy and private sector initiatives for improving family and community life.

Contact: Jack Levine, 4Generations Institute, jack@4Gen.org, 850.567.5252

Embracing Diversity

Temple Hayes is an international motivational speaker, an author and an ordained Unity minister. She has been a keynote speaker for organizations like American Cancer Society, a trainer for companies like Procter and Gamble and a consultant for many healthcare companies, other businesses and not for profits. Temple Hayes is currently CEO of Unity Campus, a New Thought center, in St. Petersburg, Florida that transcends religious denominations, embraces all ethnicities, and reaches beyond national borders. She is the host of her own radio show, "From Good to Amazing" on www.Unity.FM and recently completed her newest book from DeVorss Publishing, "How to Speak Unity."

Beyond these leadership roles, her life works expand to include a diversity of gifts from being a shamanic healer to being an All American Softball player with a batting average of .616. In addition, Temple Hayes was elected to Outstanding Young Women of America in 1988; to the International Who's Who of American Professionals in 1997; to the American Biographical Institute for Great Women of the 21st Century for 2006; and to the National Association of Professional Women in 2008. She has also been honored with the Footprints Award by the National Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority for outstanding community service.



TENTATIVE 2011 CONVENTION PROGRAM

2011 Florida District Convention – Marco Island Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa
Marco Island, FL – August 25-28, 2011

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

RESOURCE HALL & EXHIBITS

Set aside an hour to improve yourself and your club. Stop by vendors, exhibitors and District Chair resource tables. Pick up valuable materials.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm - REGISTRATION

10:00 am - 5:00 pm - CREDENTIALS

10:00 am - 5:00 pm - CARING CORNER, GIFT GALLERY & KIWANIS STORE

1:00 pm

FINAL OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2010-11 FLORIDA KIWANIS DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

6:00 pm

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP RECEPTION

For 2010-11 District Board, District Chairs and Invited Guests

6:30 pm

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DINNER

For 2010-11 District Board, District Chairs and Invited Guests

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 am - 7:00 pm - REGISTRATION

8:00 am - 5:00 pm - CREDENTIALS

8:00 am

PAST GOVERNORS' BREAKFAST

8:00 am

FLORIDA KIWANIS FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

CARING CORNER & GIFT GALLERY

Set aside an hour to improve yourself and your club.

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

RESOURCE HALL & EXHIBITS

9:00 am - 9:50 am - MORNING EDUCATIONAL FORUMS - SET 1

Club Leadership Education (CLE) – Session 1 of 4 (Final Makeup Opportunity for 2011-12 Club

Officers.) Donna Parton, Master Instructor
Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) – *Fine to Fabulous: 10 tactics to energize and strengthen your Service Leadership Programs(s)*. Laura Zabel Hockstra, Kiwanis International Area Director of SLP Growth

New Club Secretaries

Jose Josinvil, Florida District Technology Administrator and George Langguth, Executive Director

Live Your Power

Jenny Craig, Kiwanis Club of Pelican Bay, Naples

10:00 am - 10:50 am

MORNING EDUCATIONAL FORUMS SET 2

Club Leadership Education (CLE) – Session 2 of 4 (Final Makeup Opportunity for 2011-12 Club Officers.) Donna Parton, Master Instructor

Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) – *Understanding what's going on with teens and tweens*. Laura Zabel Hockstra, Kiwanis International Area Director of SLP Growth

Liability Insurance and Risk Management
Bob Filichia, District Risk Manager

ELIMINATE

Chuck and Emilia Gugliuzza, District Chairs

11:00 am - 11:50 am

MORNING EDUCATIONAL FORUMS SET 3.

Club Leadership Education (CLE) – Session 3 of 4. (Final Makeup Opportunity for 2011-12 Club Officers.) Donna Parton, Master Instructor

Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) – Officer Training Best Practice.

Laura Zabel Hockstra, Kiwanis International Area Director of SLP Growth

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Eddie Lee, 2011-12 Florida Kiwanis Governor

Southern Scholarship Foundation

Mickey S. Moore, President

12:15 pm

INTER-CLUB LUNCHEON

Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Flagler County. Featuring Keynote Address, *"The Strength of Diversity, The Power of Unity"* by Jack Levine, Founder 4Generations Institute and presentation of awards to 2009-10 Club of the Year and Finalists by Immediate Past Governor Donna Parton.

2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL FORUMS - SET 1

Club Leadership Education (CLE) – Session 4 of 4 (Final Makeup Opportunity for 2011-12 Club Officers.) Donna Parton, Master Instructor

Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) – *Fine to Fabulous: 10 tactics to energize and strengthen your Service Leadership Programs(s)*, Laura Zabel Hockstra, Kiwanis International Area Director of SLP Growth

Key Leader

Young Children: Priority One (YC:PO)
Celia Earle, District Chair

3:30 pm - 4:20 pm

AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL FORUMS - SET 2

Service Leadership Programs (SLP's) – *Collaborating with your Service Leadership Program club(s) to lead great projects*. Laura Zabel Hockstra, Kiwanis International Area Director of SLP Growth

2010-11 Club Presidents and Lt. Governors
Tom Ramiccio, 2010-11 Florida Kiwanis Governor

Healthy Families Florida

Carol McNally, Executive Director, Healthy Families Florida and Douglas Sessions, Jr., President and CEO, The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida.

Kiwanis 101

Bob Carpenter, District Chair

5:00 pm

CREDENTIALS DESK closes for the day

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5:30 pm
DINNER ON YOUR OWN - Then join us at the pool or beach to watch the sunset

6:00 pm
AKTION CLUB DANCE & PARTY

7:00 pm
REGISTRATION closes for the day

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
CELEBRATE THE SUNSET
Enjoy the rhythm and fellowship of the Islands as we gather informally poolside and beachside to watch the sun disappear on the horizon. (Island music. Optional refreshments may be available. Plans not yet finalized)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

6:00 am - 3:00 pm
REGISTRATION

7:00 am
PAST LT. GOVERNORS' BREAKFAST

7:00 am – until voting is concluded.
CREDENTIALS

8:00 am
ORGANIZATION OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES - Session begins 8:30

8:30 am
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

9:00 am - 11:00 am
AKTION CLUB CONFERENCE

9:00 am - 4:00 pm
RESOURCE HALL & EXHIBITS
Set aside an hour to improve yourself and your club. Stop by vendors, exhibitors and District Chair resource tables. Pick up valuable materials.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
CARING CORNER AND GIFT GALLERY

11:30 am
INTERCLUB LUNCHEON – Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Lake Worth. Featuring the Farewell Address of 2010-11 Kiwanis Governor Tom Ramiccio

1:45 pm - 2:35 pm
AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL FORUMS - SET 1

2011-12 Lt. Governors
2011-12 Governor Eddie Lee

Achieving Club Excellence (ACE) – Session 1 of 3 - Rhonda Vrell, Kiwanis International Area Director of Growth and Education

ELIMINATE
Chuck and Emilia Gugliuzza, District Chairs

Human and Spiritual Values

Florida Fights Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
Rick Oppenheim

2:45 pm - 3:35 pm
AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL FORUMS - SET 2

2011-12 Club Presidents – Session 1 of 2
2011-12 Governor Eddie Lee

Achieving Club Excellence (ACE) – Session 2 of 3 - Rhonda Vrell, Kiwanis International Area Director of Growth and Education

2012-13 Lt. Governors
2011-12 Governor-elect Allen Whetsell

Meet Your District Office Staff
Ann, Drew, Jose and George

3:45 pm - 4:35 pm
AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL FORUMS - SET 3

2011-12 Club Presidents – Session 2 of 2
2011-12 Governor Eddie Lee

Achieving Club Excellence (ACE) – Session 3 of 3 - Rhonda Vrell, Kiwanis International Area Director of Growth and Education

Long Range Strategic Planning
F. James “Jim” Wylie, Jr., District Chair

Social Networking
Todd Smith, District Chair

4:00 pm
RESOURCE HALL & EXHIBITS
close for the convention.

