

Celebrating A New Aktion Club

By Rob Crowder Lt. Governor, Division 15

One of the goals for Florida Kiwanians was to grow Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Club of North Lakeland has accepted the challenge by chartering a new Aktion Club at Polk County Association for Handicapped Citizens, with the help and efforts of President / CEO Shirley A. Balogh and Communications Coordinator Kelly Boettcher. Kelly is also the Advisor for the new Aktion Club. PCAHC recently celebrated their first official meeting with a charter breakfast banquet, presided over by North Lakeland Kiwanis President, Tony Fussaro. Also in attendance, were fifty highly energized Aktion Club members, fourteen members from the North Lakeland Kiwanis Club, City Commissioner Glen Higgins and Past Lt. Governor Matthew Cantrall. By utilizing his time, expertise and resources, Matthew was a key figure in helping North Lakeland charter the PCAHC Aktion Club and ordering t-shirts for the club members.

The banquet started out with a great breakfast provided by PCAHC, followed by a congratulatory speech by Commissioner Hig-



Photo Caption for PCAHC Aktion Club Charter Banquet: North Lakeland Kiwanis Club with the new Aktion Club officers, including PCAHC Advisor Kelly Boettcher (far right, front)



North Lakeland Kiwanis Club Advisor Dave Powell (far left) installing new Aktion Club Officers (L to R) Kimberly Williams, Secretary; Leila Hall, President; Kelly Alexander, Treasurer; Kevan Chapman, Vice President

gins and concluded with the presentation of certificates and pins to the new Aktion Club members and advisors. North Lakeland Kiwanis also presented the Aktion Club President, Leila Hall, with Aktion Club banner, bell and gavel. The room was full of energy with Aktion Club members who have already performed numerous service projects, including participating with North Lakeland in the "Kiwanis One Day" event, helping with a park beautification project.

PCAHC Aktion Club knows about the importance of being significant in the lives of others. In a joint project with North Lakeland Kiwanis Club, they are making and providing tote bags for the North Lakeland Club to fill with needed items for children under the Guardian ad Litem program, which is the 2007-2008 First Lady Sharon Taylor's project.

We are proud to see the PCAHC Aktion Club already branching out into community service, building leadership skills and showcasing that the PCAHC Aktion Club is where development has no disability with the support and efforts of the Kiwanis family.

The Annual July 4th Kiwanis Midnight Run

In 1980, the inaugural July 4th Kiwanis Midnight Run took place to raise funds for the Dunedin Kiwanis Club's charities. Henry Hardin, with the Dunedin Kiwanis Club, was the race director. Co-race director was Joe Garrison and to this day Joe is still performing admirably at that same position. The race drew 542 runners that first year. It rapidly grew to the point where Henry had to ask his brother, George Hardin with the Countryside Kiwanis Club, to become another co-director and help with the race. Thus sprang a cooperative effort between the two clubs to produce the run each year for their respective charities. The races were a 3K and a 10K in distance, out and back to Honeymoon Island State Park along the Dunedin Causeway.

Fast forward to the year 2007. This year, being the 28th annual run, the race is now called the July 4th Kiwanis Morton Plant Mease Midnight Run.

The distances are now a 5K, a 10K and a 1 mile run/walk with the 10K being the premier race starting at 12:15AM the morning of July 4th. The volunteers helping with the myriad of duties at the race

come from members of both clubs, spouses of the members, friends of the clubs, Key Club members and members of a local radio club. And, of course, the many sponsors that help make this race possible.



Among the record turnout of 1752 registered participants this year, there were a lot more races than for first place. One example occurred in the 10K race between two top high school runners in the area battling for third place. Another when two senior runners were battling for fourth place in the 5K race. The races are all very competitive. All ages participate.

Including this race, the 28 Midnight Runs have raised \$475,000 for the Kiwanis Clubs of Dunedin and Countryside to continue their work with the youth, handicapped, elderly and needy in their respective communities. They are indeed serving the children of the world and making a difference in their communities.

Kiwanis Education Day 2007-2008

During the 2007-2008 administrative year, we will conduct Education Days throughout the state in lieu of Zone Conferences or Mid-Winter Conferences. These will be on one of three dates selected by the Lt. Governor of each division. Please see the schedule for your Division's date.

The program will be customized for your division's needs. Typical education programs will include officer education, membership recruitment tips, service enhancements and service leadership programs. These half day, local events will be fast paced, inexpensive ways to educate club members. One of the areas of emphasis will be "new member" education. New Kiwanis Members are encouraged to attend.



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Past Lieutenant Governors' Association 2007 Annual Meeting

The annual breakfast meeting of the Past Lieutenant Governors' Association was held on Saturday, August 25, 2007 in Marco Island, FL. Over 140 members and guests were present as Kiwanis International Trustee, Stan Storey, installed the 2007-08 officers; President Melanie Winternheimer, President-Elect Matthew Cantrall, Secretary/Treasurer Robert "Carp" Carpenter and Immediate Past President Robert (Bob) Filichia (Division 11). Florida Key Club Governor, Wayne Dell, and Florida CKI Governor, Alex Garner, informed the group about developments in their respective K-Family organizations and Dick Klein, 2007-08 Florida Kiwanis Foundation President provided a preview of the upcoming year in the Florida Foundation.

The Past Lieutenant Governors' Association is looking forward to an active year with plans for creating division-wide Speakers Bureaus throughout the district, increasing the number of active division level Past Lt. Governors' Associations, as well as participating in the Kiwanis International Convention being held in Orlando, June 25-28, 2008.



The Past Lieutenant Governors' Association meets every year at the Florida District Convention. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to become more involved please email Melanie at plga@bellsouth.net or visit our website at <http://www.floridaplga.org>

Grand Opening Of The Kiwanis Kids Park At The Zoo

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

The Kiwanis Kid's Park located at The Zoo in Gulf Breeze, sponsored by Florida Kiwanis Division One Clubs, recently had its Grand Opening. The Entrance Billboard at The Zoo welcomed the children and parents to the Grand Opening of the Kiwanis Kids Park. As they stood in line for the magic ribbon cutting, the first one hundred children were given a ticket that provided them free admittance to the Zoo.

Once they were inside, their eyes danced with delight and excitement as they viewed

Governor Ronald Grissom, welcomed the Kiwanians, children and parents as they entered through the wooden giraffe-guarded entrance gate of the beautiful gardens planted by the Kiwanians. In celebration of the Grand Opening of the Kiwanis Kid's Park, the Kiwanians provided free grilled hot dogs, chips, lemonade, and water to all the children and their parents.

A plaque on the playground fence identifies the contributing Division



Kiwanians welcome children and parents at the entrance gate to the Kiwanis Kids Park at the Grand Opening

the dinosaur dig, the playground equipment, and picnic tables with colorful umbrellas. Florida Kiwanis Division One, Lieutenant

One Clubs by name, i.e., Big Lagoon Kiwanis, Central Pensacola Kiwanis, Crestview Kiwanis, Destin Kiwanis, Ft. Walton Beach Kiwanis, Ft. Walton Beach Playground Kiwanis, Milton Kiwanis, Niceville-Valparaiso Kiwanis, Nine Mile Road-Pensacola Kiwanis, Pensacola Kiwanis, Santa Rosa Sunrise-Milton Kiwanis, and Warrington-Pensacola Kiwanis. Also, each picnic table has an engraved name plate that identifies the Kiwanis Club that purchased it. Over \$5,000 in donations were collected from Kiwanians and others, including United Cerebral Palsy, Wal-Mart, the Key Club, the Boy Scouts, Dirt and Sand Com-



Florida Kiwanis Division One Lieutenant Governor Ronald Grissom welcomed children as they played in the Dinosaur Dig (L-R Zach Roberts, Chloe Harper, Hannah Wilkins and Jayruh Miller)

pany, Keenan Sons, Jones Fence Company, the Santa Rosa County Master Gardeners Association and Frank Powell that has made the Kiwanis Kids Park at The Zoo a reality. The park will continue to evolve; phase two will include a catfish feeding pond, to be provided by the Mitchell Family.

