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## DATES OF INTEREST:

January 31, 2012 – tax filings due. All clubs are required to file either a 990N, 990EZ or a 990.

March 2-4 Circle K District Convention @ Camp Sunshine in Saco, ME

April 13-15 Key Club Education Conference @ Marriott in Springfield, MA

Regional Conferences Updated on the District Website:  
[www.newenglandkiwanis.org](http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org)

June 1-8 Cruise to Bermuda

June 28-July 1 Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, LA

## DISTRICT OFFICERS:

Vesta Browne, Governor  
Bill Jenkins, Secretary  
Frank Dennett,  
Governor-Elect  
Motkue Bowles,  
Treasurer  
Ron Sanville, Immediate Past Governor

Hello New England and Bermuda,

We are trying something new with this month's edition of the Yankiwonian. After listening to several club members express their confusion related to: "What exactly is a service project and how does it differ from a fundraising project?" We realize we have club members who have been members for many years (and we congratulate you on that), but we also have many new members who might not know just what is being done as it relates to SERVICE projects around the district. We decided the best way to answer that question was to give you examples of some of the service projects that are being completed around the district and to give you a blueprint of how to organize a successful SERVICE project with your club.

Following is an outline that will walk you through the process step by step. Feel free to take this document and share it with your members and use it as a guide for organizing new projects with your club.

For many, the reason we joined Kiwanis was for the opportunity to do service projects within our communities. If we are completing fewer projects than we would like or fewer than we have completed in the past, then this Yankiwonian will serve your needs well.

In the future we hope to highlight other areas where you have indicated you would like more information in the areas of fundraising, membership growth and using social media. We hope to offer you the same type of information on each of these topics as well.

For now, please visit our website: [www.newenglandkiwanis.org](http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org) for more ideas and information to assist your clubs. While you are there, please sign up to receive weekly updates at [events@newenglandkiwanis.org](mailto:events@newenglandkiwanis.org) and join our facebook group. If you have not already done so, you will also want to join our yahoo groups, where you can post information and ask questions to those who are sharing emails around the district and beyond.

We hope you find the information useful to your clubs.

Vesta Browne, Governor  
Bill Jenkins, Secretary

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# As Kiwanis members: We are all about Service!

Kiwanis members focus on the needs of ordinary people and children to create extraordinary, life-changing moments.

**Children  
Service  
Leadership  
Excellence  
Growth**

A common descriptor of Kiwanis is: **Kiwanis is where a need is served.** This statement speaks to the impact Kiwanis International and its family of clubs who devote more than 18 million volunteer hours and invest more than US\$107 million annually in their communities around the world. In a typical year, Kiwanis Clubs sponsor more than 150,000 service projects worldwide. The effect of Kiwanis service and leadership is far-reaching and impacts communities around the globe. The people who are served are impacted in ways we can only imagine. Sometimes, the effect of the service rendered is realized long after the project has been completed.

In the New England District we have many clubs who are actively involved within their community. Keeping service projects current and relevant can be a daunting task. We are always looking for new and different ideas and also ideas that range from very easy to organize to those that will take several months/weeks to develop and execute. Recently a renewed emphasis has been placed on the importance of a relevant club experience. These diverse club experiences enrich the entire organization and have opened the door to individuals who otherwise would not have considered joining. All the good that Kiwanis does around the world happens at the club level. Every day, Kiwanis leaders make their mark by revitalizing neighborhoods, engaging youth in reading programs, erecting playgrounds and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.

This edition of the Yankiwianian is dedicated to all our clubs who are actively involved in service projects throughout the year and are willing to share what they do and how they do each of the projects. Our goal is to provide our clubs with a working document to use as a reference throughout the year when a service project idea is needed by your club. Feel free to continue contributing to the projects that are included here by sending your information to John Maihos to post on our website: [webmaster@newenglandkiwanis.org](mailto:webmaster@newenglandkiwanis.org).

***HOPE is a powerful 4 letter word. When you have hope, you know that things will get better. When you have lost hope, nothing can be accomplished.  
Kiwanis members spread HOPE!***

Share your thoughts:

[Yankiwianian@newenglandkiwanis.org](mailto:Yankiwianian@newenglandkiwanis.org)

[www.newenglandkiwanis.org](http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org)

## WHERE DO WE START?

How do you decide on your project?

The first step in the process is going to guide you throughout the entire process.