4:00 pm
CARING CORNER & GIFT GALLERY
closes for the day.

6:15 pm
DISTRICT RECEPTION

6:45 pm
2010-11 BOARD RETIREMENT AND 2011-12 BOARD INSTALLATION DINNER– Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches. Featuring the Inaugural Address of 2011-12 Governor Eddie Lee

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

7:45 am - 8:15 am
BREAKFAST SERVICE PRECEDING MEMORIAL RECOGNITION AND INSTALLATION OF 2011-12 FLORIDA KIWANIS DISTRICT CHAIRS & 2011-12 FLORIDA KIWANIS FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

8:20 am
Memorial Reflections and Installation of 2011-12 District Chairs and 2011-12 Florida Kiwanis Foundation Board. Featuring an Inspirational Address by Reverend Temple Hayes, CEO of Unity Campus, a New Thought center, in St. Petersburg, Florida

CARING CORNER AND GIFT GALLERY
Opens immediately following breakfast

10:00 a–m
CONCLUSION OF CONVENTION

10:30 am -
OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE 2011-12 FLORIDA KIWANIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

11:00 am - **HOTEL CHECK OUT**

Florida Kiwanis Foundation

FKF Ralph Davis Fellow/Lady

By Tom Thayer, President

Greetings from YOUR Florida Kiwanis Foundation. Before we discuss Ralph Davis Awards, let me remind you that a lot of valuable information about the Florida Kiwanis Foundation and its programs is available at www.FKF-online.org.

The Ralph Davis Fellow/Lady is named after the First Florida Kiwanis Foundation President in 1971. Ralph also served as Governor of the Florida District in 1973-74. This is the most prestigious award available from the Florida Kiwanis Foundation. It takes a one time contribution of \$1,000 to the Florida Kiwanis Foundation to give or receive the Ralph Davis Fellow/Lady Award. The funds generated from the Ralph Davis Program go into the Foundation Endowment Fund and provide perpetual benefits, as only the earnings from the Endowment Fund are used, primarily for Grants to Clubs or Divisions. As usual, checks should be made payable to the Florida Kiwanis Foundation. The Foundation is an IRS 501 (C) 3 organization for tax reporting. The checks can be routed through your Division Trustee or sent directly to the Foundation at the District office listed below.

As we approach the end of the Kiwanis year, please keep the Ralph Davis Fellow/Lady in mind to reward your outgoing outstanding Lt. Governor, Trustee, Club President, Outstanding member, etc. This award may also be presented to outstanding individuals in your community. This prestigious award is accompanied by a shadow box, medallion and lapel pin.

Keep in mind that your Foundation Trustee is there and available to serve you individually and to serve your club. The Foundation has numerous programs that we will emphasize throughout the year. These include Annual Gift, Grants, Legacy Society, Robert Thal, Sustaining, etc. So, become friends of your Florida Kiwanis Foundation Trustee.

"Leaving a Legacy for the Children"
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News From Your District Chairs

Every Child a Swimmer

By Jim Martin, District Chair, ECAS

*"Spring has sprung. The grass cause has risen.
Weather's warm. It's time fer swimmen."*

But knowing how isn't the only knowledge needed. Sure, we can recite a series of "Rules" and probably forget them under stress. Understanding the "why" of the rules probably would help us to follow them one act at a time when a particular rule is relevant to the situation.

For instance, "Never swim alone" is easy to say. DUH. Everyone knows that is because if anything went wrong while you were in the water there would be someone to help you or go for help. But How far would they have to go to call for help - How would they get there - How long until help could arrive?

"Never swim alone." How simple - How complex - when trouble comes unexpectedly. Knowing "Why" as well as "How" can make swimming safer and more enjoyable. It can also be an incentive to learn how to swim.

For us, it is an incentive to make sure every child learns to swim and to follow water safety rules. And thus enjoy the benefits: Be healthy; save lives and have fun. "Every Child a Swimmer" is not just a fancy slogan. It is a noble goal and Kiwanis family project.



Jim Martin

Community Services

By Errol C. Saint A. Hanson, District Chair, Community Services

"Community service is an investment in the future and well being of those around you." A quote from a student volunteer Ethan Lassiter and it parallels what Kiwanis is all about,

**"A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS
DEDICATED TO CHANGING THE WORLD ONE
CHILD ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME".**

The beauty of these two pronouncements is the total disregard of any reward to the giver, which is also reiterated by most Kiwanians as to why they do not submit their Chairpersons' monthly reports.

I am honored and proud to be exposed to what you do by the reports submitted. Therefore I am privileged to share with you my estimates of your achievements. Currently there are approximately 280 clubs in our District. Using a sample size of 20% (56 clubs) for the period October – February we have actually performed 19,652 service hours, touched the lives of 268,715 people and have spent \$45,172. doing so. How could I not say THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Let us extrapolate using the average of the sample it implies for the year 2010/11 Community Services (280 clubs) has the potential of performing 236,000 service hours, touch the lives of 3,225,000 individuals (individuals will and can have multiple touch) and expend over \$542,000. That would be each club spending 70 hrs. touching over 900 lives and expending \$161. per month. By any standard this would be exceptional work, however we will only know if it's reported.

With all you do, I am requesting that each club makes a major push to do a NEW project over the next four months. When you do please let me know and for all the clubs that do not report please take this opportunity to make this new project be the first that you report.

For those Chairpersons who have never reported the district office is constantly working to make it easier, please stay tuned as there are two exciting development for reporting coming from the District office in the near future.

Again THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Errol C. Saint A. Hanson



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Show Your Light - Report Your Projects!

By Dawn Campbell, District Chair Club Awards/Administration

You took the time to serve and you made a difference in lives of many. Let your light shine! Your club could be the next Club of the Year. Complete your monthly reports and submit the award application, and you are on your way to being the STAR club of our District. This coveted award can bring recognition not only to your club but to your Division and our District. It can increase awareness of Kiwanis, help recruit potential members, and validate all you do in Making a Difference.



Diana Christen

Submit your Committee Reports monthly to floridakiwanis.com and your Official Club Report to kiwanisone.org. Online reporting makes preparation and submission of the Outstanding Club of the Year application a lot easier. It will be faster to tabulate the required information such as money donated, the number of service hours and individuals who benefitted from projects conducted between October 1 and September 30. Solicit nominations from organizations or individuals who benefitted from your service projects. Maintain a scrapbook of all your activities and submit it with your application. Applications are due in November; start preparing now. It's a team effort, so have the committee chairs help complete their sections.

Many awards are available from the Florida District Awards Program. File a separate Committee Report for each award; including International Understanding. Attend District Convention in August and learn lots more about these awards.

Contact me at dawnacampbell@bellsouth.net if you need help filing your reports.

Membership Education

By Melanie Winternheimer, District Chair, Education

By mid-June, the Club Leadership Education (CLE) programs will be completed and all of the incoming club presidents and secretaries will be fully trained in their



Melanie Winternheimer

responsibilities for the upcoming Kiwanis year. This is not only a requirement for your club to achieve "Distinguished Club" status it is also the opportunity to get all the tools necessary for your club have a successful year.

Coming up August 25th-28th is the 94th Annual Florida District Convention in Marco Island. The Educational Programs that will be offered at the convention are being established by Governor-elect Eddie Lee and his education team but they promise to be an awesome collection of material presented by the best trainers in the District. Beginning on Friday and continuing through Saturday afternoon there will be dozens of workshops and presentations on Service Leadership Programs; Kiwanis Growth; Club Officer Education; Kiwanis Traditions and much more. In addition, there will be resource tables provided by the Florida District Chairs offering valuable Kiwanis information to take back to your Club.

If you need information on leadership development or Kiwanis education please don't hesitate to let me or the staff at the Florida Kiwanis District Office know! We are here to help you learn how to grow your club through information and educational opportunities and to see your members serve successfully in your communities!

Community Haven Adults with Disabilities Give Back!

By Madeline L. McGrail, Director, Occupational Training, Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc.

On Wednesday, March 30th, 2011, participants of the Adult Day Training program at Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities held a fundraiser to support the Red Cross relief efforts for those affected by the Earthquake and Tsunami earlier in the month. Lead by members of the Aktion Club, a service club for adults with disabilities sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, participants in Community Haven's Culinary Arts Program and Health and Nutrition classes raised \$300 to send to the Red Cross.

Each month these groups collaborate on a Healthy Fare luncheon promoting healthy choice eating coupled with community service and support. In the wake of the March 11th destruction, the leadership of the Aktion Club wanted to do what they could to help those most affected by this disaster. With the luncheon coming up they decided to focus their fundraising effort for this cause.

Clients enjoyed a meal of pizza, salad and dessert with a healthy twist! Everyone favorite meal seems to be pizza, so the nutrition and culinary classes researched healthy recipes and come up with a delicious menu which consisted of three separate types of pizza loaded with fresh vegetables, lean meats and fat free sauces. Dessert was bran crusted pizza, yogurt sauce and fresh fruit pizza! All served with a big salad and a Greek pizza muffin.

The mission of Aktion Club is: To provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their communities. The Sarasota Chapter of the Kiwanis Club supports our clients in their endeavor to become competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service. Under the guidance of the Community Haven's staff and Kiwanis Club Volunteer Sponsors, participants plan, prepare and serve their work mates and community through cooperative action in a total effort to excel. With each luncheon the club members are beginning to realize that they can accomplish an established goal by everybody taking part willingly.

Through ticket sales and additional, generous donations the members of Aktion Club were able to triple their original goal of \$100 to send a check to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund on behalf of Community Haven and the Kiwanis Club of Sarasota for \$300! Proving, yet again, that character development has no disability.



Kiwanis Club of Eustis by Karen LeHeup-Smith

Submitted by Bud Brown, District Chair, Club Newsletters



Eustis Kiwanis Members and Eustis Middle school Builders Club members and advisers.

On April 28, 2011 the Kiwanis Club of Eustis realized a dream.... and a commitment. The Eustis Middle School Builders Club received their charter in a ceremony facilitated by Kiwanis of Eustis President Olivia Spilotros.

This event was the culmination of a determined Kiwanis member, Lance Pauli. On the journey Kiwanis members were pleased to find knowledgeable Kiwanis International staff, local District 9 Kiwanis Club mentors and advisers, receptive school administrators and staff, and eager students. Over 24 students were inducted and the Builders Club officers were installed. The event was attended by local government officials, School Board members and Kiwanis District officials. Congratulations to the Eustis Middle School Builders Club and to the Kiwanis Club of Eustis.

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Kiwanis Club Of Flagler County Lends Some Hands On Kiwanis One Day

By Sal Passalacqua, Kiwanis Club of Flagler County

Flagler County Council kicked off the Department of Juvenile Justices 2011 Youth Success week, by hosting the Flagler County Kiwanis "ONE" Work Day on April 2, 2011 from 9am-12pm at the DJJ Community Garden. Every year local Kiwanis Groups sponsor a work day, within their community. The Kiwanis Club of Flagler County called and asked if there was anything they could do at the Flagler DJJ Community Garden.

Not only did Kiwanis members and their families work the garden, they actually finished the installation and planting of a complete Vertical Garden. Under the guidance of Garden Manager: Master Gardener Chuck Smarr, and a number of Community Garden Advisory Council representatives, the new Vertical Garden is literally up and running. The addition of this garden will greatly expand garden vegetable production, increasing donation to local food pantries, and continuing to help feed Flagler's Hungry.

The Community Garden was nominated and selected by USDA as an official "People's Garden". To date over 125 bushels have been donated to food pantries in Flagler County. Kiwanis members were joined by some K-Kids from



Old Kings Elementary School. The Kiwanis Club of Flagler County will continue to support the Community Garden with special work days with members for fellowship.

Thank you to Cheryl Massero and the volunteers of the Community Garden for allowing the Kiwanis Club of Flagler County to help.



Niceville-Valparaiso Renovates Sharing And Caring

By Michael Davis, Public Relations Chair, Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso



Pictured are Don Selby, Dick Palmer, George Murphy, Jim Howard, John Woodward, Vern McGraw, Matthew Avery and Deacon, and Jim Lindsey.

The Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso recently completed a renovation of the Niceville Sharing and Caring facility by building and installing new tables and shelves. This renovation expanded their storage capacity and increased the number of families they can serve.

Sharing and Caring helps people in our community with emergency food, rent, clothing, and utilities assistance. Since 1989 they have helped more than 100,000 people and the Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso has been there from the beginning. The club was responsible for organizing construction of the original building and completed an addition to the facility in 1993, expanding their services. The Niceville-Valparaiso club supports Sharing and Caring throughout the year by participating in food drives, with the Edge Elementary School K-Kids Club and Niceville High School Key Club, donating school supplies, and delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets.

Lehigh Acres Sponsors Nick's Kid Show

By Robert Anderson, Lehigh Acres Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Lehigh Acres sponsors The Nick's Kids Show (for the fifth year) during the Lehigh Acres Spring Festival March 18-26th 2011.

In the picture below the some of the children Nick entertains during the week and in the Kiwanis orange is Lt Gov. Bruce Boyd.



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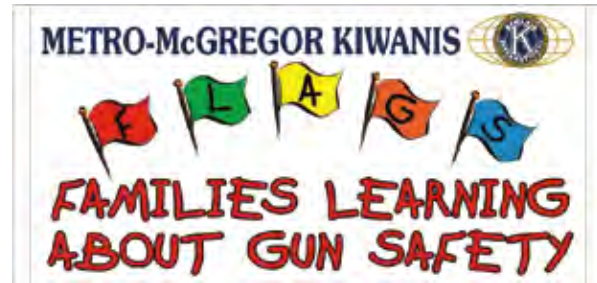
Club	Oct. Mths#	Current Mths#	SLP	Projects	Hours
Division 1					
Big Lagoon-Pensacola	70	69	4	58	3216
Central Pensacola	19	18	2	26	376
Crestview	36	36	2	0	0
Destin	29	23	6	207	649
Fort Walton Beach	53	50	5	9	2285
Freeport	29	28	1	45	1528
Milton	20	20	1	20	946
Niceville-Valparaiso	56	54	3	26	545
Pensacola	17	17	2	1	62
Playground Area (The), Fort Walton Beach	19	19	0	21	64
Santa Rosa Sunrise, Milton	17	17	2	158	1586
Warrington	11	8	1	138	1711
Division 2					
Bonifay	61	62	2	0	0
Chipley	61	60	4	0	0
Defuniak Springs	69	72	5	52	1296
Graceville	11	11	1	0	0
Marianna	65	65	0	0	0
Panama City	102	96	6	1	80
Panama City Beach	19	15	4	39	459
Port St. Joe	13	13	1	0	0
Saint Andrew, Panama City	18	21	1	13	1171
Division 3					
Bradfordville, Tallahassee	26	26	1		1
Capital City, Tallahassee	49	45	4	41	355
Greensboro	10	10	0	0	0
Havana	28	28	1	0	60
Lake Jackson	17	17	1	0	0
Madison	26	30	0	0	0
Monticello	34	33	0	0	0
Perry	39	39	1	4	56
Quincy	21	18	3	0	0
Tallahassee	87	87	3	0	0
Tallahassee Northside	10	10	1	8	115
Tallahassee Southside	18	19	3	0	0
Tallahassee-Killearn	33	30	4	84	572
Division 4					
Baker County	12	12	1	0	0
Gainesville	63	59	5	8	245
Jasper	19	23	0	5	50
Lake City	99	91	1	2	40
Lake Region (The)-Keystone Heights-Melrose	38	37	3	51	586
Live Oak	38	34	1	0	0
Santa Fe	19	22	1	41	488
Starke	46	49	4	4	65
University City (The), Gainesville	72	70	5	0	0
Division 5					
Arlington, Jacksonville	11	12	2	0	0
Deerwood	13	14	1	5	15
Fernandina Beach	21	21	0	0	0
Historic St. Augustine	42	40	3	10	648
Jacksonville	34	34	3	0	0
Jacksonville Beaches	26	28	4	31	141
Saint Augustine	69	66	4	11	983
Westside Jacksonville	15	15	2	27	397
Division 6					
Azalea City (The), Palatka	64	61	2	148	1845
Friendship of Ocala	14	20	2	38	537
Ft. King at Ocala	21	17	1	0	4
Lake Weir	25	24	2	21	2210
Ocala	112	113	1	3	60
Palatka	37	36	2	0	4
Silver Springs Shores	25	24	2	12	1811
Division 7					
Daytona Beach	54	50	2	5	82
Deland	34	34	5	0	0
Deltona-Southwest	18	19	5	12	178
Volusia	22	24	2	12	355
Flagler County	31	30	6	0	0
Flagler, Palm Coast	17	18	2	0	0
Holly Hill	46	44	1	4	177
Ormond Beach	13	13	1	0	0
Seabreeze-Daytona Beach	13	13	1	0	0
Division 8					
Brooksville	90	90	9	27	590
Brooksville Ridge	44	44	1	7	47
Central Ridge-Crystal River	22	23	1	37	1171
Dade City	41	42	0	4	93
Dunnellon	29	29	2	0	0
Homosassa Springs	22	22	3	2	261
Inverness	32	37	1	13	1690
Ridge Manor	14	9	0	17	244
Spring Hill	45	41	3	35	6599
The Nature Coast	39	42	1	28	1310
Zephyrhills	19	18	4	17	373
Division 9					
Astor	22	23	1	60	702
Bushnell	6	6	0	0	0
Clermont	79	85	6	89	1988
Eustis	26	27	2	4	117
Golden Triangle (The), Eustis	30	23	0	5	35
Lady Lake	33	36	5	4	400
Leesburg	31	29	4	0	133
Leesburg, Sunrise	45	45	0	2	18
Minneola	16	10	0	0	0
Mount Dora	84	89	1	22	1895
South Lake, Clermont	34	38	1	2	186
Tavares-Safe Harbor	39	41	1	21	230
Umatilla	42	43	3	12	893
Wildwood	14	15	2	8	1250
Division 10					
Altamonte-Longwood	18	19	1	4	226
Avalon Park	50	57	9	74	1574
Central Orlando	39	33	1	0	0
Citrus Kiwanis Club of Orlando	0	7	0	6	37
East Orange County	29	30	17	55	869
East Orlando	27	27	1	3	67
Kissimmee	24	20	3	32	411
North Orlando	31	34	2	5	265
Division 11					
Cape Canaveral-Port Canaveral	18	18	1	3	330
Cocoa	20	18	1	0	0
Cocoa Beach	34	37	1	3	50
Eau Gallie, Sunrise	16	15	1	42	516
Melbourne	31	23	3	7	585
Merritt Island	13	14	4	11	212
Rockledge	20	16	0	11	353
Titusville	14	15	7	15	1755
Titusville Sunrise	12	12	2	60	1076
Division 12					
Countryside, Clearwater	34	37	3	86	1147
Dunedin	27	24	3	13	308
Largo-Mid-Pinellas	19	20	1	5	227
North Pinellas	15	16	2	0	10
Safety Harbor	38	40	2	29	344
Springtime City, Clearwater	44	42	1	14	1133
West Pasco, New Port Richey	17	18	4	25	1451
Division 13					
Gulf Beaches	20	21	4	23	603
Midtown, Saint Petersburg	10	10	0	20	56
Pinellas Park	22	23	2	84	1149
Seminole	32	38	4	34	3532
Seminole Breakfast St Petersburg	23	24	1	172	977
Sunshine City, Saint Petersburg	121	130	3	14	1195
Saint Petersburg	56	57	7	47	698

	OL Miles	Current Miles	SLP	Projects	Hours	OL Miles	Current Miles	SLP	Projects	Hours	OL Miles	Current Miles	SLP	Projects	Hours
Division 14															
Carrollwood, Tampa	31	32	3	16	327	98	81	4	83	706	87	80	2	0	0
Greater Brandon	34	32	3	22	458	33	29	2	3	11	24	28	4	20	824
Greater Tampa Bay	25	25	3	0	0	18	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midtown Tampa	16	14	1	0	0										
Plant City	45	37	8	7	314										
Sun City Center	33	34	5	10	322										
Tampa	126	119	8	44	548										
Temple Terrace	11	10	7	0	0										
Division 15															
Arcadia	17	17	1	0	0										
Bartow	82	82	2	12	210										
Citrus Center (The), Lakeland	72	76	3	16	494										
Davenport-Four Corners	13	17	2	5	1063										
Greater Haines City	13	13	1	21	300										
Lake Placid	16	16	1	0	150										
Lake Wales	28	28	1	0	0										
Lakeland	225	210	5	51	525										
Mulberry	17	21	5	13	1126										
North Lakeland	34	37	5	16	1003										
Sebring	35	40	5	10	547										
Wauchula	53	53	1	1	9										
Winter Haven	67	72	5	246	3287										
Division 16															
Fort Pierce	19	24	1	1	16										
Fort Pierce Sunrise	21	23	2	9	369										
Jensen Beach	14	16	4	7	1800										
Okeechobee	60	56	1	6	244										
Stuart	48	48	10	13	534										
Vero-Treasure Coast	32	33	3	6	253										
Division 17															
Anna Maria Island	37	33	1	29	175										
Bradenton	148	137	5	3	700										
Cortez, Bradenton	17	17	1	12	54										
Lakewood Ranch	19	16	6	2	14										
Manatee Sunrise	28	30	3	38	356										
North Manatee	22	30	4	26	252										
Oneco	10	10	1	10	111										
West Bradenton	13	13	3	34	557										
Division 18N															
Longboat Key	52	56	0	2	156										
Sarasota	98	81	4	83	706										
Siesta Key	33	29	2	3	11										
South Sarasota	18	17	1	0	0										
Division 18S															
Englewood-Cape Haze	11	14	3	1	243										
Knight Owls North Port	32	21	0	7	4927										
North Port	20	21	0	52	397										
North Port Early Birds	18	22	2	61	688										
Port Charlotte	22	19	2	18	85										
Port Charlotte Sunrise	29	26	4	55	675										
Punta Gorda	56	56	1	75	390										
Venice	30	34	4	7	406										
Division 19															
Cape Coral	89	97	5	80	2050										
Estero-Gulf Coast	11	10	1	1	111										
Fort Myers	37	33	1	8	1279										
Fort Myers Beach	30	33	1	0	0										
Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands	23	26	1	12	192										
Fort Myers Metro-McGregor	32	37	1	73	1599										
Fort Myers South	16	18	1	25	397										
Fort Myers-Edison	19	19	2	28	309										
Greater Pine Island	30	29	1	1	85										
Harney Point-Cape Coral	20	24	8	3	446										
La Belle	32	27	2	0	0										
Lehigh Acres	60	61	7	177	4595										
North Fort Myers	14	15	3	0	0										
Rivertdale-Lee County	12	12	0	0	0										
San Carlos Park-Estero	15	14	3	0	0										
Sanibel-Captiva Islands	101	104	0	0	0										
Division 20															
Flagler Sunrise, West Palm Beach	19	20	1	9	674										
Jupiter-Tequesta	50	51	2	82	1141										
Lake Park	15	18	3	7	728										
North Palm Beaches (The)	25	26	2	2	1028										
Northside West Palm Beach	17	18	0	36	458										
Palm Beach	26	23	1	0	0										
Palm Beach Gardens	29	29	3	24	676										
Riviera Beach	22	19	0	8	1440										
Singer Island-Sunrise	27	25	7	49	1145										
West Palm Beach	20	21	1	25	505										
Greater Sunrise in Broward	12	12	1	0	0										
Lauderdale Lakes	76	80	4	18	696										
Lauderhill Eagles	20	12	0	0	0										
Margate-Coconut Creek	15	12	5	0	0										
North Lauderdale	26	26	0	0	0										
Oakland Park	55	59	3	101	1917										
Pompano Beach	28	28	1	19	1470										
Pompano Beach Westside	17	18	1	0	0										
Tamarac	40	26	3	50	1775										
West Palm Beach	87	80	2	0	0										
Westside, West Palm Beach	24	28	4	20	824										
Young Professionals of Palm Beaches	0	25	0	0	0										
Division 21															
Boca Raton	20	21	6	17	448										
Boynton Beach	16	17	3	31	126										
Delray Beach	16	15	2	3	9										
Delray Beach Sunrise	33	28	1	9	132										
Gold Coast Knights, Boca Raton	18	18	2	13	339										
Greentrees City	16	17	7	6	32										
Hypoluxo-Lantana Sunrise	28	26	2	51	826										
Lake Worth	26	26	4	22	453										
Palm Springs	13	12	4	19	157										
Division 22															
East Naples	20	23	1	3	467										
Golden Gate, Naples	10	12	2	33	349										
Marco Island	73	71	1	17	849										
Naples	48	50	2	12	220										
Naples-On-The-Gulf	26	27	3	30	2284										
Northside Naples	45	46	5	55	4050										
Pelican Bay, Naples	42	37	4	0	0										
Division 23															
Central Broward/ Ft. Lauderdale	48	49	4	0	0										
Coral Springs	31	28	7	46	953										
Deerfield Beach	51	50	1	18	268										
Deerfield Beach West	23	20	1	22	672										

Liberty Middle School Builders Club Creates Butterfly Garden

By Roger Patterson, Friendship Kiwanis Club of Ocala

Seeking a rewarding contribution for their Adopt-A-Park projects at Liberty Park in southwest Ocala, the Liberty Middle School Builders Club proposed creation of a butterfly garden to county park officials. Once approved, Frank Hofstatter, liaison for their Friendship Kiwanis Club of Ocala sponsors, arranged for fellow Kiwanis club members to provide plants noted for attracting butterflies. From the park's approved list, 25 Tickseed and Blanket Flower plants were purchased for the project. Guided by Liberty Middle School faculty co-advisors, Louann Boemio and Alexan Johnson, club members worked hard planting the park garden to attract butterflies with much appreciated help from Alexan's father, Ronald Taylor, digging though the hard soil.



By Patrice Cunningham, Public Relations Chairperson, Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club

F.L.A.G.S stands for Families Learning about Gun Safety and is an exciting new program offered by Metro-McGregor Kiwanis.

F.L.A.G.S resident hero is Eddie Eagle. Eddie Eagle has a simple rule if a child finds a gun they should:

STOP!
Don't Touch!
Leave the Area!
Tell an Adult!



Our hero Eddie Eagle, is the star of the cartoon video where he is featured telling kids that guns aren't toys, and shouldn't be played with by girls or boys.

This safety tip is reinforced through activity books and other freebies F.L.A.G.S provides children. F.L.A.G.S doesn't take a position on whether guns are good or bad and doesn't judge adult ownership of firearms. F.L.A.G.S only goal is to keep our children safe.

Each kid that participates in the program takes home an activity book, a sticker, and a certificate of merit signed by one of our trained F.L.A.G.S instructors.

F.L.A.G.S focuses on children K-12, but has programs available through high school.

Kiwanis Clubs of Sarasota Join Forces for Kiwanis One Day



Homestead Kiwanians Look to the High Heavens

by Doris D. Meneses

Let me preface this article by stating that this article is being written by a non-Kiwanian. I am not a member of any Kiwanis group. I have watched our local Kiwanis club in action for many years and have volunteered for several years for this annual event. The reason I volunteer is because it is such an amazing non-profit event that unites the community and brings together people of all denominations and socio-economic backgrounds.

Early in the morning on April 22nd, 2011, on a busy corner in Homestead, Florida, a few cars pass by but it is still time for the community to sleep. The sun has not hit the horizon and the birds have not yet begun to send their cheerful morning greetings. Listening carefully, you hear voices coming from the open air pavilion on the corner. Following the voices, you see people working like busy bees setting up tables and chairs. Glancing at their shirts, you realize that this busy group is the Homestead/South Dade Kiwanis Club but you wonder what is going on.

