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from the Governor's Gavel

By Eddie Lee



Nothing defines the Florida District of Kiwanis more than our involvement with Service Leadership Programs. Our goal is to improve our commitment to these programs by connecting better with school administrators and faculty advisors, and by becoming better informed and educated club advisors, in order to maximize our effectiveness as counselors, mentors and guides. We began this process in early October when we conducted two days of training, funded by the Florida Foundation, for over 100 SLP advisors, from nearly every division within the District. The results were more than we could have expected from this groundbreaking event. It is my vision that we will have a lesson plan in place by late spring or early summer that will allow us to train Kiwanis and faculty advisors, much like the CLE training, at the Division level, annually. Other innovative ideas will be tested this year such as AKTION Club Administrator Rob Crowder's idea to have Zone Conferences for the first time ever. Following the model of two teenage AKTION Clubs in Division 19 we will at once be offering high school students with special needs an opportunity to participate in their own SLP. If you know of a high school that might be interested let Rob or the District Office know.

By now everyone most likely has heard that our long time District Secretary/Executive Director has had complete renal failure and has started a lifetime dialysis routine. Please know that the business of the District office will continue at the same level we all have become accustomed to. I am asking all of you to be patient as your Executive Officers and the District Board sort through all the options this turn of events has presented. I would ask that all of you keep us, but most importantly George and

his family in your prayers. It is too early to know what path this will take us down, however rest assured that George's health is our primary concern and we are of one mind that all of us are dedicated to doing all we can to make sure our level of service remains high. Should you want to send George a card please send it to the District office.

I am asking all of us, new and old members alike to step up your commitment to Kiwanis, put aside any personal agendas and focus on doing what's right for Kiwanis and the children we serve. While there is always room for civil disagreement we must put the best interest of our organization first. For if we don't, ultimately we will fail in our mission to change the world one child, one community at a time.

Eddie



Governor - Elect's Message

Hello Fellow Kiwanian's of the Florida District:

This is my first message to you as the Governor-Elect for 2011-12. It is my pleasure to serve with Governor Eddie Lee and the rest of his team as we "Embrace the Possibilities of Service" throughout the next year. Please make every effort to support all of the GOALS he has set for this year.

What a great convention we had in Marco Island...I cannot begin to express my appreciation to each one of the clubs that brought things for the CARING CORNER. It was unbelievable. To the FIRST WIVE'S CLUB...Janet, Jeanna, Joanna, Gabby, Jo and all the Former First Ladies that came by to help - my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you. After the expenses, we had we raised over \$30,000.00 for the Florida Foundations support of the SLP Programs. An awesome job.

In a couple of days, I am off to Governor-Elects Training in Indianapolis to meet with over 45 Governors worldwide and Pres-Elect Tom DiJulio. I am looking forward to representing the Florida District to continue our training for next year. I am sure it will be a rewarding experience.

As we begin this journey, realize that I am well aware of the challenges facing the Florida District...Decreasing Membership, Tighter Budgets, Increasing Need in all of Communities are just a few. I ask that each one of take a moment or two and think of how you can improve your individual club just a little bit before the end of 2011. That's 2 months...Have fun with it and attract a new member to join with you. More hands make easier service. Please invite someone new before December 31, 2011 to join Kiwanis.

While it is just the beginning of Governor Eddie's year to lead the Florida District, it is also the time to be looking to you, the member, to step forward to join with me in 2012-13 to make the Florida District of Kiwanis grow. If you have an interest to be a District Chair, become the Lt. Governor for your Division, or to help out behind the scene with advice and counsel to me, please contact me at adwhetsell@aol.com.

In 2012-13, it is my hope that Florida Kiwanis members "REACH FOR THE RAINBOW ---MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE."



Allen Whetsell



In service

Allen

Treasurer's Message

As your 2011-12 Florida District Treasurer I am pleased to report the following:



Melanie Winternheimer

- Our annual financial review will be conducted the week of Thanksgiving. I look forward to the management letter showing that the accounting practices of the District are in good shape and that we continue to act carefully and responsibly while practicing fiscal accountability.
- The District is currently in stable financial condition despite the fact that our membership numbers continue to fall. This means we will have to do some additional belt-tightening and find creative ways for alternative funding but I am optimistic that by placing greater emphasis on membership growth and membership retention, this problem will not continue to haunt us. With a strong commitment, a clear sense of mission and a passionate belief that we belong to the greatest service organization in the world we will see positive growth.

As is the norm this time of year, Tom and I are gearing up for the annual Caring Corner held at the District Convention to support our Service Leadership Programs through the Florida Foundation. Stay tuned because we will be bringing the details to a Division Council Meeting near you!! :)

From a personal perspective, I want to thank you again for the honor of electing me as your Florida District Treasurer for 2011-12. I look forward to working with all of you this year and in the years to come.

By doing what's right, caring about others and making every day matter...together we are creating a masterpiece of service in this great Florida District!



International Trustee's Message

Take Home Value

Dr. John Button, Kiwanis International Trustee
and Florida Kiwanis Counselor

Sadly my rosy predictions of positive growth in 2010-11 when I was with you in August were amiss. Last year, we lost almost 8,000 members – 6,000 in September alone as clubs cleaned up their books. Somehow this bleeding must stop. Every year we lose 15% of our membership through attrition. In exit interviews, most of the “lost” members state that we are boring. We are not offering them take-home value for their investment of time, talent and treasure.



John Button

What are we to do?

I believe that there are three keys to membership retention, three keys to providing our members with take-home value: fun, fellowship and service.

Our meetings need to be fun. Members need to look forward to being together because they know they will have fun. Experts tell us that the success or failure of a meeting is determined in the first 8 minutes. Did the meeting start on time? Was there some pomp? Were they reminded what holds us together – our Objects? Did they feel welcome? Was there some fun?

Our members need to feel that they matter. They need to feel cared for. They need to be recognized for what they do: at home, at work, at play, in the community and in Kiwanis. We need to look after each other. This is fellowship.

And finally, our service projects need to be relevant. Our members need the “high” of knowing that the service that they do in the community is making it better. We need to examine our service projects. Maybe some are no longer relevant and need to be “scraped off the plate”.

When is the last time your club conducted a club analysis. Good clubs do on a regular basis. Great clubs do something about what they find out.

Good clubs continue their club's tradition of service. Great clubs recognize the changing needs of their community and respond.

I really believe that getting back to these basics: fun, fellowship and relevant service – will provide our members with take-home value. More than that, they will make us proud of our membership and anxious to share that pride and ultimately that membership.

Florida Kiwanis Foundation

Do Not be That Guy!

A priest, a minister, and Rabbi walk into a bar... with all that ecumenical knowledge, you would think that at least one of them would have ducked! Not what you expected? Then read on my friends... Many times, when we anticipate the message, we tune it out and do not really listen. We have heard it all before. It brings to mind the old Seinfeld show comedy bit...yadda, yadda, yadda. A preconceived notion as to what is going to be said numbs the mind and almost puts you to sleep. There are a lot of new things happening at the Foundation and I would hate to have you be the only one who did not get the word because you were not listening. Perhaps it is the approach. Do we need to turn this into a beer commercial?

Let me tell you that the Florida Kiwanis Foundation is not some group of big shots hidden away in some cloister. We are that member in your club who always shows up for a project, the one you can always count

on for an interclub, the one that always sells more tickets than anyone else. We are the member that goes to the Service Leadership meeting in your place because you are too busy. We are the member that makes going to your meeting fun! So why are we invisible? Why do very few Kiwanians in Florida know we even exist? We fork over the dough to fund the administrative structure to CKI, Key Club, Builder's Club, K-Kids, and AKtion Clubs. Without the FKF, those programs for kids would suffer. All we ask is that you reimburse us a fair share.



Bill Knowles
President Florida
Kiwanis Foundation

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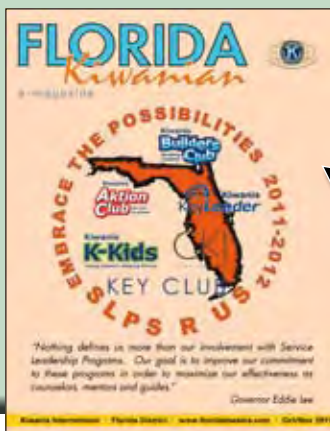
Who are you?

Are you the guy that goes out to eat in a group, orders the most expensive item and then wants to split the bill equally? Are you that guy? No one wants to be that guy! If your club sponsors a service leadership program (or more than one) your club needs to help foot the bill at the administrative level too. Do not let other clubs pay your share! 100% of your club members should be FKF sustaining members. If your club sponsors more than three SLP's, it is embarrassing to think that your club is not 100%. If this sounds like your club, YOU ARE THAT GUY! More than a dozen clubs just put it in their budget. They get it! And...it is easy to do. You can do it online at www.fkf-online.org. Do not be the one that lets the other guy pay. Don't be that guy!



William "Wild Bill" Knowles
President (2011-12)
Florida Kiwanis Foundation

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Transitioning to a New Year

By George Langguth, Executive Director, Florida Kiwanis

Late September and early October find us particularly busy each year as we transition from one administrative year to another. I want to thank Immediate Past Governor Tom and his leadership team for their contributions and welcome Governor Eddie and his enthusiastic new leadership team. We have had a smooth transition that concluded last week at our Executive Officers' Retreat in Madeira Beach. The weekend was productive and we received a detailed report of Governor Eddie's first two weeks in office and his plans for the coming months. He has an ambitious agenda, but I believe he is up to the task.

If you haven't visited our website, www.FloridaKiwanis.com in the past two weeks you have missed a completely redesigned format. Please explore it at your earliest convenience and contact me or Jose Josinvil with your comments. At the same time, Jose has been busy preparing the Key Club Convention website and registration processes and Drew, Ann and I have been closing out the year end finances for 2010-11.



George Langguth

We need to Embrace the Possibilities and see opportunities instead of obstacles. Obstacles can be overcome, but opportunities must never be overlooked. I am asking each of you to join Governor Eddie in digging down within yourself to do just a little more. I am reminded of the story of the half empty or half full glass. It is all a matter of perspective. I am also reminded of a favorite saying of Wally Hamrick who served as Governor in 1989-90. Wally would say, "I'm drinking from the saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed."

What about you? Is your cup overflowing, or are your "juices" running low? It's a matter of perspective and your determination. Some of the most optimistic individuals I know are facing serious health issues, but you would never know it. They are determined to be goodwill ambassadors for Kiwanis and the kids of the world. They keep their conditions confidential and I won't disclose their names, but they know who they are and they inspire me. Wouldn't it be nice if we all shared that same love of Kiwanis and of children, regardless of our personal situations? By meeting the needs of others, our future and our outlooks are brightened.

We are preparing for our first ever, Kiwanis Advisors' Retreat in Cocoa Beach this weekend. This program is being funded by the Florida Kiwanis Foundation. More than 100 participants will be joining us to learn more of the powerful impact we can have on our Service Leadership Programs. What is particularly exciting to me is the huge percentage of advisors who are in the earliest stages of their roles. This program represents the second phase of Governor Eddie's commitment, SLP's R Us and is resulting from his hard work and determination to make things happen.

We can't be "armchair quarterbacks" with Governor Eddie leading our team. All of us have to get into the game; Contribute our time and our talents; and lead Kiwanis to new heights of accomplishments. I become more and more convinced that we can meet our challenges with each conversation and visit I have with Kiwanians throughout this great District who have already begun to "Embrace the Possibilities."

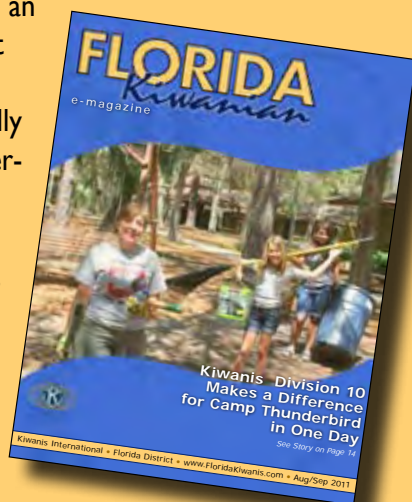
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Kiwanis Family Day at Disney To Benefit the Florida Kiwanis Foundation

Last year's Key Club Governor, René Miller, conceived of an idea that would bring members of the Florida District of Kiwanis Family together for a day of fun while raising funds for the Florida Kiwanis Foundation (FKF). Since the FKF provides so much to our Service Leadership Programs, René wanted to find a way to give back, provide an opportunity for SLP members and Kiwanians to get to know each other better, and promote the FKF among the Kiwanis Family. Time ran out during René's administration, but this year Key Club Governor Doug Ream has carried the dream forward and has presided over the Key Club District Board's approval of this project which will happen in July 2012.

We have the commitment from Disney and the prices are set. Remaining details are now being worked out, but the first annual Kiwanis Family Day at Disney proposes to provide three low cost Disney ticket options:

- One-day ticket to Magic Kingdom® Park or Disney's Hollywood Studios on Sunday July 8, 2012 for \$66 per ticket
- One-day ticket to Epcot® or Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park on Sunday July 8, 2012 for \$48 per ticket
- Two-day ticket to any one park per day on July 8 and 9, 2012 for \$120 per ticket

Tickets can actually be used within a 14-day window around July 8th and will be purchased through the Florida Kiwanis Foundation online. The deadline for ordering will be around the first of June. Tickets will be available for purchase by members of Kiwanis and our SLP clubs their families and friends. This year's Family Day at Disney immediately follows the Key Club International Convention in Orlando. More information including who to contact with questions will be posted online soon. For now, questions can be directed to GovernorDoug@FloridaKeyClub.com.

So, mark your calendars and plan to attend Florida's first Kiwanis Family Day at Disney!

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FLORIDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS HALL OF FAME

By Bill Rushing, Hall of Fame Committee & Past Florida District Governor

“Good day to the world’s finest Kiwanians!” It has been a while since I have talked to you through the Florida Kiwanian but, once again, I have another request.

First, let me give you some background. Some months ago Governor Eddie Lee approached me with the idea of having a “Hall of Fame” for the Great Florida District

of Kiwanis. Most of you know our Governor and most of you know me, so you can probably guess that we both had something to say about this subject.

Subsequently, Governor Eddie appointed two other Past Governors, Stan Storey, one year term, and Lamar Fisher, two year term, to work with me, three year term, and develop a Policy and Procedure on the subject of our Hall of Fame.

We completed our assigned task and I am happy to say that the 2011-2012 Board approved the Policy and Procedure with only one

change. Governor Eddie has appointed three other Kiwanians: Bob Grant, three year term; Alice Swartout, two year term; and George Willis, one year term (non-Past Governors) to be on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. This way, we will have two new members on the Committee each year, but we will also have 4 members who will have some Committee experience.

Now, here is your part...you need to search your memory and come up with the name of a person who you feel has contributed more to the goals of Kiwanis than anyone else you know.

Anyone can make a nomination; a Kiwanian, SLP Member, a Club, or a Division. The Kiwanis nominee does not have to have served as any Officer of any part of Kiwanis, just needs to have been a Kiwanian. Or, there is a Service Leadership Program Division - any member of a SLP Club can be nominated for induction into the Hall of Fame. Wait, there is still another Division...that is the Citizen Division! Is there someone in your community who has helped Kiwanis over and over, or in such a huge way, that they should be in our Hall of Fame? Nominate them; they, too, can be inducted. Remember, there are three categories for nomination. All nominations must be submitted by March 15, 2012.

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This first year there will be up to 5 members inducted with no regard to the three Divisions of the Hall of Fame. The Inaugural Induction Ceremony will be held at the District Convention in Tampa, August 9-12, 2012. Each year thereafter there will be no more than three people inducted with the following limits:

Up to 3 Kiwanians; 2 Service Leadership Program Members; and, 1 Citizen...but no more than a total of 3 of any combination of Kiwanians, SLP Members, and a Citizen. After the 2012 year, the Induction Ceremony will occur at the DCON each year.

There will be a form for the nomination of deserving Kiwanians, SLP Members, and Citizens sent to your Club in the next Club mailing from the District Office, and this form will also be available online via the Florida District Website.

Two main points:

Do an outstanding job in your nomination. Get other Kiwanians, Clubs, Divisions, or SLP Members to endorse your nominations with letters of support. Remember, even though there will be 6 members on the Selection Committee, there could easily be someone nominated who the Committee will not know. The endorsements are very important.

Once a nomination is made it shall remain open for a period of 5 years. In other words if your nominee is not selected the first year, then you will not have to resubmit the next year, it will remain on file.

Kiwanians, this can be a great program; but, only if you make the Committee aware of what you already know...who the GREAT KIWANIANs, SLP MEMBERS, OR CITIZENS were/are. Yes, we have had a lot of Great Kiwanians who have joined God’s Kiwanis Club; so don’t forget them!

Thank you!

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Finding My Place

By Governor Doug Ream, Florida District of Key Club International

Two years ago, I entered my sophomore year and I thought I had it all. I had my Learner's Permit, I was somewhat popular and I played football. I was involved in a couple of academic societies, a religious organization and sports. All of these helped me build different aspects of my character save one, Leadership. Sure, I was JV Football Captain and a Spirit Leader, but I didn't know how to lead. I had no formal leadership training, and my best definition of leading was yelling at the younger JV kids. That was until I joined Key Club in mid-September of my sophomore year. I was invited by a friend, a senior weightlifter who was Club President, and not-so-eagerly attended a meeting. My Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Cindy Wade, somehow tricked me into running for Treasurer (something I owe all my success to) and wouldn't you know it, I was elected. That very next month, I attended my first Key Club Kick-Off Conference. I learned about different styles of leadership, and I was open to the world of developing leadership. On the way home from that KCKC, I told Mrs. Wade that I wanted to be a leader, and she once again convinced me to run for a position that I never knew existed, Lt. Governor. Let's now skip forward to the present. I am currently the District Governor of the BEST district in Key Club International. I directly oversee 46 District Board Members, and indirectly oversee 17,700 Key Clubbers in Florida and the Cayman Islands. Who would have thought that the Sophomore JV Football Captain at a high school with less than 500 students would become the highest executive officer of the Florida District of Key Club? I wouldn't think it was possible, had I not done it myself. I owe it all to the leadership provided on every level throughout my years of service, beginning with Mrs. Wade, my adviser, guiding me as a new club officer, to regional training conducted by Lt. Governors. I would later be trained by the distinguished and honored Past Governor Donna Parton, and the dedicated District Administrator David McCampbell. I am now part of seven different organizations, and I can tell you that the leadership training I have received through Key Club by Kiwanis is second to none.



One of the happiest Kiwanis activities

I get to witness is the induction of a new member into Kiwanis who was once a member of an SLP club. I have seen this many times over the recent years. When I ask these former members of K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, or CKI why they joined, without exception they say one of two things. "I want to give back to the organization that gave so much to me" or "I want to continue serving my community through the Kiwanis family." And they all have one thing in common. They all knew what Kiwanis was when they were an SLP member because they interacted with Kiwanians in meaningful ways, getting to know us on a personal level. Put a face to the name "Kiwanis" for all your SLP members and some day you will see them as members of Kiwanis.

David McCampbell
District Administrator

Florida District of Key Club International

Leadership

Key Club is an international, student-led organization providing its members with opportunities to perform service, build character, and **develop leadership**. The first object of Key Club is to develop initiative and leadership. This strong emphasis on leadership is what sets Key Club apart from other high school service clubs.

As Assistant Administrator for Leadership Training, I have the pleasure and privilege of providing leadership training for the Florida District Key Club Board of Trustees. This training begins with daylong regional workshops for incoming Lt. Governors which takes place prior to their taking office at District Convention. Leaders are exposed to the requirements of their position and sign an agreement stating that they will fulfill their obligations. Training continues at District Convention and at Leadership Training Conference, a weekend leadership retreat. Students learn and perfect skills such as Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Team Building, Goal Setting, nuts and bolts of their office, and the all-important Time Management. In addition, we have fun as we learn! These leaders return to their divisions to assist with the training of club officers and members.

I am so thankful to have this opportunity to serve as a trainer and mentor to these awesome leaders.

Donna Parton

Florida District of Key Club

Assistant Administrator for Leadership Training

Service Leadership Programs

“Zone A” Stands for Key Club Service

Our four Divisions and twenty two Key Clubs are located in Northwest Florida

and are considered the best in the Florida District. One of our strongest projects comes from Gulf Breeze Key Club who planned and completed an outstanding Dictionary Project for the Elementary Schools in our area. After receiving a matching grant for \$400.00, the Key Club ordered 624 dictionaries at a cost of \$720.00. When the dictionaries arrived our Key Club members placed a sticker stating, “Donated by Gulf Breeze Key Club”, on the inside of each cover. During the next month, with the help of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club, the members delivered dictionaries to 3rd grade students at nine local schools. At each school our students explained some of the features of the dictionary. Key Club members then handed each student a dictionary and took some pictures before leaving.

