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Golf Tournament

	President	Course	Budgeted	Made
79/80 (1 st)	Mc Neil		No Record	No Record
80/81 (2 nd)	Fielding		No Record	No Record
81/82 (3 rd)	Mc Daniel		No Record	No Record
82/83 (4 th)	Ventura	Plantation	No Record	No Record
83/84 (5 th)	Wolfe		No Record	No Record
84/85 (6 th)	Maniglia		No Record	No Record
85/86 (7 th)	Bonura		No Record	No Record
86/87 (8 th)	Cunningham	Audubon	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,892.00
87/88 (9 th)	Nardelle	Audubon	No Record	No Record
88/89 (10 th)	Gormley	Audubon	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,978.98
89/90 (11 TH)	Rojas	Audubon	No Record	No Record
90/91 (12 TH)	Moore	Audubon	No Record	\$10,100.00
91/92 (13 th)	Lawrence	Audubon	No Record	\$ 7,452.26
92/93 (14 th)	Faia	Audubon	No Record	\$ 9,000.00
93/94 (15 th)	Thibodeaux	Audubon	No Record	\$ 9,008.42
94/95 (16 th)	Johnson	Colonial Billy Charlet	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,060.00
95/96 (17 th)	Posner	City Park	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,200.00
96/97 (18 th)	Maniglia	City Park	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,100.00
97/98 (19 th)	Rojas	Bayou Oaks	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,000.00

Golf Tournament

	President	Course	Budgeted	Made
98/99 (20 th)	Fielding	Bayou Oaks	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,650.00
99/00 (21 st)	Nardelle	Bayou Oaks	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,315.00 Rain Date
00/01 (22 nd)	Cali	Bayou Oaks	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,570.00
01/02 (23 rd)	Strasburg	Bayou Oaks	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,000.00
02/03 (24 th)	Long	Bayou Oaks	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,000.00
03/04 (25 th)	Northcutt	Bayou Oaks	\$12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
04/05 (26 th)	Rafidi	Bayou Oaks	\$14,006.75	\$ 8,500.00
05/06 (27 th)	Breslin	Colonial	\$10,000.00	\$ 7,200.00
06/07 (28 th)	Howard	Colonial	\$ 7,000.00	\$10,600.00
07/08 (29 th)	Torres	Colonial	\$ 4000.00	\$ 7,000.00
08/09 (30 th)	Ghergich	Colonial	\$ 4,000.00	\$12,422.00
09/10 (31 st)	Michler			

Pancake Breakfast

	President		Location	Profit	Fed
75/76 (1 st)	DeMare/ Lindsey Moore			\$ 1,012.56	143
76/77 (2 nd)	Jim Smith			\$ 1,625.00	211
77/78 (3 rd)	Charlet	Cost \$ 1.50		\$ 1,700.00	462
78/79 (4 th)	Johnson			\$ 3,638.77	800
79/80 (5 th)	Mc Neil			\$ 5,000.00	No Record
80/81 (6 th)	Fielding			\$ 8,500.00	946
81/82 (7 th)	Mc Daniel	Cost \$ 2.00	Elks lodge	\$ 6,906.00	No Record
82/83 (8 th)	Ventura	Cost \$ 2.00	Elks Lodge	\$ 11,222.47	No Record
83/84 (9 th)	Wolfe	Cost \$ 2.00	American Legion	No Record	No Record
84/85 (10 th)	Maniglia			No Record	No Record
85/86 (11 th)	Bonura			\$ 7,832.21	No Record
86/87 (12 th)	Cunnningham			\$ 8,326.88	No Record
87/88 (13 th)	Nardelle			\$ 4,700.00	1224
88/89 (14 th)	Gormley			No Record	No Record
89/90 (15 th)	Rojas	Cost \$ 2.50		\$ 12,000.00	No Record
90/91 (16 th)	Moore	Cost \$ 2.50		\$ 8,027.09	No Record
91/92 (17 th)	Lawrence	Cost \$ 2.50	Grace King	\$ 9,560.00	946
92/93 (18 th)	Faia	Cost \$ 2.50	Grace King	\$ 6,827.50	No Record
93/94 (19 th)	Thibodeaux	Cost \$ 2.50	Grace King	\$ 7,692.00	No Record

Pancake Breakfast

	President		Location	Profit	Fed
94/95 (20 th)	Johnson	Cost \$ 2.50	Grace King	\$ 4,815.39	1000
95/96 (21 st)	Posner	Cost \$ 2.50	Grace King	\$ 5,280.39	641
96/97 (22 nd)	Maniglia	Cost \$ 2.50	Grace King	\$ 7,000.00	842
97/98 (23 rd)	Rojas	Cost \$ 2.50	Grace King	\$ 10,177.23	923
98/99 (24 th)	Fielding	Cost \$ 3.00	Grace King	\$ 5,847.00	668
99/00 (25 th)	Nardelle	Cost \$ 3.00	Grace King	\$ 7,350.00	876
00/01 (26 TH)	Cali	Cost \$ 3.00	Grace King	\$ 5,200.00	625
01/02 (27 th)	Strasburg	Cost \$ 3.00	Grace King	\$ 9,500.00	915
02/03 (28 th)	Long	Cost \$ 3.00	Grace King	\$ 5,320.00	663
03/04 (29 th)	Northcutt	Cost \$ 3.00	Grace King	\$ 6000.00	706
04/05 (30 th)	Rafidi	Cost \$ 3.00	Grace King	\$ 6,000.00	712
05/06 (31 st)	Breslin	Cost \$ 4.00	Grace King	\$ 8,100.00	886
06/07 (32 nd)	Howard	Cost \$ 4.00	Grace King	\$ 3,500.00	546
07/08 (33 rd)	Torres	Cost \$ 4.00	Grace King	\$ 4,600.00	611
08/09 (34 th)	Ghergich	Cost \$ 4.00	Grace King	\$ 4,200.00	565
09/10 (35 th)	Michler	Cost \$ 5.00	Grace King		

TURKEY FRY

President	Year	Location	Profit	Fed	Price
David Rafidi	04/05	Lions Club	\$ 3,000.00	300	\$ 35.00
T. Peter Breslin	05/06	Lions Club	\$ 4,600.00	540	\$ 35.00
Craig Howard	06/07	Lions Club	\$ 5,000.00	572	\$ 35.00
Julio Torres	07/08	Lions Club	\$ 5,700.00	594	\$ 40.00
Steve Ghergich	08/09	Lions Club	\$ 6,444.90	589	\$ 40.00
David Michler	09/10	Lions Club	\$ 6,000.00	600	\$ 40.00

Hixson's
\$ 1,000.00
(issued to individual's only)

Phil E. Fielding	2054	1-30-95
Kendal Mc Daniel	2430	9-30-95
James R. Smith	2431	9-30-95
Warren Nardelle	2432	9-30-95
David J. Rafidi, Jr.	5273	3-7-97
Bruce D. Johnson	5212	3-7-97
Hugh J. Posner	5213	3-7-97
Sister Mary Aloysius Ott	5217	3-7-97
Carlo Maniglia	8404	4-8-97
Donald E. Lawrence, Sr.	8401	9-30-97
George F. Rojas	8402	9-30-97
Murray H. Cunningham	8403	9-30-97
Pierre E. Thibodeaux	10338	3-31-98
Jimmie P. Daigrepont, Jr.	11848	7-7-98
E. T. "Butch" Diaz	12489	9-16-98
Janet G. Mc Daniel	19340	2-7-00
Ed Sarrat	20536	5-25-00
Craig Howard	20537	5-25-00
Jerry Groetsch	20845	6-29-00
William Krause	21241	7-31-00
Eileen Sullivan	21348	8-7-00
J. Stanley Hornung	21349	8-7-00
Robert J. Comeaux, Jr.	22170	9-14-00
Paul Joseph Ineich	22169	9-14-00
Gordon Gsell	22171	9-14-00
Stuart T. Palermo	22585	9-21-00
Robert E. Graham	23682	12-14-00
Sal J. Cali	25882	8-20-01
Bridgette St John	29590	5-17-04
Brandie Northcutt	30811	9-8-04
Valerie Vanney	31271	10-12-04
Courtney Reed	11142	06-05-98

**Tablet of Honor
\$1,000**

(Issued to individuals, groups, clubs, divisions, districts and organizations)

James R. Smith	2086	9-30-98
James R. Smith	2431	9-30-98
Philip E. Fielding	2595	7-15-99
Carlo Maniglia	2596	7-15-99
Kendal Mc Daniel	3347	5-11-00
Kevin Moran	3748	9-1-00
Craig Howard	4676	7-12-01

Kiwanis Fellows

Walter F. Mc Neil	1097	8-4-80
George F. Rojas	2015	9-8-98
Warren Nardelle	3055	9-25-00

Legion of Honor

(Recognizes members that have been in Kiwanis for 25 years or more)

James R. Smith	1-9-74
Thomas L. Moore	12-11-74
Philip E. Fielding	5-4-61
Robert J. Burns	1-09-74
Sal J. Cali	8-12-76
Warren F. Nardelle, Jr.	7-3-61

Heritage Society Members

(Individual's gifts to the International Foundation through their Estate)

A walkway has been installed at the entrance of Kiwanis International. It is called the "Pathway to the Future". Members contributing have a brick with their name on it placed in this walkway.

Kendal Mc Daniel	1-14-00
Carlo Maniglia	4-15-00

Shirts

81/82	Logo and Name with pocket	\$ 15.00
89/90	Logo and Name with pocket	\$ 20.00
92/93	Logo and Name with pocket	\$ 20.00
97/98	Logo and Name	\$ 20.00
99/00	Logo and Name	\$ 25.00
05/06	Dark Blue t-shirt with Make A Difference	\$15.00
07/08	Gray t-shirts with Kiwanis on back	\$10.00
08-09	Yellow with collar	\$28.00

Quarterly Dues Increases

1974	\$ 20.00	
10-01-82	\$ 25.00	Meals \$ 52.00
10-01-85	\$ 27.00	Meals \$ 52.00
10-01-00	\$ 30.00	Meals \$ 52.00

Dawn Busters Membership

Chartered Cub	Charles “Chuck Pratt	20
Charter Night	Charles “Chuck” Pratt	28
1974	Charles “Chuck” Pratt	29
1974-1975	Robert J. Burns	35
1975-1976	George De Mare	41
1976-1977	James Smith	47
1977-1978	Clarence “Billy” Charlet	51
1978-1979	Bruce Johnson	51
1979-1980	Dr. Walter Mc Neil	54
1980-1981	Philip Fielding	54
1981-1982	Ken Mc Daniel	54
1982-1983	Ray Ventura	57
1983-1984	Gene Wolfe	60
1984-1985	Carlo Maniglia	60
1985-1986	Carl Bonura	56
1986-1987	Murray Cunningham	59
1987-1988	Warren Nardelle	57
1988-1989	John Gormley	57
1989-1990	George Rojas	70
1990-1991	Tom Moore	74
1991-1992	Don Lawrence	74
1992-1993	Sal Faia	72

Dawn Busters Membership

1993-1994	Pierre Thibodeaux	64
1994-1995	Bruce Johnson	64
1995-1996	Hugh Posner	68
1996-1997	Carlo Maniglia	64
1997-1998	George Rojas	63
1998-1999	Philip Fielding	64
1999-2000	Warren Nardelle	81
2000-2001	Sal J. Cali	85
2001-2002	Trent Strasburg	88
2002-2003	Tom Long	87
2003-2004	Brandie Northcutt	83
2004-2005	David Rafidi	74
2005-2006	Pete Breslin	79
2006-2007	Craig Howard	80
2007-2008	Julio Torres	96
2008-2009	Steve Ghergich	84
2009-2010	David Michler	

**Dawn Busters
Presidents**

1974	Charles “Chuck” Pratt
1974-1975	Judge Robert Burns
1975-1976	Lindsey Moore
1976-1977	James R. Smith
1977-1978	Clarence “Billy” Charlet
1978-1979	Bruce Johnson
1979-1980	Dr. Walter Mc Neil
1980-1981	Philip E. Fielding
1981-1982	Kendal Mc Daniel
1982-1983	Raymond D. Ventura
1983-1984	W. E. “Gene” Wolfe
1984-1985	Carlo Maniglia
1985-1986	Carl Bonura
1986-1987	Murray H. Cunningham
1987-1988	Warren F. Nardelle, Jr.
1988-1989	John C. Gormley
1989-1990	George .F. Rojas
1990-1991	Tom Moore
1991-1992	Don Lawrence
1992-1993	Salvador Faia
1993-1994	Pierre Thibodeaux
1994-1995	Bruce Johnson

**Dawn Busters
Presidents**

1995-1996	Hugh Posner
1996-1997	Carlo Maniglia
1997-1998	George F. Rojas
1998-1999	Philip E. Fielding
1999-2000	Warren F. Nardelle, Jr.
2000-2001	Sal J. Cali
2001-2002	Trent Strasburg
2002-2003	Tom Lang
2003-2004	Brandie Northcutt
2004-2005	David Rafidi
2005-2006	T. Peter Breslin
2006-2007	Craig Howard
2007-2008	Julio Torres
2008-2009	Stephen Ghergich
2009-2010	David Michler

Kiwanian of the Year

1974-1975	Lindsay Moore
1975-1976	Charles C. Pratt
1975-1977	Bruce D. Johnson
1977-1978	A. J. De Lahoussaye
1978-1979	Dave Morgan
1979-1980	Bert Tampke
1980-1981	Warren F. Nardelle, Jr.
1981-1982	Stan Maher
1982-1983	John C. Gormley
1983-1984	Kendal Mc Daniel
1984-1985	Charles Ingram
1985-1986	James R. Smith
1986-1987	Clarence J. Charlet
1987-1988	Salvador Faia
1988-1989	George F. Rojas
1989-1990	Garbis Kerimian
1990-1991	Pierre Thibodeaux
1991-1992	Hugh Posner
1992-1993	Don Lawrence
1993-1994	Uriel Durr
1994-1995	Maurice Martin
1995-1996	Carlo Maniglia
1996-1997	Sal Cali

Kiwanian of the Year

1997-1998	Jimmie Daigrepoint
1998-1999	T. Peter Breslin
1999-2000	Brandie P. Northcutt
2000-2001	George F. Rojas
2001-2002	David J. Rafidi
2002-2003	Pat Reed
2003-2004	Bob Graham and Gordon Gsell
2004-2005	Tony Di George
2005-2006	Trent Strasburg
2006-2007	David Michler
2007-2008	Mel Dussel
2008-2009	Ray Eiffert

Lt. Governors

1975-1976	Chuck Pratt
1976-1977	Robert Burns
1977-1978	Warren F. Nardelle, Jr.
1980-1981	Walter Mc Neil
1981-1982	James Smith
1985-1986	Philip Fielding
1987-1988	Kendal Mc Daniel
1992-1993	John Gormley
1994-1995	Philip Fielding
1995-1996	Bruce Johnson
1998-1999	Carlo Maniglia
1999-2000	Don Lawrence
2000-2001	George Rojas
2003-2004	Sal Cali
2005-2006	Hugh Posner
2007-2008	David Rafidi
2008-2009	Lauren Call
2009-2010	Bob Rogers

**Deceased Members
In Memoriam**

Ralph Alvarez

Elwin Breaud

Clarence "Billy" Charlet

Al Chopin

Murray Cunningham

George De Mare

Bill Gillane

Steve Irvan

Minnie Maher

Lindsey Moore

Dave Morgan

Maurice Martin

Warren Nardelle, Sr.

Paul Odenwald

Bob Ockman

Sr. Mary Aloysius Ott

Chuck Pratt

Dr, Fred Smith

Bert Tampke

DAWN BUSTERS, A HISTORY

"Climb to the Top"

R. Wayne Tooman, Kiwanis International Field Service Representative, certified that he assisted and guided the permanent organization of the Kiwanis Club of DAWN BUSTERS, Metairie, Louisiana. We were on our way: The DAWN BUSTERS were the third new club in the Louisiana-Mississippi- West Tennessee District (LMT) for the administrative year 1973-74. This made us the 7376th club organized, 6239 of these clubs were still active.

Our sponsor was the Metairie Club. Their president during this time was Gerald J. Dautreuil. John Loggins, one of our charter members, was assigned as the DAWN BUSTERS temporary chairman.

We were assigned to Division 4B. Harry E. Wiegel of the Algiers Club was Lt. Governor of the Division.

The Metairie Kiwanians did their job well. A petition for the organization of our club was submitted to Kiwanis International on December 4, 1973. It was approved by District Governor John B. Murdock.

The permanent organization meeting of January 9, 1974, included on their roster the names of twenty (20) individuals. The following is the list of names reported to Kiwanis International, as they appeared on that roster:

David J. Arata	William J. Baker	Michael R. DeViney
Dr. Larry B. McMillen	Kenneth Carter	George Duerson
Lindsey B. Moore	James A. Castiglione, Jr.	Philip Gugliuzza
Charles C. Pratt	Nathan J. Champagne	J. Hardy Levert
Hayes S. Ragas, Jr.	Clarence J. Charlet	John T. Loggins
Marc H. Reynerson	George DeMare, Sr.	Daniel N. Long
Henry G. Waechter, Jr.	Dr. David J. Luck	

During this organizational meeting, the officers and directors were elected. They were fortunate enough to be the first of the now famous DAWN BUSTERS dynasty.

Officers

President	Charles C. Pratt
First Vice President	Haynes S. Ragas
Second Vice President	Lindsey B. Moore
Secretary	Dr. Larry B. McMillen
Treasurer	J. Hardy Levert

Board of Directors

William J. Baker
Kenneth Carter
Nathan J. Champagne
Clarence J. Charlet

George Duerson
Philip Gugliuzza
John T. Loggins
Henry G. Waechter, Jr.

The adoption of the bylaws was also on the agenda. This set in movement the foundation of our club.

- (1) Motion made by Haynes Ragas, seconded by Philip Gugliuzza that this organization shall be known as the Kiwanis Club of DAWN BUSTERS, Metairie, Louisiana.
- (2) Motion made by George DeMare, seconded by William Baker, that the territorial limits of this club shall be confined to the unincorporated portion of East Jefferson Parish, East Bank, North Lake Ponchartrain, East New Orleans City Limits, South Mississippi River, and West Kenner City Limits.
- (3) Motion made by John Loggins, seconded by George DeMare that this club shall hold a weekly breakfast meeting on such day and such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Motion made by George DeMare, seconded by Larry McMillen that the annual meeting of the club shall be the second regular weekly meeting in May.
- (5) Motion made by Nathan Champagne, seconded by George DeMare that the membership fee shall be \$10.00 payable with application.
- (6) Motion made by Jim Baker, seconded by Henry Waechter that the annual dues shall be \$30.00, payable quarterly.
- (7) Motion made by Charles Pratt, seconded by George DeMare that this club affirms its intent to complete the incorporation of said club within one year from the date on which the club receives its official charter from Kiwanis International.
- (8) Motion made by William Baker, seconded by Dave Arata that nominations be closed and the election be unanimous.
- (9) Motion made by George Duerson, seconded by Phil Gugliuzza that the club bylaws as submitted and as amended by the preceding motions be adopted as the bylaws of this club.

Various supporting actions concerning Board of Directors meeting time, official depository for the club's funds. and the appointment of a secretary were also passed. Needless to say, all motions were carried with no dissenting votes.

March 8, 1974, the DAWN BUSTERS submitted the names to Kiwanis International of twenty- eight (28) charter members. The list below contains all members of the club as of the date of the presentation of the official charter:

David J. Arata	George DeMare, Sr.	John M. Nunez
William J. Baker	Michael R. DeVinney	Charles C. Pratt
Seymour Bienvenu	George Duerson	Haynes S. Ragas, Jr.
Robert J. Bums	Philip Gugliuzza	Marc H. Reynerson
Kenneth Carter	J. Hardy Levert	James R. Smith
James A. Castiglione, Jr.	John T. Loggins	Larry J. Stiger
Nathan J. Champagne	Daniel M. Long	Paul Tassin
Clarence Joseph Charlet	David J. Luck	Henry G. Waechter,
Jr. Gerald Duane Crump	Larry B. McMillen	Michael P. Daul
	Lindsey B. Moore	

The charter night program lists twenty-nine (29) charter members. The names of Seymour Bienvenu and Robert Bums were left off. The names of Douglas W. Black, Benny Pepiton, and Glen Taylor were added, obviously a printing error.

Five of the original charter members were former. Kiwanians. Five of the original group remain as present-day active club members. They are Judge Robert Bums) Clarence J. (Billy) Charlet, Charles C. Pratt, James R. Smith, and Larry Stiger.

Toastmaster for our charter night program was Lt. Governor Harry E. Wiegel. Governor John Murdock was the featured speaker. The gala event was held on Friday, March 8, 1974, at the Ramada Inn, Metairie. The menu consisted of rock Cornish hen and baked Alaska. The cost per couple was \$18.50. One hundred sixty-one (161) meals were served. Our attendance was at one hundred sixty-three (163). This was the largest charter night turnout in the two divisions combined. Thirteen (13) clubs were represented.

The name DAWN BUSTERS was appropriately chosen. We would have the distinction of being the first breakfast club in both Division 4A and 4B.

Our charter night, like the rest of our history, reflected our enthusiasm, our attitude, and our desire to live up to the DAWN BUSTERS' motto: "WE SERVE."

A new club must be incorporated within one year of its charter date. On September 3, 1975, Kiwanis International wrote to then president, Robert Bums. It seems that our club had neglected to become incorporated. This was quickly remedied. The Articles of Incorporation for the Kiwanis Club of DAWN BUSTERS, Metairie, was recorded on August 21, 1975. Recordation can be found in the charter book number 29, folio 113, at the 24th Judicial District Court, Gretna, Louisiana.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR through SEPTEMBER, 1974

"Give of Yourself"

Officers

President	Charles C. Pratt
First Vice President	Haynes S. Ragas
Second Vice President	Lindsey B. Moore
Secretary	Larry B. McMillen, D.D.S.
Treasurer	J. Hardy Levert

Directors

William Baker	George Duerson
Kenneth Carter	Philip Gugliuzza
Nathan Champagne	John T. Loggins
Clarence J. Charlet	Henry G. Waechter, Jr.

The administrative year 1973-74 was well underway when the DAWN BUSTERS began their active role. Like most new clubs, they had their ups and downs. Many of the early decisions made during these formative months are still present within our club today.

Membership was a main concern. There existed a core of very active individuals that most activities and club functions revolved around. It would just be a matter of time before the other less active members would be gone. President Pratt, to spur attendance, gave away five (5) complete sets of Pegasus Doubloons.

Our first resignation was from charter member Dave Luck. Charter member James Castiglione has the dubious distinction of being the first DAWN BUSTER to be dropped. The reason, of course, non-attendance. New members are essential. In order to swell our ranks, we inducted six new men. They were Bob Sparlanan, Jim Walters, Walker Milam, Jim Sorenson, Bill Phillips and Dr. Joe Creely.

Membership Chairman, John Loggins, presented new members their pins, thus was born the term "Logginized". All new members were immediately assigned to a committee chairman. One of our early prime objectives was to have all of our members involved. Our present award-winning bulletin started out as a one-page publication affectionately known as Kiwanis Komments, "The Early Bird". These bulletins were as varied as our members. George DeMare and his team were given the task of designing our official bulletin masthead. This first appeared on the April 24th publication - an early dawn skyline that strangely resembled that of New Orleans and not Metairie. Prior to this, whatever letterhead was available was used. The bulletin of February 9th featured the letterhead of Shaft Collection Agency.

We were fortunate to begin an early relationship with Bonnabel Key Club. They began visiting our meetings on a regular basis. We first were honored by their presence at the April 6, 1974, meeting. Being a young group surrounded by the older generation, they immediately challenged us to a softball game. The score was 9-5, DAWN BUSTERS.

This new administration was to begin the many firsts of our club's history. The first official board meeting following charter night was held on Monday, March 11, 1974, at Chuck Pratt's house. This was before the now famous Popcorn Project which turned the Pratt's residence into a mini warehouse.

The club's first award patch was shown to our general membership on May 1, 1974.

On March 16, 1974, the frequently revised three-minute talks originated. Know your fellow Kiwanians better, as the program was then called, first featured Robert Burns and Seymour Bienvenu.

The first meeting in April, 1974, can be remembered as "No Pin" day. We began to assess 25¢ for attending a meeting without your pin. Jim Smith and Larry Stiger seemed to have originated this idea. Larry is credited with the suggestion of what the collected funds should be used for. Club records do not mention its early use and Larry cannot recall.

The first official program was presented by charter member Nathan Champagne. The subject was on "Mosquito Control in Jefferson Parish".

Interclubbing is an important club activity. The new club was officially interclubbed on February 2nd from the Moisant and Downtown New Orleans Clubs. We picked Mid-City on February 24th to receive the honor of our first official inter-club. Haynes Ragas, Larry Stiger, George DeMare and Chuck Pratt were the original four. We were there to promote our charter night.

The names of two visitors constantly show up. We were frequently visited by Charlie Lunda of the Metairie Club. He was affectionately known as our "God Father". Warren Nardelle from the Lee Circle Club had better attendance than many of our own members. He would make the decision to transfer into the DAWN BUSTERS after a year's worth of visits. He wanted to make sure we were the right club for him.

There once was a very lively discussion concerning an anchor and paddle. It seems a device was needed to remind club members that they should bring a guest. Larry Stiger wanted a three-pound anchor to be worn around the neck. Lindsey Moore suggested a paddle. Since Lindsey was our resident law officer and was seen going for the three pound iron on his hip, Larry agreed the paddle was a better idea. The paddle was to be taken to all Kiwanis functions by its temporary owner. It could only be passed on when a guest was brought to a DAWN BUSTER meeting. It was last seen circulating at a club meeting during December, 1979.

The new club began meeting at Shoney's Restaurant on Veterans Highway. The food was good, the location was convenient, and the cost of \$2.00 each could not be beat. But. . . the food began to arrive late and began to arrive cold. On June 19th we moved to the Regency Room at the Howard Johnson Motel on Veterans Highway.

We were involved with the Boy Scouts right from the club's beginning. Our efforts were channeled in the direction of scout uniform collection. Nathan Champagne arranged to have the Time Saver Stores used as collection points.

Our first citizenship award went to Ed Marten, action reporter from Channel 8. The presentation was filmed and shown three times during major news programming.

President Pratt, with anxious expectation, placed his order for Kiwanis popcorn. The sky was the limit, all of the club's money problems would be over. "Let's order extra to have enough for all our potential buyers."

Two teams were organized for our first fundraiser. Lindsey Moore would command the Golden Horde and Haynes. Ragas would lead the Blue Streakers. An order for \$900.00 worth of popcorn was placed. Lindsey Moore would eventually be complimented for his outstanding efforts and work with promoting our product. A net profit was realized of \$542.50 and to top this off, we had popcorn left, a lot of popcorn left.

A plea was made at each weekly meeting to buy popcorn. President Pratt and four other DAWN BUSTERS even brought several cases to the District Convention in Lafayette. It was our first District Convention, and of course, we were noticed.

The popcorn saga does not end here. Several dozen cases grace the Pratt residence. It will be well into the next administration before those immortal words are heard, "The last case is gone."

The first DAWN BUSTER administrative year was winding down. A nominating committee to elect our second set of officers and directors was appointed from the general membership roster. The committee would be chaired by Billy Charlet. Its members were Bob Bums, Bill Baker, Nat Champagne, and Larry Stiger.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1974-1975
"Show You Care"

Officers

President	Robert J. Burns
First Vice President	George DeMare
Second Vice President	Nathan Champagne
Secretary	Charles Pratt
Treasurer	J. Hardy Levert

Directors

Clarence Charlet	James Smith
George Duerson	Larry Steiger
John Loggins	Paul Tassin
Walker Milam	

We were about to enter into our first full administrative year. Attorney Burns handled his initial meeting as if he were a judge. Naturally, a rendition of II Auld Lang Syne was performed for the outgoing administration. A trio of Mario Burns, who sang tenor, Enzo Pratt, singing baritone, and Old Blue Eyes DeMare just singing, presented a memorable performance.

President Burns stressed our obligation to the Key Clubbers. A Bonnabel Sweetheart, Carol Berry, had been elected to the National Advisory Board. She requested financial support to help defray the cost of an upcoming convention. We presented her with a \$60.00 contribution.

Early in the Burns administration, to show Key Club support, a case of popcorn was donated to them. They used it in conjunction with a popcorn day for a crippled children's home. The originator of this idea cannot be determined through our present club records. All evidence seems to implicate Past President Pratt.

A revolving or visitation key was employed to increase attendance of our members at Key Club meetings. A DAWN BUSTER was presented this "key" by a Key Clubber attending our morning meeting. This "key" had to be returned to the next scheduled Key Club meeting. If it was not, a \$5.00 contribution was made to their treasury by that individual.

Club member Phil Gugliuzza would become chairman of International Key club convention being held in New Orleans. He attended and greatly assisted in its huge success. He would become active as a Key Club advisor and supporter.

Another early priority was fund raising. So, naturally, a committee was formed. Two objectives were to be researched. There was a need for immediate funds and permanent funds.

We still had seven (7) cases of popcorn left. It had been paid for several months earlier and any sale would reflect a profit. We tried and tried and finally on February 12, 1975, Larry Stiger bought the last case. He is also credited with moving more cases than anyone else.

This administration committed the DAWN BUSTERS to the First Annual Fair and Exposition of Jefferson Parish. It was sponsored by both the Metairie Kiwanis Clubs. The proceeds would go to the K-Bar-B Building fund. It was held during October of 1975. The profits were slim- and there never was a Second Annual Fair.

A permanent fund raising project has to be found. Several ideas were discussed. A committee of 5 members decided we would have a pancake breakfast. A club in Baton Rouge was doing it on a large scale so why not the DAWN BUSTERS. The St. Bernard Kiwanis Club used their pancake day as a major fundraiser. We made the trip to their breakfast for pointers.

The decision was made. On February 5, 1975, a motion was brought before the board to adopt the Pancake Breakfast as a major fundraiser. Our first attempt at selling pancakes would be October 18, 1975. We rented the Elks Lodge and offered 10% of our profits to the Bonnabel Key Club if they participated.

Our club was approaching its first anniversary. Six of our charter members had maintained perfect attendance. One-year pins were awarded. We started the new year with 26 members and would obtain a high of 35 names.

The JAZZ were big news. Nathan Champagne and Lindsey Moore spearheaded a club project where we took several on-pled children to a basketball game.

Divisions 4A and 4B combined their efforts in a JAZZ ticket sales fundraiser, the proceeds to go to the K-Bar-B Ranch. Rob Jennings would be the DAWN BUSTERS representative in charge of sales. In what is soon becoming typical DAWN BUSTERS fashion, we sold the most tickets in the division.

The month of December, 1974, was notable. We would become the number one club in division 4A and 4B by scoring a 98 on our monthly club report. A Christmas tree was purchased from the Metairie Club and donated to the Methodist Children's Home. It was also the month we held a combination roundtable, Christmas party, and songfest at the home of President Bums.

The ladies were suddenly included in various club 'functions. The first large ladies function was a crawfish boil. It was held at the Falstaff Brewing Corporation. They supplied the patio, service, hospitality and beer.

The first family picnic at K-Bar-B Ranch was held June 14, 1975. We were beginning to take an interest. An Explorer Scout Post was sponsored at the ranch.

A Kiwanian of the Year A ward was introduced and a motion was passed to have it on an annual basis. It was first known as the Man of the Year A ward. A criteria committee of Walter Milam, Tom Moore and Russ Harres would determine how the recipient would be selected. The actual selection committee would consist of Bob Burns, Chuck Pratt, and Dan Long. It would be presented at our installation banquet during October of 1975.

President Burns was quick to realize the importance of a good club secretary. On January 8, 1975, the board heard a motion that the secretary should have his dues waived and meals provided at no cost. This is for the services he provides. The vote was unanimous. The next administration had already selected the secretary. Actually, two secretaries - Tom Moore and Walker Milam as his assistant.

Speaking of dues, they were raised during this administration to \$20.00 per quarter. Breakfast was increased to \$2.50 per meal. The increase in meal cost prompted the board to accept the motion that an active member will pay the meal tab for guests only six (6) times in a calendar year. He may then request a refund from the club for paid meals over the six. Voluntary of course. Breakfast, of course, we were not completely satisfied. Another move was only a matter of time.

A blood replacement program was entered into. We had most of our members promising to give but almost lost out due to a lack of donors. This is also a typical DAWN BUSTER response. Almost everyone raises his hand to indicate he will be there to give and does not.

Four members attended the District Convention that year. It was our first attended a convention. We were to become a very prominent part of all future conventions.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1975-1976

"Touch A Life"

Officers

President	George DeMare, Sr. (resigned due to illness)
First Vice President	Don Davidson
Second Vice President	Lindsey B. Moore (became
President) Secretary	Thomas Moore
Assistant Secretary	Walker Milam
Treasurer	Larry Stiger

Directors

Nathan Champagne	Fred Smith*
Duane Crump	James Smith
Danny McConnell *	

*Tom Moore and Walker Milam were originally on board. They both resigned because they were classified as club officers and McConnell and Fred Smith were elected.

This administration would be fast moving and productive. The DAWN BUSTERS are beginning to be recognized for the type of club they are becoming. Our involvement and prominence throughout the Division and District would soon be common knowledge.

It would also be a sad and emotional administration. President George DeMare became extremely ill. A series of operations would follow. On January 14, 1976, he would present his resignation *from* Kiwanis to our general membership. The letter was read by Chuck Pratt. The club would not accept his resignation. He rescinded his letter at our next meeting - but did give up the presidency and take a medical leave of absence.

This administration could not sit still *for* a minute. In fact, our October 15, 1975, meeting was held at the Quality Motor Inn in Kenner. Our breakfast would now cost \$3.00. A *few* months later found us meeting at the Holiday Inn in Metairie.

Chuck Pratt would receive the honor of being elected Lt. Governor of 4B. He was the first in a long line of DAWN BUSTERS to hold this position. Immediate past president Burns would become Lt. Governor-Select *for* the 1976-1977 year.

The first Annual Pancake Breakfast would be deemed a success. A profit of \$1,012.56 was realized. We were proud to present to Bonnabel Key Club a check *for* \$100.00 as their share of the profits. There were some excess supplies that eventually found their way to the K-Bar-B Ranch.

The Second Annual Pancake Breakfast was already being planned. Danny McConnell would be its chairman.

Several other fundraisers were attempted this year - another JAZZ game promotion. Don Davidson was appointed chairman. We would reap a profit of \$2.00 for each ticket sold. The club's net profit was \$450.00. Our top seller was a man whose name would soon become synonymous with tickets sales, Jim Smith. The Moisant Club showed up one morning with a hand full of Saints license plates. We, in typical DAWN BUSTER fashion, offered to unload a few our profit was to be \$1.50 per sale. We discovered that they did not sell as expected. Our Key Club was then given the privilege. Bro. Leo Harvey of Moisant then became a frequent visitor. He wanted his plates back

Bruce Johnson, the "Tie Man", through Wemberly Industries, introduced a new line. The Kiwanis Tie. It went over quite well and soon was a major source of funds.

A new club was needed in the Kenner area. We immediately got involved. The Kenner North Kiwanis Club was our first sponsored new club. Their charter night was August 27, 1975.

Bonnabel Key Club was always there when we needed them. They were as active at our meetings and functions as could be expected.

Even though we suffered our first defeat to Bonnabel, we still wanted to mold them in our image. A program was initiated called career opportunities. A different speaker from the DAWN BUSTERS would be provided on a monthly basis to the Key Club.

A sure sign that the DAWN BUSTERS were becoming well known is the increase in requests for contributions. It got so bad that a committee had to be formed to develop a set of criteria for donations.

This was the year that Chuck ("popcorn") Pratt would suggest a Kiwanis peanut sale day. His idea brought fond memories of boxes of popcorn. The idea was tabled.

Since we are mentioning Chuck, a few more things should be stated. club gave him \$15.00 per month for expenses as Lt. Governor. He was awarded membership from our club and Moisant. Chuck came a long way from the day he happened upon a prospective Kiwanian gathering by mistake. He became the DAWN BUSTERS' first president, first Lt. Governor, and first life member.

The Methodist Home caught our attention. A monthly visit to the home by two Kiwanians became a ritual. Scott Williams spearheaded a Christmas Party and we donated a tree. The kids went many places under our watchful eyes. A visit to the WGSO Radio Station, a trip to City Park, an afternoon at the Saints Football training workout, and even a field trip to the Mississippi River, to mention a few.

The trip the kids were most anxious to take was the day at the Ranch. We had originally planned to visit the Delahoussaye Ranch in Mississippi during February. The trip had to be canceled due to a legal technicality. State law did not allow us to transport the kids across state lines. This was finally worked out and on April 10, 1976, it became reality.

The K-Bar-B Ranch received much of our attention. Early in this administration, two trailers at the ranch burned. We immediately donated \$100.00 to aid in their replacement. We prefer manpower to contributions and our efforts with the ranch reflected this.

An Explorers Post was formed. We repaired several bikes for use at the ranch. A family day was held. Several sports events were scheduled. Great interest was shown in our desire to get school accreditation.

Conventions and conferences were well attended during this administration. The Mid-Winter Conference at Jackson, Mississippi, had four members present. The International Convention was held in San Diego. Our delegates were Bob Burns and Tom Moore. Four DAWN BUSTERS would be present.

District Convention in Biloxi brought notoriety to the club. Eight members would attend, with Jim Smith, Don Davidson, and Bruce Johnson listed as delegates. Bruce Johnson's tie booth was situated in the lobby of the Buena Vista. Larry Stiger would place second in the tennis tournament. Past President Bob Burns would win the Distinguished President Award. His annual report had rated within the top five (5) in the region. Lindsey Moore and Tom Moore received the club achievement award.

A special "Presidents Project" entitled "New Eyes for the Needy" was undertaken. The chairman would be Bruce Johnson. To entice participation he offered a dozen ties to the club member bringing in the most glasses. Don Davidson took the prize with twenty-six (26) pairs. The club received a Patch of Honor for our banner. This year cannot be concluded without mentioning the following:

- (1) Our Christmas party was held at Lindsey Moore's house.
- (2) Warren Nardelle and Bruce Johnson were accepted for membership at the same time. The "Rowdies" are on the way.

(3) Jim Levert would be our advisor to a Circle-K we were backing at Loyola. (4) The second annual crawfish party was held at Joe's Seafood.

(5) On July 16, 1976, we were one man short of 100% attendance.

(6) The program committee would start presenting complimentary subscriptions of Kiwanis International Magazine to distinguished speakers.

The DAWN BUSTERS were in their third administration. A motion was made that club by laws be written. Of course, a committee was formed.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1976-1977

"Lead The Way"

Officers

President	James Smith
First Vice President	Scott Williams
Second Vice President	Billy Charlet
Treasurer	Warren Nardelle
Secretary	Bruce Johnson

Directors

Duane Crump	Chuck Pratt
Dave Malcolm*	Larry Stiger
Danny McConnell	Walker Milam

*replaced by Randy Oddo

President Jim Smith was now our number one man. To prove he was truly first, he sold the most tickets to our Second Annual Pancake Breakfast - a total net profit of 211 sales. Gross receipts would top \$2,000.00. We would realize a of \$1,625.00.

A second fundraiser would not yield quite as much. We sold tickets to the Tulane-Rutgers game. We would receive \$2.00 for each ticket sold. The treasury was increased by 566.00. The money was used to supply Thanksgiving fruit baskets to the Methodist Home and others.

The "fight Hunger and Starvation Campaign" project meant we would take the proceeds from not eating breakfast and donate them to the district. The general consensus revealed it was the best meal yet.

The Methodist Home was to remain an important project. Our members and Key Clubbers continued visiting the home regularly. We would be there to help them with reading lessons. Another day at the Delahoussaye' 5 ranch was held. We felt brave and took 16 kids on an outing aboard the Natchez. Thirty (30) kids were taken to the Saint's birthday party.

Christmas is always a big day at the home. Jim Twilbeck and Gerry Heslin of the Bonnabel Key Club were responsible for the donation of twenty (20) tricycles. Santa Clause would make an appearance as usual.

While on the subject of Santa, this year's Christmas party was held at Billy Charlet's home. This is the party were our controversial x-rated jolly old man in red made his debut.

Our delegates to the Mid-Winter Conference at Jackson were Danny McConnell and Warren Nardelle. Eight DAWN BUSTERS were there when we won the Annual Report Award for the Emerald Section for 1975-1976.

The Heritage Players of Richmond, Virginia, are noted for their performance of the Passion Play "Oberammergan". Nine (9) Kiwanis clubs and the New Orleans Federation of Churches would sponsor their appearance. Chuck Pratt had agreed to lead the Passion Play Committee. The weekly bulletin of December 5, 1976, reported "You can rest assured that this project was thoroughly studied and carefully thought out by the committee before the commitment was made". Chuck estimated a total income between \$30,000 and \$40,000 would result. Our share of the loss was only \$330.56.

Our board of October 6, 1976, made George DeMare an honorary member. He could not continue as a regular member due to illness. The weekly bulletin of January 12, 1977, reported his death. In his memory and honor, a scholarship fund was established. The amount of \$400.00 would be awarded to a deserving Key Clubber.

The requirements to be eligible were:

- (1) Must be a graduating senior attending college or trade school.
- (2) Maintain while in college at least a 2.5 grade average.
- (3) Have attended at least one (1) convention in a two (2) year period.
- (4) Attend Key Club meetings regularly for last two (2) years.
- (5) Participate in at least six (6) projects in his graduating year. (6) To be known in Kiwanis.

On July 27, 1977, the first George DeMare Memorial Scholarship was presented to Bonnabel Key Clubber Jim Twilbeck. He would receive \$200.00 each semester.

This was also the administration that presented our first "Man of the Year" award. The original panel to decide on a winner consisted of Lindsey Moore, Chuck Pratt, and Jim Smith. Names were submitted by the general membership. Bruce Johnson took the honor.

The criteria established through board action for "Man of the Year" award reads: (

- 1) The committee will consist of the past three (3) recipients.
 - (2) If one of the last three (3) recipients were not available, the current president would replace.
 - (3) Nominations will be submitted by the membership in writing prior to the committee's first meeting.
 - (4) The award will be presented at our Annual Awards and Installation Banquet.
- The Eye Openers under Joe Luquet started visiting our meetings. They kept hearing how good the DAWN BUSTERS are. A challenge was made and, of course, accepted. It was to be a basketball game this time. Their Key Club at DeLaSalle also challenged our Key Club. What was billed as the super bowl of basketball was our "agony of defeat". Must have been the poor officiating: The two clubs would meet on the field of honor on a regular basis.

Membership was on the move. This administration would end with a count of forty-seven (47). Jim Smith would be awarded the Diamond Pin Award for nineteen (19) new members. A membership kit was given to each active man to aid him in recruiting. The District had only a net gain of 27 members. New members would pay full dues if accepted during the first month of the dues quarter; the second month, three-fourths (3/4); and the third month of the quarter, only one-half (1/2) was paid.

To spur the membership we had developed into attending breakfast, President Smith instituted the free meal policy. Randy Oddo was the first to win. A bulletin board was introduced to inform members of upcoming activities.

The Circle-K Club we were backing at Loyola was dissolving. Their president left and things were never the same.

This was not true with our Key Club. They were as strong as ever. In the July/August District Bulletin a picture of them at work appeared. During the month of April, forty-three (43) of their members would attend our meetings. They helped us plant 2,000 pine seedlings. Kenner received 900 trees alone.

The visitation key that we had been exchanging when Key Clubbers and Kiwanians make an appearance at each other's meetings was missing. Dr. Fred Smith presented a new key to the Key Club president. It was a large iron jailhouse key attached to a golden chain. Its whereabouts is now a mystery .

The JAZZ basketball team was still with New Orleans and so was Kiwanis JAZZ Night. Governor Dave Self would make his official visit to the District at a reception held before the game. Our profit on ticket sales would be almost \$450.00. This is one of the few times that Jim Smith was second in sales. A. J. Delahoussaye sold the most tickets.

The 62nd International Convention in Dallas only had three (3) members in attendance. The delegates present were to vote on a resolution to allow women in Kiwanis as long as it is controlled on the local level. Our delegates were instructed to vote no. The resolution did not pass. .

The District Convention at Jackson, Mississippi, had eight (8) members present. We set up a tie booth and sold \$360.00 worth. The club was recognized for traveling the most miles to attend the meeting. A special plaque was awarded for having the most registered delegates. We also took back an Achievement Award and the Distinguished President's Award for 1975-1976.

The nominating committee consisted of Chuck Pratt, Bob Bums and Lindsey Moore. A greater number of qualified individuals were now available for nomination as officers and board members. The race was close. Two (2) ties resulted. Thirty-two (32) ballots were cast.

In conclusion, several other notable events should be included:

- (1) Our December, 1976, report achieved a score of 100 points.
- (2) Warren Nardelle was the new Lt. Governor for 4B. He was the third DAWN BUSTER in a row to hold this position.
- (3) We sponsored a baseball team at Girard Playground, naturally named after our club.
- (4) The "Eyes for the Needy" program was continued for a second year. The club collected 4,500 pairs of glasses.
- (5) We were the first club in the area to have Russ Creel speak. He was the peanut day chairman from Chicago. Five clubs came to hear the presentation. A proven fundraiser, our club decided to table the idea. If only "popcorn-passion play Pratt" hadn't endorsed the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1977-1978

"Reach Out"

Officers

President	Clarence Charlet
First Vice President	A.J. Delahoussaye
Second Vice President	Danny McConnell
Secretary	Bruce Johnson
Treasurer	Rick Smith

Directors

Sal Cali	Walker Milam
Duane Crump	Dave Moore
Clayton Jones	Randy Oddo

The DAWN BUSTERS now carried the distinction of being referred to as "The Club". We were beginning to be the standard by which other clubs measured their progress.

This was recognized by our board. They felt a club historian should be appointed. A motion was made to purchase a scrapbook. Jim Smith proposed a motion that each administrative year in which a president served, he must write a recap for future reference. A history of the club as-e grow. Better late than never.

It was pancake time once again. The Third Annual Pancake Breakfast was better than ever. Danny McConnell was in charge. He gave each member seventy-five (75) tickets to sell. They were \$1.50 each and if you did not sell your allotted number, you were expected to purchase the extras. Jim Smith led all sales by selling 334 tickets. We would raise \$1,700.00 for our project fund.

November 5, 1977, was not only the day of our Pancake Breakfast, but also the day that A. J. Delahoussaye displayed his flipping talents. Anything to get his picture taken.

Social functions were on the increase. Walker Milam's new home was a perfect location for our Christmas party. The cost was \$15.00 per couple, but this included a live band and censored Santa.

Family night at the Beverly was very successful. Those who could not attend a family night could attend a family day. A Vacherie trip was held, complete with a bus to transport us.

The Methodist Home commanded much of our time and attention. A. J. Delahoussaye rounded up funds through private contributions. The Molly Mc Guire Golf Tournament was held with all proceeds channeled to the home. Money would not be a problem and we had the manpower to supply.

The Christmas party was its usual success. Gifts, kids and Santa makes for a pleasant day. We also took the children to the Saints versus Cleveland game, held the annual Ranch Day, and ventured out aboard the Natchez.

Channel 4 Television said a few words about various conditions "at the home". We did not exactly agree with their comments and wrote the necessary rebuttal.

The DAWN BUSTERS purchased furniture and supplies totaling \$518.00 and donated them to the Methodist Home. Man-hours were donated when we took on the task of tutoring a kindergarten class. A tape recorder, a water cooler, and pet ties from Wembley found their way to the home.

A JAZZ basketball game was again planned. Area Kiwanians were the only sellers of \$6.00 seats. The JAZZ welcomed the Knicks and the Division welcomed the District Governor. A reception was held at the Dome as his official visit. The usual scenario developed. The DAWN BUSTERS sold the most tickets. To achieve this feat, several members arrived an hour early for the game and unloaded the remaining 100 unsold tickets. Fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) was raised for the K-Bar-B.

International Convention time found several DAWN BUSTERS heading for Miami. Keith Voights would be our chairman.

The International is important to all Kiwanians, but the Mid-Winter Conference and District Convention seem to be most important to our members.

Mid-Winter was held at Jackson, Mississippi. The nine (9) members that went were anxious to see our unofficial DAWN BUSTER, Jamie Lynne. We were awarded the Multiple Service Award for the Emerald Section. This was a first and last for our club. We would soon be moving into the Ruby Section, much to the Emerald Section's relief.

Enjoying oneself was a major mid-winter endeavor. Tom Moore has the dubious honor of being the first DAWN BUSTER to actually accept a collect call from Jackson. "O'Canada" was heard that night. John Gormley was to disappear that evening. He found himself under the table, with the unsolicited help of Chuck Pratt. Warren Nardelle would trip on his golf club in the hall at the Holiday Inn; and he claimed to be sober. The DAWN BUSTERS had earned the reputation of working hard. now we would earn the reputation of playing just as hard.

The DAWN BUSTERS would soon be sponsoring another Key Club. The East Jefferson Key Club was about to lose their charter. The school was disappointed with the Metairie Kiwanis Club. Lt. Governor Warren Nardelle was faced with finding a club to take over East Jefferson and he asked DAWN BUSTERS to help him by sponsoring them for one (1) year to see if we could handle two Key Clubs or another Kiwanis Club would take them. The rest is history.

They were not accepted as an adopted brother, but an equal sibling with our Bonnabel Key Club.

It was on September 6, 1978, when we accepted East Jefferson. The George DeMare Memorial Scholarship had already been decided; therefore, only a Bonnabel Key Clubber would receive the award. Jim Twilbeck would receive his second one-half (1/2) of his scholarship and Mike Harris would be our new recipient.

Bonnabel Key Club challenged us to a volleyball game. John Gormley and Randy Oddo gathered our team together. When the dust settled, we had beat them three (3) straight.

We should have retired here, but decided to team up with Bonnabel and meet Kenner North and their Key Club on the basketball court. The final score is lost to time, but we did protest the fact that they brought in a possible ringer.

The DAWN BUSTERS found themselves on a collision course with the administrative hierarchy at Bonnabel. It seems the question of admitting females into the ranks of the Key Club had arisen. The Key Club did not want them, the Sweethearts did not want them, and the DAWN BUSTERS did not want them. The battle was on.

A board meeting was held the same evening the Key Club was meeting to decide on the matter. Randy Oddo was at their meeting and telephone contact was established. After much discussion and friendly argument, a motion was adopted by our board by a vote of five (5) to four (4). We would only accept the inclusion of females as Key Club members if not doing so could cause a loss of federal funding or if an infraction of federal or state laws would result.

Interclubbing was in the spotlight when a contest was announced. DAWN BUSTERS love to compete. Phil Fielding was our chairman. Originally we were Out to beat the Algiers Club and ended up breaking all records.

The club made 83,611 miles that included fifty-one (51) club visitations. An overnight flight to Miami would ensure our victory. Walt McNeil, Billy Charlet, Elvin Breaud, and A. J. Delahoussaye were scheduled to go. When Billy Charlet could not go, another member, John Gormley, was there to fill the void.

This year would mark the beginning of our yearly '\$500.00 contribution to the New Orleans Downtown Club. The money would be used for the K-Bar-B building fund.

It was also during this administration that the first annual divisional prayer breakfast would be held. The DAWN BUSTERS' prayer breakfast would be held on a regular basis. Our club singularly, or with the participation of one or more Kiwanis Clubs, would offer spiritual programs.

A mini-fund raiser was coordinated by Charlie Ingram. Christmas candy was sold during the holidays. The treasury would increase by \$170.00.

Again, before closing, a few additional facts should be included:

- (1) The blood replacement program continued and so did our fight to get donors to give.
- 2) Louis Savoie designed a new bulletin mast. It's the present mast we now use.
- 3) We reached a membership high of fifty-one (51) individuals
- (4) Breakfast was increased to \$3.25 a meeting.
- (5) We awarded Life Membership to past Lt. Governor Bob Bums.
- (6) "Man of the Year" was A. J. Delahoussaye.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1978-1979

"Light Up A Life"

Officers

President	Bruce Johnson
First Vice President	Philip Fielding
Second Vice President	Walter McNeil
Secretary	Clayton Jones
Treasurer	John Gormley

Directors

Robert Burns	Dave Morgan
A. J. Delahoussaye	Randy Oddo*
Charles Ingram	

* Replaced by Carlo Maniglia in August, 1979.

President Johnson started his administration off with the proverbial bang and a twenty (20) page publication referred to as the "GET INVOLVED" manual. It included everything a DAWN BUSTER needed to get and remain involved. His emphasis was on work. The club would accomplish, through this work, a great deal.

Work we did, beginning with the Fourth Annual Pancake Breakfast. Several ticket-selling teams were organized with Rick Dike as the overall chairman. The winning team would have a breakfast of steak and eggs. The losers would eat cold cereal. Jim Smith naturally sold the most tickets. He sold a total of 431. We served almost 800 breakfasts that morning and raised \$3,638.77 for the treasury.

The new year brought a new bulletin. It included six (6) paid ads on its back. Lou Savoie and Walt McNeil were responsible for its new look. The proceeds from the ads would be held in a special account for the 1981 Convention. We were still involved with JAZZ basketball. A. J. Delahoussaye would handle the coordination between Division 4A and 4B. The JAZZ would play Portland and Governor Bob Wales would make his official visit. Four (4) VIP courtside tickets were auctioned off at one of our meetings. Phil Fielding would be credited with selling 413 tickets. The club's profit was \$1,009.00.

The auction became a steady source of income. The first was held on October 13, 1978. They would be held on a monthly basis. Danny McConnell paid \$25.00 for the privilege of being the first successful bidder. Doc McNeil contributed his dental skills.

This administration took a stronger stand on meeting attendance and nonpayment of dues. We were at a point in our development where we could afford the luxury of demanding an active membership. If you missed four (4) meetings without an acceptable excuse, the secretary would send you a letter of suspension. Missing 40% of the monthly meetings without a make-up or leave of absence would result in being dropped.

The year would start with a roster of 44. We inducted 23 new members, even with another breakfast hike. We were now paying \$3.50 a meals. Bert Tampke was the first new member inducted.

Our "new" Key Club fit the DAWN BUSTERS' mold to perfection. Wayne Sharp of the East Jefferson Key Club was elected president of Key Club International. He would be one (1) of only ten (10) distinguished governors in Key Club International for 1978-1979. East Jefferson Key Club would hold a DAWN BUSTERS appreciation night. Fifteen (15) members and their ladies attended.

The Key Clubbers were still challenging us - this time to a basketball game at the Johnny Bright Playground. It was called at the end of three quarters due to physical weakness. The score was 38-12. All of our points were scored from the free throw line.

Even though we were soundly defeated, the annual scholarship award was still presented. Two Key Clubs were now eligible. Instead of reducing the dollar amount, we budgeted enough to give each club the same. Mike Poffenberger would be Bonabel's recipient and John Fenner would be East Jefferson's first winner.

This would be the year that Chuck Pratt would run for Governor-Elect. Our board contributed \$250.00 toward his campaign. Phil Fielding held a fund raising affair at his residence. The bar- be-cue was successful with almost fifty (50) individuals in attendance. A hospitality room sponsored by members of Divisions 4A and 4B for the Pratt campaign was serving red beans and rice at the District Convention. On the second day, the beans burned. The writing was on the wall.

Phil's bar-be-cue was so successful that another was planned. This social function would be opened as a family event. Almost forty (40) people would be there. District Secretary Charlie Ford made an appearance.

Phil and social events went together. He procured tickets to the play "Chorus Line" and opened their purchase to our club membership. A few dollars were made for the project fund, 130 people attended who bought tickets through the DAWN BUSTERS, and the ladies had a night out.

All this socializing did not hinder our community involvement. We would help supply the manpower for a Christmas party at Glenn's Restaurant. This is now one of our annual projects. It is for the elderly and mentally retarded.

The DAWN BUSTERS would host a Christmas party for the elderly at St. Anthony's Nursing Home. This is now also done on an annual basis.

When we discuss Christmas parties, the Methodist Children's Home party must be included. This annual event was again a success.

The children were involved with our club in other activities. An Easter egg hunt was well received. We felt brave again and took the kids to a Saints vs. Giants game. Carlo Maniglia got even braver and organized a bowling day for the home. Of course, there was the trip to the Delahoussaye's Ranch, only now it was referred to as a Farm Day.

The first K-Bar-B work day our club undertook was in usual DAWN BUSTERS style. We would paint two buildings. Off we went with twice as many Key Clubbers as club members and thirty-six (36) gallons of donated paint. We arrived with the paint and three (3) large trash cans. Twelve (12) gallons went into each container. DAWN BUSTER Law ill reads: twelve gallons of any color paint, when mixed in a plastic trash can, always turns Out a grayish olive drab.

One day's time was not sufficient to complete the job. We came back a second day with twenty (20) gallons of paint to mix. The color was only a shade off.

A third day was required to complete our assignment. The school building stands today as testimony to our painting skills.

The International Convention was held in Toronto, Canada. A constitutional amendment to allow each individual club to have women in their organization, if desired, was rejected by our membership.

Mid-Winter Conference again found the DAWN BUSTERS traveling to Jackson. Now that we were in the Ruby Section, we were anxious to see what honors they would bestow upon us. Eleven (11) members would be present. Billy Charlet won first place for single service projects. We were the overall and Ruby Section winner of the Interclubbing Contest. A certificate of Administrative Excellence for 1977-1978 was also presented.

The DAWN BUSTERS First Annual Family Day was held at Metairie Playground. Several other Kiwanis Clubs were there also. We invited twenty-seven (27) kids from the Methodist Home, just to keep things interesting.

Five softball teams were formed. At day's end, we had won four (4) games and lost one (1). Keith Voigts was selected the most valuable player. Winning is important, but the DAWN BUSTERS fielded twenty-nine (29) players, the youngest being eight (8) years old.

Projects were now as diversified as our membership. The Louisiana Nature Center received our help. We constructed a bridge. A K-Bar-B dental program was initiated by Walt McNeil. We also donated twenty-three (23) pairs of shoes to the K-Bar-B.

The Downtown Club was presented with \$500.00 for their K-Bar-B building fund. We also contributed numerous other items just because we wanted to. Ken McDaniel delivered the check.

On- July 11, 1979, only thirteen (13) Out of forty-seven (47) members and not one Key Clubber made the meeting. Why, is still undetermined. Many say it was due to the fact a hurricane was blowing, and yet, just as many say it was the speaker from Exxon that kept them away.

Our paddle was missing. It was found in the trunk of Tom Moore's car. He was using it to hammer in "For Sale" signs on his waterfront property.

The club and its members seemed to be headed in several directions at once. The following must be included to make this administration's history complete:

- (1) Warren Nardelle received the honor of Distinguished Lt. Governor
- (2) Walt McNeil would carry on DAWN BUSTER tradition by becoming our fourth member to be elected Lt. Governor.
- (3) Secretary Clayton Jones would start scoring 100's on our monthly reports.
- (4) Danny McConnell was elected Chairman of the 4B Special Olympics Committee.
- (5) Our first Spring Fling under the direction of Ken McDaniel was a success.
- (6) The Algiers Club requested, and received, a \$500.00 contribution to aid in their Americanism Forum.
- (7) Bob Burns organized the first Manresa Retreat.
- (8) We continued our blood replacement program.
- (9) Board meetings would be held on the first Thursday of each month.
- (10) The nametags disappeared.
- (11) There was an unannounced roasting of our club president.
- (12) "Man of the Year" was Dave Morgan.
- (13) We presented life membership award to past Lt. Governor Warren Nardelle, Jr.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1979-1980

"Build Together"

Officers

President	Dr. Walter McNeil
First Vice President	Clayton Jones
Second Vice President	Kendal McDaniel *
Secretary	Danny McConnell **
Treasurer	Warren Abadie

* Carlo Maniglia was originally elected to this position, but had to resign when he requested a six (6) months leave of absence.

** Danny McConnell relocated to Baton Rouge. Bill Barney was secretary for the last two (2) months of this administration.

Directors

Charles Ingram	Louis Savoye
Tom Moore	Keith Voigts
Dave Morgan	

Dr. McNeil was overheard saying that being president of the DAWN BUSTERS was like pulling teeth. He would be as effective a president as he was a dentist (pronounced "denn-tis").

It was time for Pancake Breakfast number five (5). Dave Moore was the chairman. Teams were formed. Captain Breslin's group was number one (1). Jim Smith was again our top salesman. Ticket sales approached \$6,400.00. A profit of nearly \$5,000.00 was made.

While on the subject of breakfast, we would increase ours to a high of \$4.50 per meal. A coffee only morning would cost you \$2.00.

Membership was stressed. The year started with fifty-one (51) members and finished with fifty-four (54).

Membership Chairman John Gormley had a plan. Incentives were offered to those DAWN BUSTERS bringing in new members. Bring in one member and get a free steak breakfast. Three new members would get you a night out at the Beverly Dinner Playhouse. The grand prize for five (5) new members - a weekend for two (2) on the Gulf Coast. Warren Nardelle was the winner. The Kitchens and Nardelles enjoyed their trip.

Every morning a secret greeter would be waiting to shake a member's hand. The first winner of a free breakfast was Dr. Jack Murphy. The International Convention at Anaheim would be of particular interest to our club. It would be here that all of Kiwanis was extended an invitation to New Orleans for the next International Convention. Chuck Pratt presented the welcome at Anaheim. Five DAWN BUSTERS were there.

To prepare for the New Orleans convention, we registered the whole club. Naturally, we were the first club to register 100% of its members. Several of our members would be very active in its success.

Local conventions and conferences were, for obvious reasons, attended by more members. The District Convention at Alexandria found thirteen (13) DAWN BUSTERS in attendance.

Mid- Winter at Biloxi was recognition day for our club. Warren Nardelle was selected to the District Foundation Board. First place in the Club Ranking Plan and first place in Multiple Service for the Emerald Section was ours. In the Orange Section, we would be first runner-up for our weekly bulletins. Eleven (11) DAWN BUSTERS would be in attendance.

A familiar sight at this and future conventions and conferences would soon become the DAWN BUSTERS' official golf club. Since Ken McDaniel would be supplying the balls, Warren Nardelle, Bruce Johnson, and John Gormley decided the time was right. Off the record, the first outing was rained out.

The DAWN BUSTERS' Molly McQuire Open Gulf Tournament raised \$360.00 for the Methodist Children's Home. It is now an annual event.

The abused children could count on us for their annual Christmas party. We surprised them with a visit from Santa and the usual gifts. Just for good measure we threw in thirty (30) coloring books and thirty (30) stuffed animals. Several DAWN BUSTERS got brave and took a group of children bowling.

The club undertook the renovation of a building, formerly used as a classroom at the K-Bar-B. It is now in use as their Library, but not first without much time and expense on our part. Its completion stands as a tribute to our club and the Kiwanis organization.

The K-Bar-B had a dormitory construction program. Fire destroyed one of the boys' dormitory trailers. We donated \$500.00. Dr. McNeil continued the K-Bar-B dental program. The kids now had bright smiles to flash, especially while playing one of the three record players and- hundred (200) records they received.

Special Olympics was trying to raise funds. They tried selling tickets for an LSU/Tulane basketball game. The kids would perform at half time. We had trouble selling the tickets we were given. On two (2) occasions a Special Olympics Field Day was scheduled at East Jefferson High School. The membership was there to give a hand. It was rained out both times. It could not seem to get on track. We were extremely proud of our Key Clubs. Wayne Sharp of East Jefferson was International Key Club President. Nathan Watson, also from East Jefferson, was the new Key Club Governor for Louisiana-Mississippi- West Tennessee. Their Key Club would finish third place in divisional competition. Don Kelly of Bonnabel was elected Key Club International Trustee. Bonnabel finished in first place in division competition. This marked the first time Bonnabel had finished first in any division. .

Bonnabel got brave and challenged East Jefferson and the DAWN BUSTERS to a bowl-off. We lost:

We were good losers and decided to award the George DeMare Memorial Scholarship. Bonnabel's recipient was Paul Hanson. he winner at East Jefferson would be Blake Franklin.

Don Kelly of Bonnabel joined the ranks of we losers. He made a "here's pie in your eye" bet with Pete Breslin. LSU lost, Tulane won, and Don was gracious to the end.

The First Annual Kiwanis Dinner deserves special mention. We would be instrumental in its success. We would be the host club. Fred Smith accepted nominations for Kiwanian of the Year. Harry Wiegel of the Algiers Club would be selected. Ken McDaniel would be public relations chairman and Warren Abadie the treasurer. President McNeil was on local TV promoting Kiwanis and for good measure solicited funds for the K-Bar-B building program.

The DAWN BUSTERS man of the year was now called "Kiwanian of the Year." A committee consisting of the last three (3) winners would choose the new recipient. The top three (3) vote getters as selected by the membership, were eligible. Bert Tampke received the honor.

Warren Nardelle was honored with life membership. Bruce Johnson was honored by past Lt. Governor Wimp Hewgley, for being selected as a distinguished president. Walt McNeil was honored with a surprise "This is your life". This administration would recognize its past presidents with a special day.

A "Meet the Candidates" night was held by our citizenship committee. It was also a ladies night for our club. A large crowd of 350 people would attend.

The ladies would receive the privilege of being included in several functions. A ladies night at the Beverly Diner Playhouse found thirty (30) couples enjoying "The Owl and the Pussycat". To celebrate the anniversary of our formation, a Charter Night was held. The ladies again found themselves at a DAWN BUSTERS gathering. .

A bar-be-que was held at Phil Fielding's house. The cost was \$5.00 per person. The food was good, a profit was realized for our treasury, and the ladies were present.

Phil Fielding has a thing about getting theater tickets. This time it was for "Annie". We opened it to other clubs and came away with an unexpected income of \$70.00.

The ladies were not the only ones to be entertained. Ken McDaniel got hold of this book of strange facts. A segment of nearly every meeting was set aside for "Knowledge Imparted". Ken became known as "Did you know" McDaniel.

Lakeside Kiwanis Club held their annual softball family tournament. The DAWN BUSTERS were defending champs. We were not the winners. There was an unanswered question of why we lost.

The Christmas parties for St. Anthony Nursing Home and Glenn's Restaurant were in their second year. We were there to supply the manpower.

We also supplied the work force to help the Louisiana Nature Center get ready for its grand opening.

This was a very active year. We must include the following to make it complete:

- (1) Walt McNeil would be our next Lt. Governor. Jim Smith would be Lt. Governor-Elect.
- (2) Our spiritual aims committee became involved with the Shroud of Turin.
- (3) BACYOHAI became a household word and had its own song.
- (4) We got involved with the first Sugar bowl Basketball Tournament and just broke even.
- (5) A donation of \$500.00 was made to the Americanism Forum.
- (6) Coloring books became big business.
- (7) The "Rowdy Bunch" began their existence. Past President Bruce Johnson was Rowdy One. It is a select group, which the club is thankful for.

Those DAWN BUSTERS that went to Anaheim were met by an old friend - a rabbit named GOYA. It originated from Occola, Florida. The DAWN BUSTERS were presented it by the Eye Openers. We immediately formed an interclub and delivered it to a Baton Rouge Club. The idea behind GOY A was to increase interest in the International Convention and make sure GOY A arrives there.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1980-1981

"Take Time To Care"

Officers

President	Philip Fielding
First Vice President	T. Peter Breslin
Second Vice President	Thomas Moore
Secretary	William Barney
Treasurer	William Gillane

Directors

Bill Barney*	Dave Morgan
A. J. Delahoussaye	Chuck Pratt
Tom Klotz	Louis Savoye***
Danny McConnell * *	

* Became secretary, position on board filled by Bert Tampke. Upon Bert's sudden death, Charlie Ingram was elected to replace him on the board.

* * Relocated to Baton Rouge, Keith Voigts elected.

* * * Relocated, replaced by Ken McDaniel.

President Fielding would bury several of our bylaws and begin his administration with a few changes. Through oversight, under Article Five (5), Sections 2, 3, and 4 were originally omitted. These sections concerned discipline and their inclusion was highly desirable.

Bylaw changes were:

1. Membership application fee would be increased from \$19.00 to \$15.00.
2. Annual dues would now read \$80.00, and each member would be responsible for his pro rata share of meeting room expense. Those paying in advance discount of \$.50 per meeting.
3. Changed from, "dropped if dues not paid -: the time next quarter's dues are payable", to "dropped if dues are not paid by 15th day of quarter"
4. Since the board met every thirty (30) days, a member facing suspension would have thirty (30) days in which to reinstate instead of fifteen (15) days.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast had a different twist this year. To make ticket sales interesting, Chairman Jim Smith and ticket coordinator, Bruce Johnson, devised a unique plan. The team concept was employed again. This time we had super ticket seller Jim Smith listed as the Commissioner of Football.

Five teams named after football franchises were formed. The team that sold the least tickets on a weekly basis was required to sit at a special Mickey Mouse table. The Los Angeles Rams were there almost every Wednesday morning wearing their mouse ears and bibs. Captain McNeil and his Rams team of Elvin Breaux, Tom Moore, Dave Morgan, and Havard Albright took the honors.

As usual, Jim Smith sold the most tickets. He received a trophy for selling 946 of them. A total of 1,235 breakfasts were served. Funds exceeding \$8,500.00 were turned in.

Interclub competition was reinstated. George Rojas was chairman. We were out to beat the Baton Rouge Audubon Club. A mobile van was used on several of our out-of-town trips. During the month of July, we had so many interclubs, that to list them on our monthly report, an extra page had to be included.

President Fielding instituted a first. He had a ladies committee. Sandy Ingram would be in charge with Evelyn Fielding as her assistant.

To assure his administration would run smoothly, he moved the "Rowdy Bunch" to the front of the room. After they sang "Jingle Bells" in October, he tried to move them out. There was a rumor that Phil was instrumental in securing a promotion and transfer of Rowdy One (I) to California.

The Jazz and Heritage Festival developed into an unexpected source of funds. We sold beer and made almost \$5,000.00. Our club had the number one (1) beer booth as far as sales and enthusiasm. We broke all existing beer sales records at the Festival.

Naturally, we formed a committee to decide on how to distribute the funds. The only stipulation was that they must be used for a community project. Our next board meeting was overflowing with members and suggestions on how to disburse the money.

It was decided that we would donate the funds to purchase a shelter at Lafreniere Park. The cost was \$10,000.00. Ed Litrell promised the shelter would be constructed on an island and be known as Kiwanis Island.

The use of auctions continued to raise funds. Several auctions for tax preparation were held.

The K-Bar-B Ranch still could expect funds and manpower from the DAWN BUSTERS. Walt McNeil was involved with the dental program. It had developed into an ongoing project. We obtained a cooling/heating pump for one of their buildings.

We gave another \$500.00 contribution to their building fund. The Library building we worked on during the last administration continued to receive our attention.

The Methodist Home Annual Christmas Party was held at Neal Kaye Distributors. It certainly was different compared to the Home. Trying to keep the kids altogether was a chore.

The trip to the Ranch was again taken. The kids enjoyed themselves. President Phil would have enjoyed himself even more if his muffler had not fallen off. Of course, it had to happen while driving through McNeil, Mississippi. Our major emphasis theme dealt with communication disabilities. We tested fifty-four (54) Methodist children for hearing defects. We also prepared and distributed special DAWN BUSTERS communication disabilities brochures in local medical establishments.

In conjunction with this theme, we visited the New Orleans Health and Rehabilitation Center. A hearing aid was donated to one of their elderly residents. The center took a group photo of our membership for display at their Hearing and Rehabilitation Convention.

The Second Annual Kiwanis Dinner was held at Sclafani's. The DAWN BUSTERS again played a major role in its success. Walt McNeil was chairman and Jim Smith was treasurer. Bonnabel Key Clubber, Don Kelly, received the scholarship award. Louisiana Governor Treen was guest speaker. Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Governor Mort Levy made the announcement that the DAWN BUSTERS were the best club in Ruby Section in all of Kiwanis International. Number one (1) status brought a lot of criticism from other clubs. We weathered it in typical DAWN BUSTERS fashion.

Our Kiwanian of the Year recipient was Thomas Bert Tampke. He was very active, especially with our youth. He scheduled a Zoo day for the handicapped kids. It was through his son's involvement with Bonnabel Key Club that he joined Kiwanis.

His death was a tragic blow to our club. It was a needless death and this made it worse. On May 14, 1981, a memorial service was held in place of our regular meeting. A black bow around an empty chair, along with a single burning candle, was at his usual place. A large number of Key Clubbers were in attendance. Bert would have liked that.
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The George DeMare Memorial Scholarships went to Bonnabel Key Clubber, Dwayne Yambra, and East Jefferson Key Clubber, Nathan Watson. It was also at this time that a committee was formed to update the scholarship requirements. It seems that a prior recipient would not receive the second half of his scholarship due to poor grades.

The Bonnabel Key Club challenged us to another bowling day. We devastated them this time. The Key Clubbers may not be good bowlers, but the two clubs we sponsor did well at their District Convention in Shreveport. Bonnabel took a second place and East Jefferson, third place. We also supplied a hospitality room for them at their International Convention.

They found other activities to beat us at. The Spring Fling that Ken McDaniel organized found Key Clubber, Jerry Vu. winning the kite fight.

Breslin stated "Ray LeCron is too old to play ball". LeCron countered "We will find out on the field who is the youngest". Our membership was divided into two teams. The winner would be challenged by the Key Clubbers. A family picnic was also scheduled. We even invited the Eye Openers along. A three (3) year rivalry was on the line. Well, it rained and rained and rained. A combination Kiwanian team played the Key Clubbers. The losers would be required to slide into home plate. The only problem was that by now home plate was under water. The outcome – we lost!

The Eye Openers had won a previous softball tournament we played in. Two kegs of beer were owed for sometime now. They demanded them. Judge Burns went to their meeting and settled "Out of court

We were on the field again. The Eye Openers challenged and we accepted.. It was a physical game - pulled ligaments, busted fingers, and many bruises. To top it off, we lost. George Rojas was overheard saying "It's time to hang up my gloves".

Revenge was long in coming, but sweet in the end. The Lakeside Club formed a softball tournament. Not that they were late in arriving, but we had already beat the Eye Openers twice and were on our way home when they showed. Our motto was "Do it for Phil".

Mid- Winter Conference was another DAWN BUSTERS spotlight day. Past President McNeil was presented the Multiple Service Achievement Award. He was also winner of the Club Ranking Plan. Our reports scored the highest in the District, 97.5%.

Installation and awards night was held at Augies Restaurant. Eighty-nine (89) individuals were present to hear President Fielding comment "It has been a very good year". Governor-Elect Charnia Cheatwood attended.

The District Convention at Biloxi was memorable. We had a hospitality room at poolside. No ties could be worn by anyone. We donated funds that were collected in behalf of Bert Tampke to the Louisiana-'Mississippi- West Tennessee District Foundation. President Fielding was forced to donate \$20.00 to the Kiwanis Foundation in order to get some sleep. Twenty-five (25) or so Kiwanians and their wives were outside his window singing "White Christmas

The 66th Annual International Convention was held here in New Orleans. Warren Nardelle was in charge of Convention registration. We would help man the registration desk. The wives, under the direction of Jerry Smith, would help with the information booths. Chuck Pratt was vice-chairman, so naturally we and the Convention received radio coverage. A hospitality room was set up at the Hyatt Regency. We had a sign-in poster that now contains the names of Kiwanians from the world over. Bob Hope's signature is also included.

The DAWN BUSTERS were selected Honor Club in Multiple Service for the Ruby Section. This meant that under the previous administration we obtained number one (1) ranking. We were the best in "the world". Of course, we also won the Club Ranking Award.

The DAWN BUSTERS were mentioned in the District Bulletin. To top this, we were recognized in the Kiwanis Magazine. Our members and their wives are very photogenic.

"Mac" McKitrick was installed as International President Designate. He only attended one (1) meeting while in this area. The DAWN BUSTERS received the honor. Since he was from Alberta, Canada, we sang our now famous rendition of O' CANADA.

Warren Nardelle was selected as our next Kiwanian of the Year. Walt McNeil was presented with the club's fourth life member status. Bill Barney, after much lobbying, finally was presented with a briefcase. It helped him to become a better secretary.

This administration also had some other notable happenings that should not be overlooked:

- (1) Elvin Breaud was put on honorary status.
- 2) The bulletin developed a yellow sun.
- (3) We unsuccessfully sold tickets for the Sugar Bowl Basketball Tournament.
- (4) Christmas parties were held at St. Anthony's and Glenn's Restaurant.
- (5) The DAWN BUSTERS' Christmas party was held at Sclafani's. Key Clubber, Tim Ponsetti, played piano while we attempted a carol sing-off.
- (6) A large prayer breakfast was held during the Thanksgiving season.

- (7) The board, which met at “Ye Olde Ball Park Ice Cream Parlar”, approved the building of a new club in the Elmwood area.
- (8) We went on TV to donate "No Pin" money to Muscular Dystrophy.
- (9) The board rejected an applicant for membership by a one (1)-vote margin. This was a first. (10) Former Lt. Governor John Lacouerge presented Past President Walt McNeil with the Distinguished President Award and a diamond pin for reaching his membership goal.
- (11) The citizenship committee decorated the meeting room with a flag theme, presented books with an American Flag on the front to lucky number holders, and gave Sheriff Lee a certificate of appreciation for displaying two large flags for public viewing.
- (12) We had to purchase a new banner to display our awards.
- (13) Our DA WN BUSTERS team of Charlet, Delahoussaye, LeCron, and Pratt won the Third District Golf Tournament.
- (14) We contributed \$500.00 to the Americanism Forum.
- (15) We constructed, at Louisiana Nature Center, a trail for the blind.
- (16) Past President McNeil was presented the "Life Fellow Award" by the Key Clubbers.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1981-1982

Share Good Health

Officers

President	Kendal Mc Daniel
First Vice President	Keith Voights
Second Vice President	A. J. Delahoussaye
Secretary	William Barney
Treasurer	Al Chopin
Past President	Phillip E. Fielding

Directors

T. Peter Breslin	Ray Ventura
Charles Ingram	Cyril Windmann
Tom Klotz	Gene Wolfe
Chuck Pratt	
Kiwanian of the Year	Stan Maher
Governor	Charnia Cheatwood
Lt. Governor	Jim Smith
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Minneapolis, Minnesota
District Convention	Shreveport, Louisiana
Membership at end of year	54 members

Kendal Mc Daniel called his year the "Up Beat Year". Every time he or his committee chairs spoke to the membership, it had to be on an "Up Beat" note. If someone wanted to speak on a subject, it had to be "Up Beat". He did not want anything negative said in his year and this practice was followed throughout his administration.

Our meeting place was moved from Holiday Inn to Morrison's Cafeteria, and we paid \$ 4.00 for the breakfast buffet. The board approved covering the cost of a guest's meal as long as they were a prospective member.

The annual Christmas social was held at the home of Dee Dee and Judge Robert Burns. The ladies of our club each prepared a home cooked dish and we had lots of delicious food. The chairman and his lovely wife were Phil and Evelyn Fielding.

We ordered twenty cases of coloring books costing \$ 2.10 per book for a fundraiser. They were sold for \$ 4.00 each. We sold every case and were happy to have the extra income.

Pete Breslin and Don Kelly celebrated the 3rd annual pie in the face extravaganza. It was the 2nd time that Don received a pie in his face from Pete. The reason was that Pete was celebrating the victory of his Tulane Green wave over Don's L.S.U. Tigers.

The 7th annual pancake breakfast was held at the Elk's Lodge on Cleary Avenue. The tickets sold for \$ 2.00. A profit of \$ 6,906.00 was made to help support our projects. We donated pancake tickets to Kenner North Kiwanis Club so that they could bring the Magnolia School children for pancakes and sausage.

The East Jefferson Key Club Band members had been invited to attend the Mexican Band Festival in Mexico City. Phil Fielding asked that twenty of our members donate \$ 5.00 each to help them make the trip. We collected the \$ 100.00 to give to the band.

The roof on the cafeteria at the K- Bar- B Ranch was leaking and the Dawn Busters were asked to help put on a new roof. A large group of Dawn Busters, and K-Family members turned out on March 6, 1982. In just one weekend a new roof was put on the cafeteria. We had no casualties, but someone working with us fell off the roof. He got up and continued to work and he was totally un-harmed.

We adopted the Shepparton, Australia Kiwanis Club as our brother club. They are in Victoria, Australia and we corresponded by writing letters and exchanging bulletins with them. Members of both clubs met at the International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana to get acquainted.

Kendal Mc Daniel and Keith Voights were appointed to the East Jefferson General Hospital – Community Advisory Council. They attended the hospital's regular meetings and kept us advised of progress with this relatively new hospital.

Lt. Governor Jim Smith and Major Emphasis Chairman, Warren Nardelle asked all members, their families and friends to participate in the blood drive at Lafreniere Park. The blood drive was held in honor of Jason Mayeaux, a child that died 5 days before his third birthday. Jason fought Leukemia most of his life and owed The Blood Center three hundred pints of blood.

The Eye Opener's Kiwanis Club challenged the Dawn Busters to a soft ball game. The winning team would get a keg of beer that had to be paid for by the losers. The Dawn Busters lost the game by a score of 7-2. Not only did we all have sore muscles, but we paid for the keg of beer, too.

One of our Key Club Scholarships in the amount of \$ 500.00 went to Nathan Watson. The name of the other \$ 500.00 recipient is not in our records.

During worldwide Kiwanis week, President Kendal Mc Daniel wrote letters to the Oslo, Norway Club (organized January 9, 1974) and the Geneva, Switzerland Club (organized January 10, 1974).

The Dawn Busters Supported "Day of Fast" for International Foundation contributions. Everyone paid for their breakfast, but did not eat and the money collected for the meals was sent to the International Foundation.

The Dawn Busters volunteered to work booths and sell raffle tickets for the Michelob Lite Deep Water "200" Boat Races on Lake Ponchartrain. A 20' Cigarette Boat was raffled with the proceeds from the raffle going to the 1983 Summer Special Olympics Games. The weekend before the race, the boat was displayed in the Lakeside Shopping Mall and all Kiwanis Clubs of Division 4-A and 4-B manned booths to sell tickets.

We collected Mardi Gras "loot" (beads and trinkets) from members of our club. The "loot" went to fill Piñatas so that the children at the Methodist Home could have an old fashioned Mexican Christmas.

The American Red Cross-offered CPR courses and classes were held at our weekly meeting. After finishing the classes we were allowed to go to the American Red Cross office to take the test to be qualified. Eleven of our members qualified to receive certified CPR Certificates.

When the new Elmwood Business Development was recognized as a possible location to form a new Kiwanis Club, the Dawn Busters asked the clubs in Division 4-A and 4-B to help solicit members. We started out forming a noon meeting club. Immediately we came upon our first stumbling block. No local eating-place would have a noon meeting group. We changed to a breakfast club and proceeded to form the club. The new Elmwood Kiwanis Club was formed and sponsored by the Dawn Busters. We bought their first banner, gavel and bell, at a cost of \$149.85. Their Charter Night was a Ladies Night held at Augie's Restaurant on Veterans Boulevard. Walter Mc Neil DDS, Past Lt. Governor of Division 4-B and a member of the Dawn Busters, presented the club's charter.

The following members and spouses attended: Kendal and Jan Mc Daniel, Charlie and Sandy Ingram, Walter and Nell Mc Neil, Pat and Ray Ventura, Stan and Pam Maher, James and Gerry Smith, Keith and Gwenn Voights, Warren and Sandra Nardelle, Clayton and Joy Jones, Phil and Evelyn Fielding, Tom Klotz and Rose Hamilton. Rose was Dr. Mc Neil's secretary and she helped him with our bulletin.

President Kendal Mc Daniel decided that we should get knit shirts for our members to wear. They would have the Kiwanis logo and the member's name on them. The cost was just \$ 15.00.

Past presidents' day was celebrated with a new twist. Each of our past presidents was portrayed by a member of one of our Key Clubs. They gave the highlights of the president's year they represented. It was fun and the past presidents each got a gift and their ladies got a rose and a kiss.

Having an excessive amount of noise at our weekly meetings, Kendal appointed a committee of Phil Fielding, Tom Klotz and Warren Nardelle to investigate improved seating arrangements. Changes were made and we still had a lot of noise.

It was brought to our attention, that students with hearing problems, at Delgado Community College, could not hear the television in the lounge. We donated a closed caption adapter for the television, which enabled students to read the captions on the television. The cost of the adapter was \$ 300.00.

A local radio station approached the Kiwanis Clubs of 4-A and 4-B to stage a Family Day for the needy and the elderly. Food and drinks were donated for around four hundred that attended the WSHO-Kiwanis Family Day at Popps Fountain in City Park. Upon arrival, they were given treats and paired one on one with a Circle K'er, a Key Clubber or a Keywanette. Each group was paired for sporting events and they were taught good sportsmanship. They were hugged and congratulated for finishing the races or completing games.

At Christmas time, we had a party for the children of Methodist Home. When we arrived they received food and drinks and we sang. Santa was expected and one of Santa's helpers had a phone so he could keep in touch with Santa. He would tell the kids exactly when Santa was due to arrive. We had contacted the counselors to find out what each kid wanted and when Santa arrived each kid received his or her desired gift.

Warren Nardelle presented the "Vial of Health" project to the club. Homeowner's would be provided a plastic vial to put a list of the medication that he and his family members were taking. This vial was to be placed in the refrigerator so it could be found in case of an emergency. We decided that it was such a good project that we should share it with our brother club in Shepparton, Australia. Two hundred vials were sent to Australia and we distributed three hundred vials in the Metairie area, to friends and neighbors.

The first written history of the Dawn Busters was written by Bill Barney and was re-typed by Judy LaBorde (Pete Breslins' secretary). It was presented to the club on June 3, 1982.

We sold beer and soft drinks in the Dawn Busters beer booth at the Jazz and Heritage Festival held at the Fairgrounds racetrack. This was the second year we worked the booth and our Key Clubbers helped us. In return for their help, we gave each Key Club \$ 100.00. Last years profits were \$ 5,000.00 and we hoped to top this. Walt Mc Neil had a method of always having cold beer. It worked and people told us that we had the coldest beer on the whole fairgrounds

Walt Mc Neil, a member of our club and a Metairie dentist, formed the Kiwanis Dental Foundation. The foundation had a group of Dawn Busters serving on its board. The purpose of this board was to raise money to pay for things needed to provide free dental services for the children of K-Bar-B Youth Ranch, The Methodist Home and Hanberry House. Dr. Mc Neil donated his services and the Dawn Busters provided transportation for the children to have their teeth taken care of. This turned into the making of many friendships between the Dawn Busters and the children. We not only drove them, but also became their friends and mentors. In addition, the Dawn Busters made a financial contribution to the Dental Foundation account.

The Third Annual Kiwanis Dinner was held on April 17, 1982 at Sclafani's Restaurant on Haynes Boulevard in New Orleans East. It was the official visit of Governor Charnia Cheatwood, Jr. The Dawn Busters reserved a table for twenty members and spouses. The cost was \$ 17.50 a person and Carlo Maniglia was in charge of the Dawn Busters' reservations.

We sponsored both the East Jefferson and Bonnabel Key Clubs. Each week two Dawn Busters were assigned to attend each Key Club's meeting. It was their duty to go to the Key Club meeting to keep them informed about what we were doing. They would ask the Key Club what we could help them with. The goal was to get the Key Club and the Kiwanis Club closer and to have them work together.

Since all of our members are very outstanding citizens, Judge Robert Burns felt that none of them would ever get to see the inside of a jail. He arranged for our members to take a tour of the Angola Penitentiary. The busses left at 8:30 in the morning and returned at 5:30 that evening. The cost was \$15.00 and the price included the tour and lunch. Everyone was on good behavior and all of the Dawn Busters were allowed to make the trip back home.

A hearing fair was put on by a group of Audiologists at Lakeside Shopping Mall once a year. Warren Nardelle had a friend (Mary Alice Zummo) who worked for Dr. Wallace Rubin who was one of the doctors putting on the hearing fair. They offered free hearing tests for anyone coming to the mall. We got so involved with the hearing fair that we volunteered to pick up, haul and set up all the booths in the shopping mall. Our members provided rides for the children of the Methodist Home to have their hearing checked. We also helped register people to be tested. Then we took everything down and returned it to the warehouse.

The parents of one of our members, A. J. Delahoussaye, had a farm in Mississippi and they were kind enough to let us use it for a picnic. We picked up the children from the Methodist Home and transported them in our cars to the farm. They rode horses and pet the animals. They would fish and swing and then we had a barbecue for them. After a great day, we returned them to the home. They were worn out and so were we. Fun was had by all and we had the satisfaction that we gave the kids a lot of pleasure that day.

Chuck Pratt was diagnosed as having an obstruction in his heart. The doctors tried unsuccessfully to remove it. We told Chuck that Kiwanis was forever imbedded in his heart. Then of course we have Chuck's story where he stated that he had an intestinal blockage due to too many Kiwanis breakfasts at Morrison's Cafeteria.

This was Chuck---Always laughing and joking, no matter what happened.

Jim Whelan asked that all members go through their closets and do spring cleaning in an effort to collect clothes for the children of the Methodist Home. We collected fourteen boxes of clothes and delivered them to the home.

The Dawn Busters and local Boy Scouts worked together on the Lafreniere Park beautification project. We picked up trash, trimmed trees and emptied trash containers.

Glynn's, a local restaurant put on a Christmas dinner for sixty elderly and sixty-five mentally retarded persons. They came from St. Anthony's, Hickory Heights and St. Elizabeth Homes. The restaurant owner, Glynn Schilling supplied and prepared all of the food and drinks. He also provided a gift for everyone attending his party. Santa Claus visited to present the gifts and we all sang Christmas carols. The Dawn Busters, their Families, Key Clubbers and Sweethearts served the food.

The club had not changed their dues structure in several years. It was felt that a dues increase was necessary. The joint boards of 81-82 and 82-83 voted on a dues increase beginning October 1, 1982. Dues were raised to \$25.00 per quarter.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1982-1983

“Make Every Child Special”

Officers

President	Raymond B. Ventura
First Vice President	Carlo Maniglia
Second Vice President	Gene Wolfe
Secretary	John Giandeleone
Treasurer	Ed Delagrance
Past President	Kendal Mc Daniel

Directors

Murray Cunningham	Stan Maher
John Gormley	John Miller
Charles Ingram	Warren Nardelle Jr.
Kerry Jambon	

President’s Special Advisor	Phil Fielding
Kiwanian of the Year	John C. Gormley
Governor	Henry Nash
Lt. Governor	Brother Leo Harvey
Mid Winter Convention	January 15-16 Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	July 2-7---Vienna, Austria
District Convention	August 19-21----New Orleans, Louisiana
Membership as of October 7, 1982	57 members

Dues for the administrative year 82-83 were \$ 25.00 and meals were \$ 52.00 for a total of \$ 77.00 per quarter.

The first bulletin of the year had a very nice letter to the membership from Past President Kendal Mc Daniel. The letter summarized his year by saying that The Dawn Busters maintained many of the community projects from the years past. We have gone worldwide with our Brother Club of Shepparton, Australia. This administration thanks you for giving of your time during my year. You have done an excellent job during the “Up Beat” year 1981-1982. Let’s continue this remarkable legacy during Ray’s year.

Ray Ventura, the 1982-1983 president called his year the “Unity” year. His goal for the year was to get the members unified to work closely with each other on service projects and fundraising projects.

The 8th annual pancake breakfast was right around the corner. Teams were formed and the competition was hot and heavy. We had ten teams and the theme was football. There were nine teams of six members each and a team made up of just one member. This one-man team was known as “Slippery Rock” and its sole member was none other than our own James “Jim” Smith III. Jim would sell more pancake tickets than any other team each year, and this year would be no exception.

Each week when “Slippery Rock” won, Jim would play the school’s fight song on a tape recorder. We all learned the words and the tune, because he won every week and went undefeated 8 – 0 for the season. The pancake breakfast was held at the Elk’s lodge on Cleary Avenue in Metairie. The cost of tickets was \$ 2.00 and the final count of monies collected was \$ 11,938.90 with expenses of \$ 716.43. Tickets sold totaled 5641. This was a very successful Pancake Breakfast. Past President Keith Voights purchased one hundred tickets in the name of his alma matter, the Iowa Hawkeye’s. The final play off game was called the “Syrup Bowl”. A pancake-eating contest was planned for the day of the Pancake Breakfast. Prizes would be presented to the person that eats the most pancakes. There was a \$ 40.00 entry fee for the contestants.

The Dawn Busters Christmas party was held at Manned Downs Country Club. Each member would bring a gag gift for a lady and a gag gift for a man, costing under \$ 2.00 each. There was a Disc Jockey with music from the forties. A great time was had by all and it was very well attended. The cost was \$ 7.00 per person.

Two exceptional men from our club were named distinguished. Ken Mc Daniel was named Distinguished President for the year 1981-1982 and Jim Smith was named Distinguished Lt. Governor for Division 4-B for 1981-1982. Both men served their club and Division very well and we are very proud of them.

Our International Relations Committee obtained a list of names of the members of the Shepparton Kiwanis Club. Then they obtained “Honorary Citizen” Certificates, signed by the New Orleans Mayor and City Council. There was one in the name of each member of the Shepparton Kiwanis Club. We then mailed them in a large box to the President of the Shepparton Club. He passed the certificates out to his members at their Christmas party and wrote us thanking us for the pleasant surprise.

In September 1981 during Phil Fielding’s year, the Dawn Busters presented a check to Lafreniere Park to build a pavilion in the park. The pavilion was now complete and the park wanted to take our picture presenting the pavilion to them. After our meeting on November 24, 1982, all members were invited to go to the pavilion and have a dedication picture taken. This picture was given to the news media and appeared in our local newspaper.

Bill Barney, past member and past secretary of the Dawn Busters who moved to Ipswich, New York, called at our weekly meeting to wish the club's members a very Happy Thanksgiving.

We had a Christmas party for the children of the Methodist Home. They were fed hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and ice cream. After they finished eating, Santa arrived and gave each of the thirty-five children a gift. Santa was one of our past members, A. J. Delahoussaye and he made a great Santa. He flew in from Florida to present Christmas presents to kids he learned to love. A. J. had been the Santa for all the parties we had at the Methodist Home. There were twenty-three Kiwanians, six wives and eight children of Kiwanians along with fourteen Bonnabel Key Clubbers and five Bonnabel Sweethearts in attendance to help Santa.

Vice President Gene Wolfe was presented an exceptional birthday treat to celebrate his entrance into "MIDDLE AGE". Stan Maher arranged for an Eastern Onion presentation plus an Eastern Onion Belly Dancer. Gene was quite moved and even moved with the dancer.

President Ray continued with the policy of assigning two members to attend each Key Club meeting every week in order to keep a line of communications between the Key Clubs and the Dawn Busters.

East Jefferson and Grace King Key Clubs put on a car wash. This was a fundraiser and they were trying to break the record for cars washed by washing 4500 cars. Members were asked to pledge to have their cars washed.

Because of our involvement with the 4-H program, we sponsored The Junior Livestock Show held each year in Covington, Louisiana. We paid for the trophy that was presented to the winner. The cost of the trophy was \$35.00 and President Ray and Jay Zeringue presented the trophy on behalf of the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club. An eight-year-old girl won for her prize-winning ram.

John Giandeleone, our secretary worked for the New Orleans Blood Bank. He made it possible for their bus to come by Morrison's Cafeteria to collect our blood. If we donated fourteen pints of blood all of the members of the Dawn Busters, their spouses and children would have full blood replacement coverage for one full year. This worked fine and we got our full coverage. Some of our members got a little dizzy and weak, but we never lost anyone.

Lakeside Kiwanis Club and Metairie Kiwanis Club merged into one club named Lakeside Kiwanis Club. Because of this merge the Grace King Key Club needed a new sponsor. The Dawn Busters voted to sponsor the Key Club. This relationship has worked to be a very favorable one, and we are very proud of our Grace King Key Club.

Warren Nardelle was appointed to head up the C. P. committee. This committee was formed to recognize Charles "Chuck" Pratt, our first President, our first Lt. Governor and our first Life Member. Bob Burns and Warren Nardelle planned the program. The date was set and we advertised in our bulletins that Phil Fielding was donating one of Schoen's Funeral Home's caskets for the club to use for a fundraiser. Chuck loved to auction things off so Warren asked him if he would handle the auction of the casket. He agreed and when the date came, Chuck started the auction off but no one bid on the casket. Chuck was shocked, as he had always had success with auctions. After about five minutes of almost begging members to bid on this great prize, Chuck gave up and apologized to Phil, saying "I Guess no one has a use for a casket at this time. After he sat down and we all told him how un-happy we were that he couldn't get anything for this casket, Warren and Bob called him back up front and told him that even though he could not sell the casket, he was a great Kiwanian and a motivator. Both Warren and Chuck knew Marvin Perrette, a local author. Warren invited Marvin to surprise Chuck with a piece of his poetry. He read a poem he wrote just for Chuck entitled "An Ode to Chuck Pratt". Bob Burns presented Chuck with a gold watch bearing the inscription "for outstanding service to the Dawn Busters" 2-23-83. History was made on this day, as Chuck could not think of anything to say. This was very unusual, as Chuck was a man of many words. This entire program was even filmed by Dave Morgan.

The nominating committee suggested that we have Chuck Pratt (our first president) run for the 83-84 presidents position. Upon calling Chuck, he respectfully declined saying, there are many good members in this club and we are too new to re-cycle yet.

Past Lt. Governor, Bob Burns led the sponsorship of three students to attend the Louisiana Youth Leadership Seminar. The purpose of the seminar was to seek out, recognize and promote leadership at the high school level. We sponsored a student from Bonnabel, East Jefferson and Grace King at a cost of \$ 150.00 per student.

The second annual K-Family Workday took place at the K-Bar-B Ranch on November 13, 1982. It was the largest gathering of Kiwanians, Circle K'ers and Key Clubbers to date. The event was an all day work project to fix up the ranch. Teams were set and the work began. There was painting, clearing of underbrush, landscaping, plumbing and electrical repairs to be done. When finished, we played ball with the kids and barbecued hamburgers.

We collected individually wrapped candy for the children of the Methodist home, so that they will have a good Halloween.

The Dawn Busters and the New Orleans Kiwanis Club sponsored a K-Family Day at the K-Bar-B Ranch. We incorporated a spring fling (Kite Flying Contest) into this outing. There were prizes for the largest and smallest kites.

Bruce Johnson and Keith Voights were given Certificates of Appreciation for their pancake ticket sales.

We had coloring books left over from the pancake breakfast, so we donated some of the books to the Methodist Home Christmas party.

Glynn's Restaurant in Fat City gave a Christmas party for the elderly and retarded citizens each year. He provided all the food and drinks and the Dawn Busters along with our Key Clubbers served the guests. Eight members, two wives, Warren Nardelle's daughter, Kimberly, Walt Mc Neil's Secretary (Rose Hamilton) and ten Key Clubbers served 170 elderly citizens and retarded youth. Glynn Schilling provided gifts for all citizens he fed.

John Gormley, Co-Chairman of the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club's Major Emphasis Committee, presented Glynn Schilling, the owner of Glynn's Restaurant, an etching. Glenn was honored for putting on the annual Christmas Dinner and Party for the Elderly and Retarded Youth at his restaurant.

Three of our members that were CPA's offered to do a tax return for the three highest bidders. Billy Charlet, Bill Gillane and Al Lotz offered their Tax Return Services. Chuck Pratt handled this auction and this time he was successful in getting bids. The bids were \$ 140.00, \$135.00 and \$ 130.00 bid by Stan Maher, Jack Baptiste and Carlo Maniglia. The highest bidder got to pick who would do his return, etc. All monies raised from the auction went into the club's general fund (Administrative Fund).

The East Jefferson Key Club took on a project to purchase a hearing aid for a needy person. The hearing aid would cost \$ 700.00 and to date the club was only able to raise \$ 246.00. Members of our club put up money and the club made up the difference. Together, we raised the additional money needed for the hearing aid.

President Ray Ventura presented a check for \$ 250.00 to Jeff Vicks. This was the second payment to Jeff for the George De Mare Key Club Scholarship. Jeff was a past member of the East Jefferson Key Club and was now attending Louisiana Tech.

An annual Dawn Busters Family Breakfast was held. Our intention was to get as many family members to our morning meeting to have breakfast with us as we could. We had twenty-seven family members and guests in attendance.

We held a book drive for the Ronald Mc Donald House. All members were encouraged to clean out their books and bring them to our meeting. A local bookstore donated several books to add to the books we collected. Havard Albright, chairman of Youth Services Committee and four members delivered the books. Later that year we also had a clothes drive for them.

Carl Bonura, Recognition Chairman, advised that his committee was going to make a booklet compiling the backgrounds of all members. He also placed pictures taken at our work projects on the bulletin board in the hallway at Metairie Manor so that all members could keep abreast of what their club was doing.

Classified ads were added to our weekly bulletin. These ads were available to members and their families. The bulletins were sent to 108 Kiwanians each week. This was a good way to sell, buy or trade anything or even advertise for help wanted or jobs needed. The ad cost \$ 25.00 and it would run for five weeks. The presidents of each club in Division 4-A and 4-B were asked to distribute the classified section of our bulletin to their members. This would increase circulation by seven hundred Kiwanians.

The Citizenship Committee donated \$ 500.00 towards the cost of producing the Americanism Youth Forum in Jefferson Parish and New Orleans schools. The purpose of this forum was to provide the opportunity for tomorrow's leaders to hear some of the nation's most informed speakers and to associate in a meaningful way with others and their peers. They were taught to assume greater responsibility for the future of our nation.

Three Bonnabel Key Clubbers and eight Dawn Busters picked up and delivered Christmas Dinners to elderly citizens in Jefferson Parish.

Education Chairman, Jack Batiste prepared a folder to be given to all new members explaining the purpose of Kiwanis. This was done in an effort to cut back on the turnover of members.

Kenner North Kiwanis Club and Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club co-sponsored a teenage dance. We were needed as chaperones.

Kenner North Kiwanis Club put on a bowling tournament for their fundraiser that year. We entered a team of bowlers and they finished in first place.

Rose Hamilton who was Walt Mc Neil's dental assistant agreed to type our bulletin again this year.

Members were asked to donate items to be auctioned off at regular weekly meetings by Chuck Pratt. This was a fun time and a good fundraiser.

A committee was selected to find a new meeting place to have our breakfast meetings since Morrison's Management was going out of business in New Orleans. Metairie Manor was chosen, because other clubs met there and had a good experience. We would also continue getting a buffet breakfast. We left Morrison's and had our first meeting at Metairie Manor on September 21, 1983.

The collection of money from any one not wearing his Kiwanis pin proved to be a good source of income. Members started wearing their pins, so it was successful. We had Bob and Mike Deviney in our club. They were the owners of Deviney's Men's Clothing and they sold men's suits. They would rather pay the fine than to put a pin in the lapel of one of their suits. We accused them of not putting pins in the suits, because they would wear the suits a couple of weeks, then sell them in the store.

A blood drive was held and the blood went to benefit a leukemia patient at Children's Hospital. We asked each member to be responsible for obtaining three pints of blood.

The Dawn Busters won the District Bulletin Award for the Orange Section. Walter Mc Neil was our bulletin editor and Rose Hamilton was his secretary.

The annual Dawn Busters Charity Golf Tournament was held on Saturday June 4th at Plantation Golf and Country Club, on the West Bank. There were fifty-five players and twenty-six hole sponsors. We served hot dogs, beer and soft drinks.

Bob and Dee Dee Burns hosted a reception at their home honoring two guests from our brother club in Shepparton, Australia. Alan and Noel Meaden were in town and we had a party in their honor. We had cocktails and Hors Oeuvres. The dress code was coat and tie with your bathing suit underneath. We had twenty-six members and eighteen wives in attendance.

We donated \$ 200.00 to the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee Circle K. The money was used by them to do important work on the Circle K District Bulletin.

Three of our members that had moved away called us on three different Wednesday mornings. Bill Barney who moved to Ipswich, New York, A. J. Delahousse who moved to Orlando Florida and Cyril Windmann who moved to Alabama. Each of them had the same message---they missed us and wished us well.

The International Convention was in Vienna, Austria and we had a number of members and wives attending. Those attending were Jim and Gerry Smith, Walt and Nell Mc Neil, Ed and Peggy Delagrance, Alex and Mary Berta, Billy and Dot Charlet, Charlie and Sandy Ingram, Phil and Evelyn Fielding and Ray Ventura. While out of the country, Ed Delagrance visited the Oslo, Norway Kiwanis Club. President Egil Budde and his clubs members made Ed very welcome. The dinner was excellent and the fellowship of the other Kiwanians made his visit memorable. Ed extended an invitation for them to visit our club.

We worked the Special Olympics Games, in Baton Rouge. Our duties were to check credentials, take tickets, help with parking and take pictures. The games took place at the L. S. U. assembly center.

Auctioneer, Chuck Pratt received a bid of \$15.00 from Carlo Maniglia for a one of a kind golf cap. Carlo was a collector of hats and he took home this one and only Dawn Buster Classic cap for his collection.

We donated sixty coloring books to the Children's Hospital. The kids enjoyed them so much, that the hospital sent us a thank you letter.

The 65th annual Convention of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District was held at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans. The highlight of the convention was a boat trip on the Mississippi on the riverboat Natchez. Warren Nardelle was the chairman in charge of the silent auction and the Dawn Busters manned the booth all day Saturday. We had twenty members and eight wives at the Prayer Breakfast, which was counted as an inter club. Our own Phil Fielding was the co-chairman of the District Convention.

Kendal Mc Daniel wrote a letter to the club, thanking the Dawn Busters for their support during Walt Mc Neil's Campaign for Governor of Louisiana Mississippi, West Tennessee District.

We held a mock election for all the candidates we would be electing in our local election next November. The purpose was to see how the club would vote for the candidates.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1983-1984

Officers

President	W. E. "Gene" Wolfe
First Vice President	Tom Klotz
Second Vice President	Herb Forster
Treasurer	Warren Nardelle
Secretary	John Giandelone
Past President	Ray Ventura

Directors

Pete Breslin	Chuck Pratt
Ed Crist	Frank Tremonia
John Gormley	Stan Maher
Bill Hopkins	
Special Advisor	Kendal Mc Daniel
Kiwanian of the Year	Kendal Mc Daniel
Governor	Tomas Seale, Jr.
Lt. Governor	C. B. "Lum" Ellis
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Denver, Colorado
District Convention	Memphis, Tennessee
Membership as of April 6, 1984	60 members

We began the year with a move to Metairie Manor and we continued to meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 A.M. We continued to have a buffet, only much better than Morrison's.

One of Gene's plans was to get more involved with the senior citizen homes in the Metairie-New Orleans area. Because we met at Metairie Manor, we provided volunteer labor for the upkeep of the home. We also had several socials and functions where the residents intermingled with us. The residents encouraged us to have more things that they could get involved with us. Some would even come down to the lobby on their crutches and in their wheelchairs to say hello to us as we arrived for our weekly meeting.

We got so involved with the residents of Metairie Manor, that we had six Bonco games for them. Bonco is a dice game involving two people as a team evolving through twenty-four games of chance. We paid for the food that Metairie Manor prepared and we provided gifts for the winners.

Four blood drives were held this year and the blood collected from one of them was dedicated to the residents of Metairie Manor. At this blood drive we collected seventeen pints of blood. Two Metairie Manor residents were taken to Ochsner Hospital that immediately needed blood and they were very happy to use our donated blood.

We served 184 Metairie Manor residents their Thanksgiving Dinner. The cooks at Metairie Manor prepared the turkeys and trimmings. At the dinner Sister Ott provided music and at the end we danced with the residents. After the residents left to go to their rooms, we moved the tables back and set up for the Lakeside Kiwanis meeting the next morning.

Sister Aloysius asked us to do some gardening work around the home. One weekend, we spread four tons of lava rock and positioned two thousand feet of blackening material around the shrubs to keep the place weeded and in good appearance.

The World's Fair was being held in New Orleans and Walt Mc Neil received a letter from the officials of the Sunshine Kids Foundation in Denver Colorado. They had forty-four terminally ill children with cancer that wanted to see the World's Fair. Walt asked Ken Mc Daniel to chair the committee to bring the kids to the World's Fair. Ken put together a **"Super Committee"** that had at least two members from each club in Divisions 4-A and 4-B. This committee worked like a fine piece of well-oiled machinery. The Sunshine Foundation went to companies and individuals and arranged to have the kids flown into Moisant International Airport.

All plans were finished and the time for the Sunshine Kids to arrive was here. The children arrived on June 11, 1984. The Mayor and Jefferson Parish Councilmen met them at the Visitors Center in Kenner to welcome them. The committee purchased T-shirts for the kids to wear while in New Orleans. Everywhere they went the kids were put on school buses and were escorted by police. They left Kenner by bus with their escort and were taken to the University of New Orleans where they would be staying. The next day they were escorted in the school buses by the New Orleans Police Department, to the World's Fair. Everywhere they went there was a large delegation of Kiwanians with them. They spent the day at the fair and the whole group was brought up on the stage along with Ken Mc Daniel and the Sunshine Kids Foundation Member, Rhonda Tamasco, who was in charge of this trip. The announcer interviewed Ken and Rhonda asking them to tell the story of how the kids got here and why. This was televised. Kiwanis got a lot of publicity, both on the air and in the newspapers.

The next day, they were treated to a riverboat ride up the river to the Audubon Zoo. Again they rode busses and were escorted by the New Orleans Police Department. Again, there were many Kiwanians with them. Ken Mc Daniel spent every moment of their trip with them.

The last day of the trip, the kids were brought to Metairie Manor for a party. They were served a fine meal that was prepared by the cooks of Metairie Manor. Sister Aloysius went out of her way to be sure that everything was just right. After they ate we played games and gave the kids gifts. Neil Simmons and his Jerusalem Shriners Clowns entertained them. We had music for them and we sang songs. When the party was over, the Jefferson Parish Police Department escorted the kids in their busses to the airport. It was very sad seeing them go, but we knew that Kendal and his **“Super Committee”** gave these kids a fun time that they would never forget. That Sunday, Kendal and Rhonda, were on the Morning Show talking about why we brought the kids here and how good it was for them. On this project, Dawn Busters served 450 man-hours and spent \$750.00.

The Methodist Home was always one of our favorite projects. We collected and delivered a couch, a chair, a television set, a video recorder and numerous bags of clothes. There came a need for adding to the current facility in the form of an outside storage building. This building would be used to store playground equipment, toys, tricycles, etc. On a cold winter Saturday morning, we began laying out the framework. Having no plans to work from, we changed the dimensions of the shed at least three times. After three weekends of hard work, the building was constructed. It was over forty feet long. The Dawn Busters spent 210 hours and \$1,200.00. We also purchased three heavy-duty industrial tricycles at a cost of \$135.00. The day we wrapped this project up, we barbecued for the sixty-one kids and played ball with them. It was joyful indeed to watch our members spread their love to the abused children.

Last year we dedicated the Kiwanis Pavilion at Lafreniere Park. This year four of our members served on the Lafreniere Park Board where they became part of the integral workings of the park. Members of the Dawn Busters became very involved with the park. We worked in the refreshment stands when events took place. We were instrumental in carrying off a fishing rodeo in their lagoon. Over four hundred children attended. We registered and supervised kids ranging from four to thirteen years of age. So much fun was had by kids, adults and the Kiwanians, that the rodeo was referred to as an **“Old Fashioned Day of Fishing”**. The Dawn Busters served one hundred man-hours and spent about \$1,350.00 for this project.

We continued working a beer booth at the Jazz and Heritage Festival at the Fairgrounds Racetrack. We worked two weekends and made \$ 1,190.00.

Chuck Pratt continued having the auctions of items collected or donated by members. We raised \$600.00 from the auctions.

A local Girl Scout Troop constructed a nature trail at the Nature Center in New Orleans East and we donated \$ 50.00 to help cover some of their costs.

We bought a table for the Breakfast of Champions banquet held at The Clarion Hotel in New Orleans. Four of our members attended the breakfast and sat with four local young athletes. Several Celebrity Athletes were there and the kids got to hear them speak and even met them.

The membership of the club approved staggered terms for the Board of Directors. Beginning next year for the 1984-1985 administrative year, three board members would serve for one year and four would serve for two years.

We worked the hearing fair at Lakeside Shopping Mall again this year. Our members provided rides for the children of the Methodist Home to have their hearing checked. We also helped register people to be tested. Then we took everything down and returned it to the warehouse.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1984-1985

Officers

President	Carlo Maniglia
Secretary	Larry Boudreaux
Past President	W. E. "Gene" Wolfe
Kiwanian of the Year	Charles Ingram
Governor	Cecil Winn
Lt. Governor	Cliff Revels
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Phoenix, Arizona
District Convention	Lafayette, Louisiana
Membership at beginning of year	60 Members

We continued having work projects at Metairie Manor, such as working on the gardens. The Bonco's were very popular with the residents, so we continued having Bonco's for them. Sister cooked meals and we paid her for them. We also supplied cokes and gifts.

We served the residents of Metairie Manor a turkey dinner that was cooked and provided by Metairie Manor. We had twenty-one volunteers to help serve. After the residents went back upstairs, we cleaned up.

We continued sending bulletins to our sister club in Shepparton, Australia. Our International Relations committee took time to write them also.

This was the year that the Dawn Busters broke new ground. We had our first and last lingerie show. We had five very lovely ladies at our regular weekly meeting showing us the latest in ladies wear and lingerie.

The Dawn Busters received the Governor's Unit Award. Our club was one of the Clubs selected by Governor Cecil Winn to receive this prestigious award.

The International convention was held in Phoenix, Arizona and President Carlo along with six other members and their wives headed to Phoenix for a fun time. It was not all fun, as the convention was the place where Kiwanis members worldwide gathered to decide the policies of Kiwanis International. The House of Delegates each year approves the by-law changes and they elect the coming years International Officers.

We worked the hearing fair at Lakeside Shopping Mall again this year. Our members provided rides for the children of the Methodist Home to have their hearing checked. We also helped register people to be tested. Then we took everything down and returned it to the warehouse.

No records can be found to give us figures, but we continued our Golf Tournament and Pancake Breakfast. Knowing the Dawn Busters, you can be assured that they were both successful. We sold large coloring books at the pancake breakfast.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1985-1986

Officers

President	Carl Bonura
First Vice President	Charles Ingram
Second Vice President	Ed Delagrang
Secretary	Ted Bomba
Treasurer	Warren Nardelle, Jr.
Past President	Carlo Maniglia

Directors

John Gormley	George Rojas
Al Lotz	James Smith
Kendal Mc Daniel	Gene Wolfe
Tom Miller	
Kiwanian of the Year	James R. Smith
Governor	Walt Mc Neil
Lt. Governor	Philip E. Fielding
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
District Convention	Lafayette, Louisiana
Membership at end of year	56 members

We continued our support of the K-Bar-B Ranch by sending our annual donation of \$ 250.00 to the New Orleans Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis Club in charge of the Ranch.

We served the residents of Metairie Manor a turkey dinner that was cooked and provided by Metairie Manor. Twenty-one Dawn Buster volunteers helped serve. After the residents went back upstairs, we cleaned up.

We continued work projects such as working on gardens at Metairie Manor. The Bonco's were very popular with the residents, so we continued having Bonco's for them. Sister cooked meals and we paid her for the meals and we supplied soft drinks and gifts for the winners.

We delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the needy. The baskets were provided by the East Jefferson Hospital Foundation.

No records can be found to give us figures, but we continued our Golf Tournament and Pancake Breakfast. Knowing the Dawn Busters, you can be assured that they were both successful. We sold large coloring books at the pancake breakfast.

We collected beads and doubloons from the Bacchus Carnival Club and sent them to the Blowing Rock Kiwanis Club. Each year they would put on a Mardi Gras Party for their members.

We painted rooms and halls at the Methodist Home. We also had our annual Christmas Party for the kids.

We worked the hearing fair at Lakeside Shopping Mall again this year. Our members provided rides for the children of the Methodist Home to have their hearing checked. We also helped register people to be tested.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1986-1987

Officers

President	Murray H. Cunningham
First Vice President	Warren Nardelle
Second Vice President	John Gormley
Secretary	Ted Bomba
Treasurer	Billy Charlet
Past President	Carl Bonura

Directors

Ed De Lagrange	Charles Ingram
Greg Lintinger	Al Lotz
Joe Maturano	Tom Miller
George Rojas	

Membership as of September 30, 1987	59 members
Governor	W. T. "Ted" Salling
Lt. Governor	Hugh Ford
Kiwanian of the Year	Clarence J. Charlet
Mid Winter Convention	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Washington, D. C.
District Convention	Biloxi, Mississippi

The Battered Woman's Home was in need of repair and we had a crew of twenty members go the home to do repairs. There were such things as plumbing and electrical work to be done. We built closet shelves, repaired doors, door jams and locks. We repaired sheet rock and painted. Windows needed repairing and glasses needed to be replaced. New lighting fixtures and kitchen appliances were installed. This took two weekends, but all needed repairs were done.

Several women and children of the Crescent House in New Orleans, another home for battered women and children were in need of dental care. Member, Walt Mc Neil donated his services and our club picked up the bill for his supplies. Twenty women and children had their teeth worked on and there were sixty-three service hours by Kiwanians. This included Walt's time and time members spent driving the women and children back and forth. The club spent \$2,000.00.

Each year we did something to help the kids at the K-Bar-B Ranch. This year would be no exception. We delivered four boy's bikes and one girl's bike to the kids of the ranch. We also had a family barbecue and played ball with the kids of the Ranch.

Dawn Buster's members, teamed with Munholland Methodist Church and the Elmwood Kiwanis Club and got together for a work project at the home of an elderly woman that needed lots of home repairs. The sink was pulled away from the wall and the bathroom walls had been plastered with multicolored paper to keep the wallboard from peeling away. Plastic buckets and tins were placed in strategic locations to catch the water dripping through the roof. Her only income was from a small monthly social security check. In just one weekend, the workers demolished her garage that was falling down, cut the weeds that were growing up around the house and repaired her sink. The next weekend, they repaired walls and painted. A roofer came in to do the roof repairs.

The annual golf tournament was a huge success. We had budgeted \$ 4,000.00 and we made a whopping \$7,892.00. And the pancake breakfast netted \$8,326.88 and we budgeted \$8,000.00.

The La Place Kiwanis Club decided to erect a large American Flag in downtown La Place. In order to pay for the pole, and flag, they sold bricks with your name on them. The bricks were to be placed at the base of the flagpole. The Dawn Busters donated \$100.00 and we have a brick with our name on it at the base of the flagpole.

For the third year in a row, we collected beads and doubloons to be sent to the Blowing Rock Kiwanis Club. Each year they would have a party showing their members how Mardi Gras was celebrated in New Orleans.

Metairie Manor is a resident's home for senior citizens on limited income. The Dawn Busters held two Bonco games for the residents of the home. We provided snacks and drinks and prizes to the winners. At least fifty residents came down to play Bonco. We also built shelves and compartments in closets so that things could be stored neatly and made easily accessible for use. A shipment of physical therapy exercise equipment was received and we uncrated the equipment, counted and inventoried all parts. We then placed them in storage until Sister Aloysius had a room built to place the equipment in.

Each year the Children's Hospital put on a wheelchair race as a fundraiser. Any one that regularly used a wheel chair could register to race. We worked as scorers, starters, and refreshers serving water, first aid attendants and as directors. We also purchased a wheelchair for patients to use while at Crippled Children's Hospital.

We took twenty-five children from the Methodist Home fishing at City Park. Poles, lines, bait and buckets were provided for each child. Many fish were caught (many on the small side), but the children were excited and delighted.

We laid carpet in the lounge area of the Methodist Children's Home. We built and repaired playground equipment. The storage shed for their bikes and toys was falling down so we repaired it. The chain link fence that protected the home had a lot of holes and in some areas was falling down. We repaired the fence back to where it was functional again. At Christmas time we put on a Christmas Party, providing Santa, gifts, food, drinks and music. At Mardi Gras time, we took thirty kids to the reviewing stand to see a parade.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1987-1988

Officers

President	Warren Nardelle, Jr.
First Vice President	John Gormley
Second Vice President	Al Lotz
Secretary	Bruce Johnson
Treasurer	Greg Lintinger
Past President	Murray Cunningham

Directors

Havard Albright	Eddie Klien
Ed DeLagrange	Warren Nardelle, Sr.
Sal Faia	George Rojas
Governor	Bert Robinson
Lt. Governor	Kendal Mc Daniel
Kiwanian of the Year	Sal Faia
Mid Winter	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Washington, D. C.
District Convention	Jackson, Tennessee
Membership at beginning of year 52	57 members at end of the year

This was the year that the delegate body of Kiwanis International voted to allow women into Kiwanis. Our board approved allowing women in the Dawn Busters. According to our bylaws, this had to be approved by the general membership. The membership voted to change our bylaws to agree with the gender changes made to Kiwanis International's bylaws. This was a great time for Kiwanis and for the Dawn Busters and President Nardelle was fast to induct Sister Aloysius into our membership. She has turned into a great member and we are proud to have her as a Dawn Buster member. We have brought many women into the membership of the Dawn Busters since that time.

We arranged for the Bacchus Carnival Krewe to send beads and doubloons to the Blowing Rock Kiwanis Club for the third year in a row. They had a Mardi Gras party to show their members how we celebrate Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Our Community Services Committee received the word that a needy family from one of the churches in Metairie was in need of an icebox for their home. We put out the word to all members and soon we secured a fairly new icebox for the family. Four of our members picked up, cleaned and delivered the box to their home. Then we purchased \$100.00 of perishable foods to help the family get back on their feet.

The Leukemia Society had an indoor golf tournament at the Double Tree Hotel. This was a fundraiser and the Dawn Busters put together a foursome to participate in the tournament. You started out on the mezzanine floor of the hotel. You played the first five holes in this area. Then you started the sixth hole on a tee mat right in front of the elevator. When the elevator door opened, you had to putt the ball inside. You were then instructed to take the elevator to the roof. Upon reaching the roof, you putted your ball out and into another hole. The rest of the holes plus the eighteenth tee were on the roof. The eighteenth tee led you back to the elevator and you putted back inside and went down to the mezzanine floor to finish the eighteenth hole. After turning in your scorecard, there were prizes, food and drinks.

In the early days of Kiwanis, it was suggested that we have an audit done on our Treasurer before he left office. Through the years, we had no problems so we discontinued this practice. We have been lucky enough to get a strong businessman or CPA to handle our books.

Bruce Johnson did a lot of reading and one day he decided to donate his book collection to the club. We sorted the books into categories and sent them to Methodist Home, Metairie Manor, and St. Anthony's Nursing Home.

The membership of our club voted to add its name to the growing list of names of organizations supporting the "Fiscal Reform Movement"

The local Lions Club requested a joint meeting with the Dawn Busters. President Nardelle tried to work it out with their President, Rudy Wamsgans. Their meetings were at night and ours were in the morning and it seemed that no agreeable time could be found, so this never came to be.

Sister Mary Aloysius Ott, Administrator of Metairie Manor Residential Home called President Warren Nardelle to talk about the installation of an exercise course, in back of the home. She told Warren that it was her responsibility to plan for the health of the residents that are under her care. There were several indoor activities available to the residents, but they had no outdoor exercise program. After looking at several companies that sell outdoor exercise equipment, she found a company that had a kit of wooden walking exercise courses.

She asked Warren, if she purchased the exercise course, would the Dawn Buster's construct it? It was a walking course with sixteen places that the residents could stop to take exercises. Warren formed a committee to see if our club had the talent and willingness to erect such a course. It was decided that we would need twenty members to volunteer so we could construct the course on a given Saturday. President Nardelle told Sister that we would take on the project.

We met with an architect who helped us plan the layout of the course to fit in the area we had to work with. The exercise set was delivered in two large wooden crates. Each crate was twenty feet long, six feet tall and five feet wide. Four of our members picked up the parts list and the installation instructions to study them. The time came for the project to start. Eight Dawn Busters gathered to start opening the crates and to sort the parts. We needed a ladder to get into the crates, and when we stood up in the bottom of the crate, we could not see over the top. The kit consisted of 6 X 6 lumber, pipes and over two hundred nuts and bolts.

A local company donated twenty-five sacks of cement, two yards of gravel and two yards of sand to be used to put the posts in the ground. Thursday evening, eight of us placed stakes in the ground to show where the one hundred sixty one holes were to be dug. Friday, the maintenance crew of Metairie Manor drilled the holes to twenty-four inches deep and now we were ready for Saturday morning. As fate would have it, we had a torrential down pour on Friday night. Because of the heavy rain, the ground was very sloppy and all the holes had partially filled back up with mud. This did not stop the Dawn Busters. Twenty Dawn Busters, three wives, six key clubbers and two children of one of our members showed up ready to work. We worked for ten hours in the slop and had only completed half of the course. We agreed to wait until next Saturday to finish. The next weekend, ten Kiwanians returned to better working conditions to finish the course. After ten hours we finished all but two units. The next day twelve Dawn Busters went back to finish the installation. Upon completion, Charlie Ingram, one of our members, who was in the construction business, laid out a concrete walk all around the course.

We had forty-seven percent of our members involved in the construction of this exercise course. There were 825 Kiwanis man-hours involved and we spent \$164.28. The number of people benefited was three hundred. This was a very worthwhile project.

For several years we had gone to Biloxi Mississippi to rent a pancake machine for our breakfast. This cost us \$300.00 each time and we had to haul it both ways. At the September 15th board meeting, John Gormley presented the board with a contract to sign to purchase our own pancake machine. The board voted to send a check for \$300.00 as our deposit to purchase it. The cost of the machine would be \$3,500.00.

President Nardelle suggested having entertainment at the installation banquet but it was felt that the program was too long already.

We had the Ochsner Blood Mobile come to our meeting for a blood drive. Collecting eighteen pints of blood would give all the members of our club blood coverage for one full year. We were successful in donating the eighteen pints and we got full coverage for our members and families.

We worked the Boar's Breath food booth at the Renaissance Festival at Lafreniere Park. The Jefferson Performing Arts Society put on the festival each year. Hannah Cunningham arranged for us to work and get paid for our services. We sold hamburgers, turkey legs, corn, beer and soft drinks. A profit of \$ 2,250.00 was made after two weekends of hard work. Of course we could not have done it without the help of our Key Clubbers. We made a donation to each Key Club's Treasury.

Our sister Club in Shepparton, Australia asked us to co-sponsor the Echuca Club in Australia. We agreed and sent a check for \$ 250.00 to help defray the cost of forming the new club.

As President Nardelle was finishing his year as President, the members passed a petition around to have him impeached. Of the fifty-seven members of the club, twenty-seven members signed the petition. It was noted that we had some very special members in our club at that time. Such famous people as---Ronald Reagan, Colonel Ollie North, Alfred E. Neumann (editor of Mad Magazine), Sal (Bruno-Break a Knee) Faia, Mickey Mouse, Richard Nixon and Arnold Palmer. Because they were only able to get twenty-seven signatures, and the fact that the petition was padded with non-members, president Nardelle was allowed to continue serving his term as our president.

We helped the Crippled Children's Hospital with their annual wheelchair race, held during their annual street festival. We sold beer, soft drinks and raffle tickets. Some members were greeters and others were timers.

There were further repairs to be made at the Battered Women's Home. This time we had to install a range hood over their kitchen stove. We also did painting and electrical repairs. One of our members was an electrical engineer and he could guide us through any electrical problem--his name was Greg Lintinger.

We continued to hold Bonco nights for the residents of Metairie Manor. We started giving out cash prizes instead of buying gifts. It was felt that they could use the cash to buy meals and snacks. The cooks from Metairie Manor prepared the food for us to serve the resident and we would pay Sister Aloysius so much per person.

Fourteen Dawn Busters delivered 106 baskets of food to the needy at Thanksgiving time. Local churches collected the baskets and we were asked to help deliver them.

We started working with the Second Harvest Food Bank. We would go over to their warehouse whenever they needed us to sort food.

The Salvation Army Angel program was a big project for our club. We collected 130 Angel gifts for needy children.

President Nardelle found that our members were not volunteering as readily as they had in the past. He felt that he had to come up with information as to what was going on so he could steer the club in the right direction. In an effort to find out why, he drew up a questionnaire asking the membership why they were not volunteering and what kind of projects would they be interested in. This did help improve the numbers that volunteers for a short period of time, but we must remember that Kiwanis is a volunteer organization and we are made up of workers, sellers, and those that attend meetings and that is just how it is. This club is the "Best Club in the World" and we got that way by doing something right. So we will continue on like we have done in the past. (Even then he was steering the Dawn Buster ship).

The 13th annual pancake breakfast was successful again this year. We netted \$4,700.00 and served 1,224 orders of pancakes. Some of our sales were, of course, just donations by businessmen. We fed 978 meals and takeouts.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1988-1989

Officers

President	John C. Gormley
First Vice President	Sal Faia
Second Vice President	Warren F. Nardelle, Sr.
Secretary	Warren F. Nardelle, Jr.
Treasurer	Greg Lintinger
Past President	Warren Nardelle

Directors

Havard Albright	Dale Nelson
Ken Mc Daniel	George Rojas
Tom Miller	John Vaughn
Dale Nelson	
Governor	Robert G. Wallace
Lt. Governor	Grant Williams
Kiwanian of the Year	George Rojas
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Orlando, Florida
District Convention	Alexandria, Louisiana
Membership beginning of year	57 Members

The Major Emphasis Committee asked all members to bring cans for Hungry Kids. Every one was asked to raid their pantries and even ask their neighbors and friends to give us cans of food that they felt they could spare. We collected ten boxes of food products to donate to a worthy cause.

We continued having Bonco's for the residents of Metairie Manor. We had Sister's cooks prepare the food and we paid her for it. We supplied gifts for the winners. This turned out to be a very satisfying project and brought the residents lots of fun and we got to know them better. Kiwanians, their families and the residents made lots of lasting friendships. One of the residents wrote a letter to us saying "You folks are always here---Always taking the time to care---May you always reap the up-lifted spirit such devoted service brings".

The annual golf tournament was held at Audubon Park. It continued to grow and we had sixty-two sponsors and twenty-four foursomes. There were ninety-six players that paid \$50.00. We had a host of door prizes. President John printed a statement in our bulletin giving each of our members a pat on the back for making our golf tournament the biggest success ever. We budgeted \$3,600.00 and made at least \$2,000.00 over that goal. He said "No one did it alone, it was a team effort and I appreciate each of you for your part in the endeavor. Thank You!!!!

The profit from the golf tournament ended up being \$7,978.98 and this was 221.64% over the amount budgeted.

Secretary Warren Nardelle was working for a printing company and had some postcards made to send to members that missed our weekly meetings. The cards had people standing in a group holding up signs that said the following:
We Miss You—You have Missed Two Meetings—Please join the crowd that's got it together. Warren mailed a card to each member that missed weekly meetings. The names of all members missing meetings were put in the bulletin with a picture of the card. This was a great idea and it worked, until someone that should have been at the meeting had a card sent to his house and his wife wanted to know why he was not at the meeting. To prevent anyone from getting into trouble, this practice was stopped.

Each member was provided with a form that asked many questions about his family, work, and hobbies, military and marital facts. Each week an article was put in the bulletin called:

"I AM A KIWANIAN----BUT DO YOU REALLY KNOW ME"

This was a full-page article telling the members whole life story and you were to guess who it was that Walt Mc Neil, the bulletin editor was talking about. If you could not figure it out, the member's name was given at the end of the article. It was interesting, because we found out things we did not know about them. Trying to guess the member's identity was fun.

One of our socials was held at the home of Murray and Hannah Cunningham. They had a large back yard and they offered to have a barbecue party. We barbecued beef, pork, and chicken, plus lots to drink and lots of delicious desserts. Murray and Hannah were perfect hosts and the party was a great success.

We worked the Children's Miracle Network Telethon on Channel 6 WDSU TV. We worked the 6:15 P. M. to 10:15 P.M. shift. Several members, spouses and Key Clubbers volunteered. Some worked phones, some were runners and some worked in the mail department. After our shift we enjoyed the large selection of food that was donated for the workers to eat.

Pete Scamardo, was also a member of the Clio Sportsman Club. They put on a Junior Sportsmen's Fishing Tournament at Lafreniere Park. They asked the Dawn Busters to help the kids bait their hooks and take fish off their hooks. Many members volunteered and 216 kids participated in the tournament. We cooked over four hundred hot dogs and corn on the cob and had drinks and chips. Our thanks went out to Kendal Mc Daniel who supplied an extra case of hot dogs, to make sure everyone had enough to eat.

Evelyn and Phil Fielding hosted an ice cream social at the home of Hannah and Murray Cunningham. Each member brought their favorite homemade ice cream and the club provided drinks and cookies. The highlight of the party was when it was announced that it was Murray Cunningham's birthday and his birthday greeting was delivered by a cute French Maid. She also delivered a kiss or two and a dozen eggs???????? No one remembers why the dozen eggs, but it is a fact. If you know, please let me know.

That morning eight of our members went to the Magnolia School to have a watermelon party for the kids. The watermelons were very cold and tasty. To entertain the kids we even had a watermelon fight.

Our Community Service Committee, headed by Carl Bonura honored Deputy Sheriff George Singer. The deputy was brought to our weekly meeting and Carl read a list of his accomplishments, which were two pages long. The deputy was responsible for obtaining leads to a drug buy resulting in the seizure of \$500,000.00 worth of cocaine in 1987. He was presented with a plaque and was asked to tell us about the seizure.

The newly formed Rivertown Kiwanis Club was meeting on Tuesdays at noon. We inter-clubbed with them several times to help them with attendance and to give them ideas that might be helpful to them.

As a service to the community, we had a Bonco game for St. Anthony's Nursing Home. We did the same as at Metairie Manor, except for the food. We provided cokes and cookies and gifts for all players. We also had prizes for the winners.

Once again the Methodist Home called on us for help. This time they asked us to install a fence for them. They had the material and all we had to do was put the fence up. The first day, we dug holes and mixed and poured concrete around the posts. The next day we nailed up the runners and boards. The following weekend we went back to build and install the gate. This was a great project with lots of help from our members.

The winner of our George De Mare Scholarship Award this year was Emile Runge IV. Emile is from the Grace King Key Club and was presented his check for \$250.00 that covered the first half of his scholarship.

Our International Relations Committee was busy at work co-sponsoring a new club. Walt Mc Neil, International Relations Chairman and Governor Bob Wallace got together and worked a deal whereby we could co-sponsor a club in Columbia. The new club was the Kiwanis Club of Barichara in Santander, Columbia. We sent a check to Kiwanis International in the amount of \$200.00 to purchase charter gifts. The gong, gavel, club banner and secretary's kit were paid for from our check.

Warren Nardelle Sr. could not play in the Dawn Buster Annual Golf Tournament this year. We had nice blue hats with gold letters showing the name of our golf tournament. He was very disappointed that he did not get a golf cap. President John Gormley presented Warren Sr. with his own Dawn Busters golf cap and thanked him for helping with the tournament.

The word spread fast throughout the Kiwanis Clubs of Division 4-A & 4-B, that the International Convention was to be held in New Orleans again in 1994.

Chef Pierre Thibodeaux and his assistant chef, Murray Cunningham invited the members of our club, their spouses and family to a fish fry that we were having for the Metairie Manor residents. The menu was catfish, hushpuppies, green beans, potato salad, dessert and wine. The special attraction of the night was the Saints first preseason game. The members paid \$10.00 a person and the residents of Metairie Manor ate free.

George Rojas was our interclub chairman and he kept us busy. He planned two or three interclubs a week. He had us going to Baton Rouge, Biloxi, Mandeville, Destin Florida and Fort Walton, Florida.

The New Orleans Food Bank put out an S. O. S to all organizations asking them to help collect food as their supply was running low. If they can't provide families with food that is needed, many children will go hungry. The Dawn Busters got involved and we collected many boxes of food goods for the food bank.

Phil Fielding announced he was running for Governor Elect. The club gave Phil it's full blessing and support. Unfortunately, Phil lost the election to Neil Simmons of the Crescent City Eye-Openers Club from Division 4-A. Phil gave a speech at our next meeting where he told the membership that Neil Simmons was a good man and would make a good Governor. He also thanked the Dawn Busters for their support with his efforts to run his campaign.

Nettles Brown and his lovely wife, Glenelle, from Natchitoches, Louisiana were sworn in as Governor and First Lady of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. Their installation took place at the District Convention in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Past President, Gene Wolfe announced that the Leukemia Society would have a Telethon to raise money. It was called "Six Hours For Life" and it raised \$85,000.00. We had nine members and three wives work the telethon and of course Gene was there the whole time.

The Dawn Busters were winners at the District Convention. It was announced that we won the Club Bulletin Contest for the Orange section (Those clubs being under seventy-five members). Walter Mc Neil was our bulletin editor and we were very proud of him. Our bulletin had pictures, jokes and artwork on every page.

Delegates at the International Convention passed a resolution concerning the burning of our flag. A copy of this resolution was brought home from the convention and sent by our Board of Directors to all Louisiana politicians. The convention was held in Orlando Florida and the delegates received \$500.00 each.

Youth Services Chairman, John Vaughn set up a day of Putt Putt for the Methodist Home. The kids were picked up by our members and brought to the Putt Putt course. They played three rounds of golf, and then we brought them to the Burger King, next store for hamburgers before returning them to the home.

Past Lt. Governor, Kendal Mc Daniel presented Past President Warren Nardelle, Jr. his Distinguished Past Presidents pin. Bruce Johnson was presented his distinguished Past Secretary Pin. The Dawn Busters Kiwanis club got to be known as a distinguished club each and every year.

Murray Cunningham presented his weekly message at the end of each meeting. This was always a spiritual message and we all enjoyed his words from the bible. Thanks Murray.

On Labor Day weekend, there was a celebration at Lafreniere Park. The Navy Steel Band was playing and there were fireworks. The Kiwanis Clubs of Jefferson Parish were allowed to man tents to promote Kiwanis. There were flags and concession stands to be manned. We all wore Kiwanis shirts and talked up membership for our clubs.

Garbis Kerimian was working as a volunteer for Peoples Hospice and pinpointed a severely ill patient's need for a recliner chair. If the patient got this chair, she would be able to get out of bed from time to time instead of being confined to bed. Garbis asked the Dawn Busters Board for help and we purchased the chair for the patient. Garbis and three members delivered the chair to the patient. This patient's name was Debbie Solaris and she wrote a very nice note thanking Garbis and the Dawn Busters.

The membership approved an increase in dues from \$27.00 to \$30.00 a quarter effective October 1, 1989. The membership fee will remain at \$25.00.

Several of our members went once a week to cut the grass around the sign in front of Lafreniere Park. This sign was on a hill in front of the park on Veteran's Blvd. This was hard work because of the hill. We kept this up throughout the summer, but gave it up the following year because we did not have the right equipment to handle the hill.

The National Special Olympics were held in Hammond, Louisiana this year. A large group of Dawn Busters, family, friends and Key Clubbers worked all day long.

President John Gormley started a method of handling the back door, where there would be two members assigned to handle the collecting of money and seeing that everyone got checked in.

Metairie Manor celebrated their 9th anniversary and we dedicated the walking course to them. Past President Nardelle had a plaque made and attached it to the first instructional sign on the course so every one would know that the Dawn Busters had installed it.

Looking for an additional fundraiser, we spoke to Sister about having a bingo sponsored by the club. Sister allowed us to have the bingo using her charter. We held the bingo at Metairie Manor and we made \$1,010.30 after expenses.

Billy Charlet stated that the Man of the Year is such a special honor that the club should find a special place for this member to sit at the meetings. We offered the Kiwanian of the Year a seat at the head table if he or she wanted it. This lasted for a while, but soon the recipients went back to their regular place in the meeting, by their own choice.

We raised funds for food and clothing to send to Jamaica for the people that were hit by hurricane Gilbert. Kiwanis International called this project, "Disaster Relief Fund for the Island of Jamaica.

Our installation banquet was held at Masson's in New Orleans and cost \$20.00 a person with a cash bar. The banquet was attended by sixty-two members and spouses. The food was great and we all welcomed in President Elect George Rojas.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1989-1990

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Garbis Kerimian

Governor

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Lt. Governor

Bill Koonce

Mid Winter Conference

Jackson, Mississippi

International Convention

St. Louis, Missouri

District Convention

Baton Rouge,
Louisiana

Membership – Began year with 57

Ended year with 70 members

Again this year Kendal was pushing t-shirts. The cost of the t-shirts was only \$20.00.

We had a guarantee of so many meals that had to be paid to Metairie Manor. Several of our members chose not to eat and just drink coffee, this was causing us to miss collecting for the number of guaranteed meals, so we had to put a reminder in the bulletin that all members of the Dawn Busters had to pay the \$4.00 cost of the meal, whether they ate or not. We also had several children attending meetings and their dads did not pay for them. We started charging \$2.00 for each of them and the club would defray the additional \$2.00.

Dave Morgan was very involved with the Victory Assembly Church on Airline Highway. They put on a free Fourth of July picnic where they fed anyone that would come by. They even bussed hungry and homeless people to the picnic. Our club donated \$ 100.00 to the church and several of our members went to the picnic to help serve the meals. Hot dogs, hamburgers, jambalaya, and red beans and rice were on the menu. They also had a free concert featuring Jon Gibson.

We worked the Renaissance Festival at Lafreniere Park. The Jefferson Performing Arts Society put the festival on each year and their members wore costumes dating back to that era. This was the ninth annual Renaissance Festival and the theme was "Remember the Days and Knights". The Dawn Busters worked the booth called "Boars Breath". This was a food booth and we cooked and served 1400 pounds of turkey legs, 200 pounds of chicken legs, 180 pounds of hot dogs, 300 pounds of hamburgers and 100 pounds of sausage. We had to keep a close watch on Warren Nardelle as he liked his hamburgers well done and he tried to cook them all that way. Of course we could not have done it without the help of the Bonnabel, East Jefferson and Grace King Key Clubs.

Garbis Kerimian and Eddie Klein brought 116 kids and thirteen counselors from the Magnolia School to the circus and magic show at City Park.

In each weekly bulletin, Walt Mc Neil, the bulletin editor placed some sort of comical articles or cartoons about membership. This gave each member a constant reminder to be on the look out for new members and to bring them to our meeting so they could see just how great this club was.

The Youth Services Committee took ten underprivileged girls and two coaches to Baton Rouge for the AAU basketball competition.

Pete Scamardo was looking for members that would cook a meal for a needy family. This was a different twist to Christmas and we were very successful with it.

Major Emphasis Chairman, Jack Gatti formed a work party to paint the exercise course at Metairie Manor. This course was installed by the Dawn Busters in 1987 and needed a painting. We bought six gallons of red wood stain and Dawn Busters and Key Clubbers painted it on Saturday April 21, 1990.

Larry Boudreaux, a member of the Dawn Busters, worked for Pelican Homestead. He had boxes placed in all of their offices and had customers bring in food to make Thanksgiving baskets. The homestead purchased eight food baskets and filled them with turkeys and the food collected at their offices. The Dawn Busters picked-up the baskets and delivered them to St. Jerome 's Church Thanksgiving morning. This was covered by Channel 4 TV on its 5:00 P.M. newscast.

Again this year, The Dawn Busters served the residents of Metairie Manor a turkey dinner. The food was prepared by Metairie Manor's cooks and we got there early and served the residents, wine, turkey, dressing, green beans, yams, stuffing, rolls, gravy and dessert. When the residents left, we cleaned up and set the tables back for the Lakeside Kiwanis Club's meeting the next morning.

We decided to have an additional fundraiser to raise monies for the Community Services Committee. We approached Sister Aloysius about the possibility of having a bingo at Metairie Manor. She allowed us to have it in the cafeteria using her bingo license. We sold cards for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. We had an early bird and late game plus ten regular games. Hot dogs, soup, cookies and soft drinks were sold. The profits went into the project budget to support our Community Service work.

The Dawn Busters were in full support of a program called "RUDE". The Divisional Council presented this program to us and this was the way it worked. If your water bill was \$26.63, you were asked to round up and send your check for \$27.00. When you paid the extra money, it would go toward drug education in Jefferson Parish. RUDE stands for Round Up for Drug Education.

The Lagniappe Kiwanis Club had a bowling tournament as a fund-raiser. The Dawn Busters team won the first place slot. The team consisted of Carlo and Debbie Maniglia, Pete and Colleen Scarmado, Ken Mc Daniel and Garbis Kerimian. Ken edged out Pete for the high series by just three pins.

At Christmas time, we delivered food baskets for the shut-ins. The baskets were prepared by the East Jefferson Hospital and we picked them up and delivered them to needy people. There were one hundred baskets to be delivered and we delivered thirty-seven of the baskets.

At Christmas time we had a prayer Breakfast. Our special guest was Bishop Ott. Bishop Ott is Sister Aloysius' brother.

Garbis Kerimian, Uriel Durr, Sal Faia, Greg Lintinger, Brandon Breath and Ted Bomba took twenty-four kids and five counselors from the Methodist Home to Little Black Creek Water Park. The park is a six hundred-acre site in Mississippi, about ninety miles from New Orleans. They cooked and fed the kids, rib-eye steak, corn, potato salad and French bread. On the way home, they stopped in Slidell and had an ice cream party.

Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux allowed the club to have a crayfish boil in their back yard. We had crayfish, potatoes corn and soft drinks. Many of our members like to have a drink or two so we also had wine, beer and liquor. A charge of \$6.00 a person or \$12.00 a couple was assessed. We played basketball and had a putting contest. Sal Faia celebrated his birthday that weekend, so Kathy Faia brought ice cream and cake. We sang Happy Birthday to him in our very best singing voices as the Dawn Busters choir.

Several members spent many evenings working in the shed at the Lafreniere Park stringing lights on figurines and on trees. This had to be done so the park employees could put the figurines up in the park before Christmas.

The Youth Services Committee chaired by Brandon Breath took kids from the Covenant House bowling. Other members of the committee were Uriel Durr, Jay Vallelungo and Garbis Kerimian. They were taken to the Paradise Bowling Lanes on Veterans Highway. After bowling, we took them to have pizza. A couple of weeks later, we received a letter from Paul Henkels, Recreation Director of the home saying that the kids had a great time and thanks to the Dawn Busters for the outing. He went on to say that "one child named John had never bowled before and that he bowled a 22 and a 35, but in the last game he threw a 95 and beat everyone. No doubt its something he will never forget. Thanks for making that possible, it's what life is about".

Sister Aloysius celebrated the tenth anniversary of Metairie Manor. The Dawn Busters were invited to a mass of thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Francis B. Schulte. After the mass there was an informal luncheon at which Sister was praised for the outstanding work she had done over the past ten years. She received plaques for her work along with other Dominican Sisters. Four members and two wives went to see Sister receive her plaque and be recognized. We had a write up in our bulletin and we recognized Sister at our meeting the following Wednesday. Sister we were proud of you and still are very proud of you.

Our own Havard Albright was very involved as Kiwanis Advisor for our Key Clubs. At the Key Club District Convention, held in Alexandria, Louisiana, he was presented the James Smith Outstanding Kiwanian Advisor award. This award was named after James Smith a Kiwanian in Baton Rouge that worked actively with the Key Clubbers, and not after our Jim Smith. (Not that our Jim Smith is not notable enough to have an award named after him.) Both the Bonnabel and Grace King Key Clubs nominated Havard for this award.

We were asked to help at a sport function called "The Gumbo Games". Ms. Susan Dark a psychologist spoke to us about the games and asked for our support. John Vaughn chaired the committee to get as many of our Dawn Busters to participate as possible. The games were held for students of Jefferson Parish Schools and were games to unite minds and bodies. We had ten volunteers.

Eddie Klein, Youth Services Chairman planned a steak and baseball outing at the K-Bar-B Ranch. Bob Burns organized a Dawn Buster's baseball team and we challenged the kids of the ranch to a game. Of course you know that the kids beat us. After the game, we all had a steak dinner and members and wives not playing ball cooked the steaks on pits. The following Wednesday we swapped stories about our injuries and sore muscles.

Our President, George Rojas was also our Bulletin Editor. The bulletin was published each week in the standard yellow paper with blue ink, to show the colors of Kiwanis as blue and gold. This Year for the week of St Patrick's day, he printed the bulletin on green paper with black ink. During the week of Mardi Gras, he printed the bulletin on Purple, Green and Gold paper. At Christmas time, he stayed with the yellow cover, but the inside pages were red and green.

We held monthly meetings of the Key Club Presidents at the home of Havard Albright, one of our Kiwanis Advisors. The presidents of the Bonnabel, East Jefferson and Grace King Key Clubs were asked to meet with the Kiwanis Advisors and the Officers of the Dawn Busters Club, to talk about what each club had planned for the future. We discussed what we could do for each other and exchanged ideas. The meetings were very successful and informative to all.

President George Rojas continued the practice of assigning two members to the back table to collect money. We went down the roster and assigned them in pairs by the alphabet. You would work two weeks and each week one was taken off and a new one was added. This got all the sign-in and money duties done in an organized method and it gave the members working the table a chance to meet all the members of our club.

Sal Cali was developing a scrapbook for the club. He asked all members to bring pictures and clippings they may have. We collected lots of pictures and Sal made many scrapbooks for us to look at. The scrapbook for the current year was always brought to the Installation Banquet for members and spouses to see.

Sal Faia presented a trophy at the 4-H show held in Mandeville each year. The winner raised a champion hog.

Carlo Maniglia wrote a very nice letter stating that he had regrets about not being able to keep his commitment to chair the Pancake Breakfast. He stated that he had been promoted to Regional Manager and that he will be traveling out of town and will not be able to be chairman. President George read the letter to the membership and asked for a volunteer to take over in Carlo's absence. He not only got one, but he got two volunteers. Jim Smith and Ken Mc Daniel volunteered to chair the pancake breakfast.

Pete Seeber one of our members that worked for the IRS gave a special report about a movie shown on Channel 26 T. V. The movie was "HUD", a 1962 flick about cattle ranchers. It showed a fair with a greased pig contest, where the cowboy must catch the pig. In the background was a sign, which read, "**Sponsored by Kiwanis International**". We wanted to thank Pete for looking at this movie and sharing this information with us.

Six members, two wives and one daughter went to the K-Bar-B Ranch to present bicycles. The Sponsor Youth Committee purchased three boy's and two girl's bikes so the kids of the ranch would have bikes to ride.

Dr. Lum Ellis, a member of Kenner North Kiwanis Club was our speaker one Wednesday morning. He was the Vice President of Student Affairs at Delgado Community College. Lum was known for his jokes and every time you saw him he would have lots of jokes to tell. When he finished his speech and had us laughing from his many jokes, Billy Charlet made a presentation to him on behalf of the charter members of our club. Jim Smith, Bob Burns and Billy Charlet were all charter members of the Dawn Busters. Billy went on to say that over the years we have had many great speakers. Some have been good and some just okay. We have one guest this morning that perennially give us these jokes that are duds. On behalf of the Dawn Busters for your Ethiopian jokes, we present this SLICK AWARD to Dr. C. B. "Lum" Ellis. The award was an old plastic EXXON sign. Everyone had a good laugh. This was good fellowship done in fun.

January 21, 1990 was the 75th anniversary of Kiwanis International. The clubs of Divisions 4-A and 4-B and their families gathered together in Lafreniere Park for a birthday party. We had a large birthday cake in the shape of the number seventy-five and it had Kiwanis logos on it. The cake was served with ice cream and soft drinks. Fifteen billboards in the metropolitan area had signs depicting the 75th anniversary of Kiwanis International.

Clothes and coats were collected for the Ozanam Inn. The Ozanam Inn is a place where homeless can come to eat and to get out of the cold during freezes.

Youth Services Chairmen, Brandon Breath and Garbis Kerimian, put together a trip to Astroworld for a group of twenty-seven under-privileged kids. They had passes donated and got a bus driver to drive them. The club paid for the hotel rooms and members of the Club and the Youth Services Committee served as chaperones.

The blood mobile came by for our annual blood drive. We had this blood drive every year and by collecting blood from fifteen percent of our members or an equivalent number of pints of blood, all of our members and their immediate families would be covered for blood replacement if needed. Those members that could, donated blood and one of our members, Pete Scamardo got his name in the bulletin because he did not show up at the meeting, but he sent his wife Colleen in his place. Could it have been that he didn't want to give or was it that he was really working. We will never know, but we thanked Colleen for her donation.

Sister Aloysius had her annual Saint Joseph Day Altar at Metairie Manor. Several of our members donated items such as Crisco, sugar, eggs, flour, fish, wine, and money. The altar was a huge success and Sister made a video of the altar for those that could not attend. The video was shown at our weekly meeting.

Garbis Kerimian, the Community Services Chairman was collecting baby food, baby clothing and clothing for children from ages six to fifteen. We collected eight bags of clothing and four boxes of food. These items were donated to the Camp Fire Kids.

Sal Faia was involved in a program to help foreign students come to the United States. He worked closely with the Organization of Cultural Exchange involving students from France and U.S.A. He announced that it would cost \$1,175.00 for each student brought to the U.S.A.

The Jefferson Performing Arts Society presented a wine tasting party at the Landmark Hotel. This was a fundraiser to help pay for their educational programs. Hannah Cunningham came to our meeting asking us to support this function. The Dawn Busters, *not usually in the habit of drinking*, felt obligated to Hannah and the JPAS, so we bought up a lot of tickets and attended. The JPAS was kind enough to give the club back \$5.00 for each ticket we sold. So not only did we get to drink, but we also raised money for our treasury.

Sister Aloysius started collecting newspapers for Metairie Manor. She announced that she would have a grocery basket placed in the meeting room and we could place the papers there. Several members brought newspapers and we filled the grocery basket each week. Sister sold the papers to raise spending money for Metairie Manor.

Twenty-four Dawn Busters, six spouses and the son of one of our members participated in the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics held at City Park Stadium. We all were asked to wear white pants or shorts, and each volunteer received a T-shirt with the Special Olympics logo on it. We escorted the special Olympians onto the field in the middle of the stadium.

The Youth Services Committee took 110 children from the Magnolia School to the Cinema on Veterans Blvd. We took them for pizza after the show.

Members of the Youth Services Committee attended a burial service for a man they had been caring for. His name was Jesse Bates and members of the committee visited from time to time to bring him food. He passed away and had no family and no money for a burial. Phil Fielding of our club is a funeral director at Schoen's Funeral Home and was able to arrange for the services at no cost. This was a very thoughtful and community minded thing for Phil and Schoen's to do for a needy family. The Dawn Busters thank you and Schoen's for being so great.

Our annual golf tournament picked up the name of the Dawn Busters Fathers Day Classic. It was named this because we always had it the Friday before Fathers Day. This year we moved it to Audubon Park and our co-chairmen were Warren Nardelle, Sr. and Pierre Thibodeaux. The fee was \$50.00 per player.

Billy Charlet's daughter named Renee' has Ataxia and the Ataxia foundation had a fundraising Golf Tournament each year. Billy asked us to participate and the Dawn Busters put a foursome in this tournament to help raise money for the Ataxia Foundation and show our support for Renee' and Billy.

The Governor's official visit to Divisions 4-A and 4-B was an evening on the Creole Queen—a riverboat. Governor Nettles Brown and his wife Glynell came to New Orleans and we had a great party on the river. This was an official meeting of the Pontchartrain Kiwanis Club and because of this we got interclub mileage. Friday morning Governor Nettles attended the Lakeside Kiwanis Club meeting to speak to them. The Dawn Busters had an eight-man interclub and immediately after the meeting Governor Brown and Kiwanians went to Chateau Golf and Country Club for a round of golf. The ladies program was a buggy ride, lunch and a visit to the Historical French Quarter and shopping. That night eight Dawn Busters and their ladies attended the Governor's visit aboard the Creole Queen Riverboat. There was a buffet and a jazz band. The boat ride lasted two hours and the cost was \$30.00 a person.

Glenda Barnaby and Brandon Breath along with twelve members and five wives took fifty-five Campfire Kids to the Joy Cinema. This cost the club \$56.00 and we served fifty-six man-hours.

Our Bonco games continued with the residents of Metairie Manor. The members got to like them as much as the residents did. We got to know most of them on a first name basis. We also continued having Bonco games for the St. Anthony Nursing Home.

Julia Faia, Sal Faia's daughter was at our meeting on July 25, 1990 and she brought two guests. The guests were two French exchange students that were staying at Sal and Kathy Faia's house. Their names were Valerie and Cecilia and President George allowed them a chance to speak to us about what their trip to the United States meant to them.

Uriel Durr, his wife Liz and their three children along with Brandon Breath, Glenda Barnaby and Garbis Kerimian took twenty-four children and five counselors from the Methodist Home to the River bend Shopping Mall for pizzas and soft drinks. Then they took the kids to the Audubon Zoo. After a full day of fun at the Zoo, they went to have ice cream. Then they returned them to the home. Most of them were so tired that they fell asleep on the way home.

Two of the residents of Metairie Manor who served us breakfast on Wednesday mornings were now residing at Metairie Health Care. Metairie Health Care is an assisted living center with medical care in-house. These two ladies really liked Bonco when we had them at Metairie Manor so we decided to bring the Bonco Game to them. We starting going to Metairie Health Care the third Wednesday of each month. They were happy to see us and we had about twenty more residents join in the fun. We brought soft drinks and cookies for refreshments and supplied gifts for the winners.

The Children's Hospital had a thank you party for all the volunteers that worked the telethon. The Dawn Busters were presented a certificate of appreciation. John Vaughn was the chairman of this committee and he accepted the certificate on behalf of the club.

Phil and Evelyn Fielding hosted a steak social at their home on Bowler Drive in River Ridge. Phil barbecued steaks to order and Evelyn fixed baked potatoes salad and beans. The ladies were asked to bring desserts. The Fielding's had a swimming pool and every one brought their swimming suits. We had several volleyball games in the pool. A great time was had by all, especially Goldie, their dog who entertained all the guests.

The Dawn Busters along with the Grace King Key Club and the Bonnabel Key Club raised over \$11,000.00 working at Children's Hospital on their phonathon.

Mary Weeks was one of the ladies that worked at Metairie Manor and served us our breakfast each Wednesday. As a retired employee of the Telephone Company, she was very active with the Telephone Pioneers. She received the Telephone Pioneer Award of the Year for the State of Louisiana. Our congratulations went out to Mary Weeks.

The 15th annual pancake breakfast was on November third this year. The cost of tickets was \$2.50 this year. We budgeted income (Gross) of \$12,000.00. Kendal Mc Daniel and Jim Smith co-chaired the pancake breakfast this year.

Robbi Smith of the Delgado Circle K Club and Warren Nardelle met Phil Capitano at a meeting one afternoon. He was putting on a fundraiser called the Crescent City Caper, to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. This was to develop into a yearly fundraiser. It was a game where four people made up a team. The team paid \$30.00 to enter the game. The teams met in the University of New Orleans auditorium and they were each given a clue to start them off. This game was just like Clue. Some one was murdered and the team had to find out who was murdered, where it happened and with what weapon. They would follow the clue that would bring them to another location, where they would get a second clue and so forth. The last clue will bring them back to the auditorium and they should have gotten enough clues from their visits to name the person murdered, where the crime was committed and what the weapon was. The club paid for a team, but Warren could not get club members to participate. Robbie Smith said that two Circle K members and her sister and fiancée' would like to do it if the club did not mind. Warren told them it was okay. Warren could not get volunteers to work the contest, so he asked the Key Club members to help. The Key Clubs came through and twenty-three of them volunteered to help. The game was a great success and the Dawn Busters team came in second. There was a party after the event. This was a great idea and such a great fundraiser, but unfortunately it was not continued the following year. Phil Capitano decided that it was too much work.

The New Orleans Kiwanis Club sponsored a picnic at the K-Bar-B Ranch. The cost was \$3.00 a person and the picnic was for all Kiwanians and their families. This was a good way to meet Kiwanians from other clubs and to celebrate Kiwanis Kids Day. There was swimming, volleyball and softball. The cost covered food and drinks. The kids at the ranch had a ball playing with the many Kiwanis Members in attendance.

We worked the concession stand at the Tulane Basketball games. The games were held in Fogelman Arena and we sold drinks, beer, candy, chips, nachos, popcorn and hot dogs. We got paid a percentage of the profits or a minimum of \$100.00. These funds went into our administrative budget and we tried to earmark them to help pay for delegates for the conventions and help defray some of the cost of the Installation Banquet. Not only did members work, but we had wives, friends and Key Clubbers too.

The Metairie Club was sponsoring the Delgado Circle K Club. One of the members of the Circle K Club came to our meetings and told us how they got no support from their Kiwanis Club. This member was Robbi Smith. She started making our meetings and we started going to their meetings. After a while, she attended all work projects and all meetings of the Dawn Busters. We adopted her and started working closely with the Delgado Circle K Club.

Grace King Key Club was working a concession stand at the Saints games in the Superdome. They asked the Dawn Busters for help and of course we came through with lots of members to help them.

Our Sponsored Youth Committee took twenty members of the Greater Mount Pilgrim Church skating. The Sponsored Youth Committee not only brought the kids skating, but it is rumored that they were seen skating too. Both the kids and committee members had a great time and we had no broken bones. After the skating party we took them to have pizza. This cost us \$52.00 and we spent thirty-six man-hours.

Our Citizenship committee led by Pete Scarmado got involved with the Habitat for Humanity. This program got volunteers to help construct new homes for families that can't afford the cost of a new home. Companies donate goods and volunteers donate the labor and when the home was finished, the family could buy the home at a price they could afford.

We continued the Kans for Kids food collection drive. Just like anything that is run for a period of time, the members quit bringing cans or forgot to bring them. We added a new twist and told those members that forgot their can of food that we would take a dollar instead. We then went out and bought food with the money and still delivered cans.

The installation banquet was at Masson's Restaurant again this year. The cost was \$25.00 a person with a cash bar. Masson's had become a regular location for our banquets. The food was great and we did not want to move around each year.

Governor Elect Neil Simmons appointed Jim Smith, to be the liaison between the PDO's and the District.

President George Rojas set a goal for the club to induct fifteen new members by the end of his administrative year. Our membership brought in members and we had no trouble reaching the quota of fifteen adds. This goal was reached by August 29, 1990. This just showed that when we were asked to perform, the members came through with flying colors.

Bill Hall, a member of Lakeside Kiwanis Club and the District Interclub Chairman had an idea to boost the Interclubbing throughout our District. At the District Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana he passed out three barrels. He labeled the barrels "Inter Clubs Are Fun". One was for each state in our District. He gave one to a club in each state, Mississippi, Louisiana and West Tennessee. We received the one for Louisiana. We were to bring it home and then interclub with another club in Louisiana to pass the barrel on. Each club was to sign the barrel before they passed it on. When your club received the barrel, the President would sign a postcard and send it to the District Office, so we would know of the whereabouts of each barrel. The barrels were to be passed around the clubs in each state and returned to the Mid Winter Conference in Jackson, Mississippi in January 1991. This was a success and all three of the barrels made it back to Jackson.

President George showed up at one of the monthly Bonco's at Metairie Health to see how things were going. When he got there he walked into the lobby of the home and found Warren Nardelle and Steve Irvan sitting in over-stuffed lounge chairs. George asked them why they were not helping with the Bonco. They told George that we had enough workers. Were they talking about the Bonco game? Or about Kiwanis? Or about Kiwanis Politics? No one knows to this date what they were talking about. Maybe some day we will find out.

The Dawn Busters received many awards at the District Convention. Phil Fielding won the Division B Tennis Tournament and Myra Thibodeaux won the best-dressed tennis player. Bulletin Editor for 88-89, George Rojas won Honorable mention in the Orange section for his bulletin. Sal Faia, John Gormley, Warren Nardelle, Jr., George Rojas and Pierre Thibodeaux received the Distinguished Member Award.

Ken Mc Daniel announced he wanted to be the second Governor that our club has had to run the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District. He would like to run for Governor in 1992-1993 and wanted the club to support him. Without a doubt, we gave Ken our support. The first Governor from our club was Walt Mc Neil.

The International Convention was in St. Louis, Missouri. We had seven members and seven wives in attendance. President George was riding on a bus and he was wearing his Dawn Buster's hat and shirt. A French lady wanted his hat and shirt. He gave her his hat but refused to take off his shirt to give to her. When he returned to our weekly meeting, we gave him a new hat.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1990-1991

Officers

President	Tom Moore
First Vice President	Salvador Faia
Second Vice President	Pierre Thibodeaux
Secretary	Warren Nardelle, Jr.
Treasurer	Jim Kraus
Past President	George F. Rojas

Directors

Jack Gatti	Dale Nelson
John Gormley	Jay Vallelungo
Chet Hingle	John Vaughn
Eddie Klein	
Bulletin Editor	Nell Mc Neil (Walt's Wife)
Governor	Neil F. Simmons
Lt. Governor	Jasper Franklin
Kiwanian of the Year	Pierre Thibodeaux
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi January 25-27
International Convention	Anaheim, California June 23-27
District Convention	Meridian Mississippi August 8-11
Membership as of September 30, 1991	74 members

The Dawn Busters theme for 1990-1991 was "Each one. . . Being One . . . For the Future. For the future of our children!!!!"

President Tom expressed his appreciation to the members that showed up at the installation banquet to show him our support. Chuck Pratt was our first president and a very good friend of Tom Moore. Chuck and Gail Pratt came to New Orleans to see Tom installed as President. They now lived in Houston Texas and they proved that once a Dawn Buster ---Always a Dawn Buster.

Tom's year got off to a good start. The youth Services Committee chaired by Brandon Breath and Sal Faia headed up a trip to the Houston Astrodome for twenty-six underprivileged kids from the Metairie and New Orleans Area. Six Kiwanians went along to help with the trip. Past Kiwanian Charles "Chuck" Pratt, who now lived in Texas, met the group at the Astrodome to help with the kids. This was a great trip and a perfect example of making our children Priority One.

The sixteenth annual pancake breakfast was held at the VFW hall on Richland Street in Metairie. It was on November 3, 1990 and the cost of tickets was \$2.50. Team captains were chosen and their phone numbers were listed in each bulletin along with the names of all members on their team. Captains called their members each Tuesday to remind them to bring in their money Wednesday morning. The pancake breakfast was very successful and well attended. We made a profit of \$ 8,029.07. We even had our Governor Neil, First Lady, Michelle and their two beautiful daughters.

In each weekly bulletin appeared a write up on a Dawn Buster. This article was called "I am a Kiwanian . . . But do you know Me? It featured a mini life history of the member and you were asked to guess who it was. The end of the article gave the member's name. This was a great way to get to know all members and their background. The program was very receptive.

The Leukemia Society of America held an indoor putting tournament. The tournament was laid out in an area covering Spanish Plaza and the River walk. We sent five volunteers to help with the tournament.

We received word that a ten-year-old boy who lived in England had a brain tumor. The Kiwanis Clubs along with all other Civic Clubs were asked to send him "Get Well" cards. The boy's name was Craig Shergold and he was trying to break the world record for get-well cards received. Word came back that he got his way and received Sixteen Million cards from around the world and that nine million of them came from within the United States. His family said that while grateful, it could not handle more cards.

The Dawn Busters were asked to sort posters for the Right To Read art contest. This was a Girl Scout program and about fifteen thousand girl scouts participated. We had twelve members volunteer.

This was around this time that we started calling our selves, "*The Best Club in the World*"

Kans for Kids took place every third Wednesday of the month. We would all bring cans of non-perishable foods, baby food and formula. These cans were donated to the hungry and homeless. We would take \$ 1.00 if you forgot to bring cans or were too lazy to bring them.

We worked in one of the food booths at the superdome for the Saints Football games. Our booth sold hot dogs, chips, nachos, popcorn, beer and soft drinks. We made \$200.00 per game. This was hard work, but it was worth it. Our Key Clubbers helped us and we donated money to their clubs treasury at the end of the season.

The Key Club Convention was held in Washington D. C. and our own Havard Albright was recognized as outstanding Kiwanis Adviser. Chris Holder of the Trinity High School was named Governor of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District.

Sal Faia made contact with a gentleman who developed a stencil of the United States Map that could be painted on schoolyard blacktop. Colgate Palmolive Company was the sponsor of this project and they would pay for the kits. We were asked to apply the maps to the asphalt parking lots or playgrounds of each school in Jefferson Parish. The kit had all the stencils and paints needed. The Dawn Busters painted ten maps on school playgrounds. The Maps came with various games that taught the students about the United States.

The Youth Services Committee took twenty children from the Methodist Home to the Aquarium of the Americas. After touring the Aquarium the children were treated to pizza and soft drinks in the park.

The Major Emphasis Committee led by Jack Gatti and Warren Nardelle Sr. continued the monthly Bonco Games at St Anthony Nursing Home on the Airline Highway. We had prizes for the winners and a gift bag for all that played. We served cookies and punch.

East Jefferson Key Club started working the food booths at Fogelman Arena for the Tulane Basketball games. They asked us to help them and we send four or five members to work each game.

Again this year, we served Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents of Metairie Manor. Sister provided the food and Metairie Manor's cooks prepared it. There was stuffing, green beans, yams, turkey, gravy, rolls and soup. Sister also provided wine, ice tea and cokes. After the dinner, we danced with the residents and then picked up.

Bob Rispoli was a member of the Metairie Kiwanis Club. He got real sick and did not have insurance. His club got Barreca's Restaurant to donate a champagne dinner for two. The Metairie Club sold raffle tickets and all monies collected went to help Bob pay medical bills. We purchased twenty tickets to help Bob.

The Rivertown Kiwanis Club started collecting socks for the elderly people in the Chateau Living Center. The Dawn Busters were asked to help and as usual, the Dawn Busters came through with flying colors. They collected forty-three pairs.

Bruce Johnson and Warren Nardelle purchased lots of Christmas ties from the Wembley Tie Manufacturers in New Orleans. They sold the ties for \$5.00 each and the ties came with two music boxes that fit inside them. The music boxes played Christmas tunes. The ties were navy blue with red and white Santa's and green packages and trees. Warren and Bruce did not get wealthy from this joint venture, but the members had some great ties. As for Bruce and Warren, they had to continue working their regular jobs.

The annual Christmas party was held in the home of Leni and Sandi Sumich. Each spouse was asked to bring their favorite covered dish and the club provided turkeys. Eight members went to Leni's home around one o'clock to deep-fry the turkeys. It was rumored that they drank more beer than they fried turkeys.

We continued the Adopt an Angel Program. Last year we adopted 150 little angels and this year we would collect 175 gifts for the angel program. This was a program that provided Christmas gifts for needy and underprivileged children. The angel had three parts to it. You would hang the angel on your tree to remind you and your friends that you gave a gift to your little angel. The second part got attached to the package and it identified the child that the gift was for. The bottom tore off and you would bring it shopping with you. It gave the child's name, sex and toy preference. It also gave their sizes of clothing and shoes.

The members of our Major Emphasis Committee took twelve kids from the Hope Haven/Madonna Manor to a Christmas Tree farm in Hammond to cut down their own tree. While there, they enjoyed a hayride around the farm. They collected a beautiful tree and we hauled it back for them. On the way back, we stopped by Shoney's to buy them lunch. We then took them back to the Manor to decorate the tree. Our thanks went out to Sister Aloysius for loaning us the Metairie Manor van. Without the van, this project would not have been possible.

Warren Nardelle, Sr. chaired a committee that put on the first annual Bonco as a social for our members. Residents of Metairie Manor were invited to join us as long as they would pay the \$ 5.00 fee. The prizes given at the end of the game were cash. The Bonco game was held in Metairie Manor's Cafeteria and we had Sister cook a meal. The co-chairs of this project were Robbi Smith of the Delgado Circle K and Warren Nardelle, Jr. Seventy-nine of the residents attended and all had a great time.

We delivered Christmas Food Baskets to shut-ins. The food and baskets were collected and delivered to East Jefferson General Hospital. Our Key Clubbers went to the hospital to pack the food into the baskets. On December 15, 1990, the Dawn Busters picked up the baskets from the hospital and delivered them. Each basket had a name, address and phone number of the person receiving the basket. There was a tag attached to the basket saying, "Prepared by our Youth". Through this program seventy-five families were served.

In December, we collected cans of food for the Kans for Kids food drive. This was a very successful project. We collected 242 cans of food and twelve dollars in cash.

January 7, 1991 marked the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Shepparton, Australia Kiwanis Club as our brother club. To mark this occasion, Murray Brown, Past President of the Shepparton Kiwanis Club and Adrian Nichols, Past president and Past Lt. Governor of the Australia District had an article published in their local paper. The article gave the details of the adoption and had a picture of Murray Brown and Adrian Nichols looking at a world globe and pin spotting Metairie, Louisiana where the Dawn Busters are located. The article went on to name Kendal Mc Daniel as the President of the Dawn Busters when we adopted the Sheraton Australia Club along with Walt Mc Neil who was the Dawn Busters contact person. This was a great association and it developed into visits between members of the two clubs and visits between the District Secretaries. It also created visitations from other Australia Kiwanis Clubs.

Kendal Mc Daniel asked the club for its support as candidate for Governor Elect. The club agreed to support him and the Dawn Buster board and membership voted to give him our support. The first place for him to get exposure as this candidate would be at Mid Winter Conference in Jackson Mississippi. Jan and Ken Mc Daniel announced that they would hold open house in room 1509 at the Holiday Inn. All Dawn Busters wives and members were asked to help by giving of their time and by supplying their special recipe tidbits for the hospitality room.

Brandon Breath, Chairman of the Youth Services Committee set up a roller skating party for the Campfire Girls. The party took place at the Airline Skating rink. We fed the kid's lunch after the skating party.

Kiwanis International President, Will Blackman, had a trademark of wearing of a bow tie at all times. Bruce and Warren saw this as an opportunity to get back into the tie business and they offered both red and black bow ties. Dawn Busters were asked to purchase a bow tie for \$5.00 each and wear it during the Mid Winter Conference, to show their unity with our International President, Will Blechman. All Dawn Busters going to the Conference wore bow ties and the ties were the talk of the convention. International President Will and his wife appreciated our efforts.

We agreed to be associate sponsors along with the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide Inc. of South Australia, of the Kiwanis Club of Streaky Bay and District. This continued our support of clubs in Australia.

The United States Map that we had painted in the schoolyard at St. Christopher School was wearing off the blacktop. Eight members gathered to re-paint the map. The following weekend, the same eight Dawn Busters re-painted the map at the Schnekenburger School.

Governor Neil Simmons presented a membership program to the District. He asked the clubs to buy a Pink Panther stuffed animal and bring it to their first meeting after the Mid Winter Conference. This administration purchased a large pink panther doll that was about five feet tall. The pink panther was given to one of our members and they had to sit it next to them at the meeting. They had to bring it home and drive it around with them until they came to the next weeks meeting. If they brought a guest to the next meeting and they would be able to pass the panther onto another member and that member would bring a new prospect to the following meeting. During the month of March 1991 the pink panther was given to Warren Nardelle. For three weeks, he did not bring a prospect, but he did bring the panther and sat it on the chair next to him at every meeting. We don't know if he didn't have a friend or business associate to bring to the meeting, or if he just didn't want to part with the pink panther. The word got out that he was just keeping it around the house all week for the grand kids to play with. Eventually, he quit bringing it to meetings and to this date, we still have not seen it.

Governor Neil Simmons stopped by for a short visit and to see if he could find the Pink Panther. He heard it was missing and wanted to confirm this rumor. Warren told the Governor that he knew nothing about the Pink Panther's Disappearance. (Actually, it did not disappear—Warren knew right where it was.)

Robbi Smith's sister, Jana Smith, got real involved with the operation Desert Storm Adopt a G. I. Program. She spoke to us at one of our weekly meetings to ask us to get involved with this program. We agreed to take the Adopt a G. I. project. The club was divided into teams and each team adopted soldiers that were serving in the Persian Gulf War. Each Dawn Buster was asked to take the name of a G. I. and say prayers for his safe return and to send him monthly care packages consisting of necessities, treats, cards, and letters. Most every member participated and we had Jana Smith attend each of our weekly meetings to tell us how successful the program was. Jana had t-shirts made and was selling them for \$9.00 each. The shirts said Support our Troops. Warren was working for a sign shop and he had yard signs also.

We brought the Methodist Home kids and advisors to see the Mardi Gras parade in the Kiwanis stand on Veteran's Boulevard. The stand was the property of the Crescent City Eye Openers Kiwanis Club. Each year, we would help the Eye Openers erect and take down the stand. We would be assigned a night to bring underprivileged kids. We would bring two hundred hot dogs and the Eye Openers would supply every thing else. They had kegs of beer and members could drink all night if they paid \$ 5.00 each.

One of our social events took place at The Jefferson Orleans. It was a dance and it was well attended. The cost was \$ 20.00 a couple and this included chips and pretzels and drinks. There was big band music for our dancing pleasure.

Metairie Manor had a St. Joseph's Altar and Sister Aloysius asked for donations from our members. The members donated lots of food items and the club gave Sister a check to help buy things that were needed. Several of the Dawn Busters attended the altar.

The River Ridge Kiwanis Club met at Smiley's Restaurant on a weekly basis. A fire in the restaurant destroyed all of the items the club used to run their weekly meetings. The Dawn Busters made an inter club with them and presented their president with a check for \$100.00 to help defray the cost of replacing the burned items.

The Bonnabel Key Club put on a Juniors and Seniors Prom in the Cafeteria of Metairie Manor. The prom was for the residents of Metairie Manor and members of the Bonnabel Key Club. The theme was "Experience the Time Wrap. There was music from the 20's and the 90's and teenagers dancing with golden ager's. The cost was \$5.00 per couple. There was media coverage and there were inter clubs from all 4-B Kiwanis Clubs. This was a fun time.

We had a St. Patrick's picnic in Murray and Hannah's yard. We all wore green but dressed casual and were asked to bring our favorite Irish Dishes. Hannah made corned beef and cabbage. The St. Patrick's day parade passed down Metairie Road, which was just a short walk from their house.

We had another social and it was a Crayfish Boil at the home of Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux. He served crayfish, potatoes, corn, dessert, beer and soft drinks. The cost was \$14.00 a couple.

About a month went by and Warren Nardelle finally brought a prospect to the meeting. Much to our amazement, the Pink Panther showed up in the chair next to Warren and the passing of the Pink Panther resumed.

The citizenship committee picked up a van full of clothing, shoes canned goods and toiletries. These items were donated by the East Jefferson Hospital and we delivered them to St. Jerome Church for their use.

Judge Robert Burns told us of a fifth grade student that was working to raise money to go on her class trip to Washington D. C. Her grandparents were supposed to pay for her share of expenses, but they became ill and were unable to help. The Judge asked the Citizenship Committee to come to her rescue. The balance remaining was only \$143.00 and the club through its Citizenship Committee cut her a check. This story had an even better ending because Judge Burns issued a check matching these funds to the child. She went on her trip, with a little lagniappe, thanks to a very generous Judge Robert Burns. This is what Kiwanis is all about.

Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served-----KIWANIS

Pete Scamardo was the chairman of the operation Habitat for Humanity committee. Uriel Durr of our club owned the U. A. Durr Dial One Plumbing Company. He sent a team of five plumbers to organize eight Dawn Busters and together they install all plumbing and gas works to a home on Monroe Street in New Orleans. This included one full bath, the laundry and the kitchen.

Branden Breath and his Youth Services Committee wanted to have a kite flying contest for the children of the Redwood Apartments. When Brandon told us that he wanted us to "Go Fly A Kite" we took him literally. Twenty-two underprivileged children from the Redwood Apartments along with fourteen Dawn Busters, ten Wives forty-seven Key Clubbers and ten Builders Club members had a day of sunshine and fun in Lafreniere Park. There was kite flying, softball, volleyball, and an egg toss. We fed the kids hot dogs and jambalaya. We had nine dozen eggs left and at the end of the day, we delivered the eggs to Metairie manor. What a great K-Family Event.

The Children's Hospital staged their annual phonathon and the Dawn Busters came out in force bringing twenty members and ten Key Clubbers to work. They fed us and gave us instructions and then turned us loose on the phones. We were to call from a list of donors from previous years who had been sent cards telling them to expect a call this week. The people we called were very receptive and we collected over \$ 7,000.00 for the hospital.

This year's governor's visit was held at Lafreniere Park. It was a picnic to honor Governor Neil Simmons and First Lady Michelle. Neil was a member of the Crescent City Eye-Openers Kiwanis Club from Division 4-A. More than three hundred Kiwanians, spouses circle K'ers and Key Clubbers turned out to honor the Governor. George Rojas and Don Gunaldo were co-chairs of this event. Eleven of the fourteen clubs from Division 4-A and eight of the nine clubs from Division 4-B turned our. There was music, a horseshoe pitching contest, an egg toss contest, sack races, clowns and balloons. We served hot dogs, hamburgers snacks, cookies, and beverages. A water oak tree was planted in the park to honor Governor Neil who also received a plaque noting the event. First Lady Michele was presented an Austin Sculpture.

We volunteered for the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics games in New Orleans. We escorted the special athletes onto the field. It was great to see the stadium fill up with about fifteen hundred Special Olympians. Each member received a T-shirt and the next day we came back to help with the events.

A group of multi handicapped children from J. D. Meisler Middle School wanted to go to the zoo. Major Emphasis Chairman, John Vaughn arranged for a van from Metairie Manor and we picked them up from the school and brought them to Audubon Zoo. They got to see all the animals and we got them hamburgers before returning them to the school.

Our Kans for Kids program was very successful. We collected more than four hundred cans of baby food for Jonathan. Jonathan was a terminally ill youngster that could only eat baby food. Our collection made Jonathon's mom's load a little lighter.

It was with deep regrets, that we accepted the resignation of our treasurer Mr. Jim Kraus. He had to resign his position as treasurer due to business. The club thanked Hugh Posner for stepping in to fill the Treasurer's position for the remaining of the year.

Whenever we need a van to transport children around, Sister Aloysius is always very willing to lend us one of Metairie Manor's vans. We printed in our weekly bulletin a thank you to Sister for all her support of the Dawn Busters projects. This time we took some special kids to view the H. M. S. Edenourg while it was docked in the port of New Orleans.

Our Fathers Day Golf Classic was on Friday June 14, 1991. It was a huge success because we sold out having one hundred twenty three players and one hundred twenty-one hole sponsors. The gross profit was \$12,700.00 with expenses of less than \$ 2,600.00 and we would make a profit of \$ 10,100.00. The weather was very bad all week and we even had a rain plan to call all team captains if we had to cancel. As it turned out we had a good day and we were able to play golf. We served hot dogs for lunch and red beans and rice for dinner. Liquid refreshments were provided in the registration area and we also placed ice chests full of drinks on every fourth hole.

We had 125 door prizes and every golfer got a ditty bag. We also drew names for four main prizes. President Tom put this statement in the bulletin. " All the planning is over---lets go out and play golf" What a leader!!!! After the tournament, he said "You did good, Fellas and Gals!!! It takes a team effort to bring about this kind of success. That's why, we're the number one club in our district!!!!

Yea, Dawn Busters!!!!!!!!!! **IN THE WORLD.**

The veterans were coming home from the war and there was a welcome home party for them in the Superdome. It was called Operation Hero's Welcome. Eight Dawn Busters attended this celebration. Sister Aloysius had a bus of forty residents leaving from Metairie Manor and she offered to let our members join up with them. Jana and Robbi Smith were among those in attendance. It was great to see our serviceman return. The festivities included a parade, music by the armed forces band, and recognition of our heroes.

The District Committees were listed in the District bulletin along with the names of each chairman. We took note of the fact that from this three-state district the Governor was from Division 4-A and that of the twenty-seven committees that served under Governor Neil, members from division 4-A and 4-B filled eleven of them. But even more important, two of those committee chairmen were Dawn Busters. They were Billy Charlet, District Finance Committee Chair, and James Smith, Past District Officers Liaison Chair. We have always been in the numbers of District Leaders and we are proud of all our members that can serve beyond the club level. Thanks Billy and Jim.

Governor Neil came to our meeting to present a Pink Panther Pin for interclubbing to President Tom Moore for his leadership and enthusiastic support of this program.

Ken Mc Daniel brought a special guest to our weekly meeting on July 7, 1991. His guest was Mr. Curtis Lepley, Marketing Practices Specialist with the Exxon Company. Curtis was responsible for procuring the beer, soft drinks, hot dogs and snacks used for our golf tournaments. He was also responsible for a foursome of Exxon players. He was recognized for his efforts and the Dawn Busters showed their appreciation by giving Mr. Lepley a certificate of appreciation and a standing round of applause.

The Youth Services Committee, led by Brandon Breath took twenty youngsters on a weekend campout. The campout was at Little Black Creek in Mississippi. Once again, Sister Aloysius letting us use one of Metairie Manor's vans blessed us. We cannot say enough about Sister. She is always there when we need her. Thank you, sister and may god bless you. This was a weekend of fishing, boating, swimming and hiking. They returned Sunday afternoon, exhausted, but exhilarated.

At the District Convention in Meridian Mississippi, it was time for Kendal Mc Daniel to get elected as Governor Elect 1991-1992. He had visited clubs and send out information about his personal and Kiwanis accomplishments. He had a hospitality room for all attending the convention to gather and meet him. Dawn Busters worked hard passing out flyers, attending caucuses and putting signs up in the hotel. The word was out to vote for Ken. The wives brought food and snacks for use in the hospitality room. We just knew that Ken would win. That Sunday morning when the house of delegates met, we found out that some people that told us that they would vote for Ken, actually voted the other way. We were all disappointed and knew that Jan and Ken were very sad, but they knew they put on a good and clean campaign. The best man does not always win and did not win in this case. But Ken being the man he is, told us that we should go on and support the winner and support our new Governor. The Governor was Greg Cruice of the Algiers Kiwanis Club. We all told Ken that he should run again and it would be different that time. He said, no, I won't run again. The week after we came back, a letter appeared in our weekly bulletin. The letter was from Jan and Ken, thanking us for our support, stating that they wish it would have come our different, but they gave it their best shot. They thanked the Club, its members, their friends and wives. This was very hard on Ken and the Club. But Ken handled it well and we all survived. We all knew that there would be another time that we could support Ken for Governor Elect and History proves that in our future.

President, Tom Moore, thanked the membership for showing up to help with our efforts to get Ken elected. He thanked them for their support of Kendal and for their help with Ken's hospitality room. We had Fifteen Members and thirteen wives in attendance. Even though we were disappointed with the turn out of the election, we all meshed together as a unit to give it our best effort. Tom said, "I am proud of the Best Club in the World"

A footnote shown in one issue of our bulletin stated that one of our members was important even before joining the Dawn Busters. Judge Robert Burns was the charter President of the St. Aloysius Key Club in 1960. The school and Key Club are now Brother Martin.

The walking course at Metairie Manor was in need of another paint job. Chair Lady Glenda Barnaby along with ten other members got ten gallons of redwood stain and started painting. It took most of the day, but we painted the whole course.

Murray Cunningham was our Social Chairman and he planned a steak and potato social at the home of Phil and Evelyn Fielding. The party was well attended by forty Kiwanians and their spouses. Murray and Hannah planned the party and Don Lawrence and Al Leone were cooks. We played volleyball in the pool. This was a great party and fun was had by all.

This year's installation banquet was at Masson's Restaurant. The meal was stuffed flounder or boneless filet of chicken served with oyster sauce or a ten-ounce rib eye. Soup, salad, bread, dessert and coffee were served. The cost was \$25.00 a couple and we had a cash bar.

After attending our meetings for a couple of years as a Circle K'er, Robbi Smith applied for membership in the Dawn Busters. The board approved her for membership without a delay. We were very happy to have Robbi as a member and we hoped she would keep on working as hard now that she was a member as she did when she was a Circle K'er.

Our 16th annual pancake breakfast for next year was fast approaching and we had seven teams. We asked Sister to set up seven tables, one for each team. As usual, she was very co-operative. We made each team sit together and that way, the captain could collect their money and when their team would win the team could all cheer together. The other members also knew who was on each team. It was a good plan and we had a lot of fun.

President Tom was caught rocking in one of the chairs in the hall at Metairie Manor. When interviewed he told the Kiwanis reporter that he was looking forward to his retirement from the Presidency of the Dawn Busters. He was immediately told that he had to get back to work as his year was still not over and we still need him to lead the Best Club in the World.

A member of the Shepparton Kiwanis Club in Australia, Mr. Bill Roberts and his wife were on a trip around the world. They had to stop in New Orleans to visit "The best club in the World", his brother club, the Dawn Busters.. He told us of some of the projects his club was involved in and how our two meetings differ.

President Tom Moore wrote his farewell message and it read as follows: In the beginning of my year, I challenged each of you to bring in a member and an idea of how to help our children. I must say that you were overwhelming in your determination to display Dawn Buster pride and spirit each day in every way, during the past year. Thank you for the memories, for the pleasant term as your president, for your friendship, support and generosity. You are the cream of the crop, and I am proud to say.... We had a great year. Thank you Tom Moore.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1991-1992

OFFICERS

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Past President	Tom Moore

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Governor	Travis Vance
Lt. Governor	Rose Hamilton
Kiwanian of the Year	Hugh Posner
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Indianapolis, Indiana
District Convention	Monroe, Louisiana
Members as of September 30, 1992	74 members

Jay Vallelungo started the year as our President but resigned and Don Lawrence stepped up to lead our Club as the 1991-1992 President. Don, we thank you for accepting this position as the Dawn Busters' President.

The Dawn Busters walked away with several awards at this convention, including the prestigious award—The Governor's Cup Award for Excellence in Interclubbing, Achievement award for multiple services and Administrative Excellence. Past Lt. Governor, Jasper Franklin came to our weekly meeting to present the interclubbing award to Past President Tom Moore. He wanted our members that were not at the convention to know that the Dawn Busters had won this award.

We had outgrown the Elks Lodge for our 17th pancake breakfast and had to find a new larger location. The decision was made to move the breakfast to the Grace King High School Cafeteria. This would give us a much larger cooking area and lots more freezer space for our milk and sausage.

Several Dawn Busters and spouses attended the Mid Winter Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. They were Warren Nardelle, Bruce Johnson, Sal Faia, Tom Moore, Murray and Hannah Cunningham, Jim and Gerry Smith, Maurice Martin, Walt and Nell Mc Neil, Don and Marilyn Lawrence, Dick and Jan Grosch, Phil and Evelyn Fielding, John Gormley, and Pierre Thibodeaux. The Dawn Busters manned a booth to explain the map program to all clubs in the District. The booth drew much attention and members of the Cortana Kiwanis Club in Memphis, Tennessee started talking in detail with Warren Nardelle and Sal Faia about how it worked. During the conversation, they got into fund raising and found that we had a very successful golf tournament each year. Their club offered to pay for a one-day trip for Warren and Sal to go to Memphis to meet with their board to discuss the map program and our golf tournament. The only requirement was that Sal and Warren would have to bring as much information as we could about both projects and had to be subjected to lots of questions by members of their board. Warren and Sal were picked up at the airport and brought to the special board meeting of the Cortana Kiwanis Club. After the all day session, they brought Sal and Warren to dinner and back to the airport. The results were that the Cortana Kiwanis Club now puts on a very successful golf tournament and that year they put down five maps at schools in their area.

Rick Phillips asked for the club to support the Raphael White liver campaign. The goal was to collect \$ 5.00 from eight thousand people. It was decided that it would be a good idea to walk the parade route in Metairie on Mardi Gras day. Brandon Breath and Joe Ineich agreed to walk Veterans Boulevard and the collection was a huge success. The amount collected is unknown, but Joe told me that he collected a grocery basket full of cash. There were several areas covered and the money was gathered and counted by someone else at a later time.

Our members were asked to participate in the Walk America six-mile walk. The walk was called a Stroll for Healthier Babies. The event took place at the old City Park driving range. Red beans and rice that were donated by Sheriff Foti were served at the end of the walk. There was an awards ceremony and a band played for dancing.

The Saint Patrick's Day Parade passed down Metairie Road, just a few blocks from the home of Hannah and Murray Cunningham. The club was invited to their house and Murray and Hannah supplied the corned beef and cabbage along with garlic bread and drinks. The members brought the rest, in the form of their favorite salad or dessert.

The area Special Olympics basketball tournament was held at the Worley Gym on the West Bank. Dawn Busters served lunch to the eighty-nine kids that played. Four teams from the tournament would be sent to the state tournament in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Eddie Klein, Maurice Martin, Don Lawrence, Jim Smith and Robbie Smith were the Dawn Busters that served the kids.

Once again this year, the Dawn Busters brought the kids from the Magnolia School to the Mardi Gras stand. The stand is provided by the Crescent City Eye Openers and all clubs in Division 4-A and 4-B are asked to help construct the stand. Each club was given a night to bring their group of under-privileged kids to see the parade. We supplied our own hot dogs, and the Eye Openers supplied the drinks, condiments and chips. Uriel Durr was the chairman of this committee.

We had a Bonco social for the Dawn Busters, families and friends. It was held in the cafeteria at Metairie Manor. The cost was \$ 15.00 a couple for dinner and Bonco. Dinner included seafood gumbo, vegetable soup, salad, and cold cuts for sandwiches, bread pudding with sauce, wine and iced tea. Sister Aloysius provided the meal and we paid her a fee for each meal.

We worked the concession stand at the Tulane Basketball games as a fundraiser. The money went into our administrative fund to help defray the cost of our Installation Banquet

A United States map was painted on the St. Edward School parking lot. Colgate Palmolive Company supplied the map kit. Uriel Durr, Pierre Thibodeaux, George Rojas, and Maurice Martin painted the map.

The K-Family Picnic was held at Lafreniere Park and twenty-five Key Clubbers from Bonnabel and twelve from Grace King attended. We have always supported our sponsored youth and this year would be no exception. This was a bring your own basket outing and the Dawn Busters in attendance were Sal Faia, Stan Maher, Eddie Klein and Maurice Martin.

Our Bonnabel Key Club sponsored the annual Junior/Senior Prom at Metairie Manor. The residents of Metairie Manor were the seniors and the Key Clubbers were the juniors. There were 114 seniors and 38 Key Clubbers attending the prom. Sister Aloysius, Billy Hynes, Sal and Kathy Faia, Uriel and Liz Durr, Glenda Barnaby, Brandon Breath, Stan and Pam Maher, and Gene and Bonnie Wolfe were the Dawn Busters attending.

We delivered twenty-four food baskets to needy and shut in families during Christmas week. The baskets were provided by the East Jefferson Hospital. Fourteen Key Clubbers and ten Kiwanians made these deliveries.

Major Dan Adair of the Salvation Army came to pick up the "Adopt an Angel" gifts. He said that Dawn Busters was the number one service club to participate in this project by sponsoring one hundred seventy five children. He thanked us for helping so many children and wished our families and us a very Merry Christmas.

The annual Christmas Party was again held in the home of Sandi and Leni Sumich. Our chef's hat went off to them for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. There were deep fried turkeys and each spouse prepared their favorite dish.

Bonco games were continued again this year for the residents of Metairie Health Care. We had three Bonco's for them this year and after the last one, a resident sent us a note saying,

Dear Bonco Folks:

All of us in Metairie Manor Health Care Home wish you the very best in this year of 1992. May health and happiness come your way. Never grow old. Stay young all the time so you can live until you are only 189.

With fond embraces and some kisses too.

All of us love you.

Signed: Claire

Rivertown Kiwanis Club put on a fundraiser named "A Taste of Kenner". We were taken by bus for a progressive dinner at various Kenner hotels. Mr. and Mrs. Claus led the singing of favorite carols. Our own Marilyn Lawrence had a new version of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Those in attendance were, Don and Marilyn Lawrence, Dick and Jan Grosch, Bill and Rosalie Flippen, Bill's brother and his wife, Bob and Carmen Flippen and two of Bill's friends, Mr. And Mrs. Boudreaux. It was a great time and the Dawn Busters won many of the door prizes including the grand prize.

The East Jefferson Key Club continued working the concession stand at the Dome Stadium. We had four of our members attend each game to help them with this money making project.

The Major Emphasis committee, led by Brandon Breath announced that they had prepared a Home Safety Checklist. They have gathered safety tips from the fire department, hospitals and doctors and was now ready to distribute them. Each Key Club passed them out to their schools and our membership distributed them to our friends and neighbors. We also covered all other schools by sending them to school with our kids

Uriel and Liz Durr, Glenda Barnaby, Brandon Breath and ten Bonnabel key clubbers hosted a dance for twenty-five residents of Covenant House. There was a dance contest with prizes. Pizza and cokes were served.

Garbis Kerimian, Liz and Andy Durr and Nick and Maureen Corrette escorted twenty-two children from the Redwood Apartments to the circus. The children were treated to elephant rides, popcorn, cokes and cotton candy. Once again, Sister Aloysius provided the Dawn Busters with one of Metairie Manor's vans for transportation. Neil Simmons, a member of the Crescent City Eye-Openers Kiwanis Club and a Shrine Circus Clown, provided the tickets for the circus.

We took the children from the Westgate School across the lake to cut down their Christmas tree. The children enjoyed a hayride and lunch at Shoney's. Upon returning to the school, the kids decorated the tree. Again Sister Aloysius provided a van from Metairie Manor.

Larry Boudreaux, one of our members and Executive Vice President of Pelican Homestead had food collected and Thanksgiving baskets prepared. He asked the Dawn Busters to deliver them. Forty-seven baskets were delivered to St. Jerome's Church and the Church gave them to needy families in their parish.

Five safety seats were purchased and distributed as part of Project Kiss. Kiss stands for "**Kids in Safety Seats**".

The Pink Panther was put back into circulation again this year and it was given to Sal Cali by Joe Ineich. However after Sal having it for six weeks and not bringing a friend or neighbor as his guest, it disappeared once again. We asked in the bulletin if anyone had seen the Pink Panther. Finally Sal Cali told the membership that the Pink Panther was abducted and was being held for ransom. Sal was negotiating the payoff. About three weeks later, the Pink Panther was recovered and put back into circulation.

Thanksgiving Dinner was served to the residents of Metairie Manor. The food was provided by Sister Aloysius and prepared by Metairie Manor's cooks. We served the residents. After dinner, there was dancing.

Eighty kids from the Magnolia School were treated to a fishing trip to the stocked catfish pond in Westwego. After fishing, the kids were escorted along with their catch, to Bayou Seignette for a cookout.

The Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District of Kiwanis started a project called "Change your Clock, Change your Batteries". This project was to be worked in conjunction with your local fire departments. It was a reminder to change the batteries in your smoke detector, when you moved your clock to daylight savings time. The local fire departments provided the batteries and the Dawn Busters would change the batteries for anyone that could not change their own. Over seven hundred batteries were given out and installed parish wide.

Fifty children from the Magnolia School were treated to the movie, "101 Dalmatians". Two days later thirteen children from the Methodist Home and nine children from Munholland Methodist Church were also taken to see the same movie. They enjoyed popcorn, candy and soft drinks.

Chuck Pratt, a former member of the Dawn Busters moved to Humble Texas. We got word that he was being honored for his enthusiastic year as Lt. Governor of Division 3 of the Texas, Oklahoma District. His local club wanted to do something special for him, so they voted to change the name of their Humble Kentwood Kiwanis Club to the Kiwanis Club of Humble Area Dawn Busters. Their President wrote that our group must have made quite an impression on all the members at the recent interclub and his members voted to change their name to "Dawn Busters"

We had a lunch for the Special Olympians at the Orbit Bowling Lanes on Chef Menteur Highway. They were fed hot dogs, chips and cokes.

The 17th annual pancake breakfast was held at the Grace King High School Cafeteria. It was very successful and the proceeds from this year's sale were \$ 9, 560.00. We even had the local paper come take pictures of our members working around the pancake machine. They ran pictures and a write up on the success of our breakfast and what charities would benefit from our fundraising efforts.

The annual golf tournament netted \$7,452.26. This year was a great one for fundraising.

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Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Nice', France
District Convention	New Orleans, Louisiana
Kiwanian of the Year	Don Lawrence
Membership as of 2-28-92	72 Members

Billy Charlet's daughter Renee' has a muscle disease called Ataxia. Each year the Ataxia Foundation put on a golf tournament to raise funds for research. The Dawn Busters put two foursomes in their tournament to show our support of Billy and Renee'.

The USA Map Program continued with the placing of a map on the grounds of Roosevelt Middle School. Sal Faia, Glenda Barnaby, Pierre Thibodeaux, Eddie Klein and Gene Wolfe along with thirty-five members of the Bonnabel Key Club completed the map.

We helped the local fire fighters with the "change your clock and change your battery" program. The Parish supplied batteries and we went to help people install them. Anyone that could not change their smoke detector batteries by themselves, called the fire station and we would change the batteries for them. We changed 176 batteries in a one-day work project.

The Algiers Morning Edition Kiwanis Club had a softball competition and the Dawn Busters fielded a team. This was a world famous team and when you read the names of the players, you will note them as famous:

First Base	Pete (Scoop Net) Breslin
Second Base	Pete (Air Jordan) Seeber
Third Base	Judge (Human Vacuum Cleaner) Burns
Short Stop	Ken (Hit It To Me) Mc Daniel
Left Field	Mark (Fly Trap) Dominick
Right Field	Gordon (I Got It) Gsell
Catcher	Uriel (Don't Go To Right Field) Durr
Pitcher	Hugh (Please Move Home Plate) Posner

This great team won one game and lost two. Some of these team members brought relatives to help out. The following Wednesday at our meeting, we heard a lot of moans from sore muscles. There were lots of good stories about the great catch that each member made, or the great hit they had.

We fed 250 Special Olympic kids at the Orbit Bowling Lanes. They ate hot dogs, chips and drinks. After they ate, we let them bowl.

Twenty kids from the K-Bar-B Ranch were brought to town for a skating party. This was on a Sunday, so we took them to the Munholland Methodist Church on Metairie Road for church services. Then we took them to Mc Donald's for hamburgers and then to the skating rink.

John Munch was now the chairman of the Bonco games held at the Metairie Health Care Home. He had six Bonco's for them and we brought cookies and soft drinks for the residents. Prizes were presented to the winners. Twenty to twenty five members of the home played Bonco on a regular basis.

We served Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents of Metairie Manor. Metairie Manor's cooks prepared the meal that Sister provided. We got there at 5:30 P. M. to start serving wine and iced tea. At six o'clock we started serving the meal that consisted of turkey, yams, string beans, dressing, rolls and gravy. After dinner was served, there was dancing. When the residents went up to their rooms, we cleaned up and set the tables for the Lakeside Kiwanis Club meeting the next morning.

The Community Services Committee refinished eight rockers for Sister at Metairie Manor. Members that painted the rockers were Rick Villavaso, Pierre Thibodeaux and Eddie Klein.

Dee Marcus and Laura East were co-chairing our Major Emphasis Committee. They had members bring food to go into a Thanksgiving basket for Bertha Pittman. Bertha was at the New Life Living Center.

Hurricane Bertha went through La Place, Louisiana and did a lot of damage to several homes. Ken Mc Daniel announced that we had collected over \$ 2,500.00 in contributions for the victims and that Charles Strong, who was once a Dawn Buster, was heading up a group called Carpenters of Christ. This group was the parishioners from Charles's Church. The group was going to La Place to rebuild thirty homes with over \$600,000.00 that he collected from other sources. We gave our \$ 2,500.00 to his group.

Our 18th annual pancake breakfast was held and sales were \$6,827.50. We fed 876 people and this included take out orders. This year, we brought kids from the K-Bar-B Ranch, Hanberry House, Red Wood Apartments, Magnolia School, Covenant House, Methodist Home and Children's Hospital to our 18th annual Pancake Breakfast. We sold many tickets to businessmen that did not use them. We decided that it would be good to treat the children to a good pancake meal.

Guess who was selling Dawn Busters shirts again this year. Yes it was our own Ken Mc Daniel. By now we were beginning to think that he was getting a commission on the shirts he sold. We picked on him a lot about always selling shirts, but we were always glad to have the shirts with the club logo and our name on them. Thanks Ken for keeping us looking good.

We had a fund raising Bingo at Metairie Manor. Members, spouses, guest and residents of Metairie Manor came to play. We charged \$8.00 for six cards or \$1.50 per card. We had an early and late bird game. The Bingo was well attended and we made \$543.00.

Garbis Kerimian, Sal and Kathy Faia, Pierre and Myra Thibodeaux, Stu Palermo and Wade Rieder from Uno Circle K and many Bonnabel Key Clubbers brought 130 kids to the movie, Home Alone II.

Our annual Christmas party was held in the home of Leni and Sandy Sumich again this year. Members collected around noon to deep fry the turkeys for that night. Spouses prepared their favorite covered dish and we all merged on the Sumich home at 7:00 O'clock. A great time was had by all and we ate lots of good food.

We took 36 kids from the Methodist Home to the Mardi Gras stand. We supplied 200 hot dogs and the Crescent City Eye Openers provided chips, drinks and snacks.

We celebrated our 19th birthday at our weekly meeting. We had a large birthday cake and the three remaining charter members of the Dawn Busters cut the cake. The Charter members were Billy Charlet, Bob Burns and Jim Smith.

Pierre Thibodeaux continued driving the residents of Metairie Manor to the shopping malls. He would drop them off at the mall and pick them up a few hours later.

Major Emphasis Chairman Bruce Johnson had us bring in linens to be delivered to the K-Bar-B Ranch. This was phase I of the K-Bar-B Because project. We collected 152 pieces of linen. Bruce had a goal of 442 linens that he wanted to collect for the ranch, so he continued the linen drive. In just three weeks we collected the 442 pieces of linen that Bruce wanted.

The Youth Services Committee took 32 kids from the Methodist Home to Celebration Station. They had pizza, played miniature golf and rode the rides.

The Community Services Committee brought 61 Special Olympic Athletes to Baton Rouge to participate in the State Basketball Winter Games. Our teams won first, second and third place in the competition.

We had a crayfish boil at the home of Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux. There were crayfish, potatoes, corn, dessert and refreshments. The cost was \$12.00 a person and each person got three pounds of crayfish. As usual, this function was very well attended. This was the weekend of President Sal's birthday and Kathy Faia brought a cake and ice cream. The Dawn Busters choir sang Happy Birthday. Pierre's neighbors wondered what that horrible sound was that came from the Thibodeaux's back yard.

Phase 2 of the K-Bar-B Because Project was here and this time Bruce was looking for sports equipment and games. We collected balls, bats, gloves and board games.

The Annual Father's Day Classic golf tournament was held at Audubon Park. Warren Nardelle Sr. had passed away in March and we felt that he would like it if we named our golf tournament after him. The Tournament was named the Warren F. Nardelle, Sr. Fathers Day Classic. The cost was \$65.00 per player if paid by June 1, 1993 and \$75.00 after June 1, 1993. Signs cost \$50.00. Warren Nardelle Jr. was this year's chairman. Warren reported that the tournament netted approximately \$9,000.00.

We had a Senior prom at Metairie Manor. This was a dance for the residents of the home and we even got music from the twenties and thirties. The Bonnabel Key Clubbers were there and they helped serve food and danced with the residents. We had fifteen Dawn Busters helping too.

Governor Greg Cruice made his official Governor's Visit to Divisions 4-A and 4-B. The event took place at the Colonial Country Club in Harahan, Louisiana. The cost was \$16.50 per person.

The International Convention was in Nice' France this year. Those attending were Pierre and Myra Thibodeaux, John and Faye Gormley, Ed and Peggy Delagrange and Phil Fielding.

Past Lt. Governor, Rose Hamilton presented Distinguished pins to Don Lawrence, Distinguished President and Warren Nardelle, Distinguished Secretary. She also presented the club with a banner patch for being a Distinguished Club. Warren's pin had a 4 on it because he was recognized as Distinguished Secretary four years in a row. George Rojas also won First Place as Editor of our Bulletin.

Twenty-one residents of K-Bar-B Ranch went fishing and when they were finished, we bought fish and fried sixty pounds of catfish and seventeen pounds of French fries. We also had salad, lemonade, soft drinks and chips. Sixteen members and wives participated in this Youth Services Fishing Rodeo.

We worked the Children's Hospital Phon-A-Thon, making calls and we raised \$3,800.00. Three weeks later twenty-one Dawn Busters and their spouses along with fifteen Key Clubbers worked the Telethon. We were operators, runners and mailers.

The District Convention was in New Orleans and Warren Nardelle was in charge of Registration. He had a crew of five Dawn Busters in the Registration Booth, all day for two days. They registered 1,150 attendees. The Dawn Busters registered 100% of their members.

Phase 3 of K-Bar-B Because was now starting and this time we had to bring kitchen supplies. We collected knives, forks, spoons, plates, saucers and bowls. We delivered ten large boxes full of kitchen supplies.

The K-Bar-B Ranch had a parent's meeting room that had to be paneled. Don Lawrence was in charge of this project and he had eight members volunteer to bring their tools and hang paneling. The work was done after five when no one was in the building. This was a good project, but we had eight carpenters with eight different ideas about how the job was to be done. Finally Don had to tell everyone to do the job as he told him or her. We got the panels up in two trips.

A wrap up report of the K-Bar-B Because project was presented by Bruce. Bruce Johnson became known as "Bruce the Boomer". Bruce along with other clubs in the Division collected 5546 items at a retail value of \$14,343.00. This was outstanding, and it shows what we can do when we are asked to help out. This goal would not have been reached, if it were not for Bruce's constant reminders, both in the bulletin and at our weekly meetings.

Past Governor, Nettles Brown was elected International Trustee at the Convention in Nice' France.

Our installation Banquet was held at the Southern Yacht Club. The cost was \$ 25.00 a couple and the Banquet was well attended. Chuck Pratt and his wife Gail attended our Installation Banquet. Chuck was a past Dawn Buster who moved to Houston, Texas. He came to town and attended the Banquet.

The PDOA association held its annual training of officers at Delgado Community College. Several of the Dawn Busters were instructors and taught classes. A group of young ladies came out of one of the classes and expressed how well the subject was presented to them and if they had any problems to call Kenny. Who was this person that called himself Kenny? Could it have been our own Kendal?

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Governor	Charles Riles
Lt. Governor	Jim Smith
Kiwanian of the Year	Uriel Durr
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	New Orleans, Louisiana
District Convention	Memphis, Tennessee
Members as of September 30, 1993	64 Members

The Special Olympian's were treated to a lunch at Orbit Bowling Lanes on Chef Mentuer Highway. We served them hotdogs, chili, chips and cokes. There were two hundred and fifty Olympians in attendance.

President Pierre passed out a Club Analysis Work Sheet to all members and a copy was put in the bulletin for those that missed the meeting. This form asked the membership to list the club's weaknesses and strengths. This information would be used to determine what we, the members, would like our club to do. It will enable us to see where the club is failing and what can be done to improve our club.

Sal Cali, Public Relations Chairman announced that he would have a scrapbook at the rear table every week, so that the members can see what they have participated in. Super idea Sal.

The South Louisiana Key Club Rally was held at De LaSalle School in New Orleans. There were over four hundred Key Clubbers in attendance. The Key Note Speaker was our own Judge Robert Burns. He was entertaining and profound. Thanks to the Judge for his contribution of wisdom to the success of the rally.

The Bonco Games for the residents of Metairie Manor continued. Chairman Warren Nardelle asked that all members come out for an evening of fun and entertainment. The residents ate food that was prepared by Metairie Manor's cooks and paid for by the club. We had prizes and sixty-three residents came down. A great time was had by all.

Sal Faia continued the USA map program, by painting our first map of the year at St. Francis Assisi School. Two more maps followed this year.

Cans of food were collected for the Jefferson Battered Women and Children's Home. Bertha Pittman came to speak about the home and we loaded her station wagon with food products. Sandy Milham was the Young Children Priority One Chairman and she presented Bertha with a check in the amount of \$ 450.00 from the club.

Thanksgiving Dinner was served to the residents of Metairie Manor. Metairie Manor's cooks prepared the meal and we served the residents. They had turkey, gravy, string beans, dressing, yams and rolls. They also had wine and soft drinks. Dancing followed.

The "Change Time and Change Batteries" program continued. Sal Faia, Citizenship Chairman asked for volunteers. It was decided that we would pair up into teams, because last year some of the areas appeared to be too rough to handle alone. Fire station # 16 was our assigned station. Members were asked to bring their own pliers and a step stool. Kiwanis Clubs changed over eight hundred batteries this year in the Metairie area.

Thirty-five children from the Redwood Apartments were brought to the circus at the Pontchartrain Center. Two days later twenty-five children were taken on a Christmas shopping spree.

Kendal Mc Daniel was the Convention Committee Vice-Chairman when the International Convention came to New Orleans. His job was to assist Leni Simmons in overseeing everything about the convention. Warren Nardelle was the Registration Chairman and his job was to see that all members and spouses got registered in an orderly fashion. This was Warren's second time to be registration chairman for the International Convention. He chaired this committee in 1981 when the Convention was held in the Superdome. He needed fifteen people for three shifts for four days. He visited each Division and then each Club. He got very good cooperation and his registration booth was well staffed.

Jan Mc Daniel and Rose Hamilton co-chaired the Guest Activities Hospitality Room. Many Dawn Busters, Kiwanians and spouses from other clubs in Division 4-A and 4-B helped with the Convention. President Pierre had a hospitality room belonging to the club. Pierre and Myra Thibodeaux and George and Joy Rojas ran the hospitality suite. Because the job of Vice Chairman and Registration Chairman was so demanding, Ken and Warren had a place to go to get a break if needed. Also Warren offered anyone working registration a chance for them to use the room to freshen up or to take a break.

The end result, the convention was a huge success and Warren got all the volunteers he needed. We thank both Ken and Warren for helping the New Orleans International Convention be so successful. We are proud of both of you.

We had visitors at one of our meetings from our brother club that were in for the Convention. In town from the Shepparton Kiwanis Club was Louis D'Amore and from the New Castle Club was Bryen Smith. They brought greetings from their clubs and each brought us a bannerette from their clubs.

The week after the convention, Kendal Mc Daniel spoke at our meeting thanking all that worked to make it possible. He thanked Warren Nardelle for the fantastic job of running the registration booth. He thanked Jan Mc Daniel for her handling of the Hospitality/Guest Lounge and her co-chair Rose Hamilton. He reported that the convention was very successful. Warren stated that he built the Registration job around the Dawn Busters and that a total of thirty-four of our members worked with him. Warren also thanked the Dawn Busters that were not scheduled to work in the Registration Booth for helping with the Youth Program. This committee needed more Kiwanis help and Warren was asked to get some Dawn Busters to help them. Warren made a few calls and the word got out fast. As usual the Dawn Busters came through and Warren was very proud of them.

Pierre read several letters that he received thanking the Dawn Busters for their help with the various committees of the International Convention. One from Jan Mc Daniel, Guest Hospitality Chair, Warren Nardelle Registration Chair, Wimp Hewgley, Transposition Chair, another from Trustee William Homisak and of course one from the Chairs of the convention---Lenny Simmons and Ken Mc Daniel.

Our first social of the year was a catfish fry at Metairie Manor. Sister had a large screen TV and the Saints Vs 49ers game was shown. Of course, we had football pools. The cost of the meal was \$5.00.

Tom Moore, Pancake Chairman announced that the profit from the 19th pancake breakfast was \$ 7,692.00. He thanked all for a terrific job of selling tickets, getting food donated and helping the day of the pancake breakfast. Gross ticket sales were \$ 8,262.97. This was another successful pancake breakfast.

Charles Ingram had about twenty Desert Storm Army Jackets that he sold at the pancake breakfast and donated the monies to the club. No one knew where these jackets came from and we all were afraid to ask.

We worked the concession stand at the Tulane Basketball games again this year. This proved to be an easy fundraiser and besides it was fun. Yes, lots of hard work, but it was fun. The club received \$ 1,977.00 funds for the basketball games and another \$ 2,000.00 for working the Zephyr's baseball games. A total of \$ 4,000.00 plus from both baseball and basketball.

Our second social of the year was "A Night at the Races". George Rojas provided the wooden horses and all equipment needed to have the races. We sold hot dogs, beer and soft drinks. You needed money to bet on the horses. A track was laid out on the carpet in the cafeteria at Metairie Manor. There were six lanes for the six horses. Members and spouses were selected to be the jockeys. There was a window where you could bet on your favorite horse. While the race was being run, the amount to be paid was figured based on the amount bet on each horse. Someone was selected to roll three dice and the horses advanced one space every time their number came up. For instance, say a seven was rolled and it consisted on one number five and two ones on the dice. The five horse would move ahead one square and the one horse would move ahead two squares. This would continue until one horse crossed the finish line. The winners would go to the window to collect their winnings. There were ten races and we had a ball. Joe Ineich, Mr. Internal Revenue Service, was watching to see who the big winners were so he could check to see if they claimed their winnings.

Billy Charlet's Daughter, Renee', has a muscle disease called Ataxia. She has suffered with this disease for years. Billy was always putting on fundraisers for the foundation so they could continue research that might find a cure for this disease. Billy recently passed away and this year the Ataxia Foundation named their annual golf tournament in honor of him. It was called "The Billy Charlet Golf Tournament". Twelve of our members played in the tournament and many won door prizes.

John Gormley's brother passed away and left them two condos in Reno Nevada. John and his wife, Faye decided to move to Reno and we realized that we would miss them. Wanting to show them what we thought of them, we had a "GOING AWAY" party for them. Don and Marilyn Lawrence hosted the party. It was nice to get everyone together before John and Faye left town. Everyone, especially all the pool sharks had fun. There were lots of hot pool games going on. Ray Ventura was unable to attend, but he sent a gorgeous flower centerpiece. John and Faye wrote, "Thank you for the wonderful "Going Away" party last Sunday". It was a great chance to spend some time with all of you before we left for Reno. We will miss being a part of the Dawn Busters. There was a rumor that not only did members and their spouses come to bid John and Faye farewell, but that they came to see Don's new barbecue apron that he bought at the silent auction in Memphis, Tennessee.

Ken Mc Daniel, Warren Nardelle and Jim Smith were all recognized at the PDOA Leadership Training. They each received a plaque for their service to the PDOA's and for their help with the leadership forum.

Sandy Milham chaired the "Kids Kicking Cancer day at Audubon Park. There were five Dawn Busters working the registration table.

The Installation banquet was at the Southern Yacht Club. The cost was fifteen dollars a person.

Judge Robert Burns and Jim Smith, both Charter Members of the Dawn Busters, chaired a memorial program for Billy Charlet, who was also a Charter Dawn Buster. Billy had recently passed away and we had a prayer service at one of our weekly meetings in honor of Billy. Several members got up and spoke of the good times they had with Billy. Dot Charlet, Billy's wife, his children (Michael, Robert, Renee and Timothy) and grandchildren (Nicole, Angelle, Drew and Sean) were all there to hear what we had to say about Billy. There were interclubs from seven other Kiwanis clubs. This showed you what kind of an impact Billy had on Kiwanis. The following week, we received a card from Dot expressing her heart-warming experience after last week's memorial meeting for Billy. Charlie Ford, District Secretary wrote to inform the Dawn Busters that the District Foundation made a donation in the name of Clarence J. (Billy) Charlet to his memorial fund. We also named this year's Kiwanian of the Year award, The Billy Charlet Kiwanian of the Year award. Warren Nardelle presented Dot Charlet with a collage of pictures from the projects Billy was involved in.

The New Orleans Kiwanis Club held its third annual Kiwanis Day at the K-Bar-B ranch in Lacombe, Louisiana. They had an appreciation barbecue for all clubs that supported the Ranch throughout the year. We played ball and games with the kids.

Youth Services Chairman, Uriel Durr arranged for us to take thirty children from the Redwood Apartments to the Shrine Circus. Neil Simmons, a local Kiwanian and a Shrine Clown arranged for the free tickets. After the circus, we took them to get pizza.

Three weeks in a row, we collected cans of food for the needy. We then purchased baskets and turkeys and made baskets to be delivered for Thanksgiving. Fourteen baskets were delivered Thanksgiving morning to needy and shut in families.

The Dawn Busters were asked to deliver Thanksgiving baskets for St. Jerome's Church. The parishioners collected food and filled one hundred thirty two baskets with turkeys, fresh produce canned goods flour and sugar. Nine Dawn Busters and Pete Breslin's family was representing our club.

A local architect designed the Dawn Busters' logo. A. Louis Savoye was a member of the Dawn Busters and was asked to develop our logo. This logo is still used. In 1995, Jim Smith had a color version of the logo made and put on a computer disk. This is the logo used on everything for the Club now.

We participated in the Adopt an Angel program again this year. We collected over two hundred angel gifts and filled twenty-five stockings for the needy children. Major John Sharp of the Salvation Army sent a van to our meeting to pick up the gifts, so that the families may have a good Christmas.

Our annual Christmas party was at the home of Debbie and Carlo Maniglia. The food was excellent, including salads, starches, vegetables and desserts. The adult beverages played an important part in the party's success. The turkey cookers did a great job and were thanked by all.

Again this year, President Pierre passed around an envelope to collect money for the cooks and servers of Metairie Manor. The club added money and the week before Christmas, he presented each of them an envelope with a cash Christmas gift from the members to show our appreciation for their service.

The Youth Services Committee took thirteen children on a Christmas shopping spree at Wal Mart. They were from the New Life Center and we let them shop for things they wanted for them or friends. They bought clothing items and toys. Afterwards, we took them to have pancakes at the Algiers Morning Edition Kiwanis Club's pancake breakfast.

At our morning breakfast meeting, members became planted in the same seat every week. In an effort to have them visit and get to know the new members, President Pierre suggested that everyone switch seats. This worked for two weeks and then they went back to their same seats.

The membership chairman for Pierre's year had something put in each weeks bulletin reminding you to bring in new members. One such writing said the "Bloodhound" is on the trail of qualified new members. We found out later that the bloodhound and the membership chairman were none other than Phil Fielding. Phil would pass out three by five cards for us to put the name, address and phone number of prospective members on. He and his committee would see to it that the prospect got a letter followed up by a call to invite them to our membership roundup meeting. The result was we got two new members.

This year was the twelfth anniversary of our association with The Shepparton Kiwanis Club. The Shepparton Kiwanis Club is located in Australia. This came about when Dr Walt Mc Neil was attending the 1980 International Convention in Anaheim. Walt met Adrien Nichols and they agreed to correspond and visit back and forth. The President of the Dawn Busters at that time was Kendal Mc Daniel. We swapped bulletins.

We took the youth of the Methodist Home to the Mardi Gras stand on Veterans Boulevard to see the Centurions Parade. We served over two hundred hot dogs, along with chili, chips and drinks.

Community Services Chairman, Sal Faia went to the Covington 4-H fair to present a trophy to the winners of the LSU Junior Livestock award.

Sal Faia, President for 1992-1993 presented Don Lawrence with the Interclub award from the District. Don was the Interclub Chairman last year and the award was presented at the Mid Winter Convention in Jackson. It was presented to Don at our meeting, so all the members could recognize him.

The Key Clubbers had a Junior-Senior dance at Metairie Manor. The juniors were the Key Clubbers and the seniors were the Metairie Manor residents. The Dawn Busters were chaperons and servers. A good time was had by all and our thanks went out to Sister Aloysius for preparing her famous gumbo.

The Governor of the Louisiana- Mississippi-West Tennessee District was Charles Riles. His lovely wife was Cil. His official visit to Divisions 4-A and 4-B was a picnic at the Lafreniere Park. There was fun, food and games. Charles was a very well liked Governor as he was fun and very colorful. He always wore bright colored clothes and this picnic would be no exception. His shorts and shirt were very bright. You could always find him, even in a crowd. At the conventions, he always wore a coat and of course it had to be very bright. Charles spoke telling the group that Kiwanis members are important to the success of your club. Reaching out and touching lives is what it is all about. Remember to give every new member something to do.

While Charles was in he visited our weekly meeting and we had him make some short comments. He thanked our bulletin editor, George Rojas for the colorful and fine bulletin. He presented Murray Cunningham with his twenty six-year perfect attendance pin. He thanked Bill Schully for his contribution to the Dawn Busters and presented him with a Distinguished Service Award and the Governor's banner. He then called Uriel Durr and Rick Villavaso to the front of the room and told them:

IF YOU WANT TO TOUCH THE PAST---TOUCH A ROCK
IF YOU WANT TO TOUCH THE PRESENT---TOUCH A FLOWER
IF YOU WANT TO TOUCH THE FUTURE---TOUCH A CHILD

And that is what both of you did when you took charge of the Special Olympics Basketball Program. By reaching out and touching lives, both of you have made a difference to some child. Charles thanked Uriel and Rick for their service to their community and to Kiwanis. Governor Riles also presented Pierre a replica of the Governors Banner. However, Governor Charles stated that Sister Aloysius was his favorite Kiwanian.

Sister had a St. Joseph's Altar in the cafeteria at Metairie Manor. Several members went to help serve. We collected food products that Sister could use and made a cash donation from the club.

Our Special Olympian's were coached by Uriel Durr, Pete Breslin, Gene Wolfe, Larry Haas, Jan Grosch (Dick's wife) and Rick Villavaso. Uriel Durr announced that in Baton Rouge, at the state games, they took seven teams with a total of seventy athletes. Two of their teams won Gold Medals in Division I and Division II and one team won the Bronze Medal in Division IV.

Three weeks earlier, eight members and six Key Clubbers worked the opening ceremony of the local Special Olympic games held at Tulane's Turchin Stadium. The following day, twelve members and spouses went to assist the Special Olympians with the baseball throw competition.

Twenty-five children from the Redwood Apartments were taken to an UNO Baseball game. Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks were provided. There were six members helping Uriel, the Youth Services Chairman, and a good time was had by all.

One of the Metairie Manor residents became in need of blood. Sal Fair made the announcement at one of our meetings and as usual we came through with the blood needed.

The Dawn Busters were called on again to show their skill at deep-frying turkeys. The Leukemia Society held a sailing regatta involving four different sailing clubs. The purpose was to raise funds for Leukemia research. This event brought fifty-eight sailing vessels to the Lakefront. We deep-fried enough turkeys to feed the 258 crewmembers, and the Society said that they were so good that we were asked to come back again next year.

Bruce Johnson was working for Wembley's Tie Company. He was able to get three scopes (computers) donated to the Grace King Key Club.

We worked the phones at The Children's Hospital and raised \$ 3,425.00 from people that pledged for previous years.

We constructed a wheel chair ramp on Severn Avenue in Metairie. This ramp was special because it was needed so that the man could get out of his front door and into his car without crossing grass. This man had to get to his job and we built him an "L shaped" ramp that brought him right to his driveway so he could get into his car. This project was a great success thanks to: Chief Engineer, Carlo Maniglia, Surveyor, Dick Grosch, Helpers - Pierre Thibodeaux, Rod Rubiano, Paul (Lefty) D'anna, Ken (HANDS-ON) Mc Daniel and Inspectors Warren Nardelle, George Rojas, and Sal Faia. This was not a one-day project. Construction efforts went on for three days.

The chairman of this year's golf tournament was Dick Grosch. The cost of the tournament was \$ 60.00 per player and \$ 50.00 per hole sponsor. The Tournament was played at Audubon Park and we netted \$ 9,008.42. Great Job Dick and we were really happy to have you as our chairman.

The office personnel from Charlet and Smith put on a Billy Charlet Memorial Golf Tournament. The funds raised from this tournament went to the Ataxia Foundation to help with research. Billy's daughter, Renee has Ataxia, which is a muscle crippling disease. Billy was a member of our club that recently passed away and we had two foursomes play and remember Billy. The tournament was held at Colonial Country Club and cost \$ 100.00 per player.

Memphis, Tennessee was the location of the District Convention and there was eighty clubs in attendance, with 101 registered and 133 delegates. This was the convention where Governor Charles Riles would say his good byes and the delegates would elect Ernie Blythe their Governor for next year. Phil played in the tennis tournament and John Gormley, Gordon Gsell, Don Lawrence, Hugh Posner and George Rojas played in the golf tournament. George won a driving iron for being the closest to the hole on a par 3. There was a 50's night on a Memphis Steamboat. The Dawn Busters won First Place for bulletins in the silver section (71-100) and Editor George Rojas graciously accepted the plaque and banner patch. This was the second year in a row that George and the club won this award. Governor Riles established an award at the beginning of his year. It was called the Kiwaneaux Award and those meeting all the requirements were honored at the convention. Dawn Busters that received this award were: Phil Fielding, John Gormley, Gordon Gsell, Bruce Johnson, Don Lawrence, Hugh Posner, Ken Mc Daniel, Warren Nardelle, George Rojas, Jim Smith and Pierre Thibodeaux.

Governor Riles' theme for the convention was wear and think red. He wore red coats and red slacks. If he wore other color coats, he wore red ties. The Dawn Busters kept up with his theme by wearing red Tabasco ties. We even printed the page in our bulletin, telling about the convention on red paper. Bruce was responsible for obtaining red Tabasco ties for us to wear and he also donated three ties for the silent auction.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1994-1995

Officers

President	Bruce Johnson
First Vice President	Hugh Posner
Second Vice President	Carlo Maniglia
Secretary	Warren Nardelle, Jr.
Treasurer	Kendal Mc Daniel
Past President	Pierre Thibodeaux

Directors

Sal Faia	Sandy Milham
Bill Flippen	George Rojas
Dick Grosch	Trent Strasburg
Don Lawrence	
Governor	Ernie Blythe
Lt. Governor	Phil Fielding
Kiwanian of the Year	Maurice Martin
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Las Vegas, Nevada
District Convention (77 th)	Bossier City, Louisiana
Membership	64 Members

Bruce had a column in the weekly bulletin, entitled "BJ'S Dawn Notes". Each week, he would write an article about his feelings regarding the club. He used it to praise those doing well and to get the word out to the members about what was happening or going to happen within the club.

Two Hundred kids received vaccinations at the Shots for Tots weekend held at Kenner Regional Hospital. Seventy-five kids received shots at Grace King High School. The shots and nurses were provided by the state. The program allowed any parent to bring their children to these two locations to get their shots before school started. There were several Dawn Busters working at each location.

Back table assignments continued to be in the bulletin. When something is successful, it should not be changed.

Tulane basketball games were held and we worked the second floor concession stand. This was a good fundraiser as we got \$ 100.00 for each game to go into our administrative fund. Our Key Clubbers were very helpful and at the end of the season, we made a donation to each club. After we finished the basketball games, Messina's asked us to handle the concession stand and the Trolley car for the baseball games at Turchin stadium. We handled these games and made still more money for our administrative fund.

A Dawn Busters' team participated in the Chili Cook Off at the Alvin Callender Air Base in Algiers. We did not win, but we still had very good chili and we had lots of fun.

Warren Nardelle and Bruce Johnson put together a Dawn Busters Picnic. It was held at Audubon Park on the levee behind the Zoo, near the tour booth. We had kite flying contests and lots of food. Members were encouraged to bring their kids and grandchildren. There were small kites, large kites, pretty kites and weird kites. After the last contest, we had a kite fight to see whose kite would stay up longest.

Later that year, Governor Ernie Blythe and First Lady Evelyn Blythe came to town for their official Governor's Visit. This was a picnic held at City Park in the Carousel area. All clubs from Division 4-A and 4-B were invited. There was a good turn out and fun was had by all.

Lakeside Kiwanis Club had an eyeglass collection drive. The Dawn Busters collected several pairs of glasses. We had an interclub with them to present the box of eyeglasses.

A bowling tournament was held to benefit the Children's Hospital. Carlo Maniglia bowled and we were asked to pledge money for his efforts. Carlo bowled a 631 series and was at the next Wednesday's meeting collecting for the pledges. All money went to help The Children's Hospital.

The local Special Olympic games were held in Algiers and Larry Haas, Gene Wolfe, Jan Grosch, Jimmie Daigrepoint, Bob Ockman, Uriel Durr, Pete Breslin, Peggy Breslin and Amy Breslin were in attendance from our club to help the 110 athletes. There were eight teams. Six of them from the East Bank and two from the West Bank. We served as huggers, and when the games were over, we helped clean up. The following weekend, the State Games were held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The same Dawn Busters and families went to cheer for our teams in Baton Rouge. They took seven teams and two of the teams finished in second and third place. When they returned, we brought the Special Olympians to Celebration Station for fun and pizza.

Our annual Crayfish Boil was held at the home of Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux. The cost was \$ 12.00 a couple. We had corn, potatoes, beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert. There was a putting contest and a contest to see who could make the most basketball hoops.

Sister Aloysius had a St Joseph's Altar at Metairie Manor. She asked for food donations. Several members brought food items to help Sister with the altar and our club made a financial donation. Several members also volunteered to help serve the food.

A new mascot appeared at one of our meeting and President Bruce introduced him as "Buster". Buster was a white dog. He was to be used to bring in members. If you got Buster, you had to bring him home, take care of him and introduce him to a prospective member. You had to bring Buster and the prospective member to the following meeting and you were able to give Buster to another Dawn Buster member. If you did not bring a prospect, you and Buster had to return home, to find a prospect to bring next week.

Bruce published the following in his "BJ'S Dawn Notes"

Does the job without complaining.
Always available to help others.
Willing to sacrifice their time.
Never makes excuses not to work.

Believes he/she can make a difference.
Uses his/her talents to teach others.
Shows guests the courtesy they deserve.
Tells others about Kiwanis service.
Enlists new members into the club.
Remembers and practices the Golden Rule

This is another showing of the talents of our own Bruce and we are very proud of him.

The Youth Services Committee brought forty-two children from the Methodist Home to the Mardi Gras stand. The stand was constructed and provided by the Crescent City Eye Openers Kiwanis Club. The Dawn Busters were allowed to bring children to one of the parades. We supplied the hot dogs and Tom and Melanie Miller made the homemade chili.

We had fifteen volunteers work the Phon-a-Thon at Children's Hospital and had fifteen workers attend the telethon at Channel 6. We were stuffers, runners and phone operators.

We started a “BUGS” program at Harahan Elementary School. Bug stands for “Bring Up your Grades”. Our club recognized those students bringing up their grades. They got certificates, bumper stickers and pencils. Maurice Martin announced that of the third graders that are participating in this program, eight of them have already completed and received their “Bug” award and forty-seven have been named terrific kids and will soon get their Bug” award.

Gene Wolfe, Don Lawrence, Lenny “the Knife” Sumich, and Bill Handlin fried ten turkeys for the Leukemia Patient Aid Fund. The fry took place on the Lakefront and over four hundred sailors and crews were fed.

The Bonnabel Key Club had an induction ceremony, where they inducted thirty-eight new members. Judge Robert Burns was asked to be the Keynote Speaker. He spoke about the meaningful service of the Key Club and he once again served as the shining light of assurance to our youth.

Citizenship Chairman, Bill Flippen organized a crew of volunteers to construct a wheelchair ramp. Six volunteers came out with their tools and within six hours, a man that was basically shut in could go up and down his own wheel chair ramp and get out of the house anytime he wanted.

We raffled off Saints tickets that were donated to the club. The highest bidders were Mark Dominick, Phil Fielding, Havard Albright, Don Lawrence, Tom Moore and Leni Sumich. The money collected from the raffle went to WRBH radio station for the blind.

Forty kids from the Redwood Apartments were taken on a Christmas shopping spree. The manager of the K-Mart on Veteran’s Boulevard donated four hundred dollars for the kids to spend. We put up two hundred dollars and the kids could shop for their parents and friends.

The East Jefferson Hospital Foundation made up fifty Thanksgiving baskets. They asked us to deliver them to needy and shut in people in Jefferson Parish on Thanksgiving morning. Twelve members and eight key clubbers met at Metairie Manor and delivered the fifty baskets in a little over two hours. We met back at Metairie Manor and discussed how great we felt, because by giving up two hours of our Thanksgiving morning, we helped fifty families have a great Thanksgiving Day.

At Christmas time, Bruce passed around a hat to collect money for the servers and cooks at Metairie Manor. The club added money to this and at our meeting the week before Christmas Day, he presented each of them with an envelope to show our appreciation for their service and to wish them a very Merry Christmas.

Our Treasurer, Kendal Mc Daniel was a deer hunter. There were always remarks about him out hunting for “pooooor” Bambi. One such cartoon shows Ken, the hunter, looking around a tree and seeing a deer. We are to assume that it is “Bambi. But to Ken’s dismay, the deer, “Bambi” has a sign around his neck. The sign said, “**Reserved**”. Sorry Ken, maybe next time.

We had a catfish party at Metairie Manor. There were catfish, hush puppies, potato salad, green beans, dessert and refreshments. The cost was just \$ 6.00 per person. This was a Valentine social and we sang “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” to our loved ones. Sixty members and spouses attended. We had games and a sing a-long. We had one singer that was outstanding with his singing of “Ole Man River”. If you will look in the music stores, I am sure that you will find his single. It is listed as Ole Man River by Richard “Dick” Grosch.

Rocky Germano was the Kiwanis International Field Representative that was assigned to the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District. His job was to visit and assist any club in his field area that asks for his assistance, to visit our District Conventions and to speak to the District Body. He was passing through New Orleans and decided that he had to see first hand, what was so great about the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club. After all everywhere he went and even in the International Office, he heard that we were the “Greatest Club in the World”. He was very impressed and even though he would say that we had a very good club, we could not get him to admit that we were the greatest. However, we know that we are,

“The Greatest Club in the World”

While he was here, he made a special presentation to our own Phil Fielding. He presented Phil with a George F. Hixson Fellowship Award. The award is a prestigious program for people of distinction, either within Kiwanis or for people outside of Kiwanis who are deserving of recognition. The Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees created the Hixson Fellowship twelve years ago in honor of the first International President, George F. Hixson (1916-1918).

By this time, women in Kiwanis were catching on and President Bruce published in our bulletin some facts that were collected. They read as follows:

In July 1997, Kiwanis International opened its ranks to women. Look at the evolution of women’s memberships since....

November 1991 – There were over 30,000 women.
January 1994 - There were over 40,000 women.
1994 – 1995 - 1 of 7 Lt. Governors were women
1 of 7 Club Presidents were women.
1 of 5 Club Secretaries were women.

In May 1992, the first female Governor was elected to the Philippine South District. For every ten members joining Kiwanis now, three are women. This was an interesting statistic and proves that we made a good move.

The Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club received awards at the Mid Winter Conference in Jackson Mississippi. Three of them were Interclub awards and the other two were administrative awards for last year's administration. Pierre Thibodeaux won this award for his annual report for multiple services.

Warren Nardelle had started to compile a list of all members ever to be in our club and a list of their sponsors. He asked that everyone bring in a list of members they sponsored. To this date, no one responded to Warren's request, so he put this project on the back burner. More will be heard about this in the near future.

Our own Jim Smith was elected to serve on the East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation Board. He was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board.

Bruce published other interesting facts about Kiwanis----

Average age of Kiwanis Men 56
Average age of Kiwanis Women 47
65% of newly joined members are over 40
35% of newly joined members are in their 30's
The average Kiwanian has been a member for 8 ½ years.
There are 5 club presidents whose age is over 90.
There are 2,744 Kiwanians named Smith

The Key Clubs of Division 4-B put on a dance called "Disco for Dollars". This dance started at noon and went to 11:00 P. M. There were 135 dancing Key Clubbers from twelve separate Key Clubs. Bonnabel, East Jefferson and Grace King Key Clubs all participated in the dance. Bonnabel got the award for the most Key Clubbers attending and the most monies pledged. Fun was had by all and they raised \$ 2,500.00 for the Ronald Mc Donald House. We had eight members attend and we served food and drinks. We also served as chaperons.

The project USA Map Program was on an upswing. Sal Faia announced that a booth will be set up at the International Convention in Las Vegas. The representative from Colgate Palmolive was there and so was Sal and Warren. Five other members from our club were present to answer questions.

Bruce gave more facts of Kiwanis. This time, his facts were as follow----

1% of Kiwanians were born after the landing on the moon.
1% of Kiwanians are elected officials.
21% of Kiwanians own their own business.
43% of Kiwanians have Bachelor degrees.
14% of Kiwanians have Masters degrees.
11% of Kiwanians have PH. Ds.

Trent Strasburg started a Builders Club at J. D. Miesler School. A builders Club is the same as a Key Club, except that it is in the elementary schools. The club started with eighteen members and two faculty members. This club was surely starting off in the right direction and with Trent's support, it was sure to be a success. Later that year, Trent added the Bug and Terrific Kids Programs to the school.

Maurice Martin and Susie Border started a collection of Coats for Kids. They were looking for hardly used or almost new coats for underprivileged children to keep them warm during the cold winter days. We collected seventy-nine coats and they were donated as follows:

Operation Head Start	12 Coats
Hope Haven	6 Coats
Methodist Home	40 Coats
Covenant House	21 Coats

We even had new coats that some members went out and bought because they had none to donate.

Twenty-eight kids from the Methodist Home were taken to the Wildlife Safari. Bruce Johnson, Sal Faia and Maurice Martin took them in their personal cars and vans. Sister Aloysius provided them with donuts.

Nine of our members attended the International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were---Warren Nardelle, Bruce Johnson, Hugh Posner, Phil Fielding, Pierre Thibodeaux, Jim Smith, Don Lawrence, Bob Ockman and Dick Grosch.

A donation of \$ 25.00 was made to each of the following. Checks were cut and delivered by the Youth Services Committee to The Covenant House and The Salvation Army.

Our annual golf tournament was held at Colonial Country Club. This was the Country Club that Billy Charlet, one of our past members belonged to. Billy was one of our very influential members and we named the tournament after him this year. The tournament was called "Billy Charlet Memorial Golf Tournament". We budgeted \$9,000.00, but we only made \$8,060.00. This was very close, so we considered the golf tournament to be successful.

The 20th pancake breakfast was right around the corner and chairman of ticket sales, Bill Flippen, named his five District Chairmen.

I	Power Ball Pete	Don Lawrence
II	Lotto Louie	Maurice Martin
III	Fast Freddy	Ken Mc Daniel
IV	Slippery Sal	Paul D'anna
V	Kick-Back-Kelly	Rudy Urbeso

Carlo Maniglia, Pancake Chairman announced that the goal of \$6,000 in ticket sales had been reached and he wanted to thank all members for selling tickets. We netted \$ 4,815.39 and we fed over one thousand people, including take out meals. Carlo thanked all those that worked the breakfast. Over forty members worked as servers, cooks and on clean up.

Warren Nardelle who chaired the Bonco games for Metairie Manor for the past several years continued with eight games for the residents again this year.

Uriel Durr and his committee to support the Special Olympians had a party for the special kids at Orbit Bowling Lanes on Chef highway. We had hotdogs, chili and drinks for 350 parents and Special Olympians.

Kiwanis Kids Day was held at the home of Rick and Suzie Border. Susie was one of our members and she had a nice home in Covington, with a pond. Each year we would bring kids there for a picnic, ball and swimming. This year we brought eleven children and four adults from the Magnolia School.

The Children's Miracle Phone-a-Thon was held at the Children's Hospital and eleven Kiwanians and eight Key Clubbers collected over \$ 2,000.00 in phone pledges. Three weeks later the telethon was held and we had twenty Kiwanians and Key Clubbers serving as runners, stuffers and phone operators.

School children from the Kenner and Metairie area were able to get their shots before going back to school, by having their parents bring them to the "Shots for Tots" outing. There were two locations, Grace King High School and Kenner Regional Hospital. The state provided the shots and nurses and the Kiwanis clubs helped with set up, registration and clean up.

Murray Cunningham was always giving his thought of the day as part of our weekly meetings. One of his best is---It only takes two muscles to smile, but seven to frown. See it's easier to smile. Smile---Smile---Smile

Kendal Mc Daniel, Warren Nardelle, and Jim Smith were honored at the District Convention in Bossier City, Louisiana. They received the George F. Hixson Fellowship Award for their work on the local IDD fund-raising golf tournament. George Rojas won first place in the Orange Section for our bulletin and in the golf tournament, Warren Nardelle won second place and Jim Smith won third place. Warren Nardelle also won the closest to the hole.

First Vice President, Hugh Posner presented certificates to members that worked on projects. It was thought that members would like to be recognized at the weekly meetings besides being named in the bulletin. Everyone likes recognition and this was just a little more. Those recognized were Maurice Martin, Susie Border, Bob Ockman, Ken Mc Daniel, Don Lawrence, Sal Cali, Carl Bonura, Uriel Durr, Jim Smith, Warren Nardelle, Bill Flippen, Pierre Thibodeaux and Chet Hingle.

The PDOA Association held a training session in the Grace King Cafeteria and the Dawn Busters offered to feed breakfast to those attending. We brought out our pancake machine and cooked pancakes. We hoped that by doing this, it would show the other clubs the machine and how it worked. It was hoped that other clubs would like to rent it for their pancake breakfast. It proved good as we picked up some rentals from it.

Our annual blood replacement drive took place and we had nine members donate blood. We needed three more to donate within one month to get the whole club and our families covered for a year. Four members went to the blood center and donated their pint. All blood donors received a T-shirt from Ochsner Blood Bank. In next week's bulletin a spot appeared asking where was Warren Nardelle? Why wasn't he donating blood like the rest of our members? Was he giving blood? No. Was he out walking our Mascot "Buster"? No. In Fact, Buster was there before Warren. In fact, Larry Haas was there before Warren. The only thing left was that maybe he overslept. What do you think? Ask Warren and he will tell you.

Membership Chairman, Sal Faia put on a membership drive at Lafreniere Park. We had tables with literature about Kiwanis and the Dawn Busters. We provided boiled shrimp and beer and soft drinks. No members signed up that day, but we got the word out about Kiwanis in the Metairie Area.

Bill and Rosalie Flippen opened their home to the club to have a Luau. There were swimming, games and lots of food. Bill and Rosalie's daughter, Colleen, and Richard, their son in law served as our bartenders. A great time was had until the mosquito's had a feast on us and we had to go inside. Bill came to the following meeting with lots of items left behind. Such things as bathing suits and umbrella's were left.

We had a fishing trip for the kids from Boy's Town. Members met in the Lakeside Shopping Center parking lot at 5:45 A. M. We took fifteen kids to Fairview State Park in Covington. Even though there were no fish caught except for Stanley Hornung's large four inch one, we still had a fish fry for the kids. We returned around four in the afternoon with some very tired kids.

Bruce Johnson and Phil Fielding did not go fishing because they were working on a Division-Wide work project. Divisions 4-A and 4-B had a work party to paint the train station in City Park.

Nicole Danjean notified us that her son, Zack, was playing in his room and somehow by accident, he pulled the television that was sitting in the corner of the room on his head. It was not known how bad he was hurt, but they brought him to Children's Hospital. The doctors performed surgery on his head. After spending several nervous moments and several days in the hospital, Nicole was advised that Zack should recover with no permanent damage. This was good news to Nicole and she vowed to do everything she could do to help the hospital. We continued our support for the Children's Hospital, but with a renewed effort and we work every fundraiser they have. Even though Nicole is out of the club, now we see her at every work project the hospital has too. The good news is that Nicole's son has recovered fully and is a fine outstanding young man. Thanks to Children's Hospital and to the good lord.

A very famous person developed a very important saying and he uses it often with members of the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club. The phrase is "The Lifeblood of any Organization is Membership" and that famous person is Phil Fielding.

Thanksgiving dinners were served to the residents of Metairie Manor again this year. This is an on-going project and we always have many members and spouses come to help out. Several of our Key Clubbers attend also. This was a very special project to Billy Charlet one of our members that recently passed away. He was always ready to do anything for the residents of Metairie Manor, but especially to serve Thanksgiving Dinner. A few weeks before the dinner, Dot Charlet, Billy's wife, called Warren Nardelle to ask when the dinner was, because she wanted to take Billy's place in the serving line. She has been to every dinner since.

We had a day at the races at the New Orleans Fairgrounds for the Dawn Buster's members, spouses and guests. It was called a "Get To Know You" party. There were fifty in attendance and all that were there had a fun-filled evening. The jockey with the most wins was Phil Fielding, with two wins. He was seen wearing a shirt saying "Always a Winner".

Chuck Pratt was recognized again as an outstanding Dawn Buster. President Bruce presented Chuck with a charter night program from twenty years ago. Bruce also reminisced about some of the fundraising projects that Chuck was involved in. Chuck was also presented a plaque for his outstanding contribution to Kiwanis and especially for the foundation (over twenty years ago) of the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club. Thanks Chuck!

Another of Murray's quotes---The best way to beat a slot machine is with a hammer and the best way to double your money is to fold it in half and stick it in your pocket.

Kiwanis is known for service and Dick Grosch told the club of how his sister needed our help. She had a home on the Bogue Falaya River on the north shore that had five feet of water in it as the result of the river rising. He asked for volunteers to help him. Hugh Posner and Bill Flippen joined Dick and they mopped and cleaned. They hauled wet things out and let them dry. This is a perfect example of what Kiwanis service is. Thanks to two great Kiwanians---Hugh and Bill

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Bill Flippen	George Rojas
Dick Grosch	
Kiwanian of the Year	Carlo Maniglia
Governor	Ken Kinney
Lt. Governor	Bruce Johnson
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Salt Lake City, Utah
District Convention	Biloxi, Mississippi
Membership as of January 10, 1996	68 Members

Bruce Johnson, purchased a television and a VCR for the K-Bar-B Ranch. The kids had no way to look at videos. Warren knew the owner of Major Video Stores and asked him to donate used videos for the ranch. We picked up forty-two videotapes and presented them to the Ranch the next weekend.

An addition was needed to the wheel chair ramp that we constructed on Severn Avenue last year. The owner requested that we pour a concrete footing for him to get into his car on a rainy day. This was a two-day project, as on Friday we laid out the forms and on Saturday, we rented a mixer and mixed and poured the concrete. By Monday the man could use the pad and was able to get in his car in any weather. While we were finishing this, Dick Grosch advised us that he found another ramp that we needed to do in Kenner. This one was much easier as it was a straight run out from his front door to his sidewalk. We completed this ramp in just one day.

We decided to have paper place mats printed for our pancake breakfast. These mats would have information about the Dawn Busters and have our logos. We decided to sell ads to be printed on the mats. Local merchants would pay \$ 100.00 for their ad and they could use it to put a coupon on it if they wished to. This was successful, but it also took a lot of work. We made \$ 1,000.00.

The 21st annual pancake breakfast continued and we budgeted \$ 9,000.00, but only made a profit of \$ 5,280.00. When reviewing our year, we realized that many members did not sell tickets. Many members that did not sell as much as they did in the past. It was decided to stress sales more next year in hopes that we could bring the sales back up.

The local Special Olympics Committee asked Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson to have volunteer's help serve food, serve as runners and help with cleanup. The local games lasted three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Dawn Busters decided that we would work the opening ceremony on Friday Evening, Serve breakfast on Saturday morning and Sunday, we would help with the games, namely the baseball throw. All clubs in Division 4-B helped with volunteers and Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson was able to meet his commitment.

Sal Cali was our Education Chairman and every week, he would come up front to read something educational about Kiwanis. We had trouble getting members to wear their pins and badges, so the board discussed charging \$ 1.00 for not wearing their pin and badge. The board decided that it was too much of a burden on the members and asked Sal to incorporate something into his Kiwanis Education that might encourage members to wear pins and badges. Sal did his usual great job and at the beginning of each meeting, he asked all members that did not have their pin on to stand. He then picked one of them and had them wear a large paper Kiwanis Pin drawn on cardboard hanging on a string, around their neck for the rest of the meeting.

Sal Faia and Dick Grosch traveled to the North Shore to Covington to present a check and a plaque to the winner of the Junior Livestock show.

We started renting out our pancake machine for \$ 300.00 plus a deposit. The board became concerned about who would be responsible if the trailer was involved in an accident. We had both Pete Breslin, a local attorney and Jim Krause, a local Insurance man look into this question. Both men were Dawn Busters, so we felt that we would get an honest opinion from both of them. After discussing this at three monthly board meetings, it was decided that if the accident was not our fault, that the insurance company of the renter (The person driving the car) should be responsible and if they decided to sue us, the Kiwanis International insurance umbrella policy should cover us. We decided that we do a lot of good service projects and we never had to worry with this problem before, so we decided to continue our service and projects and don't worry about anything happening. Of course, we agreed that we should continue to be careful when planning all of our projects.

We brought children from the Methodist Home to the Mardi Gras stand on Veterans Highway. The Crescent City Eye-Openers Kiwanis Club provided the stand and we helped them erect it. We donated \$ 100.00 to their club to cover costs and we brought two hundred hot dogs. They supplied everything else. We brought thirty-three children to see the parade

President Hugh thought that it would be nice to have a President's Day at one of our weekly meetings. We still had sixteen past Presidents still active in our club. Breakfast was served and each of them got a certificate of appreciation. It was good to see all the faces of those that we had not seen too often and to meet the presidents that some members did not know.

Carlo decided that he wanted to run a bowling tournament for a club fundraiser. He told us that we could make up to \$ 2,000.00. We agreed to let him and we made a profit of \$1,250.00. The fee was \$ 25.00 per bowler.

Our annual Christmas party was at the home of Leni and Sandy Sumich. We had fried turkeys and the spouses brought their favorite covered dish. We gave Leni and Sandy a gift for the use of their home.

The Governor's Visit was a sit down dinner held at the Double Tree Hotel. It was a coat and tie affair and after dinner, we went to the Imax Theatre. The cost of Dinner was \$ 20.00 with a cash bar plus the cost of the show. We had sixteen Dawn Busters and their spouses attend.

A phone committee was formed so we could keep members informed. The committee consisted of eight board members and was used to tell members things that were too important to wait until next meeting.

Circle K Administrator, Jay Vallelungo, asked us to co sponsor a club in Korea. We decided that if we were going to sponsor a club, we had to do one in either Division 4-A or 4-B. We contacted Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson to see if any clubs were available, but he reported back to us that no clubs were available at this time. The word was put out that we were looking for a club if one became available.

We had a crayfish party at Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux's home. There were thirty-six members and their spouses in attendance. There was corn, potatoes, chips, dessert, beer, wine and soft drinks. The cost was \$ 15.00 per person.

The District Convention was held in Biloxi Mississippi. We stayed at the Emerald Beach Motel, which was a client of President Hugh Posner. We went to all the convention functions and went gambling when we could. Sunday, after the closing session of the convention, all members and spouses were invited to come to the motel for a barbecue. Ten more of our members and their families drove to Biloxi and we had a great time. We had swimming, volleyball, horseshoes and shuffleboard.

The Bonco's for Metairie Manor were continued on an every third month basis. We gave the residents prizes and fed them. This was a fun time and continued our efforts to stay close to the residents.

We charged different prices for meals at the back table at our weekly meetings. There was a lot of confusion about what each visitor would pay. The board decided to charge \$ 5.00 for all that ate. Guests were still free up to three times.

Stan Hornung was involved with the Meals on Wheels in Metairie. He advised the board that the program had to cut back on meals delivered, because of a lack of funding. He asked the board to pay for the meals for these people (about sixty) for sixty days at a cost of \$ 3.00 per person. The board approved to give them \$ 400.00 out of the Community Services budget.

Two years ago, we set aside money to pay for equipment to hear educational tapes and to have a phone line to be installed in the Jefferson Parish Library. The line was installed and we paid for it, but the equipment was not ready. The Library continued paying the monthly phone line fee, because they knew the equipment would soon be available. The equipment was now available and we were asked if we could keep our commitment to pay for the equipment. We decided that it would be good for the kids of the parish and approved to pay \$ 1,200.00.

Division 4-B put on a golf tournament to raise money for IDD. (Iodine Deficiency Disorders. The tournament was held at Chateau Country Club in Kenner. The Dawn Busters had two foursomes play in the tournament. We had budgeted \$ 1,000.00 for IDD, so we donated the whole \$ 1,000.00 to the IDD Golf Tournament.

The PDOA leadership training was held at Grace King and we were asked to provide breakfast. We brought our pancake machine and cooked pancakes for those in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1996-1997

Officers

President	Carlo Maniglia
First Vice President	Butch Diaz
Second Vice President	Chet Hingle
Secretary	Warren Nardelle, Jr.
Treasurer	Joe Ineich
Past President	Hugh Posner

Directors

T. Peter Breslin	Stan Hornung
Sal Cali	Don Lawrence
Nicole Danjean	George Rojas
Dick Grosch	
Kiwanian of the Year	Sal Cali
Governor	Leni Simmons
Lt. Governor	Irby Bourque
Membership	64 Members
Mid Winter Conference	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
International Convention	Nashville, Tennessee
District Convention	Lafayette, Louisiana

Our friend and past Dawn Buster, John Gormley and his lovely wife, Faye, returned to visit us. He was in on his annual visit to New Orleans and came by to visit his friends and get a make-up. He is now a member of the Reno Sunrisers Kiwanis Club in Reno Nevada. It was good to see John and Faye.

A young man from UNO Circle K came to our meeting one Wednesday morning.. He sure looked familiar and the reason he did was that he had attended many of our meetings as a member of the Grace King Key Club in the past. His name was Stu Palermo and Stu was very welcome. It is always great to see the youngsters that passed through our Key Clubs return for a visit as grown young men and women.

Sal Cali was our Interclub Chairman and he worked hard at his job. Sal made a commitment to get every member to attend at least one interclub during this year. Sal was very successful and as of September 17, 1997, he had all but four members attend an interclub. And of course, knowing Sal, by the end of the year, he got all members to attend an interclub. Carlo even presented Sal with a plaque for this accomplishment.

The sale of entertainment books has become a big part of our club's fundraising. Since we now have Brandie Pecoul in our club, we have been offered a chance to make money by selling the books. Brandie works for Entertainment Inc. and we appreciate her efforts for getting us in on the sale of these books. The books sell for \$ 20.00 and the club keeps \$ 4.50 for each book sold. The book contains hundreds of coupons for fantastic discounts on all sorts of services, restaurants, hotels, airlines and many other items.

Sister Aloysius announced that the St. Joseph Altar would be set up in the cafeteria of Metairie Manor. Several members made food donations and the club gave Sister a check for \$ 50.00.

We cooked fifteen turkeys for the Leukemia Society fundraiser on Lake Pontchartrain. The Leukemia Society held a boat show each year as a fundraiser and we fried turkeys for the boaters to eat after a long day on the water.

Fourteen Special Olympians were brought to Baton Rouge for the Summer Games. They participated in the games that were held around the LSU Assembly Center. Ten Dawn Busters went along to cheer them on.

Second Harvesters' Food Bank sponsored a project named "A Taste of the NFL", held at the Radisson Hotel. Nicole Danjean asked us to help work this worthy project. Eight Dawn Busters worked this meal where members of the NFL cooked their favorite dish and people paid a price to come taste their food. All money collected went to the Second Harvesters.

During Thanksgiving week, twenty-eight Dawn Busters, fourteen spouses and fifteen Key Clubbers went to Metairie Manor to feed the residents. The cooks of Metairie Manor prepared the meal and Sister Aloysius provided the food. They had wine, iced tea, turkey, sweet potatoes, string beans, stuffing, rolls and gravy. After they ate, we cleaned up and prepared the room for the Lakeside Kiwanis Club to have their breakfast the next morning.

Our annual Christmas party that is usually held at the home of Leni and Sandy Sumich had to be moved to Metairie Manor this year. Leni had back surgery and had just gotten out of the hospital a few days before. We continued with the fried turkeys and covered dish and desert supplied by the spouses.

We took the kids from Boys Town on a Christmas shopping spree. First they had had breakfast with Santa at the K-Mart store on Veterans Boulevard. Then we let them shop in the store. Each kid got a \$ 20.00 gift certificate to shop with and they could buy anything they wanted to. There were twelve kids and six Dawn Busters.

The Salvation Army Little Angel program was in our plans again this year. We took one hundred fifty angels and collected gifts for them. The Youth Services Committee shopped for gifts for Angels not taken by club members. That way, each child had a gift at Christmas time. The Salvation Army sent two station wagons to pick up all the gifts for the kids.

We delivered twenty-two Christmas Food Baskets to needy residents of Jefferson Parish. The baskets were provided by the East Jefferson Hospital Foundation. The baskets were delivered in the morning, before our Christmas Dinner, so they could have Christmas Dinner and while we were eating our dinner, we could reflect on how good it was to give up our morning to help others have a good Christmas Dinner.

The Special Olympics Committee fed 175 Special Olympians at the Orbit Lanes in New Orleans East. We had hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks for all. When they finished eating, they were allowed to bowl. Those Dawn Busters and volunteers included Larry Haas and Candice Bates (Larry's guest), Holly Brown and Pete and Peggy Breslin. Breaux Mart sold the food items to us at cost.

The Children's Hospital put on a "Dogs on Hogs" party at the Lafreniere park. This was a traveling show of Harley Davidson bikers who show their fantastic bikes and have Harley Davidson items for sale. We had seven members volunteer to work the ticket booth.

Sometimes we don't realize how much time in service we have in the members of our club. Three of our members were recognized at one of our meetings for having 95 years of service between them. These three members have been in Kiwanis for a total of ninety-five years, which is a great feat. They also have perfect attendance for that time. They are Murray Cunningham, Phil Fielding and Warren Nardelle. This is outstanding and these men are to be congratulated.

Kendal Mc Daniel asked our board of directors for our support in his efforts to run for Governor of the Louisiana Mississippi West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International. He would only consider running if first he had the support of his Club and secondly if he had the support of his Division. We voted to give Ken 100% support of the club until he was elected. He will be running to serve as Governor 1999-2000. The board agreed to support Ken and also help him financially.

Our annual Fathers Day Classic golf tournament was held at City Park and we Budgeted \$9,000.00, but we only made \$2,425.00. We attributed this to the lack of pre selling of sponsor signs and lack of interclubbing to get foursomes.

The 22nd annual pancake breakfast was fast approaching. Jimmie Daigrepoint has become the super sales person in the club. He goes door to door in his own neighborhood and when he is finished, he asks other members to pick him up and bring him into their neighborhood to sell tickets. Jimmie had sold \$ 1,400.00 worth of tickets through September 24. Jim Smith held the record for pancake ticket sales by one member for many years. His record of \$ 3,500.00 is on the line, as Jimmie is trying to break it. With five weeks left to go, when this reporter interviewed Jimmie, he stated that he could break it with no problem. The breakfast was held in the Grace King cafeteria and we fed 828 meals including take-outs. We budgeted \$7,000.00 and made exactly \$7000.00.

We purchased three pre-fabricated picnic tables and a gazebo for the K-Bar-B Ranch. Seven Dawn Busters went to the ranch one Saturday and two assembled the tables while three put the gazebo together. The rest of our members did some painting.

Warren was taking his place as president-elect next year and was giving up his position as Secretary of the Dawn Busters. We were all at a Kiwanis picnic at the Lafreniere Park and we were sitting under a shade tree and Warren and George Rojas started discussing who we could get as next years secretary. Pete Seeber started asking questions and seemed real interested, but had never done this job before. Warren and George assured him that he could do it with their help. We are not sure what made him make this decision, but after a lot of thinking and a few more beers (root), he announced that he would accept the Secretary's job. He took the job and did an excellent job for the Club. He would go on to be Distinguished Secretary for the next four years.

The annual installation banquet was held at the Southern Yacht Club. The cost was twenty dollars a person. This was the meeting where the outgoing Lt. Governor dismissed the outgoing officers and the incoming officers were installed by the incoming Lt. Governor. Also at this banquet the Kiwanian of the Year was named. This year's recipient was Sal Cali. A committee of the last three Kiwanians of the Year selected Sal, after they reviewed letters of recommendation from members of our club.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1997-1998

Officers

President	George Rojas
President Elect	Phil Fielding
First Vice President	Warren Nardelle
Second Vice President	Sal Cali
Secretary	Pete Seeber
Treasurer	Joe Ineich
Past President	Carlo Maniglia

Directors

T. Peter Breslin	Craig Howard
Nicole Danjean	Ken Mc Daniel
Gordon Gsell	Ed Sarrat
Stan Hornung	
Kiwanian of the Year	Jimmie Daigrepoint
Governor	Bill Boyd
Lt. Governor	Jay Vallelungo
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Montreal, Canada
District Convention	Memphis, Tennessee
Membership as of May 13, 1998	63 members

George's theme for his year was Fellowship, Fun and Fulfillment and boy did we have fun. He used his first meeting to give his goals for the year and to let his committee chairs tell what they had planned for the upcoming year.

We continued working the concession stands for Tulane Basketball at Fogelman Stadium and the Zephyrs Baseball games at Zephyr Stadium. These concession stands are run by Messina's Restaurant and we work them to make money to go into our administrative funds. These funds are used to reduce the cost of the Installation Banquet.

Our annual crayfish party was held at the home of Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux. The crayfish were perfect and we also had potatoes, corn, chips, desserts, wine, beer and soft drinks.

Bruce Johnson was the chairman in charge of the 23rd Pancake Breakfast this year. Each year that Bruce is in charge of the Pancake Breakfast, he puts on such a great show, that we are all amazed. Great job Bruce, you have a wonderful talent. We served six hundred eighty people and our sales were \$ 9,059.00. Jimmie Daigrepoint was the top sales person again this year. We budgeted \$7,650.00 and made \$10,177.23.

John and Faye Gormley from the Reno Sunrisers visited our club again this year. John was a Dawn Buster before he moved to Reno, Nevada. John and Faye made four meetings with us, since he was here for a month. Faye Gormley was now a Kiwanian and we told John that he brought half of an interclub. At their last meeting, George presented John with a Dawn Busters T-shirt.

Ken Mc Daniel was at it again, introducing the club to new shirts with our logo on them. We now had a new club blue and gold logo and our old shirts were getting ragged. These new shirts were white and they had pockets, but did not have our names on them. The cost of these shirts was \$ 20.00.

In ninety-degree heat with one hundred percent humidity the Dawn Busters under-took the digging of drainage tunnels for the children's play yard and creating flower gardens to beautify the home for Battered Women. This project took two Saturdays to finish and the residents of the home were very grateful. This effort was led by Nicole Danjean.

Twelve underprivileged children were taken to Covington to the home of Suzie Border. Suzie was a past Dawn Buster and every year we would go to her home to bring the kids to swim and fish. The first pole in the water caught a fish immediately, which started the children off to a wonderful outing. We cooked hamburgers and brought them home very tired.

We worked the Children's Miracle Phone-a-Thon and the Telethon for Children's Hospital. The Phone-a-Thon took place at the hospital and we called past donors asking them to pledge again this year. Six Dawn Busters and eight Key Clubbers worked for three hours on the phones and collected \$ 5,000.00. Three weeks later at the telethon, on channel 6 WDSU-TV, sixteen Kiwanians and twelve Key Club volunteers worked as runners, mail stuffers and twelve of us were on the phones, and on television.

We worked the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics at the Tulane Turchin Stadium. The next morning, we cooked pancakes on our pancake grill and fed the athletes and their coaches.

President George came up with a fun way to raise monies for the administrative account. His daughter, Karen liked to bake cakes and offered to bake one cake each month for us to raffle off. George brought raffle sheets to each meeting and we sold chances at three for a dollar on the cake. Each month would be a different cake and at the last meeting of the month, the winner would be drawn. Great idea George.

Larry Haas, Pete Breslin and Eileen Sullivan each had a team of Special Olympic kids that they coached every Saturday. Pete Breslin's team had a perfect win/loss record. His team went to the state finals and placed second in the state. He said it was due to a coaching error.

We had a hayride planned on the levee of the Mississippi River. It was a very cold night and we had lots of heavy clothes and blankets. When we got to the location where the ride was to start, there was no one there. We waited for about a half-hour and still no one showed. This was serious, as we had already paid for the ride. Pierre was in charge of setting this ride up so he was elected to find out what happened. The owner of the horses was down the street in his nice warm house. Pierre went there and found that the driver of the horses did not show up, so we had to reschedule. Pierre and Myra invited us over to their house for a get together. Fun was still had by all.

At the Mid Winter Conference, last year's Officers were named distinguished. They were Carlo Maniglia Distinguished President, Warren Nardelle Distinguished Secretary. Sal Cali who received the Lt. Governors, District chairman and Governor award for interclubbing.

We fried turkeys for the Leukemia Society boat show on the lakefront. We fried sixteen turkeys that went to feed the 130 boaters participating. There were eight Dawn Busters frying and carving for this event.

George was able to get the horses and equipment from his church again, so we had another night at the races. There were windows where you could bet on your favorite wooden horse. You could even ride one of the six very colorful horses in each race. The cost was \$ 5.00 per person that covered hot dogs and admission. You had to bring your own betting money. All attending enjoyed food, fun, and drinks. The club raised \$ 331.00 from the races to go to our administrative account.

Pierre Thibodeaux gives up three hours of his time every Wednesday, driving the residents of Metairie Manor to shopping centers. He uses one of Metairie Manor's vans and picks them up when their time is up.

Two hundred coats were collected for the Koats for Kids project. The coats were given to the homes we work with, Methodist Home, Children's Hospital, Boys Town and the Redwood Apartments.

We bought gifts for one hundred eighty Little Angels. The Little Angel program is associated with the Salvation Army where you pick a child's name and buy them Christmas gifts. Each angel has sizes and a list of toys the kids would like. You buy what you feel you can afford. You brought them to a regular weekly meeting and the Salvation Army picked all of the gifts up with their vans.

The Kiwanis education talks at the meeting were continued this year and this time Bruce Johnson did the weekly talk. These were very interesting and informative.

The Jefferson Performing Arts Society was in need of a new orchestra pit at their location in the East Jefferson High School Auditorium. They were soliciting funds to help build the new pit. Murray Cunningham's wife, Hannah, the President of the Society, asked if the club could help. President George presented Hannah a check from the club in the amount of \$ 200.00.

Six of our members attended the 83rd International Convention in Montreal Canada. They were George and Joy Rojas, Phil Fielding and Laura Ragusa, Gordon and Toby Gsell, Don and Marilyn Lawrence, Kendal and Jan Mc Daniel, and Carlo and Debbie Maniglia.

The annual golf tournament was held at Bayou Oaks Golf Course in City Park. Kendal Mc Daniel and Jim Smith served as co-chairman and they reported that the tournament was a great success. There were 121 golfers and the day was beautiful but hot. Jim thanked everyone that helped sell hole sponsor signs, saying that we had forty signs on the course. All committee chairmen performed their duties as expected and that is why the tournament was such a success. We thank our committee chairs and our two co-chairmen. We Budgeted \$7,000.00 and made \$9,000.00.

Each year we are asked to participate in the Skip a Meal Program. This is a project from Kiwanis International where everyone in attendance at one particular weekly meeting pays for their meal, but does not eat. The monies collected were sent to the International Foundation and are put into the Iodine Deficiency Disorders Fund. This year from the meals not used, we sent \$ 160.00.

Our annual Christmas Party was at the home of Leni and Sandy Sumich. The club supplied deep-fried turkeys and refreshments. This year the social committee consisted of the spouses of our club. The Ladies did a wonderful job of planning the party. If you could bring food, you would need to call Jan Mc Daniel, Myra Thibodeaux or First Lady Joy Rojas. They would co-ordinate to see that we had the right amounts of things we need and not too much of one thing. This worked great and we thank the ladies for their planning of our Christmas Party.

We continued serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents of Metairie Manor. The food was supplied by Sister Aloysius and cooked by Metairie Manor's cooks. We came in at 5:30 P. M. to serve the wine and iced tea. At 6:00 the meal was ready and we served the 266 residents. They had turkey, dressing, yams, string beans, rolls and gravy. After the party, we danced with the residents and when they went back to their rooms, we cleaned up.

Governor Bill Boyd came to town for his official Governor's Visit to Divisions 4-A and 4-B. The outing was a stand up cocktail and snack party in the auditorium of the Rivertown Museum. Those in attendance were George and Joy Rojas, Ken and Jan Mc Daniel and Warren and Sandra Nardelle. The Governor spoke about the progress of our District and we toured the Museum.

A very interesting fact about the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club was unfolded. We always liked to hear a joke about any attorney. But one day in our bulletin a "Did You Know" fact was published. The Dawn Busters have seven attorneys in our midst: Pete Breslin, Pete Seeber, Joe Ineich, Bobby Comeaux, Paul Odenwald, Walter Bond and Jeremy Zollinger. This is a large percentage from one profession, but we are very glad to have them. Just think how easy it will be to get legal advice. (Free?????????)

We constructed a wheel chair ramp for an elderly man to get in and out of his house. This ramp took a lot of figuring, as in order for it to meet code of one-inch drop per foot, we had to make it in a "U" shape. Because it was complex and bigger than any other we took on, it took us three weekends to complete. Nothing stands in the way of a Dawn Buster and the ramp was completed and very functional.

The Mardi Gras stand on Veterans Boulevard was erected again this year and four Dawn Busters helped. We had the first Sunday of the Mardi Gras season assigned to us. We brought thirty-six kids from the Methodist Home to see the parade. They were fed hot dogs, chili, chips, cookies and peanuts. They saw the parade and caught many bags of beads and trinkets.

Kendal Mc Daniel announced his candidacy for Governor of the Louisiana Mississippi West Tennessee District at the Mid Winter Convention in Jackson, Mississippi. We believed Kendal to be extremely qualified, very well organized and a Kiwanian who would devote the time necessary to complete a term with many accomplishments for our District. Kendal had the support of both the Dawn Busters Club and the Division Council, which was made up of all the Clubs in Division 4-B. He also got the support of the Clubs in Division 4-A, which covered New Orleans and the West Bank. The club agreed to give him our support and to help him with finances also. Besides the club coming forth with money for Ken, several members gave to Ken's campaign fund. The Dawn Busters and their spouses put together a hospitality room for all attendees at the convention to come meet Ken and Jan. Ken's announcement at the convention was well received by all and now he had to wait until the District Convention in Memphis to be elected Governor Elect.

Don Lawrence and Dick Grosch traveled to Edgard Louisiana for a work project. Mrs. Noelia Gauthier who had one of her legs amputated was unable to get out of her house and needed our help. She had two steps rotted out of her front stairs. Don and Dick gathered up tools and lumber and had her steps repaired in six hours. This project cost the club \$ 76.06 and took twelve man-hours.

The exercise course in the yard at Metairie Manor was in need of repair. There was some rotted lumber that had to be replaced and it needed to be re-painted with redwood stain. One Friday, Don Lawrence, Dick Grosch and Pierre Thibodeaux got together to replace the wood and repair the signs. A crew of nine Dawn Busters and six Key Clubbers met one Saturday and painted it. This would give the exercise course many years more use.

We fed twenty-five family members and kids at the Ronald Mc Donald's house dinner on the third Monday of each month. Nicole Danjean prepared spaghetti and meat sauce, French bread and salad. Three members helped Nicole and the kids and families really appreciated their efforts.

Thirty kids' from Boys Town were brought bowling in Kenner. After bowling, we bought them lunch. It was great to see these kids use every method possible to get the ball down the lane.

Again this year we sold Entertainment Books for \$ 20.00 each. These books had coupons for discounts at restaurants, groceries, and many other things. You would get your \$ 20.00 back if you used the book only once. The book has potential savings of \$15,000.00 to the buyer. We sold 361 books and made a profit \$ 3,610.00 for our Club. This project was so good that we decided to continue it again next year.

We decided to build a twenty-six foot bridge at the K- Bar-B Ranch. The bridge was to be constructed over the small lake that was at the back of the property. The bridge would lead to an Island that up to now they could not get to. A work party went out on the assigned Saturday, but it rained too hard for the lumber to be delivered and the project had to be delayed. This project was delayed until October so more will be said about it next year.

The installation banquet was held at the Southern Yacht Club. We had a cash bar and a very good meal. Outgoing Lt. Governor Irby Bourque released the officers and directors of their positions and incoming Lt. Governor; Jay Vallelungo installed the new officers and directors. This is our biggest social event of the year and we had in excess of seventy-five people in attendance. The cost was \$ 20.00 per person, as part of the cost was defrayed by the club from monies made from the Zephyr and Tulane Games.

At the District Convention in Memphis Tennessee, Ken was successful in winning the vote of the House of Delegates to be Governor Elect for 1998-1999. We placed flyers throughout the hotel and made divisional caucuses to make sure that Ken was well known and that he would get everyone's votes. There was a large hospitality room hosted by the Dawn Busters and the spouses provided the food. Everyone at the convention was invited to the hospitality room. That Sunday morning, the election was held and Ken was now Governor Elect. His next year was to be spent planning his year as Governor in 2000-2001.

Ken wrote, We were successful in Memphis at the District Convention as I was elected Governor Elect. A large part of this success is due to the efforts of the members of the "Best Club in the World", The Dawn Busters. Your money, your food, your drink and your attendance at the convention were important reasons for this success. One of our main goals for the 1999-2000 Administrative year will be to let the rest of our great District see how members of the Dawn Busters have fun together as we do good things for others. Jan and I thank you for all your help and support.

Warren was now in line to be President of the Dawn Busters for a second time in the year 1999-2000. He started talking up the fact that the members of our club were getting older. We had more and more people retiring each year. Warren told the membership that if we did not get new younger members into the Dawn Buster's we will start to dwindle as a club. Warren had been a member of the Lee Circle Club in New Orleans and that club had the same problem. Warren told the members of the Lee Circle Club the same thing, but they did nothing to correct this situation and they folded about six years later. The Dawn Buster's, however, took Warren seriously and started looking for more members and especially younger ones.

George published a summary of the last six months of his term as President. Under his leadership during this period we saw a great number of Dawn Busters at International and District Conventions with three of our members elected to office. With his leadership, we raised well over \$ 14,600.00 with the golf tournament, pancake breakfast, cake raffles, 50/50 raffles and six very hot nights at the Zephyr Baseball games. This fund raising allowed us to sponsor many needed community service projects. Service projects included: bowling party for Boys Town, fishing trips, meals for Ronald Mc Donald House, coats for kids, children's clothes for the Battered Women's Home, transportation for the elderly. We also called bingo games, donated funds for orchestra pit-JPAS, landscaped at the battered women's home, made a donation for the retarded citizens, supported the Special Olympics program, supported the night basketball league for the Special Olympians, and many other service projects.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1998-1999

Officers

President	Philip E. Fielding
President Elect	Warren Nardelle, Jr.
First Vice President	Sal Cali
Second Vice President	Gordon Gsell
Secretary	Pete Seeber
Treasurer	Joe Ineich
Past President	George Rojas

Directors

Cheri Andriolo	Bruce Johnson
Bobby Comeaux	Don Lawrence
Jimmie Daigrepoint	Stu Palermo
Craig Howard	Ed Sarrat
Kiwanian of the Year	T. Peter Breslin
Lt. Governor	Carlo Maniglia
Governor	Bascom Allen
Membership as of March 31, 1999	64 members
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Denver, Colorado
District Convention	Alexandria, Louisiana

The 24th pancake breakfast was on November 7, 1998 in the Grace King Cafeteria. It was well attended and most of the members came to help out. The total sales were \$7,913.00 and expenses were \$ 1,346.00 for a net profit of \$ 5,847.00. Jimmie Daigrepoint alone sold over \$ 2,600.00 in tickets this year. Great job Jimmie.

We served Thanksgiving Dinner to the residents of Metairie Manor. The meal was cooked by Metairie Manor's cooks and provided by Sister. Twenty-nine volunteers served 289 Metairie Manor residents' turkey, dressing, yams, string beans, rolls and gravy. After they finished eating and returned to their rooms, we cleaned up and put the tables and chairs back.

President Phil appointed Ken Mc Daniel to head up a new committee. This committee was called the Outreach Committee and its function was to keep track of everyone that is not well so we could keep them in our prayers and to keep the club informed of their progress.

The bridge project for the K-Bar-B Ranch took place on October 17, 1998. This bridge was built under the leadership of Pierre Thibodeaux and Dick Grosch with the assistance of George Rojas, Stan Hornung, Phil Fielding and Don Lawrence. The cost of the bridge was \$ 1,086.00 and it took eighty-eight man-hours and three weekends to complete. Funding came from George Rojas's year as we had planned it in his year. Now that the bridge was built (on dry land), it must be moved into position.

The chief engineer was Dick Grosch and after considering all the possibilities to move this bridge over the water. He decided that one Sunday a group would go move the bridge into place. We would need lots of muscle, as this bridge was thirty-foot long and weighed over seven hundred pounds. This was also known by the Community Service Committee as doing the Ronnie Lamarque, "Bridging the Gap". But as things would go, they were not able to budge the bridge. Another solution had to be found and it was. It seemed that the local National Guard Unit in Slidell had done lots of work around the ranch such as grading the roads. This indicated that they had heavy equipment and would help out the Ranch if possible. Phil Fielding went to see them and asked if they had a solution. They did and that solution was to pick up the bridge with a cherry picker truck and swing it over the water to the other side. A few weeks later, Dick announced that the bridge was in place and we could dedicate it. On December 2, 1998, at a Community Appreciation Day at the Ranch to thank the various clubs and organizations for their help, we officially presented the bridge to the ranch by installing the final step to the bridge. Carlo Maniglia routed the date and donated by the Dawn Busters, on the step and with the installation of this step we put the finishing touches on the bridge.

Phil Fielding, Warren Nardelle and his grandson-Blake, Mark Dominick and his children; Thresha, B. J. and Blair, Stu Palermo and Friend; Kristel Scheaerman all worked a booth at the Boo at the Zoo. They put splints on the kid's fingers and sprayed their hair with fluorescent paint. Other members of our club that also belong to Crescent City Church of Christ worked on Saturday night. The Pastor was our own Steve Cox and Dawn Buster Craig Howard. Other church members were Marilyn Cox, Dan Baldrige, James Bogart, Faith Seay and Josh Cox.

The Jefferson Parish Sheriff Office Deputies and other law enforcement agencies needed our help serving Thanksgiving dinners. They prepared and served dinner to sixty-two hundred persons. Nick Machecha and Charlie Young were Dawn Busters and they worked for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. They asked us to provide twenty volunteers to help serve dinner. The dinners were served at the Lions Club Hall on Hickory Avenue in Harahan. Meals were served starting at 8:30 A. M. both Saturday and Sunday. Twenty-six Dawn Busters showed up to help Nick and Charlie. This was a very rewarding experience, seeing all the people get a good Thanksgiving meal.

We continued working the concession stands at the Tulane basketball games and the Zephyr's baseball games. This proved to be a good fundraiser each year and even though it was a lot of hard work, it was also lots of fun and fellowship. Besides, we made \$1,960.00 for our Administrative account and this money went to reduce the cost of our installation banquet.

The Christmas party was at the home of Sandy and Leni Sumich. All spouses were asked to bring a covered dish. The club provided the turkeys and liquid refreshments. Several members went to Leni's house at noon to deep fry the turkeys.

Again this year we sold the entertainment books. Cheri Andriolo left town and was replaced by Brandie Pecoul. Brandie became a Dawn Buster, making her our youngest member. Boy were we glad to have her. She was a real powerhouse of energy. Book sales were up this year and we realized that we had found another good fundraiser. The books still sold for \$ 20.00 and were very easy to sell, because they were such a value. Top salesmen were T. Peter Breslin 52 books, Jimmie Daigrepoint 51 books, and three more sold over twenty books. They were Sal Cali, Stan Hornung and Carlo Maniglia. Our profit from sale of the books was \$ 4,000.00.

We took 115 angels from the Salvation Army. This is a program where you take a name of a needy child and buy them Christmas gifts from a list of things they want. There were items such as clothes, shoes or toys. Any angels that were not taken by the members were taken by Nicole Danjean and her Youth Services Committee They went shopping for gifts, to be sure that all 115 children received gifts this Christmas.

This was the year the Dawn Busters celebrated their *twenty-fifth Anniversary*. We had Mimosa's for our breakfast meeting to toast the Dawn Busters 25th anniversary celebration. The following Saturday we had a day at the races with a breakfast buffet at the Fair Grounds Clubhouse. The cost was \$ 25.00 per member and we had a large turn out.

Stu Palermo had recently joined our club and he was very up to date on everything about computers. He was serving on a District Committee to have the La-Miss-W/Tenn. District put on line. He also developed a website for the Dawn Busters. Our new website was *www.dawnbusters.org*. We were one of the first clubs to have a website in Division 4-A and 4-B. Thank you Stu for all your hard work and creativity.

1999 was the year that the Y2-K problem arose. There was a fear that anything having a computer involved in its operation would just shut down at one minute after mid-night 2000. It was feared that computers would not know how to read the year 00 and they would automatically shut down. Stu announced that our new website was Y2-K compliant. Of course the whole Y2-K problem went away shortly after midnight December 31, 1999. Everything went on with business as usual and there were no problems.

The Dawn Busters Club proved that its members had culture. Butch Diaz organized a night at the Jefferson Performing Arts Society show " Fiddler on the Roof". Tickets cost \$ 22.00. We had thirty-six members ,spouses and friends attend and \$5.00 from each ticket sold went back to our club.

We served dinner to the parents and children staying at the Ronald Mc Donald House. On the third Monday of each month we cooked a dinner and brought it to the home. We always had a person cooking the meal and at least three other members attend to help her.

The Special Olympic basketball teams coached by Dawn Busters played in the State Games at Tulane. Our four teams coached by Larry Haas, Pete Breslin and Eileen Sullivan and with help of Jimmie Daigrepoint, won two first place and two-second places. The following week, Pete, Eileen and Larry took thirteen of the Special kids to the Tulane Women's Basketball game. All had a good time, especially with Pete's cheerleading as an added plus.

At the Mid Winter Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, the Dawn Busters won several awards for the Administrative year 97-98 under the leadership of George Rojas. We received: Distinguished club officers, George Rojas Distinguished President and Pete Seeber Distinguished Secretary. Distinguished Administration, Distinguished Growth and Distinguished Worldwide Service Project. Sal Cali our interclub chairman also got the Governor's Interclub award with 50,896 miles traveled interclubbing.

Several members went on a cruise out of New Orleans on the ship called The Enchanted Isle. The ship left dock at 2 P. M. Friday and returned at 9 A. M. on Sunday. It was called the cruise to nowhere. The ship went down the river then only five hundred miles out into the Gulf of Mexico and turned around. Those members going on the cruise were Jim and Gerry Smith, Don and Marilyn Lawrence, Warren and Sandra Nardelle, Ed and Marie Sarrat, Phil Fielding and Laura Ragusa, Pierre and Myra Thibodeaux, Carlo and Debbie Maniglia and friends of Carlo and Debbie, Peggy and Louis Scandurro.

Havard Albright had been a Dawn Buster for the past twenty-two years. He was selling his dermatology business and was going back into the Army. He will take care of all the pimples and sores of our military soldiers. Sal Cali presented Havard with a plaque for his twenty-two years of community service, from the Dawn Busters. We all wished Havard well and told him to come visit us when he comes back to New Orleans from time to time.

Eleven Dawn Busters worked at the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, taking donations over the phone. The telethon was on Channel 6 WDSU and it took the place of the French Open tennis tournament that was to be in this time slot. We had more callers complaining about the tournament not being on then we got calls for pledges. Gordon Gsell, Warren Nardelle, Brandie Pecoul, John Northcutt, Larry and Margaret Pregeant, Sal Cali, David Rafidi, Jimmie Daigrepoint, Craig Howard and Phil Fielding represented the club. Many Key Clubbers worked along with the East Jefferson Key Club President, Rebecca Rebouche. Rebecca presented a check to the hospital in the amount of \$ 700.00 while we were on the air. This made the East Jefferson Key Club's donations to Children's Hospital for this year \$ 1,111.00.

Again this year John and Faye Gormley visited us to see their friends and to get make-ups. John was once a Dawn Buster and he moved to Reno Nevada. He joined the Reno Sunrisers and just recently Faye joined also. They both came to four meetings during the time they were in town. They took make-up slips back to their club so they could continue their perfect attendance.

The Dairy, Deli and Bakery Convention was held in the Morial Convention Center. When it was finished, all the food items were donated to the Second Harvester's Food Bank. Every thing had to be out of the Convention Center in about six hours. Stephanie Courtney of the Second Harvester Food Bank was a member of the Dawn Busters. She asked us for our help and as usual, we came through with members to help collect the food. Six Dawn Busters came out to help, they were: Pierre Thibodeaux, Don Lawrence, Warren Nardelle, Jimmie Daigrepoint, Stu Palermo, Val Hesse and Val.'s cousin Mark. Don and Pierre were both entrusted to moving pallets and loading the trucks. There was a lot of leftover food and none of it was even opened. We got a great workout tossing items such as turkeys, roasts, hams and cheeses into huge bins.

Our annual golf tournament was held at City Park's Bayou Oaks Course again this year. The golf tournament was played as planned except for some rain. We would play for about an hour then come in because the rains got heavier. But we managed to get the whole tournament in. We had hot dogs before the tournament started and while the players were on the course. When play was finished, we had spaghetti, meatballs and salad. This part of the meal was donated by Messina's Catering. Each player got two overstuffed ditty bags. There was beer, soft drinks and water. A good time was had by all even if they got a little wet. It was a very successful tournament. Total profit for the tournament was \$ 8,572.02, which included \$ 510.00 from mulligan's, \$ 165.00 from 50/50, and \$ 119.00 from the putting contest. There were 135 golfers, 54 hole sponsors and two cart sponsors. Crown Buick sponsored the hole in one contest and the first hole in one on that par three would win a new GMC pickup. No one won the truck as you might expect. The co-chairmen of this tournament were Sal Cali and Warren Nardelle.

Bridgette St John, a Dawn Buster and the faculty advisor for East Jefferson Key Club was voted Faculty Advisor of the Year for the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District of Key Club International. We congratulate you Bridgette

Again this year we participated in the Skip a Meal program presented to us by Kiwanis International. All members attending the April 28th meeting paid their \$5.00 for the meal, but did not eat. We did provide coffee. The money collected was sent to Kiwanis International for IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorders).

We cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the Division 4-B Key Club Luau held in the Grace King schoolyard. Brandie Pecoul was in charge of the Dawn Busters that volunteered and boy did she work us hard. (She's a real slave driver.) But we got the job done and those attending had lots to eat.

The annual chili cook off was held at the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station and the Dawn Busters worked in various jobs assisting the judges. Seven Dawn Busters and three Key Clubbers enjoyed the chili cook off and most of them suffered from sampling all 155 chili entries.

Governor Bascon Allen and First Lady Jimmie came to town for their Governor's visit to Division 4-B. The dinner was held at the Lakewood Country Club and the cost was \$ 25.00 per person. Eight Dawn Busters plus their Spouses attended.

We continued building wheelchair ramps for needy people. Two wheel chair ramps were constructed in the Metairie Area.

Pierre Thibodeaux had a friend visiting from California and he became interested in what Pierre and the Dawn Busters were doing with the K-Bar-B Ranch. When Pierre told him about the bridge we had built he told Pierre that this was a great thing for the club to do. Pierre further explained that we were planning to build a fishing pier on the island. Now that the kids could get onto the island, they fished a lot. It was thought that they would like a fishing pier to bring them out over the water. Pierre told his friend that we had such a pier in the planning stages. Pierre's friend told him that if we got together a list of material and a price, he would pay for the lumber. Engineer Dick Grosch went to work planning this fishing pier. The cost was \$ 2,500.00 and the donor agreed to mail a check to pay for the materials. All that was left was to order the lumber and start construction of the bridge.

The Past District Officers Association met monthly at La Cuisine Restaurant in New Orleans. Divisions 4-A, 4-B and 13 attended these meetings. The purpose of the PDOA Association is to help any club in anyway they are needed. Ed Ford was the Lt. Governor for Division 13, which is across the Lake. He explained to the group that he had a club that was very low on membership and wanted help re-forming it. He said that the club was the Bogalusa Kiwanis Club. Ken Mc Daniel's hometown was Bogalusa, so he was ready to help. He went to meet with Lt. Governor Ed Ford and the members of the Bogalusa Club to see if they wanted to be re-formed. The club only had six members and when the President found out that outsiders were coming in, he resigned, leaving the club with five members. Jacqie Bledsoe, Club Development Manager from Kiwanis International came in and Ken Mc Daniel, Ed Ford and Jacqie started calling on businesses in the Bogalusa. Ken wrote 124 letters to members of the local Chamber of Commerce. After several weeks of hard work and many meetings, Ken finally got the club up to 36 members. Ken thanks the Dawn Busters for their support and help in re-forming the Bogalusa Kiwanis Club. Good Job Ken and Dawn Busters.

The Leukemia turkey fry was held at the New Orleans Yacht Club. Fifteen Dawn Busters were on hand to cook eighteen turkeys and cut them up so that the boaters participating in the Leukemia boat show would have a good meal after spending the whole day out on the water.

Our Installation Banquet was held at the Southern Yacht Club again this year. Gordon Gsell is a member of the Yacht Club and we rented the room under his membership number. We had a choice of Veal or Fish and the meal cost \$28.00 per person. Phil decided that we had a good year and had administrative money left over, so he told the board that he would like to defray some of the cost of the banquet meal. He asked Warren to calculate how much the club would have to come up with if we only charged our members and spouses \$10.00. Warren reported back to the board that it would take \$1,800.00 to pay the difference. The Board approved the expense and the members paid \$ 10.00 per meal. Before approving this the board asked what do we do next year, as the members would look for the discount next year. It was decided that we had the money available because we worked the Tulane and Zephyr's games, so we should be able to do it again next year. However, We made no commitment for next year when we told the membership of the reduced rate.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 1999-2000

Officers

President	Warren Nardelle, Jr.
President Elect	Sal Cali
First Vice President	Trent Strasburg
Second Vice President	Tom Long
Secretary	Pete Seeber
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Bobby Comeaux	Stu Palermo
E. T. "Butch" Diaz	Brandie Pecoul
Gordon Gsell	David Rafidi
Craig Howard	
Membership at end of year	81 members
Kiwanian of the Year	Brandie Pecoul
Governor	Kendal Mc Daniel
Lt. Governor	Don Lawrence
Mid Winter Convention	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Miami, Florida
District Convention	Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Warren's year was known as the "IN MY YEAR" year. When he was told that things were done better in someone else's year, he just said "In My year". This meant that he would do things the way he wanted in his year and would not copy anyone else. He said that everyone does things different and he wanted to steer the Dawn Busters ship in the best way he knew.

This was a year of three Dawn Busters being in leadership positions in the District, the Division and the Dawn Busters. Kendal Mc Daniel was the Governor of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West-Tennessee District, Don Lawrence was the Lt. Governor of Division 4-B and Warren Nardelle was the Dawn Buster President. The three of them were friends and they would be serving together. In the first bulletin of Warren's year a picture of them appeared, calling them the Three Musketeers.

President Warren told those present at the Installation Banquet that he thanked them for allowing him to steer the Dawn Buster ship through the up-coming year. His year was to be one of changes in meeting structure. Instead of selecting members to do the pledge, patriotic song, prayer and fun song each week, he started the meeting by leading the pledge and My Country 'Tis of Thee. Steve Cox would say the prayer followed by Carl Bonura picking a fun song from the songbooks. Another change, Warren made, was to have breakfast ready fifteen minutes before the meeting started. The time saved allowed him to have more time to get announcements out of the way so the speaker would be allowed a full half hour.

Warren said, many times, that our club needed to get younger members to become Dawn Busters. He felt that if we didn't, we would become an old club that would only fade away with age. To this date we had been very successful with bringing in young members and Warren told the membership that our club would do fine. Warren said it would be important not to let the older members control the club or to let the younger members take over without our help. We needed a good mix of young and old. On each committee we had an older member that had experience with that committee and a younger member as their co-chairman. This allowed them to learn from each other and get them to work together.

This was also the year that we would get the young members very involved with the running of our Club. Warren's board had Tom Long as Second Vice President and Bobby Comeaux, Stu Palermo and Brandie Pecoul on his board. Warren told the membership that he thought that they made a good selection of Officers and Directors. They selected a good mix of younger and older members, to run the Dawn Busters.

With these new members came new ideas. Some of them thought we should have more stylish Dawn Busters hats. Tom Long and Stu Palermo asked if they could pick out a new hat for the Club. Warren told them to go ahead as long as the board had the final approval. The hat color was blue and olive drab and the hat was form fitting to your head. We had broad reviews from our members when the new hats were presented. Some liked them, some loved them, and some learned to live with them, and then there were those that thought they were funky. The "Gov." had his own opinion and that was that the hat was too small to fit his head. Like it or not each member was presented with one of our new hats and they were encouraged to wear it to all Kiwanis events. Now it was time for new shirts. President Nardelle spent many hours skillfully and tastefully selecting the right color and style for our new shirts. After talking with several influential members of the club, both young and old, it was decided that the new shirts would not have a pocket but would have the members name and new logo on them. Green was Warren's favorite color, so everyone thought we would get green shirts. We would have had green and tan, but the style that he chose did not come in all sizes, so Instead, we got blue and tan shirts. Governor Kendal Mc Daniel was in charge of the purchase and sale of the shirts. The shirts were sold to members for \$25.00 each.

Warren had a column in the bulletin called “Prez Sez”. It had his picture and he published weekly comments to the members. He even published Prez Sez while he was away for the International Convention and on vacation.

Over the past several years we had Bulletin Editors that have made significant changes in our bulletin. First Ed Sarrat re-designed it and Stu Palermo put it out in the form of email. Then Craig Howard came along and further re-designed it and added pictures. Stu Palermo Developed a Dawn Busters web site and we put our bulletin on it so everyone that visited the site could read our bulletin. This year, Bob Graham re-designed it again and decided we needed to have a new name to go with our new look. David Rafidi and Minuteman Press offered a dinner for two for the person submitting the perfect name for our new bulletin.

The Name your Bulletin contest drew lots of interest. We had twelve names submitted, but the name that was selected by a written vote of the membership was “The Crack of Dawn”. Butch Diaz submitted the name and won the dinner for two, at the Hyatt, compliments of David Rafidi and Minuteman Press.

Sal Cali was in training to be President, so last year, he chaired the Golf Tournament and this year, he chaired the Pancake Breakfast. What better training could the future President of the Dawn Busters have. Sal did an excellent job and we knew that he was on his way to being one of our great leaders in the near future.

We had word that a family in need was experiencing financial difficulty and thought we could help. We passed a hat around at one of our weekly meetings so the members could give what they felt they could afford. We collected \$132.00 from members and guests. That’s the Kiwanis Spirit—helping those in need.

We continued the Tulane Basketball games and the Zephyr’s Baseball games. We worked concession stands for the games and made a minimum of \$100.00 per game. This money was put into our Administrative Account and was used to defray some of the cost of the Installation Banquet.

We continued the Ronald Mc Donald House project. We cooked meals for the parents and kids staying at the house. Those staying at the house were here because their child had to have treatments for cancer.

Brandie Pecoul instituted a Dawn Buster of the Month program. Each month, her committee would select a member that excelled in attendance, service and overall participation in club activities. The Dawn Buster of the Month was recognized at our meeting and in our bulletin. Members could submit a name if they had a person they felt deserved the award.

Bruce Johnson was the District Chairman for Young Children Priority One. It is known that Bruce always puts on an impressive production when he takes on any project. He showed up at the Mid Winter Conference with two tables full of display boards and handouts on the needs of children from pre-natal to five years old. He had at least thirty handouts. Bruce had a packet of information on car safety that he handed out and at one of our meetings, he passed them out to our members to take home and pass out to friends.

Pierre Thibodeaux had a friend visiting from out of town. His friend was Larry Delpit and he was born and raised in New Orleans. He was a graduate of St. Aloysius School. Pierre showed him pictures of the bridge we built at the K-Bar-B Ranch and told him we were planning to build a fishing pier also. He could not believe that we as business men got down in water, got wet and built things like piers and bridges. Larry told Pierre that he would pay for the materials for the fishing pier if we would give him a list and cost of the materials. Pierre and Dick Grosch made a list of materials needed and sent Larry a copy with the materials cost listed. Larry sent Pierre a check right away. Pierre Thibodeaux presented President Nardelle with the check in the amount of \$1,800.00. Now all we had to do was to have the materials delivered and start building the pier.

At one of Warren's first meetings, he was speaking and all of a sudden there was loud music coming out of the speakers at Metairie Manor. It was so loud that he had a problem talking. Everyone kept looking around to see where the music was coming from. Warren told the servers to go tell the front desk to find out where this loud music was coming from. After a minute or two, the members started laughing and Warren couldn't figure out why. Then he looked in the back of the room and saw two of those new younger members, laughing the hardest. It was then that he realized that the music was coming from the jukebox in the back of the room. It was turned up very loud and no one could figure how to turn it down. They finally unplugged it. This was their way of welcoming Warren to the start of his new year. The two members are Stu Palermo and Tom Long. This was done in fun and proves that the Dawn Busters are not only a meeting group, but also a fun group. "The Dawn Busters do have Fun".

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner was served to the residents of Metairie Manor. Sister provided the food, her cooks prepared the meal and the Dawn Busters served the residents. They had turkey, dressing, yams, green beans, rolls, gravy and cranberry. We served them soup, iced tea and wine. There was pie for dessert. After they finished eating, there was dancing. When they went back to their rooms, we cleaned up and put the tables back for the Lakeside Kiwanis meeting the next morning.

Myrtle Horton who is Craig Howard's grandmother is from Union City, Tennessee. She is a member of the Union City Kiwanis Club and she came to speak to our Club. Myrtle was in town to visit Craig on her way to the Mid Winter Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She gave a very motivation speech on her motto for living: "You never have a second chance to leave a first impression. Myrtle is a very active Kiwanian, both in her Club and in the District. Her closing remarks were, "Live everyday like it's your Last".

President Nardelle passed an envelope around two weeks before Christmas. He asked each member to put money in the envelope so we could give the cooks and servers a nice Christmas gift. The Club added money and the week before Christmas, Warren called the cooks and servers up front and told them that we really appreciated them and wanted them to have a wonderful Christmas. He gave each of them an envelope with cash.

The lumber for the Fishing Pier was finally delivered to the Ranch and it was time to get started. The first step was to carry the lumber across the bridge we built two years ago and onto the island. We stacked it close to where the pier was to be built. Two weeks later, Community Services Chairman, Stan Hornung and his crew sunk the first two posts. This was quite a job and took most of the day.

It took several weeks more to get a crew of volunteers to finish sinking the posts. We were having trouble getting volunteers, because they had to get into the water and this was very dirty water. Don Lawrence, David Rafidi and Trent Strasburg volunteered to handle this job. Trent and David kind of volunteered by accident, because they accidentally fell in. We got the pier about half finish and then it stalled. The fishing pier became a project that would never get finished. We kept delaying the construction. Stan Hornung, who was the chairman of this project, would announce each week that he needed help and no one would volunteer. It was finally decided to delay this project for a few months to let the members rest.

From time to time, Stan would get a few volunteers to go help him and finally the fishing pier was nearing completion. After eight trips to the ranch and after three members falling into the very green water along with 400 man hours and a lot of sweat and lost tools, we could see the end in sight. We were in the last stages where we finished the deck and cut the posts down to the height needed to put a railing around it. The day was getting late and we were tired. We agreed that one more trip the following weekend by at least six members and we would be finished. The following weekend when we arrived and went out to the pier, we noticed that our lumber was missing and then looking at the pier, it had railings on it. President Warren suggested that maybe the number one crew headed by Stan Hornung had come out during the week and finished the railings. He called Stan and was told that they did not put the rail on the pier. After lots of inquiring we found out that the ranch decided to have a licensed carpenter come out to check the construction of the pier and while he was there they paid him to finish the railing.

Of course the pier was found to be structurally sound and strong. We were very disappointed that they finished it, but agreed that they had that right if they chose to do so. The Ranch asked us to repair some fencing around the island since we were already there with our tools. We did and finished in about two hours. They had an Appreciation Day lunch for all volunteers that helped them during the year. We officially dedicated the pier to them at the Appreciation Day

We collected underwear and coats for the Battered Women's Home. Several members turned in collected clothing and we delivered ten large boxes of clothing to the home. The mothers and children were most appreciative.

Sister Aloysius was hospitalized for a short period of time and was in need of replacement blood. Myra Thibodeaux, Pierre Thibodeaux, Bob Martin and John Northcutt donated blood to re-stock supplies used by Sister.

We took forty-three children from the Methodist Home to the Mardi Gras reviewing stand. Members that had kids and grandchildren were allowed to bring them also. We provided hot dogs and the Crescent City Eye Openers supplied the snacks and drinks. The kids caught lots of throws and a good time was had by all.

Warren always told his committee chairs that if a member was not told what Kiwanis expects of them and what they can expect from Kiwanis, the member will lose interest and quit. Brandie Pecoul picked up on this and even though she only had a few years of Kiwanis experience under her belt, she started a new member orientation program. Every three months, she would meet for two hours with all new members that joined our club. She did her research well and gave a very detailed explanation of what Kiwanis and the Dawn Busters were all about. She did a fantastic job and left nothing un-answered. This showed what the young, energetic new members of the Club could do.

One of our socials was a night at a Brass Hockey game. The cost was \$13.00 per person and we had forty-seven members and spouses attend the game. Carl Bonura was the person in charge of setting this social up.

Ken was now Governor of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West-Tennessee District and his theme was "Kiwanis Family Pride. He had a lapel pin that showed a man, a woman, a child, a male lion, a female lion and a cub. His year was build around a lion and everywhere he went he was given lions. He had a collection of over fifty assorted lions at the end of his year.

By now Governor Kendal was very involved with his job in the District. He had to make visits to all twenty-two Divisions. The Dawn Busters, being Inter Club fools and wanting to show our support for Kendal went to all his Governors visits that were within driving range. We went to Biloxi, Slidell, Houma, and Baton Rouge and of course New Orleans. We heard his speech so many times, that any of us could have given it for him. We would not of delivered it as professionally as he did, but we knew all the words. Kendal was a very polished speaker and he was very well liked. He made both the District and the Dawn Busters proud of him. He was a great Governor and he is a Dawn Buster.

Stu Palermo passed out Information Sheets to every member to collect data about them to put it into a new database he prepared for the club. This information was collected so we would have a biography on each member. This would be helpful if the member ran for a District or International office or was needed for the local media.

Sixty-seven Dawn Busters, their spouses and friends attended a social at the Jefferson Performing Arts Society. The play was "Oklahoma" and Butch Diaz was the coordinator of this event. The tickets cost \$18.00 each and the club got a 10% discount. The money saved went into our Administrative Account.

Kid's Café is a program that provides a nutritionally adequate meal to risk children. Corporate support plus help from parents, Dawn Busters and other members of the New Orleans community went to feed seventy-six children in the "Central City" neighborhoods. Suzanne Martin, Stu Palermo, John Northcutt, David Rafidi, Brandie Pecoul, George and Joy Rojas, Gordon and Toby Gsell and Larry and Margaret Pregeant were there to serve food to these wonderful kids.

The New Orleans Yacht Club race was put on by the Leukemia Society each year. Numerous organizations and individuals donated their time and items for this benefit. Dawn Busters volunteered to deep fry the turkeys, which was part of the feast afterwards for the boat crews. Chairman, Don Lawrence and his crew of eight showed up on the lakefront to handle the job. They had five large turkey pots and burners and lots of peanut oil. When the turkeys were fried, we sliced them up and put them into pans so they could be served later that night. When the boat crews came in they had a great meal.

President Warren came to one of our meetings with a gallon milk jug that had a few aluminum pull-tabs in it. He challenged the members to bring in as many pull-tabs as they could collect and he would bring his jug each week until it was filled. The pull-tabs were going to a child in Thibodeaux, Louisiana that had cancer. She would get one free Chemo treatment for every gallon jug filled to the top with pull-tabs. At the next meeting several members brought pull-tabs and the jug was getting full. The following week, many members brought bags of pull-tabs that were collected from their homes and businesses and all of a sudden, we had collected three gallons of tabs.

The word spread and soon we had so many gallons that when we gave them to the little girl, the hospital told her family that she could not get any more free treatments. The pull-tabs kept coming in and now Butch Diaz knew someone that could use them, so we started giving them to him.

When our new St. Louis King of France Builders Club heard about the collecting of pull-tabs, they decided to collect tabs throughout their whole school. The first week, they brought in two-gallon jugs filled to the top. The next week four jugs and the third week there were ten jugs. They were collecting from parents and relatives.

We continued the Skip A Meal project again this year. At our May 3, 2000 meeting, members that were present paid their five dollars, but did not eat. We did give them coffee. The money collected was sent to the Kiwanis International Foundation.

The summer Special Olympic Games were held at L. S. U. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We took four teams to the tournament. Special Olympics Chairperson, Eileen Sullivan was very proud of the teams when she announced that this was the first time that every one of our teams placed and received a medal.

Youth Services Chairman, John Northcutt presented a check in the amount of \$300.00 to Mary Beth Cahill. Mary Beth is a teacher at St. Louis King of France School and the check was to purchase audio books for the school's library. These books were used by children with Attention Deficit Disorders and reading difficulties.

Most of the younger members that have joined our club had been Key Clubbers. Tom Long, Stu Palermo, Bobby Comeaux, and Brandie Pecoul were on the Board. They were also very involved with our three Key Clubs. Tom told Warren that they had been discussing the fact that our Key Club Scholarships were not getting enough publicity and that they felt the criteria and procedure of presenting the scholarships should be changed. Warren agreed and asked Tom to chair a committee made up of himself, Stu, Brandie, and Bobby. Ryan Romero had also been a Key Clubber and Suzanne Martin was very involved with the Key Clubs now, so Tom asked them to serve on his committee also. They had to put together a plan and bring it to the next board meeting. This was the first time Warren allowed a committee made up of all younger members, But who would know how to run the Key Club Scholarship Program, better than past Key Clubbers?

The results of this committee amazed the board and our membership. Their first suggestion was to have each administration put aside an amount of money to go into an endowment fund just for Key Club Scholarships. They also suggested that new guidelines to qualify for the Scholarship be prepared and given to each Key Clubber at the beginning of their year. The committee also thought the standards should be raised and that the presentation of the checks made to be more honorable for the recipient. The board congratulated the committee and told them to get to work and present us with changes the following month.

At the next board meeting, Tom Long and his committee presented the new Key Club Scholarship guidelines to the board for its approval.

- 1.) Standards will be raised to make the Key Clubber be a better part of the K-Family.
- 2.) The recipient from each Key Club will be selected by the Committee from their association with the Key Clubbers during the year.

- 3.) The scholarship experience would become more special both to the Club and the recipient.
- 4.) The recipient would receive their check in one lump sum of \$1,000.00,
4 instead of two payments of \$500.00 each semester.

The Board approved the changes and President Nardelle asked Tom and his committee to take over the selection and presentation of our scholarship.

Soon Tom asked that his committee be our program at a meeting, so they could present the scholarships. They invited the recipients Parents, their Principle, their Teacher and their Faculty Advisor to join us for breakfast that morning. The meeting was turned over to Tom and his committee who read a list of accomplishments of each recipient and the reasons they were selected to receive the scholarship. Each recipient was called up to the front of the room after their accomplishments were read and they were officially named the winner of the scholarship. President Warren Nardelle and Governor Kendal Mc Daniel presented each recipient with their check in the amount of \$1,000.00. We had huge replica's of a check made to present to each of them. Their picture was taken and it was published in our bulletin.

After all three checks were presented, the committee called the winners back up front and presented them with a basket filled with supplies they would need to make it through their first year of college. The basket contained, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, paper clips, scissors, glue, aspirins, Tums, Pepto Bismol, an alarm clock and many other items that would be useful to them.

The scholarship winners listed in alphabetical order by Key Club are:

Bonnabel Key Club	Lynnell Kaglar
East Jefferson Key Club	Rebecca Rebouche
Grace King Key Club	Meryn Allen

Brandie Pecoul brought in a new member named Minnie Maher. Minnie taught at the St Louis King of France School and the school was looking to form a Builders Club. Builders Clubs are the part of Kiwanis International where the children from grade schools work with a Faculty Advisor and a Kiwanis Advisor to do service projects around their school. This also is their training for the next step up the K-Family ladder, the Key Club. Brandie asked the board to support the Builders Club and in just about a month, we were the proud sponsors of the St. Louis King of France Builders Club. This has turned into a very good partnership and we are proud of our new Builders Club.

Division 4-B had a golf tournament to raise money for the IDD project. The tournament was held at Chateau Golf and Country Club. The cost was \$85.00 per player, but since we had money set aside in our budget for IDD, the club paid half of the fee and each member playing only had to pay \$42.50. The remaining \$766.00 was sent to the Kiwanis International Foundation. We had two foursomes and even though they were some of the best golfers, there must have had some better than them, as they did not win the tournament.

Lexie Reed, a Bonabel Key Clubber was elected Key Club Governor of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District of Key Club. This was an honor for Lexie, her Key Club, her School and the Dawn Busters. She would be very busy during her year as Governor, so we would see little of her at our meetings. Her mother Pat Reed and her sister Courtney Reed were now Dawn Busters and they would keep us informed of what was happening with Lexie during her reign as Governor.

The Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club had its name tied to three very important positions in the Louisiana Mississippi West Tennessee District. Our own Kendal Mc Daniel was Governor of the District, Don Lawrence was Lt. Governor of Division 4-B and now Lexie Reed was governor of our Key Club District. The members of our Club are very proud of all of them.

Tony Di George was a square dance caller. He was asked to teach us about square dancing at one of our meetings. He brought four young ladies as guest of the club for breakfast. When the program started the four ladies and their partners danced for us. The dancers were Jo Ann and Rocco Di George, Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux, Olga and J. J. Rey and Stan Hornung and Margaret Pregeant. After they danced several dances, Tony called Governor Ken Mc Daniel, Jim Smith Carlo Maniglia and Phil Fielding to come forward and dance with the ladies. He told them that they did not have to know how to do the dances, all they had to do was what he said with his calls. Well, you should have seen this. They went every which way and even had the caller confused. This was a great time and fun was had by all. Thanks to Ken, Phil, Carlo and Jim for being good sports and volunteering.

The Kenner North Kiwanis Club always speaks of being the Best Kiwanis Club East of Transcontinental Drive and the Dawn Busters know that we are the “Best Club in the World”. President Nardelle came up with the idea to have a monthly social get together where we would play Bonco or other games and the final winning Club would get a plaque or trophy. The plaque would be engraved with their Clubs name on it to keep for a year and pass it on to next year’s winner. Members from both Clubs met to discuss and plan these socials. It was brought up that we might offend the other Clubs by not inviting them to participate, so we presented this plan to all Clubs in Division 4-B.

The other Clubs agreed to try the socials out. We had Bonco games and horse racing games. The first one was well attended by 62 members of all the Clubs, but as time went along the only three Clubs that were still interested were, Metairie, Kenner North and Dawn Busters. We even tried to have a Bocce Ball Tournament, but we could not get enough players to get the courts. This slowly faded away, with only Kenner North and Dawn Busters interested.

Division 4-B of Key Club International had their annual Luau at Grace King High School in the courtyard. The Dawn Busters cooked hot dogs and hamburgers. There were Hula Dancers, a giant twister game, water balloon contests, dancing and a whole lot of fun. Stu Palermo made a hit in his Hula shirt and it was rumored that John Northcutt and Brandie Pecoul were wearing Hula skirts while they barbecued.

We worked the Children's Hospital Phon-a-Thon at Children's Hospital. Twelve Dawn Busters made phone calls from lists that the hospital provided. The people we called had received a post card telling them that someone would be calling. We worked for two hours calling people on the list and raised \$5,500.00.

Two weeks later we worked at the Children's Miracle Network Telethon that was held in the studios of WDSU, Channel 6 TV. We had the early morning shift from 8 A. M. to 11A. M. on Saturday morning. We served as telephone operators, runners and mailers. While we were on the air, Stu Palermo presented a check from the Dawn Busters in the amount of \$250.00 to the Hospital.

Nine Dawn Busters and twelve East Jefferson Key Clubbers showed up to help with the 2000 Special Olympics Summer Games opening ceremonies. We also helped with the games on Saturday and we are proud to announce that one of the athletes that Eileen Sullivan coached, won Gold Medals in two events. A special thanks to Eileen for the excellent job she did coordinating this project. Eileen, the Dawn Busters are proud of you and admire you for the passion you have for the Special Kids.

Brandie Pecoul was in charge of the Orientation of new members and was our Membership Chair-Lady. She announced that a new program had been established to graduate new members to the status of "Real Members". In order for the new member to become a Real Member and receive their badge, they had to accomplish the following:

- 1.) Attend or participate in a board meeting, a Key Club meeting, a project, a fundraiser or an inter club.
- 2.) Be assigned to a committee.
- 3.) Attend a new member orientation.

Each new member was given a checklist to work from and when they completed all their assigned tasks, they would be recognized as a "Real Member".

President Warren wanted to recognize two members that worked very hard for our Club. They are Joe Ineich, our Treasurer and Pete Seeber, our Secretary. Warren wanted the membership to recognize them also, so before the meeting, he brought two rockers up to the head table. He then had Hugh Posner and David Rafidi prepared to do Joe and Pete's work at the back table. After Warren opened the meeting, he called them up front and told them that they did such a great job and worked so hard every Wednesday that today would be a day of rest for them. They were instructed to sit in the rocking chairs at the head table and we would serve them. We brought them breakfast and kept them supplied with coffee. Joe didn't want to give up his position at the back table because he was so devoted to his job. Warren assured him that Hugh would only do what was necessary to collect the money. At the end of the meeting, Warren presented each of them with a certificate and a Kiwanis letter opener. These two men really do a great job and the Dawn Busters thank both of you.

One of our new, young members was Joe La Rocca and he was the manager of the Come Back Inn on Williams Boulevard in Kenner. He arranged for us to have a night at his restaurant where they would pay us 5% of all profits from that night's sales. We encouraged our members to bring their families to eat there on our night. Twenty-seven Dawn Busters, family members and friends took advantage of this offer and enjoyed a delicious meal that night. A few weeks later Joe presented a check in the amount of \$100.91 to the Dawn Busters.

The annual Fathers Day Classic Golf Tournament was scheduled for June 15th and there was rain predicted. The Dawn Busters had only been rained out once before and we just knew it could not happen again. When we started setting up it was only a little cloudy. People started showing up and we registered them, gave them their ditty bags and this year's gift, an insulated cooler. About a half hour before tee time, it started getting darker and darker. Chairman, Hugh, went into the clubhouse to check the Weather Channel and found that a very heavy band of thunderstorms was heading our way. Well, it rained and rained and rained so we told every one that we had to cancel and re-schedule for August 11, 2000. Before they left, we drew for the door prizes so everyone would leave with something.

On August 11, 2000, the date of our re-scheduled tournament, we had success. It was hot and dry. Everyone that had come out the first time showed up. We had budgeted \$ 7,500.00 and we raised \$ 6,315.00. This loss of profit came from the extra drinks, beer, water and food items, we had to buy the second time. Still we really had no one complain about the tournament. Everyone had a good time and no one complained about the re-scheduled tournament.

Our pancake machine was getting weather beaten and we needed to do some repairs to the trailer. We really did not have a place to keep it, so Carlo Maniglia told the Club that if they paid for a concrete slab to be poured in his back yard he would build a shed to keep the machine under. He also agreed to help increase rentals of the machine. The Board agreed and paid \$525.00 to have the slab poured.

Our annual crayfish party was held at Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux's house. We had crayfish, potatoes, corn, chips, drinks and beer. Forty-three members and spouses attended and a great time was had by all.

Prez Nardelle took one meeting to allow members to speak up and give their opinions of the changes that he made in the meeting this year. All of them liked how the meeting was started, but we had mixed reviews about getting our food before we opened the meeting. Prez Sez, "since there is no strong objection about this policy change, he will continue running the meeting as he did in the beginning of his year.

Our Social Committee, led by the original party animal, Don Lawrence, had a fish fry at the home of Debbie and Carlo Maniglia. We had fried fish, hush puppies, fries and any kind of drink you would like. Carl Bonura prepared a great tasting tartar sauce and promised that the recipe would be posted on his web sight. Carl did not tell us where his web site was located and we could not find it. Thirty-two couples attended and a great time was had by all. The cost was \$5.00 a person and this went to cover the cost of food and drinks.

The 25th Annual Pancake Breakfast was held at Grace King High School. Eileen Sullivan and Joe La Rocca were the co-chairmen. Sales were good and we exceeded the \$ 6000.00 we had budgeted. Our net profit was \$7,350.00. This was good, but we still were not back up to the profit we used to make.

President Elect Sal Cali appointed a committee to look into why our fundraisers were not making as much as they used to. He asked Jim Smith, Ken Mc Daniel, Bruce Johnson, Bobby Comeaux, Tom Long, Brandie Pecoul and Warren Nardelle to serve on this committee. Please take notice of the mix of younger and older members on this committee. This showed that Sal was learning and he was going to make a good President. He asked Warren to chair the committee. The purpose was not only to find out why we were not raising as much money, but also to decide if we should keep the Golf Tournament and Pancake Breakfast and should we look for new or additional fundraisers. The answer that the committee came up with was something we all knew, but did not realize. We set up these committees around people that did not have the experience of years past and they got little help from past chairmen. The committee decided that we needed to put experienced people back as fundraising Chairmen and make the Captains of the teams, people with more experience. It would also be smart to have one of our newer members be a co-chairman, for the learning experience. The committee also decided that we did not need other fundraisers, if we ran these well.

We sold Entertainment books again this year and our goal was to win the \$25,000.00 prize offered for the group selling the most books of all other sales groups. We did not reach the goal, but we sold 470 books and made a profit of about \$4,700.00. This had turned into a fantastic fundraiser and the Dawn Busters sell more and more books each year.

The Harahan Elementary School needed some painting done. A fleet of K-Family members showed up to do the painting. An Invasion of members from St. Louis King of France Builders Club, East Jefferson Key Club, Bonnabel Key Club, Grace King Key Club and seven Dawn Busters showed up to help with the painting.. It was hard to tell the students from the Dawn Busters because they all were a bunch of kids having fun. This, much needed, painting project certainly brightened the lives of students when they returned to school.

Stanley Hornung announced at one of our weekly meetings that the fishing pier was finally finished. President Warren asked for all that worked on the pier to come forward to be recognized and to have their picture taken so it could be put in the bulletin. Warren also presented Stanley with a certificate of appreciation. Those members helping with the pier were Stan Hornung, Bob Graham, Thom Hughes, Sal Cali, Don Lawrence, David Rafidi, John Northcutt, Pete Seeber, Pierre Thibodeaux, Warren Nardelle, Tony Di George, Rocco Di George, Trent Strasburg, Don Tabor, Eileen Sullivan, Dick Grosch, Joell Soletto, and Bobby Comeaux. The Dawn Busters want to thank Chairman Stan and the whole crew named above for sticking with this project to its completion.

The Dawn Busters annual Installation Banquet was held at the Southern Yacht Club. Once again this year, we had success with the Zephyr and Tulane games and made about \$2,500.00. The board decided that they would defray part of the cost of the meal. The meal cost \$28.00 and the members and spouses only paid \$10.00 each. Bobby Comeaux was in charge of getting members to sign up and his goal was to have 100 people at the Installation Banquet. Bobby was very successful and he had 108 people attend the banquet. President Warren's year-end remarks were very short.

- 1.) He welcomed the new younger members.
- 2.) He thanked the older and younger members for working together.
- 3.) He thanked the membership of this club for allowing him to steer the great Dawn Busters' ship.
- 4.) He thanked his Officers and Directors for a successful year.

We had lots of guests and friends at our Installation Banquet and without a policy as to what to charge invited guests, we let them pay the same as members. Because of the large number of guest, the banquet cost the Club more than we had set aside, so President Elect, Sal, asked Warren to chair a committee to set guidelines to show what every one should pay. Warren and his committee made up of Bobby Comeaux, Gordon Gsell and himself would meet and present their recommendations to the October board meeting.

In a continuing effort to show Joe Ineich, our Treasurer, what we thought of him, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a Hixson for him. Unfortunately Joe was unable to attend the banquet, but he was still recognized for his great service to the Dawn Busters.

Administrative Year 2000-2001

Officers

President	Sal J. Cali
President Elect	Trent Strasburg
First Vice President	Tom Long
Second Vice President	Brandie Pecoul
Secretary	David Rafidi
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Bobby Comeaux	John Northcutt
E. T. "Butch" Diaz	Stu Palermo
Stan Hornung	Jack Villarubia
Craig Howard	

Kiwanian of the Year	George Rojas
Governor	Court Crow
Lt. Governor	George Rojas
Mid Winter Conference	Baton Rouge, La.
International Convention	Taipei, Taiwan
District Convention	Biloxi, Mississippi
Membership as of October 1, 2001	84 members

Sal's year was also known as the "In My Year. Warren and Sal would kid about things by referring to what did happen or could have happened as "In My Year". They would suggest that something could have happened in your year, but couldn't possibly happen in mine. Or if something was good, one would say that it happened "In My Year".

Sal also made history by becoming President of the Dawn Busters. He is now known as the "Shortest President" the Dawn Busters have ever had. Sal would continue to take ribbing about his height throughout his administration. He said that he is not short just vertically challenged.

The "Prez Sez" article continued in our weekly bulletin, with Sal publishing his comments each week. This was a good way for the "Prez" to get information to the members and the members enjoyed reading his comments.

His installation banquet was very well attended, as everyone wanted to see Sal become the new Dawn Buster President. Havard Albright, a past member of the Dawn Busters and his wife, Joan, along with six close friends of Sal's came to see him installed as President. They got to the Banquet early and put little plastic crowns by each plate. No one could figure out who put them there. Toward the end of the banquet, no one owned up to the crowns, so outgoing President Nardelle asked who passed out the crowns. Havard then asked for time to tell us. He told the group that Sal was going to be the King of The Dawn Busters and that is why we all had crowns. He then presented Sal with a scepter to use during his reign as King of the Dawn Busters. Everyone had a good laugh and we got ready for our year with "King Sal" as our leader.

Joe Ineich was honored with a Hixson, but was unable to attend the installation banquet, so Warren presented him with his Hixson at the first meeting of Sal's administration. Joe was totally surprised and we really caught him off guard. Joe you do a wonderful job as treasurer of the Dawn Busters and we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work.

At Sal's first board meeting, Warren presented his committee's suggestions for installation banquet meal charges and complimentary meals.

Reduced Rate

All members and spouses or dates get a reduced rate.
Incoming President and family get reduced rate.

Full Cost of Meal

Kiwanians and guests from other clubs pay full cost of meal.
Guests and friends pay full cost of meal.
Past Dawn Buster members pay full cost of meal.

Complimentary Meal

Incoming Lt. Governor and Spouse.
Outgoing Lt. Governor and Spouse
Outgoing President and Spouse.
Sponsored Youth Advisor (No Date)
Sponsored Youth President (No Date)
Governor
Past District Governors and International Officers.
Sponsored Youth Governor and Lt. Governor from one of our Sponsored Youth groups.

This policy was approved by the board and will go into effect at the 2000-2001 Installation Banquet. The policy was published in our bulletin and passed out to the membership at one of our meetings.

Sal had a very strong membership goal put on him by Governor Court Crow. The goal set by Governor Crow was to have 30% adds. In past years we only added an average of eighteen members each year. Sal knew that this was a tough goal, but he set out to attempt to meet the goal.

President Sal started a “Toot Your Horn” segment in the meetings. A member paid \$ 1.00 for the opportunity to brag about anything. This was fun and it allowed us to find out more about our members and their families. The money collected went to Kiwanis International for the IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorders) project.

One of the dollars we collected was from Tony Di George. He gave a dollar to brag about his granddaughter, Katherine Shea. She is a Key Clubber at the Vanderbilt High School in Houma, Louisiana. She attended the 58th Annual Key Club Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi and won First Place in the Oratory contest. She has been an outstanding student and Key Club Member. Tony invited her to be our guest speaker and to give the same talk she won the contest with. She is a wonderful and inspirational speaker, and she kept the attention of all present. We know why Tony is so proud of her. We thank you Tony for giving us an opportunity to hear her speak and get a chance to meet Katherine.

The Dawn Buster’s went out for the National Day of Service. Service Organizations from Jefferson Parish met at the Mc Donald’s on Veterans Boulevard to pick up trash. All volunteers received a tee shirt and we were done in two hours. We had eight Dawn Buster volunteers.

We had just formed a Builders Club at St. Louis King of France School, last year. The Builders Club Conference was held in the schoolyard at Grace King High School. The Dawn Busters purchased and prepared hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, ding dongs, Twinkies and soft drinks. Our Builders Club had five members attend the conference and we had nine Dawn Busters offer their support.

The Boo at the Zoo is an event that is sponsored by the Children’s Hospital as a fundraiser. We had eighteen volunteers passing out plastic pumpkins for the kids to use to put their candy in.

Eileen took her Special Olympians to an appreciation party at the Orbit Bowling Lanes on Chef Menteur Highway. Over two hundred special athletes came out to be fed. After eating, they were allowed to bowl. This was a great way to thank the kids for participating in their particular sport.

A warning appeared in our bulletin reading as follows: Betting on football games may be cosmetically dangerous to a Dawn Buster’s face. George Rojas lost a bet to Carlo Maniglia. Carlo’s LSU “Tigers” beat the Alabama “Crimson Tide” and the bet was a pie in the face. George tried to weasel out by claiming the point spread, but no one bought his argument. George accepted the pie in his face and we all had a good laugh.

Eighteen Dawn Busters' and Key Clubber's volunteered to help serve Thanksgiving dinner to the New Orleans Mission. The Mission administers a nine-month program for recovering addicts, spousal abuse victims, etc. They also provide meals, clothes and support services to the needy. It was a good feeling to know that we helped someone during the holiday season.

The Pancake Breakfast was held in the Grace King Cafeteria again this year. The club sold \$5,509.00 worth of tickets and we had expenses of \$908.00. This made our profit \$4,601.00 and after all late sales came in; we made \$5,200.00 against a budgeted amount of \$8,000.00. Because our sales were so low, President Sal asked Warren Nardelle to chair a committee to review our fund raising efforts. The committee consisted of four senior members of the club and four newer (younger) ones. They met at Warrens' house and it was inspiring to hear some of the thoughts passing through these great minds. The Committee decided that we had to put experience back into the key spots. All during the meeting, we could see Bruce Johnson got really turned on and he started thinking back to the days when he put on one of his great productions. He hinted that he would like to handle the sales and promotion of the breakfast this year. Trent and Sal jumped on this and signed him up right away. Since Warren felt we needed a strong person at the top of operations, Trent asked him to run the pancake day operations. So it would be the team of Johnson and Nardelle running next year's pancake breakfast. (The return of Rowdy I and Rowdy II)

Our annual Christmas Party was held in the home of Sandy and Leni Sumich, again this year. They have been so very kind offering their home for our Christmas Party each year and the Dawn Busters take this opportunity to thank them for being so generous. Eight members showed up at Leni's around 11:00 A.M. to deep fry five turkeys. That evening sixty-seven Dawn Buster's, Spouses and guests showed up for lots of food and liquid refreshment. Each lady prepared their favorite covered dish or dessert. At the end of the party, we gave Leni and Sandy a present from the club to thank them for the use of their home.

Eileen Sullivan, Pete Breslin and Larry Haas continued coaching the Special Olympic kids. All three coaches had a successful year again this year. They lost their sponsorship from New York Life. Rick Villavaso who was once a Dawn Buster worked for New York Life and sponsored the kids for years. This did not stop Eileen, Pete and Larry. They tightened their belt and the club helped a little more.

Suzanne Martin, of the Youth Services Committee continued the Ronald Mc Donald Project. Every third Monday of the month, a Dawn Buster family would prepare a home cooked meal for the cancer patients and their parents that were staying at the home. Other Dawn Busters would come along to help serve. This is a great program and it is great service to the youth of our community.

Well as you have seen in past history, Ken Mc Daniel is our experienced shirt seller. We went to a project and Charlie Ford and Beverly Cain from the District Office were wearing jackets. Everyone started kidding Ken about getting Dawn Buster jackets. Within six weeks, Ken showed up with a tan jacket having our new multi colored logo on them. The jackets sold for \$50.00 and many of our members purchased them.

We had a Day at the races at the Fairgrounds Race Track. Steve Ghergich arranged for us to have lunch in the Clubhouse and watch the races. We pooled our money and bought tickets on all horses in each race. Each member would draw a ticket and we always had three winners in each race. This gave everyone a chance to win. The seventh race was the Dawn Busters' race and we presented a blanket to the winning horse. Twenty-eight Dawn Busters, spouses and guests showed up for a good time.

The 4-B Division socials continued, but the attendance was getting smaller and smaller. It ended up just being the Dawn Busters, Kenner North and Metairie Kiwanis Clubs still interested and attending. We had two Bonco's and those that attended had fun.

The St. Louis King of France Builders Club brought in even more pull-tabs. By now we did not have a cancer patient that could use the tabs, so Pierre Thibodeaux and Jimmie Daigrepoint took the tabs to the Airline Salvage Company to turn them in for money. The tabs weighed 199 pounds and the salvage company mailed us a check for \$ 59.70. This money was sent to the Ronald Mc Donald House from the St. Louis King of France Builders Club.

The Leukemia Society hosted the 8th annual Volvo Cup Regatta at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. Seventy-three boats and over sailors that helped raise \$ 46,000.00 for the Leukemia Society. The Dawn Buster's did their traditional turkey fry. We cooked 14 turkeys that were used to feed the hungry crews at the end of their long day.

We became turkey-frying professionals and it seemed that everyone wanted us to fry turkeys for their fundraisers. The Ronald Mc Donald House Charities had its 7th annual Mini Car Race. Fourteen members helped cook the turkeys that went to feed the drivers after the race. The race took place in the Zephyr's parking lot.

Pierre Thibodeaux continued driving the residents of Metairie Manor on Wednesday's. He used a van that belongs to Metairie Manor to take the residents shopping. He picked them up in about two hours, after they had finished shopping.

The exercise equipment that the Dawn Buster's had installed in 1984 was finally showing its age. It had become run down and no one was using it. Sister Aloysius asked President Sal to have a crew take it down and put it into the large dumpsters that were being used in the construction of Metairie Manor 3. Sal agreed and a crew of Dawn Busters turned out for the demolition. Tony Di George led this fine crew. This group was known as his Commandos and they finished the job in just three hours.

Hannah Cunningham of the Jefferson Performing Arts Society, asked us to take down a fence by their office on Clearview Parkway. Tony and his Commandos decided that since the exercise course didn't take too long, that they would go take the fence down. By three o'clock, we had finished this job also.

Don Lawrence was the Social Chairman and he had a barbecue party at Metairie Manor. It was catered by Corky's and we had chicken, pork, salad, beans and brownies. We also had iced tea, beer and soft drinks. All fifty-six members and spouses attending had a fun time.

One cold winter morning found thirteen members outside a warehouse in the Elmwood Industrial Park. We went to work for the Second Harvesters Food Bank, where we would be sorting and packaging food for the needy. We waited for a short time only to find that we had been erroneously scheduled, so we had no other choice, but to go back to our nice warm houses.

We continued working the Tulane Basketball and Zephyr Baseball games this year. The concession stands at these games were run by Messina's Restaurant and we got paid for manning the booths. The monies raised went into our Administrative funds and were used to supplement part of the cost of the Installation Banquet meal. This meant that our members would only have to pay \$ 15.00 per meal instead of the usual \$ 29.00.

Our International Understanding Committee, chaired by Jimmie Daigrepoint, mailed a Mardi Gras package to the Kiwanis Club of Athelstone, South Australia. The package included a King Cake, beads, trinkets and a booklet on the history of Mardi Gras.

Eileen Sullivan, Special Olympics chair-lady, fed 250 athletes, coaches and family members at the Kings Grant Gym on the West bank. The occasion was a dance for the Special Olympians and our food was really appreciated. Our club was presented a plaque for our contribution.

Sister Aloysius had a St. Joseph's altar in the Metairie Manor cafeteria. We gave her a check for \$ 50.00 to help defray some of the costs. Several members visited the altar and Sister gave each member a lucky bean at the following Wednesday's meeting.

The Circle K annual get together was held at the K-Bar-B Ranch in Mandeville, La. Eleven Dawn Busters, led by inter club chairman, Gordon Gsell, attended. We ate hotdogs and hamburgers and played basketball with the kids.

The Mega-City area Special Olympics Tournament was held at Tulane University. Eileen Sullivan, Pete Breslin and Larry Haas, all had teams in the Tournament. Larry Haas' team improved their record and won third place in Division III. Pete Breslin's team won Division II by just one point. Our congratulations go out to all three coaches for a great job with the Special Kids.

Past Lt. Governor, Don Lawrence, presented Distinguished President and Distinguished Secretary awards to Warren Nardelle and Pete Seeber. These awards were announced at the Mid Winter Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. Don presented these men with their awards at our regular weekly meeting, so that the membership of our club would know that Warren and Pete received their awards. Don also presented Past President, Warren, with the Distinguished Club award. David Rafidi received the Administrative Excellence award plaque for inter clubbing. The Dawn Busters chalked up 37,000 inter club miles.

Eighteen members attended the Key Club Convention in Biloxi Mississippi. All three of our Key Clubs won an award for overall service. In the Bronze Division, Bonnabel placed first while East Jefferson placed second and in the Gold Division, Grace King placed second. Sunita Aurora was retired as Lt. Governor and Lexi Reed was retired as Governor. Surita was awarded the prestigious Joel P. Ory Key Club scholarship in the amount of \$ 3,500.00. This award is presented once a year from the District and it is highly coveted. What a great year for the Dawn Busters' Sponsored Youth. We are very proud of all of our Key Clubs and their members.

Warren Nardelle presented the new Dawn Busters' Fact Sheet. It was only out for about five minutes, when members found errors in it, so Warren took it back and we have not seen it yet. Hopefully, Warren will correct it and bring it back to a meeting soon.

The annual "Skip A Meal" program was upon us again. All members that came to our May 2, 2001 meeting, paid their \$ 5.00, but did not eat. We did have coffee for them. The money collected was sent to the International Foundation to be used to support our efforts with IDD.

Our Social Chairman was busy planning things for us to do. The latest was to see the Jefferson Performing Arts Society musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum". Chairman, Don Lawrence, just knew that we would enjoy this show. There were forty-six Dawn Busters, spouses and friends attending the show.

Eileen Sullivan showed the Club, the uniforms that we purchased for her Special Olympic team to wear to the State Games in Hammond, Louisiana. The shirts were Blue, Green and Black.

Warren and Sandra Nardelle traveled to Reno to visit John and Faye Gormley. Their travels brought them to Yellowstone. When Warren started doing the history, he realized how nice it was of those that were away, to call to wish the membership good morning. Warren planned the time, so he would wake up at 5:00 A. M. and call the Club at that time which would be 7:00 in Metairie. Somehow things did not go as planned, because when Warren called, they were in the middle of singing and prayer. Sal could not come to the phone, and Warren just told George Rojas to tell everyone good morning. Sounds like poor planning on the part of Warren, or was it that Sal was running late with opening the meeting.

Craig Howard's grandmother, Myrtle Horton, published a book of her favorite poems. The money made from the sale of these books went to IDD. Myrtle is a member of the Union City Kiwanis Club, in Union City, Tennessee. Many Dawn Busters purchased a book to help raise this money. The books cost \$ 20.00 each.

President Sal Cali started a program that had Past Presidents of our club speak to us about what they did in their year as President. Sal set aside the second meeting of each month, and assigned three Past President to speak at each meeting. He started from the beginning and went through all Presidents up to his year. Each President was allowed ten minutes to tell what the club did in their year.

Every year, several members talked about up-dating the history of our club, but we never got serious about it. This year when Sal announced his plan to have the presidents speak, and no one knew what they did in their year, Warren Nardelle volunteered to dig out old bulletins, minutes, budgets and notes and start writing the club's history. He agreed to stay ahead of Sal's schedule, so that each president would have a list of things done in their year. This worked well, as all past presidents received their year in writing, one week before their turn to speak. The Dawn Busters thank Warren for his efforts in completing the History of our Club.

Our annual crayfish social was held again this year at the home of Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux. We had a large turnout and lots of crayfish, potatoes, corn, desserts and refreshments. We had a putting contest and a basketball hoop contest. We also had lots of mosquitoes.

We had a tremendous turn out of Dawn Busters, families and Key Clubbers to serve the residents of Metairie Manor Thanksgiving Dinner. Each year, Sister Aloysius supplies the food, her cooks prepare it and the Dawn Busters serve it. We had twenty-three Dawn Busters, family members and twelve Key Clubbers to help serve. After the residents ate, they went to their rooms and we cleaned up and set the tables for the Lakeside Kiwanis Club meeting the following morning.

It was announced in our bulletin, that Governor Court Crow was coming to town on May 12, 2001 to honor Lt. Governor George Rojas. His party was held at Metairie Manor, and when we got there, it was announced that we were going to honor Sister Aloysius Ott. Sister is a member of the Dawn Busters and she runs Metairie Manor I, II, and III. The three Kiwanis Clubs that meet at Metairie Manor decided that they would like to honor Sister. Warren Nardelle, from the Dawn Busters was on the committee. The party was a roast of Sister. Warren contacted all the Jefferson Parish Politicians, (Sheriff Harry Lee, Senator Ken Hollis, Parish President Tim Coulon and Parish Council President, Aaron Broussard) and invited them to "Roast" Sister. Each was asked to present her with a Proclamation so she would remember this day. Sister was surprised, but George was not disappointed, as he knew about this. Thirty-six Dawn Busters and wives attended. There were a total of 264 people at the party. This was a great tribute to Sister and she surely is deserving of our honor and respect.

President Sal, Brandie Pecoul, Pam Casanova and Mary Beth Cahill attended the Terrific Kids Award Ceremony at the St. Louis King of France School. Sal presented this year's Terrific Kid Award to Megan Sauviac, who also happens to be the charter president of the Builder's Club. Megan was selected to receive this award by the faculty, staff and administration of the school.

We cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for the Grace King Annual Divisional Luau. A record 147 Key Clubbers attended and had lots of fun and fellowship. Twelve Dawn Busters helped cook and serve the Key Clubbers.

We went back to the Second Harvesters Food Bank and this time we got it right. We sorted 9,000 pounds and 362 cases of food. We found out that this is more than any one club had done in the past. Fourteen Dawn Busters and eight Bonnabel Key Clubbers participated, and they are to be congratulated for an excellent job.

Our members worked the Children's Miracle Network Telethon on Sunday Morning. We had a great time working the phones, sorting mail and being runners. We had a banner day, as our crew collected over \$800,000.00 while we manned the phones. Nine Dawn Busters, one wife and seven Bonnabel Key Clubbers worked that morning. While we were on the air, President Sal presented a check for \$ 500.00 to Norman Robinson, as our donation to the telethon.

Our 20th annual Father's Day Classic Golf Tournament was held on the Bayou Oaks course in City Park. The weather was great and the golfers had a great time. We had breakfast donated by La Madeline's and hot dogs before and during the tournament. After play was ended, we had supper, supplied by Outback Steakhouse. Hugh Posner was our chairman and the profit was \$ 8,750.00.

A group of Dawn Busters planned a trip to Italy and while they were there, they decided to plan to make two interclubs. They visited the Kiwanis Club of Palermo, Palermo, Italy and the Kiwanis Club, Prato (Florence), Italy. Each member picked up credit for traveling 11,108 miles. There were six members at each interclub so we got credit for 66,648 interclub miles. Those members that went were: Rocco Di George, Pete Seeber, Stanley Hornung, Tony Di George, Bob Graham and J. J. Rey.

Sister Aloysius, asked us to re-paint their lawn furniture. The furniture was metal and had rusted from being outside. The furniture had to be sanded and painted with primer and a final coat of white paint had to be applied. This was no easy job, as it took six members, five trips to complete the project. The results were good, as the furniture looks like new in the patio area at Metairie Manor.

The District convention was held in Biloxi, Mississippi at the Grand Hotel and Casino. Catch that name, Hotel and **Casino**. You must know that our members stayed in the Hotel, and did not wander over to the Casino. They were all at the Convention, attending seminars. I know, because from time to time, I would go over to the Casino, just to check to be sure they were not there. I am proud to report that I did not notice any of our members in the Casino. They may have been there, but I did not **Notice** them. The Dawn Busters won many awards, as they usually do. Bob Graham received the 2000-2001 Club Newsletter Award, Pat and Courtney Reed got the Scrapbook Award for the most unique scrapbook. Our book was many pages of pictures in scrapbook pages, all labeled and in neat order. What was unique about our scrapbook was that it was not bound, but the pages were placed in a Budweiser beer box.

Brandie Pecoul continued her efforts to have a new member orientation. She announced it for several weeks and when the time came to have it, only one member showed up. Brandie did not get discouraged though and had the orientation as planned. She did her usual excellent job.

Our club was supporting Larry Mobley, from Amite, for Governor Elect. This was a hard run race, as both candidates had a chance to win. We were not sure if Larry had it or not. The Bylaws of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West-Tennessee District state that if a Club is not going to be present to vote, they can name one of the Past Lt. Governors as a delegate for their club. Lt. Governor George Rojas did his job and got those Presidents to assign Past Lt. Governors to vote for them in the House of Delegates. The election was very close and Larry won by seven votes. Could it have been the votes that George got by having the Past Lt. Governors vote. Larry came to our next meeting and thanked the Dawn Buster's and Lt. Governor Rojas for helping him win the election. We are very happy that Larry Mobley won, and we know he will make a great Governor.

Word started spreading that the International Convention would be in New Orleans in 2002. Committee Chairs have been selected and three Dawn Busters were among the Committee Chairs. Carlo Maniglia is the General Host Vice Chairman, assisting David Lindsey of the Mandeville Kiwanis Club. George Rojas is the Information Chairman and Warren Nardelle, is the Registration Chairman. Warren made history by holding this position, as he is the only Kiwanian to be Registration Chairman of three different International Conventions. He chaired the 1981 convention held in the Superdome, the 1994 convention held in the Morial Convention Center and the 2002 convention held in the Morial Convention Center.

After a whole year of trying to get Stephen Cali to join the Dawn Busters, Sal's son finally joined the club three weeks before his presidency was up. We know that Stephen will make a good member, as he was brought up in a Kiwanis environment. While he was being installed, by Lt. Governor George Rojas, it was noted that even Stephen is taller than our President, Sal.

Sal had a great year and now all that we had to do was to have the annual Installation Banquet. At this banquet, Sal was relieved of his duties as our President and assigned to serve another year on the Dawn Busters Board of Directors, as Past President. The banquet was great and all had a good time. There were 108 members and guests and the food was great. The Board approved the reduction of the cost to \$ 15.00 per person.

Several awards of interest were given out at the Banquet. During the year, we tore down the exercise set in the rear of Metairie Manor, as it was getting old and had started to decay. The exercise set was constructed in 1981, during Warren's year and Bruce Johnson took the plaque that was placed on the beginning of the course and had it framed. It read as follows:

**Assembled
and installed by
Dawn Busters
Kiwanis Club
1987 –1988 administration**

**dedicated to
METAIRIE MANOR
On their 9th Anniversary
March 12, 1989**

Bruce presented it to Warren to remind him of the event.

George Rojas was named Kiwanian of the Year. This was George's second time to receive this honor and he is the first Kiwanian to receive Kiwanian of the Year twice. George was very deserving of this honor and this showed him, what his Club and its members thought of him.

Sal has been in Kiwanis for twenty-seven years and has been a great member. When asked to do something, he always does a good job. He volunteers for all projects and attends most interclubs. He has held every position in his club and the Dawn Busters thought this would be a good time to honor him. There were matching funds available from the IDD project in our District, so we got \$ 500.00 from the District and \$ 500.00 from the Club and purchased a Hixson to give to Sal. Warren presented the Hixson to Sal.

We sold Entertainment books again this year. Our goal was to surpass sales of last year. Sales were going pretty well, but Brandie Pecoul and John Northcutt asked what we could do to boost sales. Carlo Maniglia yelled out, "Why don't we have Sal shave his head, if we sell 400 books. Sal reluctantly agreed and the target date for sales to reach \$ 8,000.00 was set for the last Wednesday in October. This would be the week before the Installation banquet and we figured he would have a new look as our outgoing President. Sales were good, but not good enough to have Sal shave his head.

Well, Warren came through and delivered the new revised “Fact Sheet” to the banquet and each member received a copy placed on his or her table. Warren also had copies of the “Fact Sheet” placed on the table at the back door of our weekly meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2001-2002

Officers

President	Trent Strasburg
President Elect	Tom Long
First Vice President	Brandie Pecoul
Second Vice President	Ron Fonseca
Secretary	David Rafidi
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Bobby Comeaux	Ken Mc Daniel
Bob Graham	John Northcutt
Gordon Gsell	Jack Villarubia
Bruce Johnson	

Membership at end of year	Members 88
Kiwanian of the Year	David Rafidi
Governor	Jay Vallelungo
Lt. Governor	Fred Dumas
Mid Winter Convention	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
International Convention	New Orleans, Louisiana
District Convention	Monroe, Louisiana

Our first speaker for the year was Jay Vallelungo, Governor of the Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District. Jay presented his three goals for his year and told us how he would achieve them. Jay is a member of the Kenner North Kiwanis Club.

Ronald Mc Donald was the third Monday of each month. One member would prepare and serve meals to those families with children who are undergoing cancer treatment.

Twelve Dawn Busters painted a map of the USA on the playground at St. Edward the Confessor School. Jimmie Daigrepoint contacted McDonald's and they contributed half the cost of the map, along with kudos (food). Twenty-five of their Sixth Grade students helped paint the map. The Friday before we did the map, three members pressure washed the area that the map was painted on.

We made our annual trip to the Boo at the Zoo. This is a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital, and we work wherever we are needed. We usually run one of the games that the kids play. We had twenty-three members, spouses and friends show up to help the kids have fun.

We worked the Celebration in the Oaks at City Park. This is a beautiful drive-thru Christmas display. The lights are strung among the huge oak trees. On October 6, several Members went to the park to help string the lights.

The 911, terrorist strike on the World Trade Center had an effect on every one. Kiwanis got involved in a project to collect Teddy Bears for the children that lost a parent in the attack. Bears were collected and brought to a drop off point at Grace King High School. The Alice Birney School found out about Kiwanis collecting bears and had their students collect them too. One day one of the teachers called April Byrd of the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club and told her that their students had collected 600 teddy bears, and they wanted to donate them to us.

The New Member Orientation was continued by Brandie Pecoul. This was a two-hour meeting held at someone's home, (away from the confusion of the meeting room) to tell all new members about Kiwanis and the Dawn Busters. They received literature on Kiwanis and Brandie answered all of their questions. Brandie did an excellent job with this program last year and again this year. This orientation was held at night separate from our regular meetings.

Metairie Manor let all their cooks and clean up people go, and they hired a caterer. The name of the company was Rainbow Catering and Sue and her sister were the owners. Lots of changes came about. We had better food, but we had to clean off our own tables and put the plates and utensils in the wash area. We no longer had table clothes and for a while, we ate from paper plates and paper cups for our coffee. Speaking of coffee, we also had to give up our good, very delicious coffee (Standard Coffee). After several months of bad coffee, Butch Diaz-----Mr. Standard Coffee – Himself talked Sue into buying his coffee again. Then at least our coffee was good, once again.

The fifth annual Builders Club Leadership Conference was held at Grace King High School. This was a meeting and a Bar B Que for all builders clubs of Division 4-A and 4-B. The District purchased the food and drinks and the Dawn Busters bought it and did all the cooking. We served about 123 members. Fifteen members attended to help cook and clean up.

A new program was kicked off and it was intended to help keep track of the service hours that each member serves. It also allowed us to get a count of how many hours our club gives back to the community in service. It was also intended to encourage members to work more projects and to get them to be more interactive with our youth groups. The program was called **SASK**—an acronym for Servimus, Aedificamus, Sumus Kiwanii, which means, “We Serve, We Build. We Are Kiwanians.

Sal Cali was presented with a new Dawn Busters shirt, by Kendal Mc Daniel. Joan Albright, wife of Havard Albright and Faye Gormley, wife of John Gormley put up the money to get him a shirt with his own special nickname printed on it. The printing gave Sal's nickname and was imprinted "*Dumb Ass*".

The Dawn Buster's History went on sale for \$ 10.00. It was thought that most members would want a copy, but it ended up that only the older members wanted it. It was realized that the younger members were not really interested in what had happened in the past. Ten copies were sold. Warren agreed to continue writing the history and all that bought a copy would be supplied the annual updates at no charge.

Our Key Clubs held a Laser Tag match and the Dawn Busters were invited to attend. The cost was \$ 12.00 a person. Of course the Dawn Busters couldn't pass up the challenge so we had eight of our members attend and they got slaughtered.

Ron Fonseca was a Cajun joke teller and he took part in many joke-telling contests. Every week he would tell us a joke when he introduced himself. He was our program one week and he kept us in stitches for about fifteen minutes. A few weeks later, Carlo Maniglia started telling Cajun jokes also and he and Ron would try to outdo each other.

The International Convention was going to be in New Orleans this Year and Warren Nardelle was in charge of Registration. As Registration Chairman, he had to get one hundred and fifteen volunteers to help him. He started inter-clubbing with all clubs in Divisions 4-A and 4-B. His job was a large one, but he was not worried, as he had done this same job just ten years ago, when the convention was held in the Super Dome.

We supported the Angel Program put on by the Salvation Army, again this year.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Metairie Manor was in our plans. We served 434 meals that were provided by Metairie Manor.

Members of our club brought their old newspapers to the meetings at Metairie Manor every Wednesday and put them in the paper collection container in the parking lot. Sister sells the papers and uses the money for the home.

In order to reduce the cost of doing our bulletin, it was decided that we would mail bulletins only to members that insisted on receiving a paper copy, and the rest got them by e-mail. This saved us a lot of money in postage.

Another pie-in-the face was delivered to Pete Breslin by Carlo Maniglia. Pete made the mistake of betting on Alabama to beat LSU. However, Pete came prepared for this messy and degrading event complete with a white coverall and a set of teeth provided by Dennis Russo, The New Orleans Brass Dentist.

Tim Upton of the Bonnabel Key Club presented the Dawn Busters with a certificate of appreciation for our support of the sponsored youth of their school.

Nine Dawn Busters and thirteen Key Clubbers from Grace King and Bonnabel got together for a work project at the Psychiatric Unit of the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital. The playroom was stenciled, painted and a new carpet was provided and laid. Furniture was painted for the second playroom and we pasted designs cut from wallpaper around the top of the room to form a border.

Our annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Leni and Sandi Sumich and all had a great time. We had deep fried turkeys and everyone brought a covered dish or a salad or dessert. We had a complete dinner, and no one left hungry or thirsty. Our thanks went out to the Sumich's and we presented them with a gift to show our appreciation for the use of their home.

Every member of the club was presented a very nice Christmas ornament on behalf of the club officers & Brandie and Johnny. The wording was special, as one side read Merry Christmas and the other side read, **"2001 Dawn Busters We Build"** "This was a very nice and thoughtful surprise from them.

Brandie Pecoul was the captain for the Barb Wire Ranch team in the pancake breakfast. This team was made up of all the female members of the club. Jimmie issued a challenge to Brandie that her team could not sell \$ 800.00 in pancake tickets. If she did Jimmie would get a pie in the face. If she didn't, she would get the pie. Lo and behold, her team sold \$ 801.00 and Jimmie had to take the pie.

The day at the races social at the Fairgrounds was held on January 12 and the cost was \$ 25.00 a person. This covered entry to the clubhouse and a buffet dinner. We awarded a blanket to the winning horse in the last race.

A guest speaker told us of the Pennies for Kids with Cancer program. This allowed kids to save their pennies and put them in a jar at school and the money would be given to this program. Warren Nardelle got the idea that he would pass a plastic milk jug around and ask everyone to put their pennies in the jug and we would turn them in. Some one asked Warren what to do if they didn't have pennies, and Warren told them that he would take anything----even bills. Each week the jug went by and much to Warren's surprise, he started getting 5's, 10's and 20's in the jug. All in all we collected \$ 225.86 in a little over a month, for the kids with cancer program. A check was mailed on the club's behalf.

Our Key Clubs each ran one meeting during the year, to show their participation with us. Meetings were held the first Wednesday of January, February, March and April. The Key Clubbers ran the whole meeting and President Trent sat back, relaxed and even got to eat breakfast on these mornings.

Our Key clubbers joined with us to work The Jefferson Parish Christmas Tree Marsh Restoration Project. They met at 900 Peters Road in Harvey to bundle recycled Christmas trees. The trees were later placed in the wetlands South of New Orleans, to slow down the erosion. Louisiana has 40% of the nation's coastal wetlands and is experiencing 80% of the coastal wetlands loss, 30 to 50 square miles each year. Trees are placed in the wetlands to shore up areas in times of high water and hurricanes.

The Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club provides an annual scholarship of \$ 500.00 to one graduating senior from each of our four Key Clubs, Bonnabel High School, East Jefferson High School, Grace King High School and Mount Carmel Academy. These scholarships are awarded to the one senior member from each club that reflects the objects of Key Club International. The recipients are expected to be of a high moral character and should have achieved excellence in their endeavors.

Our involvement with Second Harvesters Food Bank continued. We worked three times sorting food that was collected. The time we sorted the most food was after the Postal Service collected 200,000 pounds of food from the residents in Metairie for the food bank. We moved, sorted and packed 200 boxes with 5140 pounds of food items. We had seventeen Key Clubbers and eight Dawn Busters working.

Each year, the Eye Openers Kiwanis Club would put up a Mardi Gras reviewing stand in front of Toys "R" Us on Veterans Boulevard. The stand was constructed of scaffolding and plywood. It takes about thirty people working from seven a.m. to noon to construct the stand. Nine members went to help with the construction. It never fails to be cold or rainy but the job always gets done. The stand is put up so that various Kiwanis Clubs can bring handicapped children to see the parades. Each Club gets a parade to bring their underprivileged kids to. There are food, drinks and snacks and the kids get lots of beads and throws. This year, we hosted the patients from the Leukemia Society of Louisiana to see the Caesar parade.

Numerous homes in the Kenner area are sinking dramatically thus making it extremely difficult for the handicapped and elderly to navigate the large drop offs and uneven entrances and exits to their homes. Six members constructed a handicap ramp for the owner of one of these homes and they completed it in two days. This was done at no cost to the homeowner. Material and labor was free.

Again this year we were involved with the Special Olympics Unified Basketball Program. This program has been important to our club, but especially to Eileen Sullivan, T. Peter Breslin and Larry Haas. They are all coaches for the special kids.

Our annual blood drive took place in February this year. A blood mobile came to our meeting and breakfast was prepared early for those wishing to give blood. Many members gave blood, but some of us were too chicken. We collected eleven pints. Sister Aloysius had been sick and most of the blood was allotted for her.

Ronald Mc Donald House Charities have an annual Grand Prix Festival held in the parking lot of Zephyr Field on Airline Drive. We were asked to deep fry sixteen turkeys for the event. Eleven Dawn Busters helped cook the turkeys

Sal Cali decided he wanted to run for Lt. Governor Elect to serve for 2003-2004. He had to come to our board to get the blessing of his club before he could tell the 4-B council that he would run. The Board unanimously agreed to support Sal as a candidate. This only happened after they were able to verify that there were no height restrictions for this position. Sal won the election and will serve his division well.

The Mid Winter Convention was held in Baton Rouge and we had eleven members in attendance. As usual, the Dawn Busters received lots of awards, the Multiple Service Award for the Diamond Section (76 plus members), The District 4-B Administrative Excellence Award, The Diamond Section Governors' Award (We had 85,417 points and the next best club in our section only had 5000 points. Sal Cali was named Distinguished President for his year and David Rafidi was named Distinguished Secretary.

The first night of the convention was lacking many Dawn Busters because 39 of them had a very important social event to attend. This event was much more important than any convention. This event was the marriage of our own Brandie Pecoul to Johnny Northcutt. The hall was packed with friends and relatives. The bride, attended by her mother, was radiant in her gorgeous wedding gown. The setting was beautiful and guests enjoyed fine food, drinks and dancing. The reception was held at the Champagne Palace in River Ridge. The newly married Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Northcutt chose to miss the convention and instead went to stay on an island in the Caribbean. I just don't understand why they didn't come to the convention to be with their friends. Just think of the money they would have saved.

We are always working for Metairie Manor—Painting, gardening and repairing something. This time we were asked to repair the coupling holding the flag to the top of the pole. We were able to get someone with a cherry picker to come to our aid and the pole was repaired.

Tony Di George is a square dance caller and we asked him to be our program at one of our meetings. He brought all of his equipment and had four couples come completely dressed in their western outfits to dance for us. Those dancers were all members of our club. They are Rocco Di George, Stanley Hornung, Larry Prejean and J. J. Rey. They danced with their wives, Olga Rey, Jo Anne Di George, Margaret Prejean and Myra Thibodeaux. (But where was Pierre Thibodeaux? Tony showed us all the different steps he calls and then had them show us how they danced to his calls. Then he got four volunteers from the members and put them with one of his dancers and you would be surprised how well they did. This was a great time for all.

Our Key Clubs took on a work project with Habitat for Humanity on March 16. Eleven Dawn Busters, five East Jefferson Key Clubbers along with eight Grace King Key clubbers and one Bonnabel Key Clubber joined together for an Interclub work project. We painted and hung vinyl siding. Working from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M. This was a very rewarding project as it showed just how much can be accomplished when you get this many people together and they are all working their assigned job.

Dot Charlet is a retired teacher from Bissonet School. Each year they have a fair and Dot asked us to take on the job of cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. We gladly accepted her request and we had nine members show up to help with the cooking.

The Board of Directors voted to sponsor Ron Fonseca in the Opelousas joke telling contest in his effort to be the funniest joke teller two years in a row. He did not win, but you can't win them all. He told the membership that he would have to practice more on us.

Kiwanis International changed their bylaws saying we had to have a President Elect and this caused a problem with our bylaws, so a bylaw change was necessary. Our bylaws read that we would elect seven Directors. This gave us twelve members to vote. Since the President did not vote, this gave us eleven votes. This amount was an uneven number and it should eliminate ties. In the event of a tie, though, the president would have to break the tie. It was decided that we needed to have another Director, since we have a President Elect, so we could get the number of votes uneven again, still having the President able to break ties. So our bylaws were changed to read "The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and eight elected Directors".

One of the Bissonet School counselors was having a rough time due to medical problems and we were asked to donate non-perishable food items, dry goods, canned goods, or even cash. These items were brought to our weekly meetings for two weeks and Warren passed his jug around to collect cash. This was a good project where we were helping someone that really needed help.

Our May 1, 2003 meeting was a very special one that was run by our Sponsored Youth Chairman, Stu Palermo. This was our Key Club Scholarship Day and we presented four deserving Key Clubbers with checks for \$ 500.00 each. They were Miranda Lemon from Mount Carmel, Shana Doyle from Grace King, Joshua Saybee from East Jefferson and Vinh Nguyen from Bonnabel. Jay Vallelungo, Governor of Louisiana Mississippi West Tennessee District and Fred Dumas, Lt. Governor of The Louisiana, Mississippi, West Tennessee District and a representative from Parish President Tim Coulon's office were present to help present them with their checks. We also had local newspaper coverage. At the end of the presentation, each of the four students were given a college survival kit, that consisted of such things as pens, pencils, ruler, aspirins and many other helpful things needed when going off to college. This was one of our best presentations of scholarships ever and Stu Palermo was applauded for doing such a great job.

Our annual crayfish party was held at the home of Myra and Pierre Thibodeaux and we had thirty-two members and guests present. The cost was eight dollars per person and we had crayfish, corn, potatoes and ice cream for dessert. The weather was beautiful and all had a good time.

Well, it finally happened. The board approved allowing each member to decide if they want just coffee or a full meal. For years we could not have this option, because we had a guarantee of thirty-six meals to Metairie Manor and we were afraid that if we offered just coffee as an option, we would not meet our guarantee. Now that the club is larger and we have more members attending weekly meetings, we can let them decide if they want coffee for \$ 2.00 or a full meal for \$ 5.00.

The Division 4 Key Clubs hold a Luau each year at Grace King High School, and the Dawn Busters are in charge of cooking 120 hot dogs and 120 hamburgers and serving the kids. A team of ten members helped gather cook and serve the food. They also handled clean up after the party. There was limbo dancing, water balloon fights, music, food and drinks.

The Elmwood Lagniappe Kiwanis Club was formed and we had six members and their spouseas attend their charter night at Smiley's Restaurant in River Ridge.

Special mention and a certificate of honorary membership in the Dawn Busters were given to two of our Key Clubbers. They were Alyss Mazanegos and Erin Leonard, both from the Grace King Key Club. The reason for this recognition was that they each attended eight meetings in a row and thirteen of the last fifteen. This is a better record than most of our members.

Well there was another bet by Carlo Maniglia on his L. S. U. team in a contest with U. L. L. that was Tom Longs team. Well, Carlo's luck could not hold up and Tom got to give Carlo a yummy pie in the face.

The Children's Miracle Telethon was held again this year and we had eleven members work the phones, mail envelopes and be runners. This is always a good time and they always have plenty of good food to eat before and after we work.

Warren has been collecting pull-tabs for kids to get Chemo treatments. This has been going on for about three years. Lexi Reed showed up at one of our meetings with seven and a half gallons of pull-tabs that she personally saved and collected. Great job Lexi, you have helped eight kids get cancer treatments free.

A family from Bissonet School was in need of a refrigerator. Dot Charlet announced it at one of our meetings and we were able to find them a refrigerator within two days. We delivered it, installed it and then the donor went to the store and filled it with food.

Johnny and Brandie prepared new inserts for our name badges giving more information, such as highest office held and type of work each member did. Everyone was encouraged to wear their badge and their pin to every meeting.

For the last two years we have been thinking about forming a Dawn Busters Foundation. We were informed that the Arabi Kiwanis Club had been successful in forming their foundation and a committee from our club, led by Ron Fonseca, met with them to get more information on what to look for and what to do and not to do. Unfortunately, we did not get the foundation off the ground in Trent's year, but it is coming. The foundation is intended to fund our Key Club Scholarships from the interest from the Foundation's investments.

Our Fathers Day Classic golf tournament was held again at Bayou Oaks Golf Course and it was another success. We had one hundred five players and sixty-two sponsors. Our raffle was a huge success, also, we sold \$1,373.00 in tickets and Jimmie Daigrepoint sold the most, selling \$818.00.

The International Convention finally came to New Orleans and we were kept busy. Carlo Maniglia was the General Host Vice-Chairman, George Rojas was the Information Chairman and Warren Nardelle was the Registration Chairman. This meant that our members would be working very hard. George needed about forty volunteers and Warren needed about one hundred and fifty volunteers. Every club in Division 4-A and 4-B helped with volunteers and all time slots were filled, in fact, most were over-filled. It was a lot of hard work, but George and Warren were ready and handled their jobs well. This was the third time that Warren had handled registration for the International Convention, so he had some idea of what to expect. The convention was very successful and when the international crew left, they were talking about when they come back to New Orleans.

Because we had to be at the convention center so early, our members had to stay at the Hampton Inn Hotel across the street from the convention center. We had to be at the center for seven A. M. and stayed until six P. M. Warren told the club he would do the registration, but he had to have a room with a suite so that he could invite those working for him to have food and drinks after they finished their shift. He believed that if you treat the workers right, they would be glad to volunteer to help. The suite was always open and was very busy. Ken Mc Daniel was in charge of the hospitality suite and he even had people scheduled to man the suite. Warren and Sandra slept in the suite at night.

Ron Fonseca chaired a committee to handle the Light the Night walk. The walk started at Franklin and Lakeshore Drive and ran for 2.6 miles. It began at dusk and the walkers carried illuminated balloons. After, there was music, food and entertainment.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Metairie Manor was a huge success again this year. We had thirty-six members, wives, guests and Key Clubbers come to help us serve the food that is prepared for the residents. We served turkey, dressing, string beans, rolls, gravy and soup. After the residents left, we cleaned up and reset the tables back to where they were.

Lt. Governor Fred Dumas came to our meeting the Wednesday after the District Convention in Monroe, Louisiana to present all of the awards that were given to the Dawn Busters. The Governors' Interclub Award was presented to Gordon Gsell, the Distinguished President award was presented to Sal Cali, the Distinguished Secretary Award was presented to David Rafidi and the Distinguished Club award went to the Dawn Busters. First place in the bulletin contest went to Bob Graham, Bulletin Editor and Sal Cali got honorable mention for the District Single Service Project. As usual the Dawn Busters ran away with most of the awards. The appropriate banner patches were presented for us to put on our awards banner.

Trent plays music and at his installation banquet, he had a group of musicians playing soft background music during the cocktail hour. This added a nice touch to our installation banquet and it was mentioned that we might do it again next year.

ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR 2002-2003

Officers

President	Tom Long
President Elect	Brandie Northcutt
First Vice President	*Ron Fonseca/ Pete Breslin
Second Vice President	*Pete Breslin/Bobby Comeaux
Secretary	David Rafidi
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Bobby Comeaux	Kendal Mc Daniel
Dot Charlet	Warren Nardelle
Steve Ghergich	Stu Palermo
Bob Graham	

* Due to the resignation of Ron Fonseca.

Membership at end of year	93 Members
Kiwanian of the Year	Pat Reed
Governor	Larry Mobley
Lt. Governor	Earl St. John
Mid Winter Convention	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Indianapolis, Indiana
District Convention	Memphis, Tennessee
Membership as of October 1, 2002	87 Members

Tom's year started off with a bang. A Hurricane was approaching in September when he was supposed to be installed, so his installation had to be delayed until October 9, 2002. It was still held at the Southern Yacht Club and all had a good time.

Our board meetings were held in the office of Mr. T. "Peter" Breslin on the 11th floor of The Galleria at 6:30 on the first Monday of the Month.

The sale of Entertainment books was continued this year. We sold books for \$ 20.00 each. This program was very successful. Brandie Northcutt works for Entertainment and we get a profit of \$ 10.00 for each book sold. This year we sold 350 books.

We sold stuffed animals for \$ 5.00 each to help support the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

The Battered Women's Shelter wanted to have some climber sets constructed in their yard for the kids to climb on. They bought two sets and we were going to construct them for the Shelter. Many of our retired members plus three of the younger ones gathered at the Battered Women's Shelter to construct two clubhouses for the children. They met with Lowe's to select the lumber and have it cut to size and then Lowe's delivered it to the site. We provided jambalaya, soft drinks, beer and snacks. Warren told the club that he had a Clubhouse that he wanted to get rid of and he would donate it if they would just take it away. A crew of five Dawn Busters worked all day disassembling the club house, only to find that when they got to the posts in the ground, they were rotting and was not going to be any good to them. Since they had already torn it down, they hauled it away for Warren. This was pretty smart of Warren to get the clubhouse taken down and hauled away. He was accused of planning it that way. They decided not to send him a bill for their labor.

Eleven members helped serve Thanksgiving Dinner for the New Orleans Mission.

We participated in the Salvation Army Angel project. Our members took one hundred and fifty angels and brought gifts to our meeting. The Salvation Army picked them up a week before Christmas to be distributed to needy kids at Christmas time.

We started a column in the bulletin called The Kiwanis Mystery Member. This column was designed to get our members to know more about each other. It provided a picture of a member and a write up about their family, job and hobbies. One member ran each week.

Of course, Murray's thought of the day readings continued into Tom's year. Hannah would provide Murray with one Bible reading and two or three amusing readings. Murray would read them to us, and every one enjoyed the readings. When Murray had trouble reading them, Tom would help him.

Ronald Mc Donald House had a need for a wheel chair to use to get the children from their cars into the home. Pat Reed went out to shop for a wheel chair that would suit their needs and found that we needed \$ 300.00 She called Warren Nardelle who is known for shaking a plastic milk jug at the meetings to collect money for different projects. The following week, Warren told the club that he would shake the jug until he has collected the \$ 300.00 and the wheel chair was purchased. It only took four weeks before the money was collected and Pat went to purchase the chair and presented it to the home.

Myrtle Harton, Craig Howard's grandmother is a member of the Union City Kiwanis Club in Tennessee. She was spending some time with Craig before the Baton Rouge convention and spoke to our club, presenting a very patriotic program named "The American Flag. It was well prepared and well presented.

In the past, our presidents had a column in The Crack Of Dawn called “Prez Sez”. Tom decided to continue the article, but to change the name to “Tom’s Talk”. He would write articles to tell the members things he wanted them to know.

The annual Boo at the Zoo project was continued again this year. We were asked to collect 2000 pieces of candy to be used in their haunted houses. Two thousand thirty five pieces of candy were collected plus \$ 39.00 in cash. This bought in an additional 2880 pieces of candy. At the last minute, we collected an additional \$ 31.00 to buy even more candy. The St Louis King of France Builders Club provided us with an additional 4,236 pieces of candy. Thirty members and their families showed up the night of the Boo at the Zoo to give out the candy and we sure made lots of children very happy.

The new member orientation program was continued again at the home of Sal Cali. This program is designed to let new members know all they need to know about the club and organization they have joined. It gives them information such as when was Kiwanis formed, who formed it, what District they are in and who is their Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Lots of other information was provided, plus they could ask any questions that are not covered. This has been a program that was started by Brandie Northcutt and was so successful that we continued it.

Twenty -seven members showed up to serve Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of Metairie Manor. Dinner was provided by Metairie Manor’s cooks and the Dawn Busters served the residents. This was a turkey dinner with all the fixings. After dinner, we picked up tables and chairs and set up the room for the Lakeside Kiwanis Club Meeting the next morning.

Governor Larry Mobley and Imogene visited Divisions 4 – A and 4 – B. The Governor’s Visit was held at the Plimsol Club in New Orleans. This was a meeting room with a view of the river on two sides. We had twenty-six members and spouses attend to hear Governor Larry speak.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success again this year. We fed seven hundred thirty one people and fifty-four members showed up to work. We raised \$ 5,320.00 to help support our service projects. Our Key Clubs had a garage sale outside and they made around \$ 300.00. All funds were given to the Battered Women’s Shelter.

We were unable to work out a date with Lenny Sumich for our Christmas party, so at the last minute it was decided to have our party at Metairie Manor. It was a bring a covered dish or a dessert and the club provided turkeys which were deep-fried by several of our members.

The Youth Services Committee purchased two coats for a family’s two girls whose house burned to the ground.

SASK is a unique program for recording all members' service and support hours. The information collected served to identify all club activities, report, plan estimate hours and cost, budget and recognize members for their contributions. Each quarter the Club will recognize those members with the highest points from service hours.

Steve Ghergich has his company Christmas Party each year and decided to invite Dawn Busters as his guests to celebrate Christmas with him. His party was in Gentilly at the Roje Grand Ballroom. Music was by Bobbie Cure and the Summertime Blues. Santa was Ross Lessentine from Algiers Kiwanis. Twenty-one members and guests attended the party and had a great time.

Eight members worked the Celebration in the Oaks at City Park. Some worked with Santa taking pictures of the children and others worked in the Botanical Gardens.

Members were asked to bring small presents to one meeting before Christmas for the children of the Ronald Mc Donald Home. We collected thirty-two presents that were given to them at Christmas.

The Salvation Army Angel program was in our plans again this year. The Dawn Busters collected gifts for one hundred twenty five needy children. We brought them to a meeting two weeks before Christmas and two trucks from Salvation Army picked them up. We made many children happy when they opened these presents. There were at least ten bikes and many toys.

Ochsner hospital blood mobile arrived at one of our meetings in December and members gave eight pints of blood to help people in need.

We had a great surprise and a great Christmas present the week before Christmas. We had opened the meeting and were eating, when Sister Aloysius rolled in to visit us and have breakfast with us. Sister has been sick for a while and was living in a home on the West Bank. She was able to spend an hour with us and brightened our day. God Bless You—Sister.

Forty-six members and guests attended a day at the races at the New Orleans Fairgrounds. We got there for eleven o'clock and at twelve we had lunch from their buffet. Racing started at one and a great time was had by all. No one lost a lot, plus no one became rich either. Chairman Steve has a plan by which each person puts up twenty dollars and he buys tickets for all horses in each race. Before the race starts, he brings the tickets around and each person draws a ticket. That way, we have a couple of winners in each race and you don't have to pick a horse. Of course, you can bet on the side if you have a favorite horse. The last race is the Dawn Busters race and the club presents a blanket to the winning owner for his horse.

Starting in January, we had an interclub with each of our Sponsored Youth Clubs. This was called Power Thursday and four of our members attended each club once a month.

The Ronald Mc Donald House project continued into Tom's year. This project is great and is very helpful to the kids in town for treatment. The Ronald Mc Donald House provides housing for them and their parents while they are waiting for treatment. We prepare and serve food for them once a month. It is good for them to get home cooked meals from time to time.

Another worthwhile project was the work done at the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital. We had ongoing projects to paint, sand, stencil and install window shades and carpet squares at the Psychiatric Unit. This project went on for four weeks and many Dawn Busters and Key Clubbers helped.

The Annual Mini Grand Prix to benefit the Ronald Mc Donald House was held in the parking lot of Zephyrs Field. The Dawn Busters provided and deep-fried turkeys to be served to those attending.

Warren broke out his plastic jug again to collect Pennies for Kids. This project was supported by our Grace King High School Key Club and the money collected went for cancer research.

The Jefferson Parish Christmas Tree Marsh Restoration Project was the first Official Sponsored Youth Project coordinated by the Dawn Busters for our Sponsored Youth. Christmas trees were bundled and banded for placement in wetlands to stop erosion. There were seven members and 12 Key Clubbers who participated.

One Beautiful Sunday morning in February found a fit group of Dawn Busters joined by volunteers and staff of City Park unloading and organizing the materials to be used in the construction of an "inclusive" playground in the park. The playground is referred to as inclusive, because it is accessible to children that are physically and mentally challenged and allows interaction between all types of kids and fun for all in one single location. The following Tuesday found over five hundred volunteers to help assemble the playground equipment. Included in this number were eight Dawn Busters along with over two hundred orthopedic surgeons in town for their convention. They were broken down into teams each under a trained leader. As part of the festivities, workers were treated to lunch, which included a surprisingly good Nutria Gumbo.

The Greenwalt Center in Kenner was decorated by the Dawn Busters in preparation for the Mardi Gras Season. We also had our day on the Mardi Gras Stand on Veterans Blvd. Our members, spouses, friends and grandchildren had a good time. For some reason the Methodist Home Kids did not show up.

The K-Bar-B Ranch told Warren that they needed two hundred plastic hangers. The plastic hangers were necessary so that the kids could not hurt themselves. The Club was challenged by Warren to come up with the hangers. We collected 180 hangers and \$ 47.00 cash to buy more hangers or whatever the ranch needed. The hangers and cash were delivered to the ranch and Jennifer Fabacher (Administrator of the ranch) sent us a nice card thanking us for our help.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma boat races were held again this year on the lakefront. We were asked again to fry the turkey to be fed to those in the regatta at the end of the race. Eight Dawn Busters dressed in their Dawn Busters hats, shirts and aprons took on this very worthwhile project.

We continued our Key Club scholarship program. This year we presented five checks for \$ 500.00 to deserving Key Clubbers. Their parents and teachers were invited to our breakfast, where we presented them with their checks, took their pictures and presented them with college survival baskets. These baskets included pens, pencils, erasers, aspirins, rulers, no-doz and many other items to help them survive.

One of our members, Ted Bomba, became ill and spent a lot of time in the hospital. When he came home, he was in a wheel chair and needed a ramp built. The Dawn Busters came through and built Ted a handicap ramp, so he could get into his house. He also needed handicap bars put in his shower to hold on to and we had members do this for him.

Two trips were made to the Second Harvester's Food Bank, to help them sort food and clothing. The food had to be sorted and boxed by types and the clothes needed to be sorted by types and sizes and all tags and pricing had to be cut off of them.

Dot Charlet was a teacher at Bissonet School, but is now retired. She still works for their annual school fair. There was a need for someone to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers and Dot thought we might be interested. We had twenty-two Dawn Busters show up for the two-day event. We cooked a lot and ate a lot too.

We were asked to help with the Crescent City Classic. Members offered to work, but they were elated to find out that they had to serve beer. They really hated to serve beer, but someone had to do it, and it was thought that they would drink more than they served. Over thirty kegs of beer were served that day.

Two boxes of books, paper and art supplies were donated to us by various Jefferson merchants and residents. These supplies were delivered to CASA Jeff- Court appointed Special Advocates to be used by the children they serve.

The Greenwalt Center in Kenner was in need of repairs and the Kenner North Kiwanis Club took on this project. The building needed painting, ramps to be built and replacing old decking. They found it to be a large undertaking, so they called on the Dawn Busters to help them. A committee was made up of our retired members to go to the center and help with the repairs. Now that our club is older and we have so many retirees, most of our service work gets done during the week, instead of the weekends.

Our annual election came and in the past several years, members in line for, officers of the club were asked to move up the line until they reached the Presidents position. This year every one asked to move up and the election moved along. When it came time for nominations from the floor, David Rafidi was named as a candidate for President-Elect. He accepted and this meant that he would run against Ron Fonseca. At election time, David won over Ron by a slim number of votes. That Thursday we received a letter of resignation from Ron Fonseca, stating that if we didn't want him as our President, surely we didn't want him as a member. Each year it was announced that each office was subject to nominations from the floor. The Board discussed the election system and published the following statement in our bulletin “ (The Board has discussed the elections process and everything will remain the same, as stated in our by-laws. Please note that anyone can be nominated from the floor to run for any position, including First and Second Vice President, President Elect or President. There is no guaranteed, expressed or implied, path to presidency.)”

Twelve Dawn Busters attended the Children's Hospital Telethon. We were on the phones, runners and mailers. This is a fun project where we collect money for the hospital for research. This has been a long running project and we have been involved since it started in 1984 at the Worlds Fair.

Socials that year involved our Christmas party that for the first time in years, we were not able to hook up with Leni Sumich for a date to use his home, so chairman Jack Villarubia had to get out and find us a new location. The only thing available was Metairie Manor, so we had a very good Christmas party right in the same room we have our weekly meeting. Our annual crayfish party was held at the home of Myra Thibodeaux. She supplied her husband, Pierre, to cook the crayfish, corn and mushrooms. We had 64 members and spouses in attendance and all had a good time. Then Jack planned a bus trip to the Beau Rivage Casino. We had forty-six make the trip. Those going got fifteen dollars of free play on their card. We spent five hours at the casino and returned back home at about 4:30 P. M. No one won enough to retire. Then Jack also set up a night at Zephyr's Field to see a baseball game. He arranged for a suite and the cost was \$ 17.50 a person and we had hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeses and chips.

By now, the Dawn Busters have become experts on construction of handicap ramps and in the past five years, we have constructed sixteen ramps to help people in and out of their houses. We have several retired members who have time to spend on these worthwhile projects. We supply all material and labor at no cost to them.

We have always been involved with the K-Bar-B Ranch, but this year, Miss Jennifer Fabacher spoke to us and told us of a lot of things that had to be done at the ranch. Warren asked her to supply a list of what needed to be done, and he would get it done. The list was very long and he took a crew of about five members over to look at the jobs and make a list of what we needed to buy. Then Warren went to the Divisional Council meeting and asked the other 4-B Clubs to help. This worked into a very good project. Sixteen Dawn Busters, twelve members from other 4-B clubs, eleven Key Clubbers and ten members from clubs on the north shore all came together and worked from eight in the morning until one in the afternoon. Lots of work got done, but there was a lot left. This required a group of six retired Dawn Busters to go back in two weeks to finish the job. The New Orleans Kiwanis Club is the owner of the Ranch and they were nice enough to feed us.

The District Convention was planned in Memphis, Tennessee and of course, the Dawn Busters would be there. The membership told Tom that we needed a new shirt that would stand out, so we would be recognized when in a group. Tom told us that Brandie was planning to get new shirts in her year, but had not decided what that would be. Tom agreed that we needed to have something, so he went out to find us a convention shirt. He came to a meeting just two weeks before the convention and said that if he got the orders today, he could have the shirts for the convention. Many members ordered the shirts and we were the hit of the convention. The shirts were blue denim and they buttoned down the front with our logo on the back and we got them at a cost of \$ 20.00.

For many years, the club has been talking of forming a foundation that can be used to accumulate funds to help pay for our Key Club Scholarships. We can thank Ron Fonseca and Craig Frosch for working together to get all the proper documents together to form the foundation.

Administrative Year 2003-2004

Officers

President	Brandie Northcutt
President Elect	David Rafidi
First Vice President	T. Peter Breslin
Second Vice President	Bobby Comeaux
Secretary	Carlo Maniglia
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Tony Di George	Warren Nardelle
Steve Ghergich	Stu Palermo
Bob Graham	Pat Reed
Kendal Mc Daniel	Jack Villarubia
Kiwanian of the Year	Bob Graham and Gordon Gsell
Governor	Fred Banks
Lt. Governor	Sal Cali
Mid Winter Conference	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
International Convention	St. Louis, Missouri
District Convention	New Orleans, Louisiana
Membership as of October 1, 2003	87 members

This was truly an historic year for the Dawn Busters. This was the year of the first woman President (Brandie Northcutt). This was the year of our youngest President ever (29 Years Old) and this was the club's 30th Anniversary. This also meant that President Brandie would make thirty years old this year. That also meant that Brandie wasn't even born when our club was formed.

Brandie was a past Key Clubber (Chapelle where she served as President and Treasurer) and a past Circle K Member (LSU where she served as President and Lt. Governor). She joined our Club and showed extreme interest and leadership ability from the start. She joined the club on April 7, 1999 and was president in just five short years. This means that she joined Dawn Busters at the age of twenty-five. She was part of our club's idea to get new younger members aboard, since we were becoming a club with many of our members in their fifties and sixties.

Our Monthly Board of Directors meetings were on the first Monday of each Month and were held in the Offices of Mr. T. Peter Breslin, at 1100 Galleria in Metairie. Board Members were selected to bring food each month.

Brandie introduced the club to our new shirts that she had promised. They were red and blue and we were not sure as to how they would look. She took orders and most every member bought a shirt. In fact several members have two, plus they bought one for their spouse. The Cost was \$ 30.00 per shirt and you could have your name added for \$ 4.00 and a pocket added for \$ 3.00. The shirts were guaranteed not to fade and we were the talk of the conventions when we all wore them. She also got us new regular blue hats at a cost of \$ 9.00.

Of course Entertainment books were continued and we sold books with a profit of \$ to the club. This was a very good fundraiser and it appears that we would continue it for a long time, or at least as long as Brandie made us do it. (Brandie was the local Sales Executive for the Entertainment Company.)

Murray's Thoughts of the Day were continued, but with a new twist. Murray's eyes were not as good as they used to be and he was having trouble reading the thoughts. He still brought the thoughts and either Carl Bonura or Ken Mc Daniel would read them to us. At the end of each reading, we would chant "Murray, Murray, Murray", or "We want Murray". Murray really enjoyed hearing us call his name. The thoughts were always one from the bible and three or four funny ones.

When Brandie was setting up her committees, she told Jack Villarubia that she wanted him to chair a special committee that she would announce as soon as she took over. It was now time for Jack and the members to be informed as to what his project was. It was called "Hugs for Kids". At our third meeting, Jack and Brandie presented the project to the membership. We would purchase Teddy Bears and provide them to local Police, Fire Departments and Emergency Response people to give to kids in trauma and in a stressful situation, to calm them down. It would take their minds off of the difficult situation, they are in. Two members were assigned a Bear each week and asked to carry them with them everywhere they go. If they were caught by another member not having the bear with them, they would pay a fine. They would explain the bear to friends, family and co-workers and ask them to donate \$ 5.00 to purchase a bear to be given to kids in trauma. They did not get the bear, but we gave them a certificate that they could display showing they helped the "Hugs for Kids program". This was so successful, that it was announced by Chairman Jack, that the bears are going into hibernation. A total of \$ 4,932.00 was collected for a total of 987 bears collected for this very worthwhile project.

Again this year we worked the Crescent City Classic that was held in New Orleans. We served twenty kegs of Abita beer to the runners and workers after the race. Ten members came out for this project, but to be honest, we never could get a count on how much beer they drank, but we are sure it was a lot.

We worked at the Second Harvesters Food Bank and sorted and packed 5,560 pounds of food in 217 boxes that will provide 4500 meals to the hungry.

Warren told Brandie that he wanted to be **social chairman**, because he wanted to have a big party for our thirtieth anniversary. He planned to look up past Dawn Busters and invite them to join us in hopes that they will re-join the club. We decided to rent a place that could hold a party this size, but he did not want a sit down dinner, instead, he wanted it to be more like a wedding reception, so people could meet and get re-acquainted. Brandie and Warren had a friend at the Champagne Palace and worked out a wonderful price, so we were ready to go.

Warren had been working on this history and collected names of past members and presented them to his committee. They decided to invite 20 past members free of charge and charge their spouses \$ 35.00. He asked the board to budget \$ 1,000.00 to help pay for the comps. Members and spouses would pay \$ 25.00 per person.

Warren asked Bruce Johnson to be the Master of Ceremonies for the party. Well Bruce did his usual good job and put on a very entertaining program. He made up a very detailed program giving many facts about our club. We took pictures of all groups of visiting Kiwanians and he even had a trivia contest. The party was well attended and it was a very enjoyable time. We had Harry Weigel, the Lt. Governor that helped form our club and John Murdock, who was the Governor when we were formed. We were glad to see them both in attendance. In his usual colorful way, Bruce wore a red hat and was the talk of the party.

The party was a huge success as a party, but it did not accomplish what it was intended to do. It was thought that by bringing the past members all together, we would get some of them to come back to the club. We left the party with no new members.

Hugh Posner auctioned off a chance to throw a pie-in-the-face of our new president. Bidding started at \$30.00 and Carlo won with a bid of \$ 105.00 and the pie was to be thrown at Brandie at our pancake breakfast. Brandie accepted the pie and the club made \$ 105.00.

Several members participated in the tutoring of children at the Good Shepherd Church of Christ. We also continued feeding families of kids in town for treatment residing at the Ronald Mc Donald House. Our members would prepare a home cooked meal and bring it to the home for the kids and their parents.

We sponsor the Ecole Classique Key Club and we were told of a family whose child had their house burn to the ground. We were asked to collect food and clothing for them. Lots of food and clothing were collected and our sponsored youth committee headed by Stu Palermo made arrangements to get the items to the needy family.

We served the residents of Metairie Manor a Thanksgiving Dinner. Twenty-six members and ten Key Clubbers served them a great a turkey dinner with all the fixings. We also served dinner to needy residents at the New Orleans Mission.

District Governor, Fred Banks, declared his main service project to be "Read to Help them Succeed". Each club was asked to collect books for the District. Dot Charlet was a teacher at Bissonet School and she and Brandie decided that we should go to the school and read to children there. Each week, when our speaker was finished, we asked him/her to sign the inside cover of two books. Dot set up for Dawn Busters to go to the classrooms to read these books and give them to the kids.

In the past, we supported the Christmas Angels program put on by the Salvation Army, but this year, it was decided that we would collect gifts to benefit the Battered Women's Clinic. We had sheets given to us with names and sizes on them and we filled them just as we did for the Angels. The gifts were delivered to the home to be given out on Christmas morning. This gave us another very good project and we made many kids very happy.

Our annual Christmas Social was held at the Green Acres Country Club. It was bring a covered dish and the club provided the Deep Fried Turkeys and liquid refreshment. Everyone was asked to bring a gag gift costing around \$ 10.00 to be swapped. There was music and dancing and everyone had a good time.

Fourteen Dawn Busters helped with the Celebration in the Oaks at City Park. We were split up, some worked the back entry gate, some helped taking pictures with Santa and others worked in the Botanical Gardens.

Power Thursday became very popular and was in full swing again this year. The Youth Services Chairman put together a program in which a group of Dawn Busters would get together and visit our East Jefferson Key club meeting and when the meeting was over, they would go to Short Stop to get sandwiches. After eating, they would go to the Ecole Classique Key Club Meeting.

The Crescent City Eye Openers Kiwanis Club erected their Mardi Gras stand again this year. On a very cold and windy Saturday morning, eighteen Dawn Busters helped with the assembly of their stand. The first Saturday of Mardi Gras, we had use of the stand to bring our families and grandkids to see the parade. We also had kids from the Methodist Home as our guests. We donated \$50.00 and 200 hot dogs to help defray the expenses. Those attending had lots to eat, hot dogs, chips, cookies, peanuts and soft drinks. Beer was available at a cost of \$ 5.00 per person per night. About a month later nine Dawn Busters helped take the Mardi Gras stand down.

The new member Orientation was continued again this year. It was run by Ken Mc Daniel at the home of Sal Cali. These meetings were well attended and all got educated on what Kiwanis is, what is expected from its members and what you, as a member, can derive from joining Kiwanis.

Our social committee put together a trip to the Voodoo arena football game. We had a section near the end zone on the first level. Seventy-eight members and guests attended the game. The cost of a ticket was \$ 18.00. A good time was had by all.

Our club was lucky enough to get Past Governor Roy W. Solomon from Seattle, (The Pacific North West District) as a member. He had a great idea of putting on a show called the Dawn Busters Retirement Home Show and it seemed that everyone was in favor of this show. The show would include us singing and performing on a stage for members of retirement homes. When he passed a sign up sheet, he had lots of names of those that wanted to participate in the show. When the meetings started, the attendance was okay, but as it went along, the volunteers quit showing up. Eventually it was decided just to cancel the idea.

We had our annual Crayfish party at the home of Pierre Thibodeaux. Forty-six members and spouses attended .

We also made two trips to the Beau Rivage Casino. There was no cost and each person got \$ 15.00 free play. We met at the Piccadilly cafeteria and had coffee and donuts. On the bus we played games and all money collected went to the club. On the way home, we had beer soft drinks and water.

The K-Bar-B Ranch has become one of our very worthwhile projects. The Dawn Busters have been working at the ranch since we were formed. This year we had several work projects and we asked other clubs from 4-B to participate. The first trip was well supported by all clubs and even included help from two North shore clubs. On our first trip we dug trenches and buried drainage pipe, we repaired their commercial can opener in the kitchen, built two closets with sliding doors and shelving, put down non skid strips on two handicap ramps coming in from outside. The second and third trips were used to fix up the visitors' center, where parents and friends would stay when coming to visit kids housed at the ranch.

Bob Graham was talking to Jenny Fabacher, Administrator of the ranch and she told him that the kids would like to fish in their lake. It was decided to get the lake stocked and after two trips and lots of consultation, Bob found out that we needed to aerate the lake so that the fish would live. We purchased an aerator and installed it and then the Wild Life and Fisheries brought out one thousand fish to stock the lake with.

Our own Kendal Mc Daniel decided that he wanted to do something to help the kids with cancer. He decided to put together a fishing rodeo to raise money for the local chapter of Kids Kicking Cancer. He formed a supper committee of members from divisions 4-A and 4-B and after many planning meetings and lots of work, we had a very good rodeo with one hundred twenty five fishermen. We used five launches for them to have their fish weighed. The rodeo was on a Saturday and a picnic was planned for Sunday. The picnic had about two hundred people with games and lots of food. The winners were recognized at this time and we had lots of door prizes and auction items. Our own President Brandie won the first prize, which was a trawling motor. She was so excited, but decided that she had no use for the motor, so she donated it back and it was auctioned off making an additional profit of \$ 125.00. Her husband, Johnny could not believe that she donated the motor back, because he would have liked to have it.

The rodeo was a huge success and in our first year, we raised \$ 8,000.00 to be given to the Kids Kicking Cancer. We thought this was great for our first year and are already talking about next year. Good idea “Kendal”.

Dot Charlet was a teacher at Bissonet School and needed our help to cook hot dogs and hamburgers. We had two shifts and there were ten volunteers that came out to work. Through a mix up in planning, the fair and our crayfish party ended up on the same day and just about the same time. Brandie Northcutt, John Northcutt, David Rafidi and Warren Nardelle volunteered to work the fair until it ended and then join our members for our annual crayfish party that was held at Pierre’s house. The crayfish party is always fun and draws a large crowd. There were sixty-three members and spouses present and each person got five pounds of crayfish. We also had corn and garlic. There were drinks, beer and wine along with cookies and chips.

The New Orleans Kiwanis club was celebrating their 85th anniversary. The party was held at the City Club at a cost of \$ 35.00 per person. We had eight Dawn Busters in attendance and the program was great.

Pontchartrain Kiwanis club celebrated their 25th anniversary and eight Dawn Busters went to help them celebrate. It was held at the English Turn Golf and Country club. The food and fellowship was excellent.

It was time again for our annual golf tournament. One of our members lives in Ormond Estates and they have a golf course, so he asked us to consider it for this year’s tournament. Golf chair, Steve Ghergich, again this year set up a meeting with the director of Ormond club operations and they went to visit to see what kind of deal they could give us. They offered us a better rate per golfer than we had at City Park and told us that they had all the ice we could use and we did not have to rent tables and chairs. When we sat down with a pencil, we were saving over \$ 1,000.00 by going to Ormond, so it was decided to switch. The results were beautiful, for only the second time in our history, we were over filled with golfers. This decision was a good one and our profit of \$ 10,000.00 shows that. Steve was so happy with the results that he volunteered to be chairman again next year. And yes we went back to Ormond Country Club.

The annual Children’s Miracle Network Telethon was here again and we had fourteen volunteers working. We were phone operators, mailers and runners. President Brandie presented them with a check in the amount of \$ 500.000 from the club.

The District convention was in New Orleans in August. Our own Warren Nardelle was asked to chair the registration of members. About three months prior to the convention, the hotel handling it called District Secretary, Charlie Ford to advise him that we could not use their hotel, because they were renovating their main meeting halls. This left us without a hotel to have the convention. They told Charlie that they would try to help us find another hotel. He told them that it had to be at the same rate or better, because the information had been passed out to our members. He got a call and was told that the Ritz Carlton Hotel would handle our convention at a rate of \$ 99.00 per night, which was better than we had before.

The Ritz Carlton was a new hotel in town that was in the old Maison Blanche building and it was very expensive. As it turned out the convention was very successful, the hotel was great and plans were made to come back again next year. Carlo Maniglia got a call one week before the convention asking him to handle the Kiwanis Supply Booth. This put a burden on the Dawn Busters, but as usual, we handled it. Great job Dawn Busters.

The international convention was held in St. Louis this year and we had twelve members and spouses attending. The convention was a good one and all had lots of fun.

We had our own Lt. Governor Sal Cali present to dismiss the officers and board members from 2003-2004 and to retire president Brandie and incoming Lt. Governor Russell Diodene to install the incoming board of directors and officers and to officially install David Rafidi as the president of the Dawn Busters for 2004-2005. Both Brandie and David gave very good speeches. Part of the recognition at the banquet was handled by Sal Cali when he presented a Hixson Award to President Brandie. Brandie presented David with his gavel, that she had engraved for him as follows David "Oscar" Rafidi. The Kiwanian of the year was presented by Pat Reed. She did a very good job and when the presentation came she stated that we were presenting the award to two members this year. Both were very qualified and the committee could not pick one over the other, so the recipients were Bob Graham and Gordon Gsell.

There was a meeting when Brandie was all dressed up and she told us she had a special guest coming to our meeting. Towards the end of her meeting we were presented with the opportunity to meet Bunny Rabbit Rafidi. She had convinced David Rafidi to dress up as bunny rabbit. To this day, I can't remember the story behind it and neither Brandie nor David will tell me the story.

If either one of them will write this part of our history for me, I will add it in this section. But until then, it will remain a mystery. I am not sure what she had on David, but we may never find out. I have asked other members and no one remembers. Anyone knowing this information can contact Warren Nardelle

Administrative Year 2004-2005

Officers

President	David Rafidi
President Elect	T. Peter Breslin
First Vice President	Bobby Comeaux
Second Vice President	Dave Harrell
Secretary	Carlo Maniglia
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Tony Di George	Warren Nardelle
Steve Ghergich	Stu Palermo
Bob Graham	Pat Reed
Kendal Mc Daniel	Jack Villarubia
Kiwanian of the Year	Tony Di George
Governor	Richard Wood
Lt. Governor	Sal Cali
Mid Winter Conference	Jackson, Mississippi
International Convention	Honolulu, Hawaii
District Convention	Lafayette, Louisiana
Membership as of October 1, 2003	87 members

Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in September 2005 and most of the area was under water. Most of our members had lots of damage and both David Rafidi our 2004-2005 President and Warren Nardelle our Historian lost all written reports and bulletins plus their computers. So all history of David's year was lost. Because of that, David's year will be short, not to say that he didn't do anything.

Over the years we have built up many projects that we just keep repeating year after year. When typing the history, I found that I was typing the same information over and over again and this was getting monotonous both while typing it and also when reading it.

Therefore starting with this year 2004-2005, I will list alphabetically all repeat projects, then I will give details on the new or reinstated projects.

Accelerated Reader Program	Karnofsky Project
Angel's Place	K-Bar-B Ranch
BUGS _Bring up Grades	Key Clubs At High Schools
Builders Clubs At Middle Schools	Lantern Light
Celebration In The Oaks	Magnolia School
Children's Hospital – Boo At The Zoo	Mardi Gras Marathon
Children's Miracle Network	Metairie Manor
Crescent City Classic	Ronald Mc Donald House
Habitat for Humanity	Terrific Kids
Hospital Dolls – Children's Hospital	
Hospital Dolls – Ochsner Hospital	

The Lagniappe Kiwanis club and Fat Tuesday Kiwanis club had been losing members for quite some time and when they folded, we asked them to join our club. The only one that came to us was Julio Torres and we were glad to have him. He had been in Kiwanis for many years and his experience was appreciated. Their club had been putting on an annual turkey fry, selling hundreds of turkeys to businesses and individuals. Now that the club had folded, they were no longer cooking turkeys. When Julio came aboard as a Dawn Buster, we asked him to put this together for us. It took a year or two to convince him, because he also had the Krewe of Carrollton to deal with, because they were partners with Kiwanis in this venture.

This project was started in Thanksgiving of 2005 with us cooking and selling 270 turkeys. Carrollton sells 100 and we sell the rest. This has been a very successful project for the Dawn Busters

Administrative Year 2005-2006

Officers

President	T. Peter Breslin
President Elect	Craig Howard
First Vice President	Steve Ghergich
Second Vice President	Julio Torres
Secretary	Carlo Maniglia
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Carl Bonura	David Michler
Tony Di George	Brandie Northcutt
Craig Frosch	Stu Palermo
Bob Graham	
Kiwanian of the Year	Trent Strasburg
Governor	Mark Simmons
Lt. Governor	Hugh Posner
Mid Winter Conference	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
International Convention	Montreal, Canada
District Convention	Tunica, Mississippi
Membership as of October 1, 2005	79 members

Shortly before Pete Breslin's tenure as President of the Dawn Busters, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and the Greater New Orleans area extensively.

This created a significant opportunity for service to the area in general, and our members in particular.

That same year, Hugh Posner was the Lieutenant Governor for Division 4-B. Based upon the turmoil created by Hurricane Katrina, and the significant physical destruction that it caused, the first few months of this administrative year were spent in locating members, addressing their needs as possible and re-establishing the semblance of normalcy.

Meetings were held at peoples' homes in a very informal process until a return to Metairie Manor was possible.

At the beginning of the year, there were 87 members in our club and the Division had 332 members. There were lots of unknowns about the future of the Dawn Busters particularly and Kiwanis in the area in general.

At the return to our area we didn't know how many members we would have returning and how many clubs we would have left. Pete started contacting any members we knew had returned, to encourage them to meet on a regular basis. We had lost our regular weekly meeting place (Metairie Manor) because it had lots of damage. He started having meetings at his home and his wonderful wife Peggy was gracious enough to get up early and prepare breakfast. This was difficult, because we had no way of knowing just how many would show up.

At our first meeting we had eight members attend and Pete started asking how each of us had done and what could he do to help us. Pete had no damage to his home, but his office was shut down and his were the first sleeves to be rolled up. This man surprised us, because he was there for every member that needed help and he was not afraid of hard or dirty work. He is a true leader. The same holds true for Lt. Gov. Hugh Posner. Both of them came through for us with anything we needed. Unlike Pete, Hugh had lots of damage.

Pete realized that we had lots of members with lots of damage and soon he organized a phone committee to locate all members to find out how they were, where they were and what could we do to help them. About half of our members had returned, but lots of them were still away from home and weren't sure when they would be back.

When we started collecting info, we found that some members had minor repairs, but several of them had lost everything. We started right in and most of the jobs in the beginning involved hauling trash to the curb and tearing out sheet rock. Then we got into some light construction repairs, while those with heavier damage went about having contractors build their homes back the way they were. Many lived in FEMA trailers. But after quite some time, we started returning to normal. We even started helping relatives of the families of our members.

It was due to the leadership of our President Mr. T. Peter Breslin that we were able to help our members get back on their feet. His year was one of our best and certainly one of the most memorable ones. Pete you are to be congratulated and thanked.

Certainly Lt. Gov. Hugh Posner needs to be recognized as he worked tirelessly to get his Division 4-B back in shape, while he helped his Dawn Busters members clean up and repair their homes. Hugh you were wonderful and everyone appreciates what you did for us. All of this, while working to get his home back in order.

Money was collected from other clubs throughout Kiwanis International and some of the members got some financial aid too.

Here are our repeat projects for this year.

Accelerated Reader Program	Karnofsky Project
Angel's Place	K-Bar-B Ranch
BUGS _Bring up Grades	Key Clubs At High Schools
Builders Clubs At Middle Schools	Lantern Light
Celebration In The Oaks	Magnolia School
Children's Hospital – Boo At The Zoo	Mardi Gras Marathon
Children's Miracle Network	Metairie Manor
Crescent City Classic	Ronald Mc Donald House
Habitat for Humanity	Terrific Kids
Hospital Dolls – Children's Hospital	
Hospital Dolls – Ochsner Hospital	

John Gormley who was a Dawn Buster, he and his wife Faye moved to Reno Nevada and is a member of the Reno Sunrisers, visits us each year. He told us about a reading program his club has been very successful with each year. The students read books and when they are finished each book, they take a test on the book to prove they read it. When they passed the test, they put their name in a jar and at the end of the school year, the Librarian drew a boy's and a girl's name, and they receive a bike from the club. We liked this concept and decided to follow John's lead. Thanks to Dot Charlet for spearheading this project. This year, we gave out six bikes. A boy's and a girl's at each of three schools.

Administrative Year 2006-2007

Officers

President
President Elect
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Craig Howard
Julio Torres
Steve Ghergich
Dave Harrell
Warren Nardelle
Joe Ineich

Directors

Tony Di George
Laura East
Craig Frosch
Dick Grosch

Dick Mendel
David Michler
Kevin Moran
Paul Odenwald

Kiwanian of the Year

David Michler

Governor

Dennis Oliver

Lt. Governor

Sal Cali

Mid Winter Conference

Jackson, Mississippi

International Convention

San Antonio, Texas

District Convention

New Orleans, Louisiana

Membership as of October 1, 2003

87 members

Here are our repeated projects for this year.

Accelerated Reader Program	Key Clubs At High Schools
Angel's Place	(Scholarships)
AED project	Lantern Light
Battered Women's Home	Magnolia School
BUGS _Bring up Grades	Mardi Gras Marathon
Builders Clubs At Middle Schools	Metairie Manor Bingo and
Celebration In The Oaks	Thanksgiving dinner
Children's Hospital – Boo At The Zoo	Ronald Mc Donald House
Children's Miracle Network	Special Olympics
Crescent City Classic	St. Michael's School
Habitat for Humanity	Salvation Army Christmas Angels
Hospital Dolls – Children's Hospital	Second Harvest
Hospital Dolls – Ochsner Hospital	Terrific Kids
Karnofsky Project	Wheel chair ramps
K-Bar-B Ranch	

Our Club had a new member named Al Vicedomeni, who had close contact with Morgus The Magnificent. Al thought that Morgus would come to one of our meetings to be our speaker, but that was too early for him to come out. Al arranged for us to let Morgus speak to us over a cell phone hook up. After he spoke for about fifteen minutes, we asked Morgus questions. Needless to say, a good time was had and our meeting ran fifteen minutes over time.

The accelerated Reader Program caught on so good that we continued it this year and we decided to give more bikes. This year we gave out 43 bikes, two each semester. A boy's and a girl's bike each semester to ten separate schools

Administrative Year 2007-2008

Officers

President	Julio Torres
President Elect	Steve Ghergich
First Vice President	David Michler
Second Vice President	Laura East
Secretary	Carlo Maniglia
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Herb Bergeron	Dick Grosch
Butch Diaz	Don Lawrence
Mark Dominick	Sonny Romero
Craig Frosch	Valerie Vanney

Kiwanian of the Year	Mel Dussel
Governor	David Pickler
Lt. Governor	Sal Cali
Mid Winter Conference	New Orleans, Louisiana
International Convention	Orlando, Florida
District Convention	Memphis, Tennessee
Membership as of October 1, 2003	96 members

At our first meeting of the year, our new president Julio Torres was greeted with members dressed in Mexican garb. He started out the new year with a bang by trying to change the way we sing My Country Tis Of Thee to the way the Eyeopeners Kiwanis Club sings it-----Very Fast. But the stubborn, hardheaded Dawn Busters would not have it his way and we sang in our usual slow way. He had to give up and we sang the regular way for the rest of the year.

We continued Murray's Thoughts, which was taken over by Carl Bonura, who told us that Murray contacted him every Tuesday giving him the thoughts to be read at the meeting. Then some jokes were added and they offended some of our lady members, so we had to discontinue the readings. The jokes were not really bad, but some of the ladies were offended by their context and the wording. It was decided that we would end this part of the agenda.

We had a dance at Magnolia School to raise monies for our administrative fund. The dance was a dress casual and BYOB and we did hula-hoop, twist and limbo. A good time was had by all and we helped our administrative fund account. We raised \$ 290.00 for the club and Julio "Twinkle Toes" