



Kiwanis Club of Cooper City Honored by the United States Army

Submitted by Steve Cummings, Club President, Kiwanis Club of Cooper City

The Kiwanis Club of Cooper City received a certificate of recognition from the United States Army for raising thousands of dollars for the Kicks for Nicks program honoring a fallen soldier who dreamed of giving soccer balls to young Iraqi children.

Initiated by club member Bruce Blitman, he shared this project with Key Clubbers statewide resulting in thousands of dollars raised to purchase soccer balls.



News Release From Greenacres and Western Communities Kiwanis Annual Student Recognition Awards Luncheon

Submitted by Earl Falk, Webmaster, Greenacres Kiwanis Club

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, Kiwanis held their annual Student Recognition Awards Luncheon at Okeehetee Middle School. Schools in the Greenacres area honoring their students were Liberty Park, Greenacres, and Pine Jog Elementary Schools, Okeehetee and LC Swain Middle Schools, JFK Charter School.

These schools have programs that encourage youth to pursue Kiwanis ideals: Sharing - Caring - Good Citizenship - Scholarship.

The 30 students receiving honors participated with their parents and were awarded trophies and a savings bond.

With help from the Okeehetee Middle School cafeteria staff, Kiwanis served pizza, popcorn chicken, green salad and drinks to the children, their families, and club members.

Kiwanis extends an invitation to everyone who wishes to volunteer in our youth activities programs to attend any of our meetings – each Wednesday at Noon at Bohemian Garden Restaurant, 5450 Lake Worth Road in Greenacres. Stop by for lunch and check us out at <http://www.gakiwanis.com>. Additional information can be obtained by calling 561-214-3413.



Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso Presents Scholarships

Submitted by Michael Davis, President, Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso



The Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso presented two \$1,000 scholarships at the Niceville High School Senior Awards Day. Mallory Parsons (right), daughter of Tim and Belinda Parsons, received the Danny Kittrell Memorial Scholarship and plans to pursue a leadership role in student government while attending the University of Florida. Victoria Hunter (left), daughter of Mark and Toni Hunter, received the Key Club Leadership Award and plans to major in international studies at the University of Florida. Making the presentation is Michael Davis (far right), Kiwanis Club President, and Tim Parsons (far left), Kiwanis Key Club Advisor.

For more information, Michael may be contacted at 678-3716 or visit their website at <http://www.niceville-valparaiso-kiwanis.org/>.

Division 19 Kiwanis Clubs Conquer Kiwanis One Day

Submitted by Rachel Smiley,
Public Relations Chair, Division 19

The Division 19 Kiwanis clubs were full force into the community the weekend of April 4th in participation of Kiwanis One Day. Kiwanis One Day is the annual day set aside where all Kiwanis clubs around the world are to participate in a single day of service to improve their communities and the lives of children in countless nations.

The following is a roundup of the projects completed by clubs in Division 19: **The Fort Myers - Edison Club** helped to beautify the community by doing a road cleanup.

The Fort Myers - Metro Club worked with the City of Fort Myers to put on a free community



Steve and Debbie Hess of Fort Myers South have fun painting at the Children's Advocacy Center.

Easter egg hunt for local children with over 4,000 eggs.

The Fort Myers South Club's members helped to ready the new building to house the Children's Advocacy Center by painting a clear sealant coat over murals donated by local artists. The club also donated several dozen stuffed animals to the center as a part of the First Lady's "Hats and Hugs" project. Children's Advocacy is a crisis center that works with sexually and physically abused children and is designed to be a safe and friendly place for them to come and be heard and help them get on the



Todd Adams, Rachel Smiley and Steve Hess of Fort Myers South Kiwanis participate in Kiwanis One Day.

road to recovery.

The Gateway to the Islands Club constructed over 200 colorful pillow cases for Conker Cancer, which is an organization that gives pillowcases to children in the hospital with cancer. The cheery pillowcases help to brighten up hospital rooms and put smiles on children's faces.