Many letters were received thanking Gulf Breeze for the wonderful dictionaries. This outstanding project is only one of many of our joint Key Club – Kiwanis Projects.

Jack Gander
Administrator Zone A
Florida District of Key Club International



Zone I

By Nancy C. Markham, Zone I Administrator, Florida District of Key Club International

I have been a Zone Administrator overseeing Collier, Lee and Hendry Counties (Zone I) since 2004 as well as the Kiwanis Advisor to Lely High since 2000. I have a passion for Key Club and the enthusiasm these fine young adults have for service to their communities.

I would like to share with you the Annual KC Divisional Project which gives me a ‘Kiwanis Moment’ year after year. It is preparing and serving 250 Thanksgiving Dinners to families and children who participate in the Grace Place for Children and Families Bright Beginnings and Elementary & Middle School after School Programs. The 10 Key Clubs in Division 22 volunteer for one component of the dinner: Turkey, dressing, vegetable, gravy, paper products, etc. and provide volunteers to set up, serve, and cleanup. This is all organized by the students. The project is taken on with such enthusiasm by the Key Clubs we have to limit the number of volunteers who sign up for the event. In 2010 we moved the event to a larger location to accommodate the growing participation.



**Picture this:
3 Key Clubbers
working together
de-boning a
turkey for their
first time...
Priceless.**

ZONE F FUN & KEY CLUB WORK

Zone F Division 15A & 15B we hard at work on several projects such as the Bird and Can Drive, Christmas Toy Drive, Pasta for Pennies, Give Kids the World, Eliminate, Governor’s Project and Stuff the Bus and the Y-read , just to name a few. Every June and July our members participate in Friday Night Live, which is an event held by the community every month. We were there to make sure that the kids were taking turns on the inflatable so they wouldn’t end up hurting themselves. For the event in July, we monitored the kids’ area as well which consisted of hoola-hoops and legos. The clubs also helped the some of the high school teachers set up for the new school year. For example the high school ordered new science books, so we helped numbered the textbooks and workbooks and teamed up with Kiwanis Clubs in purchasing school supplies for disadvantaged students in Elementary School. Soon we will be starting to collect canned goods in remembrance of the 9/11 victims and heroes. These cans will then go to food collection agencies in the community. With all that we have on our hands already we will also be starting new projects, such as the community Basketball Courts Renovation, and Operation: Homestead, which will benefit families with a relative serving overseas.



Service Leadership Programs

Zone G

By René F. Richar, Zone G Administrator, Florida District of Key Club International

Key Club Zone G is located on the southeast coast of Florida. We contain 5 counties and 3 Kiwanis Divisions 16, 20, and 21. The diversity of projects that are performed in this Zone is astounding! Before school was out in May, Martin County HS Key Club held a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. At Palm Beach Central Key Club, they held their 3rd annual St. Baldrick's event and raised approximately \$80,000. As a bi-product of this fundraiser they were able to donate lots of hair to Locks for Love from shaving their heads for solidarity with children who are victims of cancer. Last year Spanish River Key Club held a bowl-a-thon and raised \$700 for the Eliminate Project. There are also hands-on projects like volunteering at needy aftercare programs to assist with literacy. Several clubs in Division 20 work with a Pediatric Hospital in West Palm Beach volunteering their time to entertain the children there. Service in the schools include desk sanitizing and campus clean-ups. The young adults in Zone G are dedicated to Key Club and to community service. They are truly inspiring. Why don't you visit your local Key Club to see what they are up to? Join them in a hands-on project. Let them know that Kiwanis is there when they graduate.



Past Lt. Division 21 Kalie Marsch pinning Lt. Division 21 Mark Natividad at Key Club DCON Governor's Banquet



Lt. Division 16 Brandon Armstrong being pinned by past Lt. Division 16 Gino Bogacki at Key Club DCON Governor's Banquet.

Key Club - Zone E

By Amanda Saguil, Zone E Administrator, Florida District of Key Club International

Let me tell you something about Key Club in my Zone. Key Club is growing by leaps and bounds. We now have 52 Clubs in Zone E with more in the works and it couldn't be possible without Kiwanis.

Tampa Bay Tech in Division 14A hosted its first Walk to Eliminate earlier this year with plans of hosting its second Walk in March 2012. The Division 8 K-Family held its first Flag Football Tournament for Eliminate with plans of hosting the second one in Spring 2012. Our Zone is fired up for Eliminate and continues to fundraise.

Over 250 Key Clubbers, Faculty and Kiwanis Advisors attended our Key Club Kickoff Conference (KCKC) on September 10th at King High School, where officers received training, members attended informative workshops and met members from all over our Zone.

The Zone E Key Clubs continue to shine and impress with the amount of service they do for the Tampa Bay community. They are EXCELLENT and EXTRAORDINARY in EVERY way!

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News From Your District Chairs

Imagine.....

By Matthew Cantrall, District Administrator, CKI

"Embrace the possibilities" is not just a saying but a way of life. If every Kiwanian engaged themselves with just one hour extra a week in service to others, not to mention our SLPs, think of the impact we could have as an organization.

Think about it, one extra hour to a child with no loving family to support them or a senior in that is in a shut in with no one to share a special moment. That hour can have life changing outcomes and who better to do that service with than a member of the Florida District of CKI.

The Florida District of CKI, under the leadership of Governor Carly Henry, is making a difference across this great district bringing hope to those who find themselves down on their luck. As part of your Kiwanis family CKI members, perform the most service hours per member than any other part of the Kiwanis organization. If your meeting or service projects have become stale, now is the time to either engage yourself with our students or start a CKI club on a campus near you and reap the rewards of being significant in the lives of those you serve as you expand your own horizons.

Robert Dillingham, from the Kiwanis Club of Riviera Beach, and Dawn Campbell from the Kiwanis Club Kendall-South Dade are proof positive that CKI clubs are not only a benefit to the campuses and communities in which they are located but also to the Kiwanis Club that support them. In recent months both Kiwanians led the charge to secure our two newest CKI clubs in the Florida District. Their passion and commitment to seeing these clubs come to fruition is something we should all strive for.

For those Kiwanians that are working closely with our Key Clubs, I challenge you to encourage partnerships between local Key Clubs and CKI Clubs. The role you play as a Key Club advisor will have a direct correlation to their interest in CKI after high school, as is the case at St. Leo University in Dade City. Through the effort of three former Key clubbers, we are about ready to launch our third CKI club of the year and this would never have been possible without the positive role models we have as Kiwanis Key Club advisors.

So on behalf of all those who will benefit from your effort to help grow the Kiwanis family through CKI, I thank you in advance for the impact you will make.