You should develop a specific goal that is relevant to your community and to your club. After all, if the project does not have the interest of both, then there will be no need served.

Begin by getting a feeling for what types of projects your members are interested in completing. This can be based on skills, strengths, interest of members, or number of members willing and able to complete the project.

You can start this process by brainstorming ideas at a club meeting.

Bring large pads of paper and markers and have members sitting at a table brainstorm ideas for projects for the rest of the year. No idea is “wrong” or “unacceptable”. The idea is to get a list of as many projects as possible. If you have a large group of members at the meeting, have each table brainstorm ideas for a particular month. Do this for an assigned amount of time, then share the ideas, making a list of all those presented eliminating duplicates or identifying the number of times a project was mentioned.

Do you think your members might need some prompts to get them thinking about service projects impacting **CHILDREN**? Ask members to bring in a variety of “things” associated with young people.

Some ideas: Hats, gloves, pajamas, underwear and socks, playground stuff, toys, crafts, crayons, books, healthy snacks, book bags, music, games, jump ropes, basketball, nail polish, basic makeup, hair accessories. Have your members, take an item to use for brainstorming and develop ideas related to the item.

Need to find out what is really needed within your community? When was the last time your club completed a Community Analysis: <http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=143> ?

The link will bring you to a written outline on how to complete a Community Analysis from beginning to end. By completing this analysis, you will become familiar with several social agencies within your community. Visit them and share information about your club. Have a brochure prepared for them outlining information related to your club and types of projects you have already completed. Ask each member within the club to visit with different agencies so that many areas are covered.

Invite the people you speak with to attend one of your meetings, perhaps as a speaker to share what their agency is responsible for within the town or city. Remember you are selling your club to them so that you can be partners in a project needed within your community.

*“When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better.”*

**Try the following websites or organizations for ideas:**

**WHERE TO  
GET IDEAS**

United Way	Red Cross
Humane Society	Food Banks
Department of Education	YMCA/YWCA
Boys and Girls Club	Charity Guide
Volunteer Match (by ZIP Code)	ARC
Volunteerguide.org	Fire Department
Community Analysis for your Community	

**PLAN THE  
PROJECT**

**This is the time to show your community what your Kiwanis Club is all about!**

- Appoint a Chairperson and a committee. This helps to develop **LEADERSHIP** skills within your Club.
- Be organized.
- Do what you say you are going to do.
- Set goals so that you know exactly what needs to be accomplished.
- Develop a timeline indicating deadlines for things such as: publicity, media contacts, gathering of tools and equipment, or other items needed for the project.
- Invite the Service Leadership Programs you sponsor to join you. Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, Kiwanis Kids, and Aktion Clubs can be a valuable resource for your project.
- If appropriate, invite another organization(s) to participate.

**SPREAD  
THE WORD**

***EVERY SUCCESSFUL SERVICE PROJECT NEEDS TO BE ADVERTISED.*** Publicize the event!!! You should be advertising the event within your Kiwanis Club, your Division and the District if necessary. Don't forget to prepare press releases to local media. Send these out 1-2 weeks in advance of your project with follow up phone calls the day before the event for newspapers, radio and television studios. Have a spokesperson at the event ready to speak about the project.

The earlier your publicity begins the better. This can make or break your project. You want to make sure that your members can adjust their schedule and assure they are available to participate.

If your project involves outside organizations, be sure to include them in any publicity.

Don't forget to invite people you think might be great Kiwanis members. The best way to see what Kiwanis is all about is to experience a service project. By asking them, you have invited them to see what your club is all about. Don't be afraid to invite local town officials and/or school personnel. They should see what your club is all about. There is an excellent chance they will want to participate.

*“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.*

## **DO THE PROJECT**

All the planning has been accomplished. Now it is time to *EXECUTE THE PLAN!*

If you have done your homework, this part should be the time for all your members to shine. This is what Kiwanis is all about: Doing **SERVICE**.

Our Service Leadership Programs should be involved. Remember to include them in your project by giving them responsibilities they can handle. Give them the task and then let them do things their way. You may be surprised with what they can accomplish. It may be different from the way you would have done things, but they will appreciate the fact that you allowed them to bring their stamp to the project.

Do the best job possible. Strive for **EXCELLENCE**.

Prepare talking points: As your members are out and about talking with people participating in the event, you all need to be on the same page regarding what this project is all about. Prepare talking points so that everyone understands what it is that you want to share.