As the children played, the Kiwanians had a smile in their hearts as they looked on with the knowledge that once again Kiwanians are making a difference in the lives of the children of Northwest Florida as they carry out the Kiwanis dream to change the world for the better, one child and one community at a time.

Can You Match This? Yes We Can!

A challenge from the Aug./Sept. issue of the *Kiwanian*

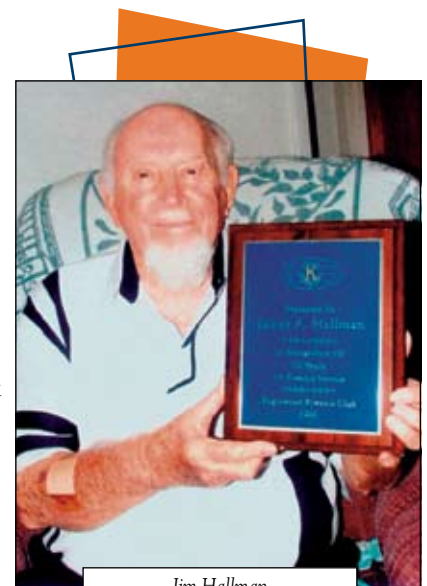
Jim Hallman, a retired dentist, is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Venice. Jim is 88 years "young" and he has 61 years of perfect attendance as a Kiwanian. He also has a 50 year pin as a member of the 32nd Masonic Lodge and 48 years as a Shriner.

As a Kiwanian he was a Past District Governor, International Chairman of Builders Club, Kiwanis President, Lt. Governor and District Treasurer. He has served in three Kiwanis Clubs - Potstown, PA, Englewood, FL and currently the Venice Kiwanis Club.

Jim is an asset to our club actively participating in our projects. He still finds time to golf and work in his church. We are very proud to have him as a member of our club.

I think the Tallahassee club has one for you.

Ed Mason is over 90, has been a forever member of our club a member of the Downtown Miami Club before that. He teaches Sunday School at the Baptist church every Sunday, has been on several missions to Africa, is a daily deliverer of meals on wheels, served a term on the Florida Public Service Commission, a term or two on the Dade County Commission before that and was a Dade County Justice of the Peace before that. And when he shakes your hand you will know it has been shaken.



Jim Hallman

TPD, Kiwanis host Child ID

As published July 18, 2007 in the Democrat Newspaper
By Stacy Jacobs, DEMOCRAT STAFF

Few things scare a parent more than the thought of losing a child. On Saturday, July 21st the Tallahassee Police Department and the Tallahassee Kiwanis Club teamed up to offer the Child ID program to children of all ages.



This was the second of three Child ID events this year. The program provides parents with up-to-date photos and fingerprints of their child that would give police a starting point if the child were missing, lost or abducted.

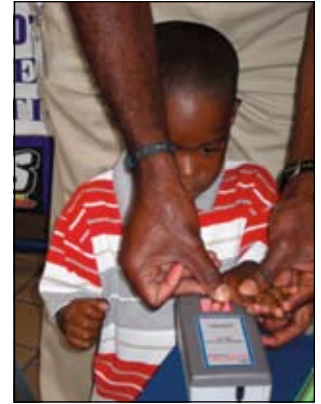
“Parents are encouraged to update this information annually, as a child’s features tend to change as they grow older,” said Sgt. Audrey Smith of the Police Department.

Usually, the children taking part are old enough to stand on their own. But that’s not always the case.

“We’ve taken pictures of

children in strollers,” said Kiwanis Division 3 Lt. Gov. Nancy Shank.

Shank said that a mother brought her 16-year-old daughter to the last session so she would have information “in case something happens.” Child ID does not keep any information about the children who attend; there is not a police database that contains the information received at these events. Smith said that more than 1,800 parents have taken advantage of this program.



Smith advises parents to:

- Warn children about “Stranger Danger” - never take candy from a stranger; never get in a car with a stranger; never help a stranger find a lost pet.
- Make sure children know their full name and their parents’ full names and how to contact their parents.
- Keep a schedule of children’s activities - know where they are, whom they are with and when they will return.
- Keep children in eyesight and be aware of surroundings in public.
- Make sure children know to dial 911 if they need help.

Slot Membership

By: Rob Streitz

Recently I gave a presentation to a local corporation to donate money for our club foundation, We had a plan of attack seeking monetary value for hard service work my club provides for (Our) community so we kept telling them. I noticed as I spoke of some of the respected organizations we work for in the community how we build, donate and teach the human resource director of this company kept coming back to a little something we slipped into our presentation about having someone in their company involved building, donating and learning through community involvement. There was that word again “Slot Membership”, “Well”, She said, “We have internship here where we are constantly trying to find outside civic and training activity for our employees to get that type of experience”. “Great”, I said, “This is a way for them to actually see how giving back to the community starts bring in money, setting and managing budgets, reviewing club or company involvement and consistently addressing the needs of those who need it the most.

Back at our next West Bradenton meeting the following month and critiquing our presentation we give to corporations we start to think

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a little bit more of this “Slot membership” and we think this could “snowball” in itself, When a common visitor to our club a director of one of those respected organizations we previously spoke of, pulled me to the side and said what is this “Slot membership thing” I told her and she would like her organization to get involved. I was pondering the other night the possibilities this thing could mean for our small club we have experienced over thirty percent growth in the past year but wow this “Slot membership” thing can really work, It gives two fold the club gets new blood, fresh ideas and a healthy membership, the corporation or organization gets a representative in the community building, donating, and learning to teach others, The community... Well they probably get the most of all, someone looking out for their best interest with no hidden agenda’s but giving the gift of building, caring, and learning for others and when you come and think about it that is really what it is all about, Oh and by the way this whole process and reason why we were at the corporation was the sole doing of one of our members and a employee of said company, new blood equals fresh ideas.

Three Indian River County delegates to Kiwanis International Convention

By: Ella Chabot-Remington

Three members of the two Indian River County Kiwanis Clubs were delegates at the Kiwanis International Convention held in San Antonio, Texas, July 3 through 6. Mike Policare, Vero Beach Kiwanis Club President, Ella Chabot-Remington, Vero Beach Kiwanis Club public relations liaison and membership coordinator, and Tim Garber, Treasure Coast Kiwanis Club President-elect, were Florida Kiwanis International delegates at the annual convention. Approximately 3600 delegates from around the globe attended the three days of voting sessions. The Florida delegation, wearing their traditional orange



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(left to right) Tim Garber, Treasure Coast Kiwanis Club President-elect, Ella Chabot-Remington, Vero Beach Kiwanis Club Public Relations Liaison and Membership Coordinator, and Mike Policare, Vero Beach Kiwanis Club President, are pictured at the Enchanted Springs Ranch 4th of July celebration, sponsored by the Florida delegation of Kiwanis International, during the convention in San Antonio.

attire, was a bright section among the delegates during elections. In addition to the voting sessions, the three local delegates attended a special Kiwanis concert by country singer Clint Black, and a Fourth of July celebration, sponsored by the Florida Kiwanis, held at the Enchanted Springs Ranch, outside San Antonio. The Enchanted Springs Ranch gathering featured a Native American Fire Dance, Old West wagon tours, a Texas style dinner, country bands and dancing, a movie stage set of an Old West town, and many animals, including buffalo and cattle.

The Kiwanis International mission is for each member to make a difference in the world “one child and one community at a time.” The Vero Beach and Treasure Coast Kiwanis Clubs are actively recruiting members, who seek leadership and service opportunities that benefit local children. For information call (772) 567-7124 or visit website www.kiwanis.org.

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(left to right) Ella Chabot-Remington, Vero Beach Kiwanis Club Public Relations Liaison and Membership Coordinator, and Mike Policare, Vero Beach Kiwanis Club President, are pictured wearing the orange attire of the Florida delegates to the 2007 Kiwanis International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

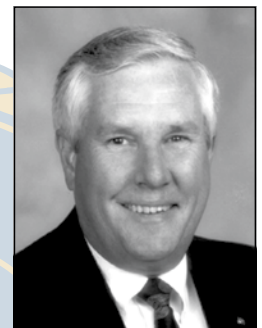
Message from International Trustee Stan Storey

I consider it a real privilege to be assigned to counsel the great Florida District this year. This is a first, and somewhat experimental, to have an International Trustee counsel his/her home District. Your International Board is attempting to save money within the counseling arena, so staying within our home Districts should save considerable travel costs.

As we start a new year we must begin to put our plans into action. Hopefully you've done the necessary planning as you begin the road to success with your Club. No matter how trite they sound, success is made up of a variety of basic truths. Though they may be considered clichés, here are a few of these “truths” to use when trying to motivate others -or yourself:

- * Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice.
- * Your only limitations are what you put into your mind.
- * The only trouble in getting to the top of the ladder is getting over the crowd at the bottom.
- * You can do it, if you believe you can.
- * A person's progress in life begins in his or her own mind, and ends in the same place.
- * Anyone can “start”, but only the thoroughbred will “finish”.
- * Success is the ladder that cannot be climbed with your hands in your pockets.

So let's get our hand out of our pockets and start to climb that ladder of success. You can do it, and you can finish like a thoroughbred. Since I am already familiar with the District as far as our day to day operating procedures, the main thing I need is feedback from our members and leaders. Please let me know your opinions, your critiques, and your complaints. I am representing you on the International Board. I need to hear from you so that I may take your ideas and thoughts back to the Board for consideration. My phone number is 904-256-0092, and my e-mail is slstorey@comcast.net.



Early Birds co-sponsor huge school supply expo

By Elaine Allen-Emrich, North Port Early Bird Kiwanis President

With more than 50 percent of children at one local elementary school on free or reduced lunch and many others not getting their immunizations in time for school, members of the Early Bird Kiwanis understood there was not only community need but a serious problem at some of the city's six schools. Florida law says that students must have current immunizations or they are sent home and not allowed to return until they have been vaccinated.

Early Bird members put their heads together to plan a way for children to get their shots as well as something valuable and still fun. Several years ago they created the Back-to-School Resource Expo. Members teamed up with the city of North Port and organized vendors to come in and tell parents about the services and goods available to children. This included offering Boy and Girl Scouts sign ups, school registration, finger printing, video identification, hearing tests, physicals, booster club information and of course free immunizations. Once a parent and their child visits 10 booths, they are eligible to receive a free backpack loaded with school supplies. This way, parents earned the backpacks and

didn't look at it as it was charity or just for the needy.

Kiwanis members work throughout the year for \$500 donations from area service groups such as the Rotary and Contractor's Association in order to buy the supplies and backpacks. This makes the expo a huge community partnership. When there is a great deal such as pencils for a penny or glue sticks for .12, members buy as many of them as allowed in order to save the valued donations. This year, the local paper even asked for people to go buy sale items to help defray the cost of the supplies.

Not only does the expo help 1,000 students, it also gives parents dozens of resources they might not have known were available to them in North Port.

Kiwanis members use the opportunity to meet parents and tell them about the other activities such as the Santa House, Easter egg hunt, fishing tournament and participation in the Relay for Life. Members are also buying tape recorders to help students learn to read at the city's elementary school with the most needs.



Division 4 - Giant Membership Meeting

One of the most successful Giant Membership Meetings ever held in Kiwanis Division 4 drew attendance of 70 at the Lake Region club in Keystone Heights April 12.

Twenty-one Potential Member guests attended. On-the-spot applications were taken from four and more are expected. Those who signed up at the meeting included: The Mayor of Keystone Heights; a proven leader from the Keystone Woman's Club; the President of the Keystone Republican Club and one of the community's most respected African American leaders.

Division 4 Lt. Governor Bill Pepper said the meeting is more remarkable because potential member guests almost equaled the present membership of 28. The club draws from Melrose and Keystone Heights.

President Alan Pankratz who presided, praised the work of first year member, Steve Hart, who headed the event as General Chairman. Steve said 29 of 51 Potential Members invited indicated that they would attend. He said that vigorous follow-ups are underway by the club to contact each and every one of those.

Four Kiwanis Clubs - Starke, Santa Fe, Baker County and Uni-

versity City of Gainesville -- turned out in force to participate, swell the crowd and support the home club. Sheriff Bob Milner, a former Lt. Governor and an active member of the Starke Club, gave an inspirational talk to highlight the meeting. President Pankratz, Division 4 Lt. Governor Bill Pepper, Former Lt. Governor Laura Dean, In-coming Division 4 Lt. Governor Tom Weller and General Chairman Hart added to the remarks. All stressed the valuable work being done with youth and the opportunities to become involved in the several club programs that reach and touch area youngsters.



Kiwanis Club of North Port 35th Anniversary

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During June 2007 the Kiwanis Club of North Port celebrated their thirty-fifth year of service to the community. The Club sponsored four separate events meant to symbolize the objects of Kiwanis International.

The four events were as follows:

Tuesday June 12, 2007 the Club co-hosted the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce monthly Business After Hours business card



Chamber of Commerce meeting. Kiwanians from left to right: Joann Fraser, Mary Wagner, Mary Crawley, Janis Goodcuff, Do Pataky, Bob Coulter.

exchange. Kiwanis encourages the application of higher business and professional standards.

Tuesday June 19, 2007 the Club hosted a Prayer Breakfast to honor all of our service personnel,

both active and retired. Kiwanis strives to give primacy to the human and spiritual values of life and encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule.

June 2, 9, 13 and 15, 2007 the Club supported a program for the youth at the North Port Library.



Children from the North Port Library painting their papier mache sculptures.

The Club has been supporting the youth of the North Port Area for the past 3 decades. Helping children has been, and continues to be, the major emphasis of Kiwanis.

Sunday June 23, 2007 the Club summarized our anniversary with a banquet honoring all current and previous members. Over the years some 225 different members have helped to make our community a better place to live.

Tallahassee Kiwanis Club Partners with Tallahassee Police Department

On August 7, the Tallahassee Kiwanis Club fed hot dogs and chips to over 400 people who attended the 24th annual National Night Out at the downtown Chain of Parks. Participants learned more about the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD), the Tallahassee Fire Department, the Leon County Sheriff's Office and other agencies that protect and serve.

This project was organized by Officer Ryan Dunphy of TPD's Crime Prevention Unit. The purpose, he said, is to heighten awareness about drugs and crime, build strong community partnerships "and to let the criminals in Tallahassee know that crime will not be tolerated."

The Tallahassee Kiwanis Club also collaborates with TPD on the Child ID Project, most recently on July 21. Through this effort hundreds of children have received photo and fingerprint identification cards that will greatly assist law enforcement in the event a child is lost or abducted.



Kiwanis at National Night Out Members (left to right) Jeff Hoffmeister, Nancy Shank, Wilson Wright, Arron Gober



TPD Partner Officer Ryan Dunphy (ctr), Lt. Governor Nancy Shank (left), Club President Bill Hilaman (right)