Matthew Cantrall



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Every Child a Swimmer

By Patrice Cunningham, District Co-Chair, Every Child A Swimmer

Hannah Pelle and I would like to say congratulations to all the incoming club executives and board of directors. We are excited as you are for a new year of leadership and opportunities. We ask that as you plan your year of service and budgets, you consider adding if not keeping the Every Child a Swimmer Program in your plans.

Why you ask? Florida has the highest drowning death rate in the U.S. for children age 1-4 years.

How you can help:

The Every Child A Swimmer program is a “learn-to-swim and water safety” project sponsored by Kiwanis International and its two sponsored youth organizations, Key Club International and Circle K International. Every Child A Swimmer is a tested and proven program, recognized by the International Swimming Hall of Fame. But it’s not meant to replace Red Cross, Y or city recreation department programs. It’s designed to supplement and work alongside these organizations. It is a program utilizing a station method to teach groups of children how to swim.

ECAS works like this: Kiwanis members act as organizers, contacting and coordinating school administrators, raising funds and publicizing the program. Key Club members and other high school students serve as volunteer in-the-water trainers in conjunction with a certified swimming instructor.

Benefits:

Obviously, the direct benefit of this program is to the children that learn to swim through it. They will continue in life knowing how to swim and enjoy being in and around the water. However, there is another beneficiary of this program and that is the local community. This should be viewed as another community benefit program that is partially sponsored by the city. This helps to develop goodwill and good public relations for the city and our organizations. Make sure this point is made to the mayor or appropriate councilmen. With the cooperation from the city, school officials and the manpower from your club this program can be a great success and benefit to all.

For additional information please visit the website at: <http://www.every-childaswimmer.org> LIKE and share your program photos and ideas on our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/Every-ChildASwimmer



4=1: A Membership Initiative

By John Sullivan, District Chair, Membership

Over the years, clubs have been presented with numerous membership growth programs. 4=1, a program that the Florida District is promoting this year and has promoted in the past, is probably one of the easiest to implement. At its most basic level, it simply a matter of dividing your membership into teams of four and charging each team with the responsibility of recruiting one new member into your club during the year. Assuming that you retain the members you start the year with, success with the program would mean a 25% membership increase.

Why is 25% significant? Other than the obvious advantages of having more members to participate in club events and projects, the bylaws of Kiwanis International include the following item: "If a club achieves a net growth greater than or equal to 25 percent at the end of a given Kiwanis year, the club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay International dues for any club member over and above the club membership of the previous Kiwanis year." This basically means that clubs get an International dues refund if they meet or exceed the 25% mark for the net gain in members. This is money for your administrative account, which given the challenges many clubs have of keeping a sizeable administrative fund, makes it all the more valuable as an incentive.

The 4=1 program may be simple, but there is no reason that clubs should limit it to just the basics outlined above. The Kiwanis Club of East Orange County, for example, uses a much more substantial variation. Instead of focusing the groups on simply getting a single new member, they work to earn points, with the winning group earning a prize (in one case, a free dinner). The largest point-earning item was, by far, recruiting new members, but smaller amounts were rewarded for simply inviting guests, having all group members at meetings, wearing the Kiwanis pin to meetings or projects, calling group members that miss meetings, and so on. All of these activities serve to promote the club, recruit new members and/or retain current members.

However you choose to implement the program, I strongly encourage all clubs to consider adding some variation of 4=1. The program costs nothing but a small bit of time, and the potential rewards are numerous.



John Sullivan

Public Relations

As your district chair for public relations, I am often asked how to publicize club events through the newspaper, radio or television. Many Kiwanians feel that this exposure will make the public aware of the service that our organization has become famous for. While successful advertising in many forms may pique the interest of the general public, our main focus must be recruitment as our membership as dwindled.

Advertising through various types of media will not effectively attract new members as this is an activity where the personal touch is essential. Governor Eddie Lee has proposed his preferred method named four equals one. He has asked that our club presidents divide the members into teams of four and establishing a goal of acquiring one new member. If all the clubs could accomplish this simple exercise, our district membership would increase by 25%.

Stephen P. Cummings
District Chair-Public Relations



Steve Cummings

Service Leadership Programs

Key Club Conventions

By Bob Parton, Administrator, Conventions, Florida District of Key Club

Each year, the Florida District of Key Club International holds its district convention, usually centrally located in Orlando. We are pleased that in 2012, the DCON (District Convention) will be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort. Two years ago there were over 1900 students and their advisors in attendance at this location. We hope to break that record in 2012.

As a special accommodation for Kiwanians, the 2012 DCON will offer a one-day option. This will give Kiwanians an opportunity to witness the caliber of our student leaders, the leadership training and other break-out sessions, the Governor's Farewell Banquet, the election of the 2012-2013 Executive Officers, and the immense fun had by all. If you have never attended a Key Club DCON, you will be in for quite a pleasant surprise by attending this one-day offer for Kiwanians. The price will be \$150.00 which will include all three meals, the activities described above, and much, much more. The date will be Saturday, May 11, 2012. We hope to see you there.



Over 100 Run for the Kids at the Kiwanis Club of East Orange County's Inaugural 5K Race

By Stacy Peterson, Club Secretary, East Orange Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of East Orange County hosted its Inaugural Kiwanis Family 5K for the Kids on the morning of Sunday, May 22, 2011 in the Waterford Lakes Town Center. Over 100 runners and walkers took part in the race. The event was coordinated by Kiwanis members as well as student volunteers from East Orange County's 17 service leadership clubs. The proceeds from the event will go directly back to the students in these clubs – K-Kids in Elementary School, Builders Clubs in Middle School, Key Clubs in High School, CKI at UCF, and Aktion Clubs for disabled adults.

The Kiwanis Club of East Orange County thanks its sponsors for their support. The Title sponsor for the 5K was Carrier Air Conditioning – the world leader in air conditioning, heating, and refrigeration systems. California Pizza Kitchen was a Platinum sponsor, followed by UCF Federal Credit Union, Business Archives, The Zeini Law Firm, Universal American Corp., and Bounce Orlando as Silver sponsors. Photos were taken courtesy of DSW Foto. The 1st and 2nd place winners in various age groups received trophies.

After the 5K, kids' races were held for ages 1-2, 3-5, and 6-8, in which all kids received medals and prize pack from California Pizza Kitchen. Following the race, kids enjoyed inflatable games, provided by Bounce Orlando.

To read more about the event, please visit <http://eockiwanis.blogspot.com>. For photos, visit DSW Foto's website at http://dswfoto.smugmug.com/Events/Kiwanis-5k-For-The-Kids/17200087_gz48pw#1304876457_NjbgGs8



KIWANIS CLUB OF FLAGLER SUNRISE

West Palm Beach—Kiwanis Club of Flagler Sunrise presented 115 copies of Webster's International Atlas to 5th grade students Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at Palmetto Elementary School in West Palm Beach. The club raised more than \$300 over the summer to fund this year's donation of atlases to Palmetto's 5th grade students. The money raised in 2011 to purchase the atlases included contributions from club members and private donors Amy and Marshall Tolderlund of West Palm Beach.

The club sponsors Palmetto in several on-going projects to help the students with their school work. In August, KFS donated 300 boxes of school supplies to Palmetto students.

KFS purchased the atlases from The Dictionary Project, a non-profit organization in South Carolina that distributes dictionaries and atlases through community service organizations such as Kiwanis.



Palmetto Elementary School Assistant Principal Karen Berard, Kiwanis Flagler Sunrise President Timothy Bean, 5th grade Patrol Unit members Tatiana Leon, Caitlin Lopez, Luz Green, Liliana Rodriguez, Sergio Castro, and Principal Raul Iribarren. Not pictured: 5th grader Patrol Unit

Kiwanis Club of East Orange County Recognizes 11 Students of the Year

By Stacy Peterson, Club Secretary, East Orange Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of East Orange County honored 11 students on the morning of Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at its Annual Outstanding Student of the Year Program. The program recognized top students who excelled among their peers in academics, school, and community service. The students also hold memberships of a Kiwanis sponsored service leadership program: K-Kids, Builders Club, or Key Club.

During the ceremony, students received individual plaques and academic neck ribbons. Their names were also inscribed on a plaque displayed at each school. All of this would not have been possible without the gracious nominations of the educators and the support of family members. Congratulations to our outstanding students!

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| Andover Elementary | Kayla Esquivel |
| Arbor Ridge Elementary | Samantha Roma |
| Cypress Springs Elementary | Zoe Griffin |
| Riverdale Elementary | Joshua Cole |
| Sunrise Elementary | Rileigh Adkins |
| Union Park Elementary | Isaliz Gonzalez |
| Waterford Elementary | Jacob Colecio |
| Corner Lake Middle | Raquel Arthuzo |
| Legacy Middle | Amy Bahnmitter |
| Union Park Middle | Ethan Bainbridge |
| University High | Alexis Wood |

Kiwanis Club of Northside Naples Jim Dahl Golf Tournament

The Kiwanis Club of Northside Naples held the 6th annual Jim Dahl Golf Tournament on Saturday October 8th, 2011. The yearly tournament raises funds for the club's foundation and other local charities. Part of this year's proceeds supports the Pregnancy Resource Center of Naples, Florida. The Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) provides free counseling, ultrasound, and pregnancy testing and they also provide referrals for medical, legal, housing, parenting skills for over 500 young women each year.

"PRC is grateful to Kiwanis for standing up for women in crisis and their children and the resources that have been made available to us through the Jim Dahl golf tournament," said John Ashford Executive Director of the PRC.

Forty-eight golfers played at Quail West Country Club in Naples. Lunch followed the round of golf and prizes were given to the winning team, closet to the pin, longest drive, and a hole in one contest.

The Jim Dahl Golf Tournament is held to honor former Northside Naples Kiwanis member, club sheriff, and avid golfer Jim Dahl.



Division 22 Lt. Governor Steve LeBlanc lining up a fairway shot.

How is the immediate past president of Friendship Kiwanis club in Ocala Florida connected with tidying up a little chapel just off the runways of a former NATO Naval Air Station in Iceland?

Submitted by Rog Patterson, Friendship Kiwanis

Although the U.S. Army Air Force ceased controlling the Early Warning system when the Naval Air Station Keflavik was closed, a small chapel still stood in 2000 to be a reminder for residents of nearby capitol city, Reykjavik, during the country's millennium celebration of 1,000 years as a Christian nation. Eleven years later, it now looks better than ever thanks to volunteers who appreciate the building and look after it.

Built in 1953, it served as the office for quality control engineers during USAF's Early Warning radar facilities construction. When no longer needed for that function, it was converted into a chapel for base personnel. But, as soon as the radar was activated, it became apparent the building was obstructing system performance. Choosing to relocate rather than demolish the chapel, site personnel volunteers built a new foundation and a contractor donated use of their cranes to complete move number one in 1956.

The base fire department donated a chapel bell in 1958 which is still in use today. So, when Early Warning operations were shut down in 1988, it seemed natural when base firemen volunteered to relocate the chapel again; this time to their NAS Fire & Emergency Services base of operations, where it stands today. The chapel stays open and available to firemen to relax during



Over the years, this chapel has been rebuilt, restored and refurbished by base personnel, firemen and friends like the BRU Kiwanis club members.



Naval Air Station Fire & Emergency Services members are able to relax in their chapel during 24-hour shifts.

their 24-hour shifts. But, by that time, the building was in need of serious restoration.

Back to our original question. Following his retirement from 31 years of active duty in the USAF, Ocala, Florida resident, Allen J. Clements, was hired for a Navy job in support of crews improving

military and civilian facilities all over Iceland. The Naval Air Station was one of these projects, enabling Clements to become familiar with the firemen's little chapel.

A.J., as Clements prefers to be called, joined the local BRU Kiwanis club in 1983. In Icelandic, brú means "bridge". With 30 to over 60 members from Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, Netherlands and United States, as well as Icelanders, the acronym BRU was also intended to mean Build Richer Understanding between nations, or bridge between nations. To read more about BRU, initiated in 1973 by Icelandic and German Kiwanis clubs, take a look at www.geocities.ws/NapaValley/2523/kiwlinka.htm.

The BRU Kiwanians contributed to their Icelandic neighbors in many ways and, during A.J.'s term as club president, BRU learned the firemen's reserve funds for repairing the chapel had run out. According to A.J.'s recollections, "BRU donated money to the chapel restoration, also worked with base contractors getting them to donate materials such as new windows and doors, as well as provided manpower to help restore the chapel."

When the NAS Keflavik was closed in 2006 and only international airport facilities continued civilian operations, the international membership of BRU Kiwanis club also disbanded. However, A.J.'s wife, Petra, is a native Icelander and they often return as visitors. So A.J. completes the connection, saying, "We were back in Iceland during 2010 on vacation and my fireman friends approached me to help out in re-painting the chapel. As you can see in the pictures, it was great fun to help restore the chapel one more time."



Getting paint on both themselves and the chapel, A.J. in the center (sunglasses) joined his enthusiastic group of former NAS firemen and BRU Kiwanian friends, who enjoy keeping their little chapel ship shape.

Killearn Kiwanis and Project Eliminate

It hasn't been too long ago that our club, Tallahassee-Killearn, was actively involved in the Kiwanis International's IDD Project. This year our club has been active in the "new" Project Eliminate which was adopted by Kiwanis International at the 2010 Convention.

First we made sure that all of our members were educated about how deadly Maternal/neonatal Tetanus is around the world and how Project Eliminate would save thousands of lives of mothers and children each year. We also made sure that our members understood that this project would be on going and would take several years to complete.

Next the club Board of Directors decided to adopt a plan which would ask each member to contribute their pocket change each day to this project. We gave members a pint Kerr canning jar to place on their dresser to put their change in each day. The treasurer collects the funds on the last meeting of the month. The chairman of this project and the president reminds members at each meeting and when the treasurer announces the total, members cheer and applaud.

Our Killearn Kiwanis Club of around 30 members have been collecting funds for this project for 8 months and have collected \$1,200. A check was presented to Florida District Eliminate Project Chairs Chuck and Emilia Gugliuzza at the 2011 Florida District Convention.

If your club hasn't started raising funds for Project Eliminate, why not try this approach. It's working for us and it can work for your club too. Let's all do our part in eliminating MATERNAL/NEONATAL TETANUS and help Kiwanis International raise the 110 million dollars needed to accomplish this worthy goal!



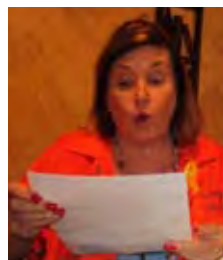
Richard Ziegler, President
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Kiwanis Club of Dania Beach Luncheon

What a great time at lunch at the NEW Antonio's Restaurant where the Kiwanis Club of Dania Beach meet for their weekly meetings on Thursdays at 12:30. Newly installed President Joan Richardson ran a great meeting with the guests of honor Governor Eddie Lee and First Lady Carole in attendance. We should ALL try to inter-club with Dania Beach because the food is excellent, the price is reasonable and their club members are very nice.



Eddie Lee and President Joan are talking business



First Lady Carole spoke about her project raising funds for juveniles with cancer



Past President Rose Lizana owns the Dania Beach Press

Longboat Key Kiwanis Awards Scholarships

By Bill Sceva, LBK Kiwanis

On the morning of August 18th, the Harbourside Grille at the Longboat Key Club was filled to capacity with scholarship recipients, their guests and summer residing members as the Kiwanis Club of Longboat Key awarded 20 scholarships. Thanks to the Longboat Key Club for its gracious hospitality for providing a “cook to order” omelet chef and a super buffet line. Weldon Frost, Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee, speaking for Committee members; Dr. Larry Kassouf, Glen Peterson, Rick Williams and Matt Walsh, opened the Award Ceremony.

He related how the 51 Kiwanis Club members raised their funds. Last year’s money making events were a Valentine Ball, Pancake Breakfast, and a St. Jude Gourmet Luncheon. Edith Barr Dunn and her “Golden Girls” run a 50/50 Raffle which takes in a lot of money. Members contribute a dollar each week to what is called “The Potty”. Funds also come from members’ birthday, wedding anniversary and deceased member memorials. As a community project, he club also rang the bell for the Salvation Army and also conducted a food drive for the local Food Bank.

Collegiate scholars attending were; Romaisa Batool, State College of Florida; Christina Mascitto, State College of Florida; Sarah Newhall, UF Gainesville; Anna Cirell, USF Sarasota; Cindy Ibarra, USF Sarasota; Jasper Masciocchi, USF Tampa; Fatima Paula, St. Petersburg; Virginia Rossi, St. Petersburg; Timothy Fiala, UCF Orlando; Michael Long, New College.

Attending from Manatee Technical Institute were: Celeste Creighton, Stephanie Dolen, Monika Kurucz, Jamie Lamb, Augustin Olvera, Joseph Reda, and Brittney Washington. Also attending were Joseph Karns. Sarasota County Technical Institute and Julia Swan, Orlando Academy of Health & Beauty.

Members were impressed by the gratitude these young folks displayed for such a modest grant. Members wished they could only do more. In that regard, club president Bob Gault and the Board is “scheming” for ways to increase the Foundation in the coming months.



Kiwanis Club of Kendall South Dade

Our biennial Humanitarian Mission to Jamaica was a tremendous success. The collaboration between the Kiwanis Club of Kendall South Dade and several partners created the mechanism for targeting and serving the people of Jamaica with the greatest need. Our partners included the Jamaica Nurses Association of Florida (JNAF), the Kiwanis Club of Pinecrest/ Palmetto Bay, and several Kiwanis clubs in Jamaica (Caymanas Business District, May Pen, New Kingston, North St. Andrew, Santa Cruz, and West St. Andrew).

This year, we had the privilege of collaborating with the Edge Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Miami, Florida who adopted the Red Hills Basic School.

This international mission could not have been possible without the generosity of many businesses and individuals who provided support in cash and kind. Baptist Hospital, SeaFreight Agencies, and Soles4Souls, continue to be valuable sponsors of this Mission. In addition, Digicel Jamaica provided local transportation that enabled us to reach various communities across Jamaica.

Reflection and Future Action

The interaction with the children at Missionaries of the Poor continues to be one of the highlights of the Mission. The physical challenges faced by these children make it necessary to provide total care for each child. Our volunteers assisted with feed-ing, bathing, and interacting with the children. A few of the children are enrolled in school, unfortunately due to lack of funding some children eligible for school are not yet en-rolled. As an extension of the Humanitarian Mission, we are making a valiant attempt to get the other children in school. We are soliciting scholarships to meet the educational needs of these children. If you would like to help send a child to school, please call 305-790-0733.



Homestead South Dade Playground

By Kerri Lann Board Member & PR Chair, Kiwanis Club of Homestead-South Dade

The Kiwanis Club of Homestead – South Dade recently dedicated a new playground to Open House Ministries in Homestead, FL. Open House Ministries is a faith based organization that promotes education, skill development and helps in filling the spiritual needs of local children and youth.

The Kiwanis Club of Homestead donated \$5,000 to this project and received matching funds from the Kiwanis Foundation for a total of \$10,000 to complete the playground. The dedication of the playground was held on August 20th and was attended by many Kiwanis members, Mayor, and club member, Steve Bateman, representatives from Open House Ministries and local children. The Kiwanis Club of Homestead was thrilled that they could provide a playground for the children that attend programs at Open House Ministries.



Kiwanis Club of Rockledge 50th Anniversary

The Kiwanis Club of Rockledge, Inc. celebrated its 50th Anniversary September 1, 2009 at Jimmies Family Restaurant in Rockledge. The club was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Cocoa and was chartered March 26, 1959 with approximately some 30 members. Harrell Cunningham was the first president.



Attending the festivities were Division Lt. Governor Brenda Van Nest, Division Lt. Governor Elect Tom Miesmer, Rockledge City Mayor Larry Schultz, Rockledge City Manager Jim McKnight, Rockledge High School Principal Anthony Hines and US Congressman Bill Posey who is a club member and past president. There were 15 past presidents attending including the first and second Presidents.

Lt. Governor Elect Tom Miesmer was master of ceremonies; Congressman Bill Posey was the key note speaker. The City Mayor read a Proclamation and thanked the members for their service to the community. Division Lt. Governor Brenda Van Nest installed Dana Nichols as a new member. U. Governor Brenda Van Nest then uninstalled the 2008-2009 Directors and installed the 2009-2010 Directors: Bob Kenaston as President, Lee Roll as Vice President, Darlene Jarvis as Treasurer and Johnny Basher as Secretary.

The club Past President Roll awarded citizen of the year to Bill Posey and Kiwanian of the year to Johnny Basher. Other personal awards were presented to recipients.

Members Prepare Meals for Families at Ronald McDonald House

By Key Howard, Kiwanis Club of Central Orlando

Members of the Central Orlando Kiwanis Club gathered recently to prepare meals for over 50 families at the Ronald McDonald House on the campus of Arnold Palmer Medical Center. Steaks, hot dogs and hamburgers, contributed through a local meat distributor, were grilled and paired with a variety of side dishes, all prepared by Club members, their families and friends.



Members of the Central Orlando Kiwanis Club prepare food for as many as 50 people staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Left to right: Tom Wert, Howard Hendryx, Barbara and Irv Shargaa and Key Howard



Scott Vachon, of the Central Orlando Kiwanis Club, chairman and chief griller.

Kiwanis Club of Seminole ~ After 50 Years We're Better Than Ever

Submitted by Maureen Zilles

It doesn't seem so long ago but it was in August 2009 that I wrote to describe our club's Faceless Doll project. Since that time we have delivered over 2000 dolls to All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg and have expanded our operation to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa as well. Not only have we been making dolls we have been improving them!

These dolls, as you may recall, are used in "medical play" by the professionals of the Child Life Departments in these two children's hospitals as they are in many others. These dedicated experts help seriously ill children cope with the many, varied and invasive therapies that are necessary to their survival. The dolls that our club makes are the tools that these professionals use to enhance the coping ability of their child patients.

Not every child who is admitted to a children's hospital will receive a doll but they can be used throughout the facility. Oncology, cystic fibrosis units, ERs as well as recreational groups find them especially important. Identified needs like fear of new procedures, problems coping with pain or disability can dictate therapeutic interventions to teach and desensitize. Dolls personify the child's ability to overcome medical challenges.

Making these dolls in sufficient quantity has been our challenge and we have met easily. As more women join the ranks of Kiwanis this becomes a "natural" project for any club. Currently there are eight dedicated sewers making these simple dolls for our club. With the important feedback of the Child Life professionals we have made them better than ever!

As you may be aware, many seriously ill patients need vascular access devices (VADs) implanted in their chests to facilitate the receipt of multiple intravenous medications. These devices provide a safer, more comfortable and less dangerous delivery system than traditional peripheral IV lines when therapy will be ongoing over a long period of time.

The latest version of our dolls has a simulated VAD inserted in the right chest area. This allows practice by the patient with the most realistic facsimile possible.

Made from simple bottle tops our VAD is filled with the same stuffing as the doll itself and sandwiched between two layers of sheeting. After the bottle top is stitched all around to secure it into the sandwich this sandwich is trimmed into a U shape. This U shaped package is stitched onto the wrong side of the doll's body before it is stuffed. One row of secure stitching is enough to hold the bottle top in position.

From the outside of the doll, a single row of stitches can be seen across the right chest near the juncture of the right arm and the neck. This is very much like the suture line that secures a VAD onto a patient's body. Because of the use of a bottle top, the device feels just like a VAD, also known as a "port". It can be palpated from the outside of the doll exactly the way it would be on the patient's chest wall. When an injection is simulated, because of the solid bottle top, it feels the same as a real injection would feel.

This new version of our good old reliable faceless doll has been welcomed with great enthusiasm. Envisioned by the daughter of a Kiwanian, Leah Frohnerath the Director of the Child Life Department at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, it was pioneered by her mother, Charlene Maus and refined by the work of the other ladies on our team to create the perfect "port doll". Kristin Maier, the Director of the Child Life Department at All Children's Hospital and her staff are especially grateful.

Need-less-to-say these special dolls are in great demand. Unfortunately there are many young patients who face this minor surgery to facilitate the delivery of their life saving medications. It is only one of the many challenges that these children face.

We feel truly blessed to have members who not only dedicate themselves to making these valuable dolls but also strive to improve them at every opportunity. Surely there is a children's hospital in your area who would welcome your dolls.



Here Kristin Maier thanks Maureen Zilles for the important work of the Kiwanis Club of Seminole.

Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach awards college scholarships to 85 area youth

Local service club has provided \$3.1 million in scholarships to more than 700 local students since 1966. Current Kiwanis Foundation President is former recipient

On August 10, 85 local students will receive a total of \$260,000 in college scholarships from the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach. The awards will be presented at a luncheon at noon at Airport Hilton in West Palm Beach. The scholarship program, administered through the Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach Foundation, Inc., is one of the largest scholarship programs in Florida. Since 1966 it has awarded \$3.1 million in scholarships to assist more than 700 local students achieve a college education.

In fact, one of the past recipients, Steve McDermott, is now the president of the Foundation. His scholarship helped pay his tuition to the University of South Florida where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He is now the Chief Financial Officer for the

noted law firm of Gunster, Yoakley and Stewart. "We are especially gratified to be able to reach this record level and help so many students," said Foundation President Steve McDermott. "To be able to generate this amount of support for our scholarships, particularly with a weak economy, is amazing. We are thankful for the support from community donors. Because of their generosity, we've actually been able to increase the levels of many of our scholarships."

Another among the many local successful members of the community who have been Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach scholarship recipients is Valentine Rodriguez. His Kiwanis scholarship allowed him to attend Harvard University where he graduated cum laude with a degree in government. He wrote his senior college thesis on the implementation of the death penalty in Palm Beach County during the 1980s. He worked for several years with the local Public Defender's Office helping write policy and organize programs for indigent persons, while he studied at Harvard. He worked his way through law school with a local civil rights firm and graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in 1994. Rodriguez opened his own criminal defense law practice in 1996, and has achieved success in both civil and criminal cases, at both the state and federal levels, and for appeals at all levels. He is married with five children, and is guardian of two other children.

A current Kiwanis scholarship recipient, Joseph S. Lesnick, is in his fourth year of medical school at Florida State University. He knew from the age of 13 year that he wanted to be a doctor, but worried that his family's financial situation would pose a challenge in funding his education. He received a Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach scholarship to help pay for his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida. During this time, his father died, adding further financial stress to the family. The Kiwanis club continued to support his studies as he entered medical school at FSU and also provided his brother with a scholarship to help pay for his undergraduate studies at UF.

"Of course mine is only one of countless stories illustrating the role that The Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach has played in shaping young peoples' lives," Lesnick said. "I will remain forever thankful to this organization for the tremendous support they have provided to me and to my family."

The Kiwanis Club of West Palm Beach Foundation is committed to academic excellence. The goal is to help students who carry at least a 3.0 grad point average, have demonstrated good citizenship and community responsibility; and who have financial need. Generally, family income above \$75,000 will reduce the chances of a student receiving a scholarship award. Copies of parents' and students' income tax returns are mandatory as is a current tax bill or property tax assessment. All grants are made without discrimination as to age, race, color, religion, gender, national origin or disability.

To be eligible, the student must plan to attend college full time and, if a high school student, must currently attend high school and live in the geographic area from PGA Blvd to the north, south to Hypoluxo road and west to the Glades.

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- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- ◆ To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- ◆ To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

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