The Harney Point Kiwanis Club worked with their sponsored youth clubs in their Kiwanis Peanut Day and grossed over \$900 to help in their club projects.

The San Carlos Park & Estero Club held a book fair and provided a book to every child at San Carlos Elementary.

All the clubs had a great time participating in Kiwanis One Day, and look forward to next year on April 10th, 2010.



Warrington Kiwanis

Submitted by Donna Pittman,
Warrington Kiwanis Club

Photo taken at the Sunset Run sponsored by St. John School on June 9. The Warrington Kiwanis Club sold popcorn and gave the proceeds to the school. We will start a Builder's Club at St. John in August with the new school year.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

Kiwanis Club of Central Ridge - Crystal River Supports Boys & Girls Club

By Peter D'Elia, Kiwanis Club of Central Ridge - Crystal River

The new Boys & Girls Club of Central Ridge received a donation of \$10,000 from Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Club of Central Ridge-Crystal River gave \$5400 proceeds from their fund raising account and \$4600 from a grant from the Kiwanis Foundation. The money will be used to purchase computers.

The Kiwanis project began many years ago, under the direction of the Beverly Hills club that later merged with the one in Crystal River.

On hand for the presentation were from left Rafael DelValle, past Lt. Governor & Club President; Rich Gelfand, Boys & Girls Club of Central Ridge Board Member; Harvey Gerber Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County, Steering Committee Chairman; Don Fineout, Distinguished Governor and Foundation trustee; Chris Namislo, District 8 Lt. Governor; Jackie Marx, Club President; members Margaret Owen and Bob Adams. On hand but not in the photo was Pete D'Elia, Distinguished Past President and John Kister, Club Director.



General David H. Petraeus Speaks to St. Petersburg Kiwanis Club

Submitted by Dick Koch, St. Petersburg Kiwanis Club

Army four-star General David H. Petraeus spoke to the St. Petersburg Kiwanis Club recently (June 8). Petraeus is commander of the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) headquartered at MacDill AFB in Tampa. CENTCOM is responsible for protecting U.S. security interests in 20 countries primarily in Southwest Asia and the Middle East.

At the Change of Command ceremony last October, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that history "...will regard (Petraeus) as one of our nation's great battle captains. He is the preeminent soldier, scholar, statesman of his generation"

When he entered the room, Petraeus was greeted by prolonged applause from the more than 200 Kiwanis members and guests. The continuous applause lasted for more than five minutes. The only way he could get the audience to resume their seats was to politely excuse himself from the room.

After Club President Biff Baker opened the meeting, Al Karnavicius gave Petraeus an update on the Doorways Scholarship program explaining that approximately 130 disadvantaged young people will now have the opportunity to go to college. "We expect the number to increase every year," Karnavicius said.

Petraeus opened his remarks by saying, "I want to commend you of the Kiwanis Club for all that you do to serve disadvantaged children here in the local community. Organizations like yours composed of individuals dedicated to serving the people around them and strengthening their communities, help keep our country strong. I am grateful for the work that you do."

He said, "Our fundamental objective in Afghanistan remains ensuring that transnational extremists are not able to reestablish the sanctuaries that they enjoyed there prior to the 9/11 attacks.

Accomplishing this aim, however, requires ... helping to develop the Afghan security forces, reducing the illegal narcotics industry that finances the insurgency, fostering the growth of Afghan governance to help it achieve legitimacy, creating basic economic opportunity for Afghan citizens, and so on."

When commenting on the situation in Pakistan, Petraeus said, "Indeed, the Pakistani government, and now the Pakistani people and clerics, seem increasingly to understand the gravity and urgency of the threat. We must do all that we can to help increase the capability and capacity of (the Pakistani) forces to conduct sustained counterinsurgency operations."