You will want to stand out in the crowd. Every Kiwanis member should be wearing Kiwanis apparel, or design T shirts or Polo shirts for everyone. No budget for shirts? Don't be afraid to wear buttons, arm bands, logo stickers, or anything that will allow people to identify that you are a Kiwanis member. Everyone should be doing something. Make sure Kiwanis members are not standing around doing nothing.

Don't forget to have signage outside the event to identify that a Kiwanis Project is taking place!

## WHEN IT IS OVER

*DON'T STOP HERE*....Now is the time to recognize everyone who worked on the project by sending out thank you letters especially to other organizations and any notable dignitaries present. Remember any business that donated something to the project, and any newspaper or radio/television stations that covered your event. After all, this group did their part to assure the success of the project as well. Keep in mind that some of your future members may come from this group. This is how your club can experience **GROWTH**

If possible, invite people who went above and beyond to one of your meetings and present them with special awards recognizing their contributions.

## DOCUMENT AND EVALUATE YOUR PROJECT

Keep track of the results of your project. How did you plan the project, contacts made, things you would do the same, and what would you do differently to improve the quality the next time the project is completed. It is important to provide planning details for similar projects for reference in the future. What went well? What can be improved upon? Did your project meet your goals?

Document your project in the newspaper, and forward details to the District and to International so that your club and club members can receive the recognition they deserve.

## YOUR SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS

**Following are SERVICE projects being completed around the district and beyond. Feel free to contact these cubs if you would like more information.**

After being inspired by your talk at convention, Gayla and I planned a 'Crafts and a Movie' afternoon for the many homeless children living in Danvers motels. It took us a while to get it all organized, but we had Gayla's daughter, Michaela, read the book you gave us at one of our lunch meetings when we announced our service project to the club.

## KIWANIS CLUB OF DANVERS, MA

A few weeks ago, we dropped off sign-up sheets to the motels and asked for school age children who wanted to participate. Our YMCA let us use their gym to show the movie and do the crafts, and their bus driver donated her time to go and pick up the children (along with a couple of Kiwanians as bus monitors) and return them following their afternoon of fun!

We had 33 children sign up so they came and made a snowflake ornament to take home, enjoy a few snacks and then watched the movie Cars 2. We had 6 Key Club students help us along with a number of Kiwanians.

The motel managers were very appreciative to have us do this for the youngsters. The parents were also very grateful to have an afternoon to themselves and to add some fun when their children would normally just be sitting in their motel room.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
WINDHAM MAINE**

I noticed Governor Vesta's FB request for project information tonight. We have done a project the last two years which has been well received and does not require tons of money nor many man hours of work.

We collect large plastic coffee containers with a snap-on top. We fill them with Oil Dry or some other clay based granules and deliver them to the local Meals-On-Wheels center. They are given to the drivers who use them on icy side walks and step at their clients homes when needed during deliveries. This reduces the danger of falling for both the driver and the client. In addition, this grit, unlike salt, does not ruin sidewalks, lawns and floors.

We have distributed about 80 of these containers in the last two years and we also leave bulk bags of the grit at the center for the drivers to use for refills. We usually get the grit donated by local auto parts stores and, of course the empty containers are collected from club members and schools.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
MALDEN, MA**

This year we are arranging a drop off place for expired and no longer needed medications. Since they should not be disposed of in the trash or plumbing systems we will make arrangements with the city to get them disposed of safely. At the same time we will be distributing the plug covers and child safety kits supplied by Kiwanis. We had a child safety day last year where we provided instructions for parents on what to do if your child is hurt and you are waiting for the ambulance to arrive. A lesson on child CPR and also choking issue was given. This was done in conjunction with the local ambulance company.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
CHITTEDEN COUNTY**

1. We continue with several of our members going to the Boys & Girls Club in Burlington to mentor them in reading once a month.
2. We continue to serve dinner at the Salvation Army to the poor 6 times a year.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
SPRINGFIELD, MA**

After the Family Safety Day attendance dropped off some years ago we created a nice alternative. We are currently going to 3 Springfield elementary schools and fit all 5th graders with bike helmets. We started with just 1 school but last spring did 3. We gave out close to 400 helmets last year. Hopefully we will be adding additional schools this year. Our long term goal is to fit each 5th grader in Spfld each year (about 1500 students)

**KIWANIS CLUB OF  
MASHPEE, MA**

Being recognized for all that your club is able to accomplish within your community is a special reward. The Kiwanis Club of Mashpee, MA was recently singled out by the Chamber of Commerce for their work within the community.

**INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED FROM ALL ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR A STATEMENT TO BE POSTED IN THE YANKIWANIAN. Following is information received from each of the candidates via email.**

**CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR**

**FRANK DENNETT**

It is an honor to be a candidate for the office of Governor for the New England District for 2012-2103. I joined Kiwanis in June 1993 as a member of the Kiwanis Club of The Seacoast in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Since joining Kiwanis, I have held many leadership positions at the club, division, and district levels, and feel that I have the knowledge, experience, and energy to serve the district well as Governor.

I have three areas of emphasis for the district for 2012-2013: 1) Membership-strengthening existing clubs, revitalizing weaker clubs, and building new clubs, 2) The Eliminate Project- supporting the worldwide service project and 3) Personal Growth and Development- promoting the role of Kiwanis in helping to improve one's life and building leaders.

**Membership**

The district has a membership problem- clear and simple. Everyone knows it, but no one is willing to really address it. Membership cannot increase without two ingredients coming together- retention and growth of existing clubs and building new clubs. I am 100% committed to seeing the downward membership spiral reverse direction and to get us back on the road towards 5000 members.

**The Eliminate Project**

The worldwide service project to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus is something that every Kiwanian should support at the individual, club, division, and district levels. This is a project that truly unites Kiwanians from every part of the world and fulfills the motto of "serving the children of the world".

**Personal Growth & Development**

Kiwanis has a lot to offer individual members in terms of personal growth and development; to not only encourage them to join Kiwanis but to retain them as lifelong members. District conferences and conventions need to be refocused on providing members with useful Kiwanis information and also opportunities for personal growth. Clubs and divisions need to identify and nurture potential club leaders and to have leadership succession plans in place.

My district theme for 2012-2013 will be "Go The Distance". While this phrase is commonly associated with sports, in general terms, it simply means "to carry out an action to completion". Working together, we can "go the distance" to increase our District membership, to support the Eliminate Project, and to make ourselves better Kiwanians.



## **CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT**

### **GLEN CEFALO**

Hello my name is Glen Cefalo and I am a candidate for Gov-elect 2012-2013, you may know me for being the District Sargeant at Arms for which I have held the position starting in 1998, Yes "the guy at the door that wants to see your meal tickets" and the unofficial governors bartender. The time has come for me to step up for the position of Governor elect and hopefully to Governor. My years of working with all the past governors has given me knowledge and guidance too see what the two positions require. With your help we can have a great year of Fun and exciting events, there are a few things that I would like to see return to the district conferences, FUN is the first thing, also hoping to see Kiwanis members that have not been to a conference in awhile, also new members, KIDS we are a children's organization but where are the children at our events??? Please bring your children to our events, also we need to do a service project at our conferences, food drive, book drive, painting a room at a shelter, Fun things that we can and have done and need to do more of, with any service project there is the possibility to get new members for our district. Thank you for taking the time to read this, a few more details of my Kiwanis years are below. If you have any questions or comments PLEASE call me, email, ask me anything cell# 508-776-0510 email [medic254@yahoo.com](mailto:medic254@yahoo.com)

1992 Joined Lower Cape Cod Kiwanis Club (was asked to speak on Fire Safety)  
1993-94 Club President (Awarded Distinguished)  
1997-98 Division Lt-Gov (Awarded Distinguished)  
1998-Present District Sargeant at Arms  
1999-2002 International Sargeant At Arms  
2002-Present Vice Chairman International Sargeant at Arms  
2010-11 Club President

Thank you all for being a Kiwanian and a friend, Happy New Year to all  
Glen A. Cefalo Div 16 Lower Cape Cod Club

### **GEORGE DELISLE**

My name is George Delisle, and I am seeking the office of Governor-elect of the New England District of Kiwanis.

If you are a regular attendee at our district conferences and conventions, the chances are pretty good that we've met, and that you know something about me ... the offices I have held, the work I have done for the district, and, most important, my passion for this organization.

It's possible, though, that you're a Kiwanian who has not attended a district function for a few years, and that you don't know a thing about me. I've been thinking about what I'd like you to know about me before we meet next August to choose a governor-elect.

I'd like you to know I first joined Kiwanis in 1979. I was a member of the Springfield Kiwanis Club, the third-oldest in New England, and I was president

of that club in 1990-91. During my years in the Springfield club I was first exposed to Kiwanis at the district and international levels, and I met many of the wonderful folks I am proud to call my friends today.

I'd like you to know that I have been a member of the Westfield, Massachusetts, Kiwanis Club since 2004, and that I have served that club as president as well.

I'd like you to know that I have served as lieutenant governor of Division 21, in Western Massachusetts, twice, and that I served five district governors, beginning with Suzanne Lemak, as editor of the Yankiwanian, our venerable district newsletter.

I'd like you to know that I believe our Service Leadership Programs – K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club – are truly central to what we do as Kiwanians. That's why I have served the past three administrations as district Builders Club Administrator.

I'd like you to know that I believe deeply and intensely in spreading the word about our Kiwanis mission and in helping our clubs to strengthen, grow and prosper. That's why I have served for the past six years as a Club Leadership Education trainer, and assisted in new club building efforts whenever asked.

I'd like you to know that I'm a career newspaperman, having worked as a reporter, and editor, and a systems administrator for the Springfield Republican since 1971.

Now that you know a little bit about me, I hope you'll allow me to extend my service to Kiwanis as your next governor-elect.

**CANDIDATE FOR  
TREASURER**

My Name is Michael Andrew Silvestri and I'm seeking the position of Treasurer of the New England District of Kiwanis.

**MICHAEL SILVESTRI**

I became a member of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield five years ago, because I wanted to be associated with a service organization with a mission that shares my values, and works to help the children in my community grow to become good future community-minded stewards.

I currently hold the position of club Treasurer in Westfield. I have been elected to this position for the past four years, and have served on various committees. Now I want to apply my knowledge and experience for the benefit of the New England District.

Throughout my adult life I have been affiliated with several service organizations. I was a member of the East Longmeadow, Mass., Jaycees, a leadership training and civic organization. I served on the board of directors

and was elected club treasurer in 1991-1992. I owe a great deal of my business development, management and community skills to my time in Jaycees. I was also a third degree Knights of Columbus.

I am an accounting professional with over twenty five years of experience. I am currently senior accountant for United Bank of West Springfield, Mass.

On a more personal note, I was born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts and attended local schools. I received my bachelors and masters degrees from American International College. I live in Westfield Massachusetts with my wife Kelly and step-daughter Shelby.

I would be grateful if you would let my experience benefit the New England District.

Thank You

**SECRETARIES, PLEASE  
NOTE THIS  
INFORMATION FROM  
DISTRICT SECRETARY,  
BILL JENKINS**

**Club secretaries can assign an assistant to help with online club duties**

Each club is allowed to give one other person in the club the same access as the club secretary. We call this option 'secretary assist' and it can prove to be a valuable addition to your club management. It takes some of the pressure off the secretary who is typically the only one in the club doing the monthly reporting, member management, website updating and other duties.

This assistant's role will have an end date just like any other officer role and runs to the end of the Kiwanis year regardless of start date. Remember that someone designated as 'secretary assist' has all the same rights and access as the club secretary (member management, club officer updates, etc.). This is different from the specific club-assigned roles available with the full version of the Club Management System. It's more of an all-access pass.

To request 'secretary assist' for another member, the current club president or secretary must email [kiwanisone@kiwanis.org](mailto:kiwanisone@kiwanis.org) or [memberservices@kiwanis.org](mailto:memberservices@kiwanis.org) stating their approval for the request, the person's name and email.

**For club secretaries:**

**The database merge is now complete.**

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during the recent synchronization of the databases. The result of this much needed efficiency improvement means managing your club online is easier than ever and will save you time from previously redundant data entry. The temporary member roster comparison screens that were made available to club secretaries in December allowed much of the member data to be synchronized properly. If you weren't able to compare your

roster before the synchronization and if you now have members unable to log in to KiwanisOne, you'll need to verify your club roster and make corrections to restore their access. The main issue centers around missing or incorrect email addresses.

### **Step 1**

Look over the Members Admin page and check to make sure the information for each member is correct. Pay special attention to the email address field. Is it listed correctly? Is it current?

The email address that is displayed on the Members Admin page is the same email address that a member must use to log in to KiwanisOne. If you notice the email address is missing or isn't current, please update by clicking the Edit link.