The 36th Annual Kiwanis Good Friday Prayer Breakfast was held at the Harris Filed Pavilion in Homestead at 7 a.m. Over 450 people of all denominations gathered to begin the holiest of weekends.

The Homestead Air Force Reserve Base received a special invitation and was well represented by men and women in all types of uniforms from all divisions of service from the 482nd Fighter Wing and the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM). The base Chaplain offered the opening prayer which was followed by local Boy Scout Troop 69 presenting the colors of our nation, a bugler and leading the Pledge of Allegiance and musical selections by The Lourdes Singers from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy.

The guest speaker, retired NASA Astronaut, Dom Gorie, served as pilot aboard Space Shuttles in 1998 and 2000, and was the crew commander in 2001 and in 2008. Dom retired in 2010 and spoke of how his faith was reflected in his space travel and as he spoke about his flying and space, he emulated a little boy as he conveyed his excitement like it was yesterday.

Local clergy from all denominations gathered up front and led the group in The Lord's Prayer and the crowd then joined voices in singing "Surely the Presence of The Lord is in This Place" as we all agree, He was.

To think that for 36 years, this little club has presented such a well-recognized and attended event is unfathomable. It is a lot of work but everything always just flows together and people are more than happy to volunteer and/or become a sponsor. It was again, a truly rewarding experience.



Kiwanis One Day

By Stephen Cummings, District Chair, Public Relations

Governor Tom Ramicco has clearly resonated his message at every Zone Conference: Service, Service and more Service.

When Kiwanis One Day arrived on Saturday April 2, LTG Saied Taie rallied Division 24 by gathering a group of 131 inspired members from Kiwanis and Key Club together at the Horses and Handicapped site in Davie. Activities for the morning and afternoon included assisting the physically challenged riding the horses while K Family members shared the tasks of pruning trees, repairing the fences, resealing the ramp where the riders mount and dismount the equines. Meanwhile eighteen selfless members donated blood inside the blood mobile onsite.

Hollywood Kiwanis member Alan Paoli, who is also our Florida Kiwanis Foundation Trustee, cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the massive gathering and was credited as one of the day's organizers along with Weston Club member Rhea Taie and Cooper City members President Lydia Kruger and Club Secretary Lynda Good. In summary, a great day of service replete with food and beverages made for new friendships and fond memories.



Florida Kiwanis Foundation Trustee Alan Paoli is very handy fixing fences



LTG Saied Taie is first to donate blood



Event organizers Lynda Good and Lydia Kruger from the Kiwanis Club of Cooper City were having a great time

Barney's Kids Ball

By Dr. Stanley J. Antonoff

On March 5, 2011, the Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill hosted the first Annual "Barney's Kids" Ball at the Glenlakes Country Club, Weeki Wachee, Florida. Attended by two hundred twenty guests, this semi-formal extravaganza included valet parking, a champagne cocktail hour with music provided by the Olsen String Quartet and a white glove, four-course sit-down dinner. Attendees later danced to the music of Act Three. Bob Penrod, from WWJB-1450 AM the "Golden Oldies" radio station was the master of ceremonies. Four Hixson awardees attended the Ball, namely, David Spelts, Bev Reso, Larry Cartwright and William "Bill" Koenig. Additionally, Debbie Koenig, a Ralph Davis awardee was a guest. During the Ball, the Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill acknowledged Ann Faith and Janet Dick with the first "Barney Mancuso" award for substantially contributing to the success of the "Barney's Kids" program. These two nurses



Hixson Awardees. From left to right: Larry Cartwright, Beverly Reso, David Spelts and William Koenig III far right Ralph Davis awardee Debbie Koenig, second from right.

noticed a need, had a dream, and developed a program that helped alleviate the plight of Hernando County schoolchildren lacking necessities. This program eventually evolved into "Barney's Kids," named to honor Barney Mancuso, a Kiwanian for over fifty years.

Youth, life's most happy season, becomes a time of torment for the child with a school problem. A child whose dream is so easily crushed, who feels himself the victim of forces he cannot control is a tragic loss to himself, to his family and to society. A child attending school improperly clothed is under severe psychological assault even though insufficient family finance is not their fault. Feelings of inadequacy often lead to self-esteem issues that affect learning. Funded solely by private donations, "Barney's Kids" serves needy Hernando County schoolchildren by providing them

with appropriate and essential clothing.

The "Barney's Kids" Ball celebrated the program's effort and its success in supporting the needy school children of Hernando County. There was no solicitation of funds at this function. A complementary "Barney's Kids" Journal was the medium that raised almost ten thousand dollars through advertisements and endorsements from commercial and private sources.

On March 10, 2012, the Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill will host the second Annual "Barney's Kids" Ball at the Glenlakes Country Club.



From left to right: Maria Sanvenero, Treasurer; Janet Dick, Barney Mancuso awardee; Richard Sanvenero, President; Ann Faith, Barney Mancuso awardee; Bev Reso, Immediate Past President



Barney's Ball Committee. From left to right: Ken Kral, Bev Reso, Richard Sanvenero, Roseann Jones, Phil Ciaccio, Godfrey Eason, Maria Sanvenero, Stan Antonoff

Spreading Joy with Easter Eggs!

By Kerri Lann, Director, Kiwanis Club of Homestead – South Dade



In the photo left to right are: Jose Torres, Susan Newman (President Elect), Sharon Haxton (President), Chuck Gugliuzza, Kerri Lann, Mark Lann and Jorge Mauricio.

We were recently contacted by one of our sister clubs, Kiwanis of Kiev, Ukraine, and asked if we would be interested in helping them collect plastic Easter Eggs for the children there. They do not have plastic Easter Eggs in Ukraine and thought it would be fun for the children there to have them for an Easter celebration. Well, our club responded in a BIG way! We managed to collect over 80 dozen plastic Easter Eggs and they are on their way over to Ukraine now.

Heroes Among Us

Written & Submitted by Cleve Tinsaley

Local heroes are not uncommon in our community. In times of need, there are always those who reach out with generous hearts and helping hands to better the community in which we live and play. In the Lady Lake area alone, there is an abundance of charitable organizations stemming from the onset of a tough socio-economic environment. One such organization is especially honored to have been singled out for recognition. It happened on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Lake Port Square, Leesburg, Florida. During an affair at that location, the Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce presented the 2010 Community Hero Award to the Kiwanis Club of Lady Lake. The presentation took place during the Chamber's annual banquet, officer installation and award ceremony.

A certificate accompanying the award to the Kiwanis read, "May it be known that this certificate has been presented to Kiwanis of Lady Lake for your support of the children of the community toward the establishment of a (Lady Lake) unit of the Boys & Girls Club of Lake and Sumter Counties, Inc. Your efforts are essential to the success of this endeavor. With gratitude and appreciation, we thank you."

The Kiwanis Club of Lady Lake proudly accepted this prestigious award in the presence of several dignitaries, to include the honorable Mayor of Lady Lake and all outgoing and incoming officers and executive board members of the Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Also present was Lt. Governor-Designate Robbie Ross, Division 9, Kiwanis International. The upbeat presentation ceremonies and dinner were followed by entertainment and dancing.

In accepting the 2010 Community Hero Award on behalf of the Lady Lake Kiwanis, Loretta Lembo, Club President, expressed the club's appreciation and reemphasized the Kiwanis Club's dedication to the community and its continuing commitment to the establishment of a Boys & Girls Club unit in Lady Lake.