The events concluded with the presentation of a Kiwanis International plaque from the St. Petersburg, Florida, Kiwanis Club. It was engraved: To Gen. David H. Petraeus, USA, Thank you for your service to our country and the rest of the Free World."

They're just words. Important words!



Kiwanis Day at the Rays

By Jessica Pelot, President, Manatee Sunrise Kiwanis Club

After watching our Florida District Governor throw out the 1st pitch of the Tampa Bay Rays game, members of the Manatee Sunrise Kiwanis Club snagged Dave Liddell for a photo opportunity. Then, we all enjoyed watching our Rays beat the Washington Nationals 5 to 4 on Sunday, June 14th. During the game we all got to wave our American flags, that Bradenton Kiwanian Lu Files brought out, for Flag Day. With our club, we brought a special friend from England. James just celebrated his 21st birthday and has Down Syndrome. This was his first Major League Baseball game, and he loved it. It was a great day surrounded by our fellow Kiwanians.



Erin Daniels & Terry Dennis



Allison & Karen Bilderback & Jessica Pelot



Dave Liddell, James Robins, Myah Daniels, Becca, Rachael and Devyn Tindell (Myah is Erin's step-daughter, Becca and Rachael are Erin and Jessica's nieces and Devyn is a cousin of Rachael and Becca, James is Jessica's "link son" - that's what they call foster parents and he says Jessica is his American foster mom)

Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Recognizes Oak Park Elementary Teacher

Submitted by Bill Teixeira, Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Club

On May 13, 2009, Rachael Breckenridge, Oak Park Elementary School Teacher, in Titusville, Florida was surprised when President Ivan Briggs of Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Club presented her with a plaque. Rachael was recognized for her outstanding leadership with the K-Kids. Kiwanis International has programs designed for all students ranging from elementary schools through college. One of the programs at the elementary school level is the K-Kids – a service club where lesson of leadership and self-development are introduced through learning to plan, setting goals, working with others, and celebrating success. Each program requires a Faculty Advisor to help organize the program and to lead the students during their school year. The K-Kids at Oak Park Elementary School have had a very successful – and a very active – year. At the beginning of the school year, the K-Kids planned events and fundraisers for the entire year, to include at least one activity per month. Some of those activities were providing food to food-banks, providing warm clothing to the needy, helping to collect money for various charities, and providing sup-

plies to the SPCA. In order to help offset some of their costs, they held fundraisers, with the most popular being selling “candy-grams” at the holidays. All of the meetings and activities take place outside of school hours, and Mrs. Breckenridge volunteered all her time to lead the students as they provided much needed service to their community. Without leaders such as Rachael Breckenridge, programs such as this could not take place, and the Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Club wanted to publicly acknowledge – and thank – Mrs. Breckenridge for her outstanding leadership role.



(L to R) School Teacher Rachel Breckenridge accepts the Outstanding Leadership award from Ivan Briggs President of Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Club



Before

Kiwanis Club of Seminole Meets the Challenge

Submitted by Maureen Zilles, Kiwanis Club of Seminole

- Can you help a child deal with the fear and anxiety of a hospital stay?
- Can you provide a vehicle to help them cope and endure their treatment?
- Can bed sheets and fiberfill be turned into a powerful tool that brings understanding, control and comfort to a child facing surgery, chemotherapy, invasive procedures, long periods of isolation?

The answer is YES!



After

The Kiwanis Club of Seminole makes faceless dolls for All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg. We provide 30 dolls per month says Maureen Zilles, chairperson of the Young Children Priority One committee. There are five of us who use the simple pattern provided by Kiwanis International and sheets donated by a local healthcare laundry service to make the dolls. At the hospital they are collected and distributed through out the facility by the Child Life Department.

According to Kristin Maier, CCLS Clinical Coordinator the dolls are especially appreciated by the children of the bone marrow transplant unit, the cystic fibrosis center, the oncology unit, the cardiac intensive care unit and the emergency department. The faceless dolls are painted, dressed and decorated by the children who receive them. The children manipulate the dolls in what is termed “medical play” to simulate all manner of treatment modalities which they themselves may face.