### **Step 2**

Remind club members that if they change their email address themselves in KiwanisOne, or if they ask that you change it, they must use the new email address when logging in to KiwanisOne. Their password will NOT be changed, only the email address.

### **Step 3**

Report any error or bug in the system to our team that isn't corrected by fixing emails and updating your member roster.

If you receive an error message when trying to edit member information (email or otherwise), please contact us at [kiwanisone@kiwanis.org](mailto:kiwanisone@kiwanis.org).

Provide as much information as you can about the problem. Our support rep, Matt, will address the issue as quickly as possible for you.

### **Going forward**

When you edit member information in KiwanisOne, it now updates to our international database automatically. Data will be synchronized between the two places every hour or so.

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## **JOIN US AS WE TRAVEL TO:**

### **BERMUDA**

**June 1-June 8**

**Division 26 Governor's Visit**

### **NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**June 28-July1 for Kiwanis International Convention.**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE FOLLOWING  
NEW MEMBERS**

New members have joined these clubs. Please welcome them when you see them at a meeting or conference:

**Member Adds December 1, 2011 - January 7, 2012**

Club	First	Last
Chittenden County	Liton	Roy
Fall River	Barbara	Medeiros
Fall River	Donna	White
Greater Seekonk	Tina	Pothier
Greater Waterville	Joel	Lockwood
Haverhill	Joel	Loconte
Malden	John	Froio
Medford	James	Morse
Medford	Domenic	Camarra
Meredith	Hillary	Jollimore
New London	Christopher	Sullivan
New London	Lynn	Farrell
Pentucket, Haverhill	Vicky	Garcia
Somerville	Antonia	Shelzi
St. George's	Dornette	Webb
Waterbury	Marie	Hayes
Westfield	Kara	Herman

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**IS YOUR CLUB ON TRACK TO BECOME DISTINGUISHED?**

**Now is the perfect time to evaluate how your club is doing and what you need to do to become distinguished. Check with your Lt. Governor to see what steps your club needs to complete in order to be considered for this award.**

**SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS**  
**(Taken from the list on Volunteers of America website)**

1. Provide all the “fixin’s” for a birthday party every month for children in shelters. This would include perhaps a cake and small bags of party favors for those who help the birthday child celebrate.
2. Organize a recognition program for volunteers who lead community organizations.
3. Organize a health fair for families in your community. Include doctors, clinics, social workers and your location fire, police and EMT’s from your community.
4. Share a talent through teaching a class at the Boys and Girls Club or after school.
5. Decorate for any of the holidays throughout the year at a nursing home, hospital, school or homeless shelter.
6. Make a Halloween Safety Kit for school age children, consisting of LED sticks, reflector stickers.
7. Organize an electronic equipment disposal opportunity with your Department of Public Works.
8. Check on either a younger student or an elderly person after work.
9. Read a book to a younger child, a blind person or an older neighbor.
10. Celebrate a birthday by asking friends to donate items for causes instead of gifts.
11. Sponsor a life saving class. Share these two links to members, keeping in mind that students as young as 4<sup>th</sup> grade are able to learn CPR and can be shown what to do in case of an emergency:  
American Heart Association <http://www.handsonlycpr.org>  
AARP: <http://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-06-2011/learn-hands-only-cpr-in-60-seconds.3.html>
12. Create a poison awareness campaign.
13. If you are good at fixing bikes, volunteer to teach others how to fix their bikes.
14. Sponsor a drug free post prom event.
15. Paint over graffiti.
16. Sponsor a TV blackout event that kids spend time with their family rather than watch TV.
17. Create and distribute a list of hotlines for kids who might need help.
18. Hold a used book sale and donate the money to your local library.
19. Collect children’s books and deliver them to needy children.
20. Help neighbors paint and repair their homes.
21. Volunteer to serve as a crossing guard before and after school

**DAWN BUSTERS, METAIRIE, LOUISIANA**

The following SERVICE project was shared by Dot Charlet while visiting the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club in Metairie, LA while in New Orleans attending the Kiwanis Council Meeting:

Students in 19 schools within the area are encouraged to read books. When the student has finished reading a book they take a compute test about the book and then their name is entered into a drawing for prizes such as a bike or a MP3 player. The drawings are held two times per year—December and May. The day we visited they inducted several school librarians into their club. They meet at 7 am.