Back l-r- Deb Tinsley, Billie Saulnier, Helen Cottom, George Rogers, Al Reggi, Lori & Robbie Ross, Cleve Tinsley. Front - Bill & Gail Wilson, Jean Tallarico, Barbara Rogers, President Loretta Lembo, Bud Murdock, Korcky Saunders, Jim Saulnier.

New Jewett Builders Club of Winter Haven does Outstanding Service Projects for 2010-2011

By J. Kelly Casey, Club Secretary, Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven

The New Builders Club at Jewett Academy in Winter Haven has had several successful community service projects this year. To begin with, the club co-sponsored with the NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) in October for the Fill-A-Bucket Project to provide personal care items to students and families in need. The club had a bake sale to raise money for "Toys for Tots" in December and was also able to purchase two large Christmas gifts for a needy boy and a girl. In February, students collected jackets for The Mission in downtown Winter Haven, and picked up trash around our school yard.

Our final service project for the year however, has been the most successful of all. The club members heard that there are 71 graduating seniors in Polk County that are homeless. The club's sponsor received an email stating that the Learning Support Division of Student Services was collecting monetary donations as well as donations of personal care products, gift cards, laundry supplies, bus passes, and rolls of quarters to give to the graduating seniors. Our club members were horrified to think that teenagers in high school were actually homeless. They wanted to do something to help. So, the students asked our Principal, Dr. Ray if they could sponsor a "Crazy Sock Day" where students could give a donation and in turn, wear a pair of crazy socks to school. The club had less than a week to get the word out. They made posters for the school grounds, asked Dr. Ray to make announcements during lunch as well as before and after school, and they sent out an email to parents informing them of the cause. Jewett students contributed \$338.00 on "Crazy Sock Day", and parents sent in hundreds of personal items to place in the care packages for the teens. Several parents called the school saying that they had taken the information to their place of business and their coworkers were pitching in monetary donations as well as supplies for these students. One church has even gotten involved and is contributing to the project as well. The money and personal items are rolling in every day. We don't have a total count yet, but we believe that Student Services will be very pleased with our contribution to the project. The members of the Jewett Builders Club are very excited about the amount of support this project has received. Even though we are a new club, we have accomplished much over the course of the school year. We can hardly wait to see what's in store for us next year!

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Safety Harbor Kiwanis proudly honors Students of the Month

By Paul Bryan, Safety Harbor Kiwanis

Two students from the Safety Harbor Elementary School were honored by the Safety Harbor Kiwanis Club.

The first student Sarah Myrick of the fifth grade was selected with great enthusiasm by teacher Ms. Linda Schlenker. Sarah definitely embodies the core that Kiwanis International is guided by. She is dependable, reliable and honest in her stewardship of Student Council. Her relationship with others is always with respect, honesty and courtesy.



Pres. Claire Cousins -- brother, Mathew Myrick -- father, Michael Myrick -- student, Sarah Myrick -- teacher, Linda Schlenker -- mother, Karen Myrick

Danielle Brancato, a fifth grader was chosen by her teachers Ms. Angela Lyons and Mr. Charles Parson. Danielle is cooperative, diligent and a very impressive student. She is involved in many extracurricular activities on campus, participating in the school's Talent Show for two years, is a member of the Student Council, fifth grade chorus and Flag Corp.



Pres. Claire Cousins -- mother, Liz Brancato -- student, Danielle Brancato -- father, Kevin Brancato -- teacher, Angela Lyons -- teacher Charles Parson

Both the students' parents were recognized and complimented for raising such fine children.

Siesta Key Kiwanis Gleans Fruit for Food Bank

As published by Lisa Frederick, Correspondent, Herald Tribune (www.heraldtribune.com)

Because fruit becomes ripe at this time of the year, the Siesta Key Kiwanis Club recently organized its annual fruit tree gleaning to benefit All Faiths Food Bank.

With help from Pine View School Key Club members, Kiwanians visited Sarasota residents who responded to advertisements and offered their citrus trees for harvesting.

Fred Scheerle, past president of the club, and Key Club members Sarah Brickman and Samantha Glover composed one of three teams collecting fruit the morning of Feb. 19.

President Ruth Hardin said she was pleased to have her grapefruit and oranges picked and put to use. The gleaning of the fruit is a great idea, she said, because much of the fruit would otherwise go to waste.

Samantha, a freshman and future club secretary, said the one morning they spent will result in many nutritious mornings for the needy.



From left, Pine View School Key Club members Sarah Brickman and Samantha Glover with Siesta Key Kiwanis member Fred Sheerle at the Feb. 19 fruit tree gleaning to benefit All Faiths Food Bank.



Fred Sheerle, Kiwanis past president, uses a ladder to reach the "good" grapefruit while Sarah Brickman also picks fruit

The groups gathered crates and boxes full of citrus that weighed in at nearly 1,500 pounds, according to the food bank.

"It is a big deal," said Dan Dunn, executive director of All Faiths Food Bank, of the impact the effort will have on people who will receive fruit.

"I think it's really great to help other people less fortunate than yourself," she said.

Sarah, a sophomore and Key Club president-elect, agreed.

"No matter how unfortunate you are there is always somebody less fortunate than you," Sarah said.

There is an art to picking the fruit.

"The really good ones are up at the top," Sheerle said as he looked high up on a tree at a residence in the Forest Lakes community.

"You can imagine how many families this will serve," he later added.

Kiwanis to Host "Day with the Rays"

Rays vs. Marlins

Come mingle with Kiwanis members from all over the Bay area! All Florida Kiwanis Clubs are encouraged to attend. Sunday, June 19th at 1:40pm. Don't forget to invite the kids & youth groups!

Groups of 20 or more should contact Rays Representative Dan Newhart at 727-825-3293 or email dnewhart@raysbaseball.com



Kiwanis Division 9 Project To Assist Healthy Families

By Bud Brown, Club Newsletter District Chair & Past Lt. Governor

Kiwanis Clubs of Lake and Sumter Counties (Division 9) joined forces to assist Healthy Families by collecting a total of 11,220 diapers and \$50 in cash. Lt. Governor Jack Wallace with Past Lt. Governor Claire Souliere and chairperson of Diaper Drive presented the pyramid of diapers to Dee Dixon, Program Manager for Healthy Families, a Division of the Children's Home Society. Healthy Families Lake Sumter Marion is part of the nationally accredited Healthy Families Florida statewide home visiting program proven to prevent child abuse and neglect before it ever starts.

"The staff at Healthy Families Lake Sumter Marion was thrilled with the donation of diapers", said Program Manager Dee Dixon. They will be used to help families who are experiencing hard times and are in need of assistance temporarily. An integral part of the program is to promote self-sufficiency in the families that are served. These parents

will be encouraged to develop a plan to learn skills that will allow them to budget and provide for their families in the future.

Babies don't come with instruction manuals and effective parenting takes more than love, it takes skill. Many parents today do not have the opportunity to learn effective parenting skills. This is where Healthy Families Lake Sumter Marion steps in. The program equips parents and other caregivers with the knowledge and skills they need to create stable home environments free from child abuse and neglect so their children can grow up healthy, safe, nurtured and ready to succeed in school and in life. Trained home visitors provide parents and other caregivers' information, guidance and emotional and practical support by modeling positive parent-child interaction to enhance their child's development. They provide education on child health and development and the importance of immunizations and well-baby check-ups. Home visitors also teach parents about safe and unsafe sleeping environments for infants, coping with crying and other prevention topics. They conduct developmental screens with the child to help identify developmental delays. The families are connected to medical providers and referrals are made to other community services. Healthy Families staff teaches parents how to recognize and address child safety hazards in and around



the home, in the car, in and around water and in other environments. The families in the program are also helped to develop appropriate problem-solving skills and identify positive ways to manage stress. The program staff promotes personal responsibility for the individuals future and the future of their families by helping them to set and achieve goals, such as furthering their education and acquiring stable employment.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child, one community at a time! As a member of the Healthy Family Advisory Board, Mrs. Souliere recognized the need for this type of assistance and recruited the help of all the Kiwanis clubs in the Division to meet this need. Diapers were collected over a 3 month period by the 13 clubs that make up the Division.



Future, Past and Present Lt. Governors of Division 9, Treasurer Alan Whetsell and members of Healthy Families.

Golden Gate Kiwanis Awarded Kiwanis Foundation Grant

Submitted by Daryl Mattison, Education Programs coordinator,
Kiwanis Club of Golden Gate, Naples

The Kiwanis Club of Golden Gate, Naples recently received a grant from the Kiwanis Foundation to help purchase a nine-hole frisbee golf course. This set of portable goals was donated to the Mike Davis Elementary School to be used in their Physical Education classes and as part of their school-wide Positive Behavior System rewards program. Students are pictured with their Principal, Mr. Robert Spano, Kiwanis Club of Golden Gate, Naples President, Ms. Linda Puchas and Kiwanis Foundation trustee, Renato Fernandez tossing their frisbees at the goal.



Kiwanis Club Of Big Lagoon Hosts 2011 Salute To Military Youth

By Eileen Brotherton, Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon, Public Relations Chairwoman

Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon members sponsored their “One Day” project for 2011 “Salute to Military Youth” on Friday, April 1st at Jim Bailey Middle School coinciding with the U.S. Military naming April as the “Month of the Military Child”.

Dr. Judy Pippen, Jim Bailey Middle School Principal, also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon, welcomed the students as they were seated. She then introduced Big Lagoon member, Gar Thiry, coordinator for this day for the students.

The Escambia High School NJROTC Color Guard entered the auditorium as Big Lagoon members, in their orange shirts, formed to the right of the stage when colors were posted. Big Lagoon President, Robert White, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, Piano accompaniment was performed by Kiwanian Norm Jeter with Kiwanian, Charles Shaffer leading the Kiwanians Chorus in “America”. When the Kiwanians rolled in carts of assorted pizzas and drinks, then later carts of two kinds of cakes, and several choices of ice cream, the students rewarded them with a big thank you and lots of smiles. The entertainment during dinner was two-fold (1) the renowned Jim Bailey Jazz Band directed by Christy Chavis and (2) Musician Jackson Caps, who provided rock and roll type music as he played his guitar and sang for over an hour. While we didn't have any young girls swoon...they really loved his music and voice.

The rewarding thing for the Kiwanians was how the students just loved that they were the “Guests of Honor” during the “Salute to Military Youth” celebration. From



Kiwanians Mit Roth and Joe Thompson serving Pizza to a table of students

the time they walked into the school auditorium at 5:00 PM and left at approximately 8:00 PM they seemed to revel in the fact that we thought they were very special and that this had been organized just for them; we even had a group of girls that sang a “Thank You Song”.

It was a beautiful affair with red, white and blue decorations, the tables were decorated with red table clothes, a bouquet of flowers and set for six at each table. Posters on the wall were printed with “Salute to our Military Youth” with Military Flags and emblems plus Big Lagoon Banners; even the cake was decorated in red, white and blue frosting and “Salute to our Military Youth” written as the decoration.

Admiral Ciardello, Guest of Honor Speaker, and Big Lagoon Kiwanian, thanked the Parents and Students for their service to our Country on behalf of Chief, Naval Education Training Command and all the Citizens of our country. Escambia County Commissioner, Gene Valentino, spoke to them about how important they as the Military Child and their parents in the military to us. Carrissa Bergosh (School Liaison Officer) and Jennifer Freidrich (Military Family & Life



NJROTC Drill Team

Consultant) explained how they are available to help and explained their programs and services and their availability.

The finale was the Kiwanians rolling out carts loaded down with decorated gift bags tied with a red, white and blue ribbon and filled with gifts of a “Terrific Kid” ruler, a book mark labeled “10 Reasons Why Military Kids are Special”; a SOAR (Student Online Achievement Resources) computer pad; a SOAR pencil; a Kiwanis pen; and a couple of sweet treats.

The primary purpose of Kiwanis “One Day’ Project 2011 was to thank the students for their sacrifices and the challenges they face while one or both of their parents are deployed in service to their country with frequent moves and other major stresses of military life that places unique demands on military spouses and their children.

The following letter written by a parent of a student who was present at the “Salute to Military Youth on Apr 1, 2011”.

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this donation as a “Thank You” for a job well done. My family and I truly enjoyed the Salute to Military Kids you put together on April 1st at Bailey. The decorations were beautiful and the young man singing and playing the guitar was just terrific. I only wish more could have been there. It truly was a wonderful time. My husband is active duty with 5 years to retirement. Our family has moved 8 times so far with at least one, maybe two more moves to go. This was the first time the children have been invited to an event celebrating all their hard work. As many of your members know I'm sure, being a KID in the military is hard. Mine are adjusting pretty well after moving here at the end of January. This event really made their day! It was also nice for them to see other kids there who they could relate too. Thanks again, it was appreciated more than we can say!

Respectfully,
Cynthia Clark

P.S. The KIDS said that: the pizza was “Awesome” and they loved the gift bags!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Submitted by Dowling Watford, Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee

The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee once again participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by the NFL, and donated over 300 pounds of food items and \$225 to the local Presbyterian Church Food Bank. Making the presentation is Past President and event chairman, Marcos Montes De Oca, to Jeri Ellsworth of the Food Bank.



Countryside Kiwanis Host Exceptional School Children

By Tom DuLaney, Countryside Kiwanis Club

The Countryside Kiwanis Club recently hosted 363 Paul B. Stephens Exceptional School students, siblings and parents at their annual Zoo Day festivities at Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa. Principal Gail Cox from the school was also in attendance to enjoy the day.

In addition to touring the zoo, everyone feasted on pizza and cold beverages afterwards while DJ Jody Bower, entertained with rock and roll and limbo music. Other entertainment included Clown Mikey Jones, who performed magical feats and ballooning along with students from the East Lake High School Key Club doing colorful face painting for the youngsters. All the kids said they really enjoyed their day at the zoo with the Countryside Kiwanis Club and Key Club members.

For additional information on Countryside Kiwanis Club and their activities, please call 727-365-0200 or visit their website at www.countrysidekiwanis.org.



Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Honored with Award



Pictured are Kiwanis Elect Bill Teixeira, Dr. Brian Binggeli BPS School Superintendent, Kiwanis Treasure Linda Harker, and Kiwanis President Ivan Briggs who received the award.

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