Children are encouraged to simulate medical procedures and administer everything from Band Aids and bandages to IVs, tubes, ports and surgery to their faceless surrogates. Many children paint a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other. They may inject the doll over and over again until they master the natural fear of a painful but unavoidable situation. Through the use of dolls therapists can assess what a child knows about their illness and where they are in dealing with it. Demonstrating on a doll can help even a young child accept uncomfortable treatments more calmly and cooperatively. It can dispel fears that may be more frightening than the real thing.

If you have members who want to aid a children’s hospital in your area in this way, go to the Kiwanis International web site under Service Projects for Young Children Priority One and look under Safety and Pediatric Trauma. You will find the pattern and instructions for these Kiwanis Hospital Dolls.

You will be proud to hear the sincere thanks that come from helping children cope with life’s difficult experiences.

The Kiwanis Club Of Big Lagoon Sponsors Scholarship

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

For the tenth consecutive year, the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon sponsored a "Take Stock in Children" Scholarship. A check for \$5,600.00 was presented to Sally Lee, Director of the Take Stock in Children Program in Escambia County and Earl Lee, President of the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation by Mit Roth, Presidential Advisor of the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon and Big Lagoon Kiwanian Robert Weber.

The Bill Hargreaves Memorial Scholarship (named in honor of Bill Hargreaves, the founder of the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon) is granted annually to a sixth grade student at Jim Bailey Middle School. A volunteer mentor is also assigned to the student upon award of the scholarship. The Scholarship will provide the student with tuition and fees for two years of junior college and two years at any Florida university, after successful graduation from high school.

The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation is a not-for-profit, tax exempt organization that is the host of the Take Stock

in Children program in Escambia County. Donations to TSIC may be sent to The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation, 30 E. Texar Drive, Pensacola 32503. Prospective mentors may contact Sally Lee at 850-469-5458 or TakeStockMentors@aol.com.

This is one more example of how the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon is making a difference in the lives of the children in North-west Florida as they voluntarily carry out the Kiwanis dream to change the world for the better, one child and one community at a time. Other children oriented activities that Big Lagoon sponsors are: Reading is Fundamental, athletic activities at Baar's Field, a Terrific Kids Program at our five elementary schools, the Area Shot Mobile Program, Builder's Club at Jim Bailey Middle School; Salvation Army Bell Ringers, Kiwanis Aktion Club/ARC, Milk and Honey,

Little League Baseball, Appetite for Life, Camp Happy Sands, Relay for Life, Children's Christmas Party/Angel Tree, Children's Community Easter Egg Hunt, Community Easter Sunrise Service, Scamp Scamp, Children's Programs at Kiwanis International Foundation and Florida State Foundation, Perdido Kid's Park and the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program.



Sally Lee, Director of the Take Stock in Children Program in Escambia County and Earl Lee, President of the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation are standing between Big Lagoon Kiwanians (left) Mit Roth and and Robert Weber (right) who are presenting a \$5,600.00 check to the Foundation.

Kiwanis President Arrested During Weekly Meeting

Written by Bob Horowitz, Immediate Past President, Kiwanis Club of Jupiter Tequesta

The weekly meeting of the Jupiter-Tequesta Kiwanis Club would have ended on time if their President wasn't arrested. On Wednesday, May 20th, Jupiter Police Officers entered Mangrove Bay, the site of the weekly meeting, with warrant in hand and the Club President was hauled away in a patrol car. Now with time to contemplate a life behind bars, she came clean. She was nabbed for "Jerry's Kids." Some of her fellow Kiwanians could be heard saying "they should throw away the key and give her life"!

Unlike the regular courts, here you are assumed guilty until you make bail. The scene of the local Corrections Facility was Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, and the cell was a Press Box. As jails go, it wasn't as bad as it might have been. In place of bread and water, a catered buffet was served.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) supports people of all ages with 43 different types of neuromuscular diseases. Research is conducted around the globe and clinics are supported as well. 90 Camps are held each summer, and are considered the bridge for youngsters with neuromuscular diseases. Most of these children consider this "the best week of their year."

Kiwanis Club President Ronnie B. Horowitz threw herself on the mercy of her peers, claiming her only crime was having a big heart. Fellow Kiwanians, business and civic leaders, Politicians, relatives, friends, and her fellow citizens came to her rescue and the rescue of "Jerry's Kids." By supporting Ronnie, they were also supporting the many endeavors of the Muscular Dystrophy Association right here in Palm Beach County.

This is just one of the many programs Kiwanis supports, while helping children locally and around the world. For more information about Kiwanis and how you can help your community, please call Bob Horowitz at (561) 744-6098.



Independence Middle School Charters A “Builders Club”

By Bob Horowitz, Immediate Past President, Kiwanis Club of Jupiter Tequesta

On April 20, 2009, the towns of Jupiter and Tequesta saw the establishment of the first “Builders Club”, which is the middle school member of the Kiwanis family. Builders Clubs are to Middle Schools what K-Kids are to Elementary Schools and Key Clubs are to High Schools.

After completing the development phase, Kiwanis Club Advisor Harvey White and Faculty Advisor Kim Desjarlais officiated the club's Charter Night. Harvey was joined by six more Jupiter-Tequesta Kiwanians: Marty Grivjack, Gene Fusaro, Bob Horowitz, Ronnie Horowitz, Steve Pullon, Roy Rood.

With an initial membership of nineteen

students, the club received its club charter, banner, bell and gavel. President Ashley and the club's Board of Directors were sworn in by Club Advisor Harvey White. The Builders Club has already started their first project, which is in support of the Ronald McDonald House.

For more information about Kiwanis or how you can help the children in our community, please contact Bob Horowitz at (561) 744-6098.



News Release From Greenacres and Western Communities Kiwanis

Builders Club Ice Cream Social

Submitted by Earl Falk, Webmaster, Greenacres Kiwanis Club



On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, Kiwanis hosted members of the L.C. Swain Middle School Builders Club to ice cream treats at Hoffman's Chocolates on Lake Worth Rd, just east of the school.

The Builders Club members were cited for their contributions to the children and community of Greenacres through participation in this year's Kiwanis events, particularly our “Lunch with Santa” in December, 2008 and the March of Dimes' March for Babies in April, 2009. Award certificates were presented to each Builders Club member by Kiwanis Club secretary, Lisa Keller.

Kiwanis extends an invitation to everyone who wishes to volunteer in our youth activities programs to attend any of our meetings – each Wednesday at Noon at Bohemian Garden Restaurant, 5450 Lake Worth Road in Greenacres. Stop by for lunch and check us out at <http://www.gakiwanis.com>. Additional information can be obtained by calling 561-214-3413.



Seminole Sunrise Kiwanis Hosts Annual BBQ

Submitted by Lou Hevey, Kiwanis Club of Seminole Sunrise

On May 2nd of this year the Kiwanis Club of Seminole Sunrise, in Sanford Florida, held it's twice annual BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser. All 11 active members of the club, one senior

member many spouses and other volunteers cooked up 600 chicken dinners most of which were pre-sales and deliveries to local businesses. The fundraiser was a great success. Most of the monies raised will be placed in the Club's scholarship fund. The club each year offers a two-year scholarship to a graduating senior from Sanford Seminole High School to attend Seminole Community College.



Kiwanis Club Of Niceville-Valparaiso Makes Memorial Donation

President Michael Davis, Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso

NICEVILLE, Florida, March 8, 2009 – The Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso donated \$650 respectively to the Children’s Advocacy Center in Niceville, FL and the Children in Crisis Center in Fort Walton Beach, FL in memory of former Kiwanians Bobby Baugh and Peter Banning.



President Michael Davis presents a donation of \$650 to Julie Hurst, Executive Director of the Children’s Advocacy Center in Niceville, FL.

Bobby Baugh was a Kiwanian for more than 27 years, a member of the Kiwanis Legion of Honor, a former Kiwanian of the Year and Club Treasurer for many, many years. Peter Banning was a Kiwanian for more than five years and dedicated his time to numerous children’s projects. Both of these men embodied the Kiwanis spirit and were an inspiration to all.

Our club has been a strong supporter of the CAC for over 10 years and donated over \$20,000 to help its mission of “Preventing Child Abuse, Protecting Children, and

Restoring Lives”. The Children in Crisis Center is a new addition to the Emerald Coast with a mission to “Provide Homes and Establishing Hope to the Abused, Neglected and Abandoned Children of our Community”. Prior to the grand opening our club spent many hours building a new playground and installing landscaping. We also donated \$12,000 from community fundraisers and secured an additional \$10,000 from the Florida Kiwanis Foundation.

The members of the Kiwanis Club of Niceville-Valparaiso embody the Kiwanis spirit by “**changing the world, one child and one community at a time.**”

For more information about this project, Michael may be contacted at 850-678-3716 or mpsk3@cox.net.



President Michael Davis presents a donation of \$650 to Ken Hair, Executive Director of the Children in Crisis Center in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Take a Kid Fishing

Vero –Treasure Coast Kiwanis Club Junior Fishing Contest

Submitted by Charles Robinson, Vero –Treasure Coast Kiwanis Club



Kaitlyn Cole with 1 of her 31 fish caught

On Saturday June 6 more than 220 kids ages 3-12 and their families took part in the Vero-Treasure Coast Kiwanis Club’s eighth annual Junior Fishing Contest. The young anglers were all ready to fish at 9 am as they tried to find the best spots along the Barber Bridge Fishing Catwalk on a beautiful Saturday morning.

In addition to the more than 20 Kiwanis members who volunteered, members of Youth Guidance and Americorps served as mentors and fishing guides. Thanks to their help and the contributions of our sponsors, the children and their families enjoyed fishing and lunch at no cost. Many thanks go to the following sponsors: Vero’s Tackle and Sport Shop for providing bait for all the anglers; Vero Beach and Sebastian Walmart for contributions to lunch, and Professional Outfitters of Vero Beach for providing the first prize rod and reel.

After two hours of fishing it was clear that the younger anglers were the luckiest as more than 90 fish were brought in by kids aged 3-6. Kids who were ages 7-9 caught 85 fish, and those who were 10-12 caught 45 fish. (All the fish were released). Afterwards all the hungry anglers and their families were treated to a cook-out.

During the cook-out prizes were awarded in several categories as follows:

- First Place for the Largest Fish - Michael Bishop, age 9, who hooked a 19 inch moray eel.
- Most Fish Ages 3-6 – Jordan Cole, age 3, who caught 9 fish.
- Most Fish Ages 7-9 – Shane Hewitt, age 8, who caught 7 fish.
- Most Fish Ages 10-12 – Bronson Ward, age 11, who caught 12.
- Ugliest Fish – Marc Bishop, age 7, for the ugliest crab & puffer fish.
- Most Fish Overall – Kaitlyn Cole, age 6, who caught 31 fish.

For more information about this event, Charles may be contacted at 772-460-0925 or Robinson3440@bellsouth.net



Unidentified kids proudly displaying pinfish



Unidentified kids gently removing hook from fish



Kiwanis volunteer Al Sammartino presents first place award to Michael Bishop, age 9 who caught the biggest fish

U.S.S. Toledo Drops Anchor at Kiwanis Club

By Michael d'Oliveira, Pelican Staff

Ships from the U.S. Navy couldn't dock at the Island City during Fleet Week festivities, but that didn't stop sailors from the U.S.S. Toledo from making the Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors a port of call.

On April 29, Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club members treated over 70 sailors from the Toledo, a Los-Angeles Class nuclear submarine, to a welcome with all the trimmings. "This has actually been an amazing welcome. They've made us part of their own," said, Sonar Technician Scott Mudge.

The sailors and their guests, including a few wives, enjoyed plenty of food and spirits. "I think it's fantastic. Kiwanis is supportive of the military and the community. We're very, very



thankful and we definitely feel very appreciated and honored to be here," said Captain Rob Dain, of the U.S.S. Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, who joked that he couldn't resist the chance to "crash a good sub party."

"Day in, day out, being on a submarine is hard work but this is one of the things that

make it totally worthwhile. We're very honored to be here," said Lt. Commander Paul Davis, the Toledo's executive officer.

"The concept is just spot on. I was talking to one Kiwanis member, and he said 'there is no other Kiwanis Club in Florida that does something like this' and that could definitely be the case. It's the right thing to do, and I know those guys won't forget it," said Ken Whyte, Lt. Governor for Kiwanis Division 23.

Sailors from the Toledo, and other vessels, were also invited to hospitals, schools, the Hard Rock Café and other South Florida venues.

Members of the public were also invited to take tours of the ships docked in port, including the Toledo.

"I was really excited to see all the kids come down. They loved the boat," said Petty Officer Chadd Crews.

Vice Mayor Justin Flippin and Commissioner Scott Newton read a proclamation and presented each member of the crew with a miniature key to the City of Wilton Manors. After Kiwanis, some sailors went over to Red's Bar, 2610 N. Dixie Hwy., where the first

round was on owner, former mayor and Kiwanis member, King Wilkinson.

Ironically, Red's was built in 1949 out of two Navy barracks welded together.

"It's so nice getting to talk to the guys, look at the pictures of their kids and just to give them a little taste of home and see the smiles on their



faces," said Kiwanis member Sheryl Chesler.

"I can't wait to do it again next year. It's one of our best service projects that we do." Last year Kiwanis hosted the crew of the U.S.S. Pittsburgh, another Los Angeles Class submarine. The Pittsburgh's crew gave high marks to Kiwanis and prepped the Toledo's crew to expect a good time. "They blew it up pretty good. They said it was going to be a good week," said Davis, who added that the event exceeded his expectations.

"I'd say it was as good if not better than last year. That's about as good as it gets," said David Platz, president of the Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club. Platz said Kiwanis will be looking to host another sub crew next year. "We're definitely going to do the same thing."

Davis said nothing in his navy career matched up to the Kiwanis event and Fleet Week. "It's refreshing to see this level of patriotism still alive and well. We'd love to be asked back."

Michael d'Oliveira is a member of the Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club.

Downtown Sarasota Kiwanis Club welcomes the Sunrise Club as a Satellite Club

By Jo Rita Stevens, Secretary, Downtown Sarasota Kiwanis

On May 8th the Downtown Sarasota Kiwanis Club welcomed the Sunrise Club as a Satellite Club. This agreement was reached, due to their declining membership. The Sunrise club will continue to meet and look for potential new members. This arrangement allows the lunch club of Downtown to do make-ups in the morning and the morning club to attend lunch meetings. It allows both clubs to recruit new members giving them a choice of breakfast or lunch meeting.

For additional information, Jo Rota may be contacted at joritas@comcast.net or 941 366 0261.



Jay Lockerby Director of the Sarasota Wellness Community. The Sunrise Club presented the Wellness Center with a check for \$8,000. This check is part of a pledge made by most of the Division 18N Clubs, and will be used for the new Kiwanis Children's Pavilion at the Center.



3 of the 7 new members, Barbara Delgado, Past President, Jackie Booth, President and John Moore, Past President of the Sunrise Club.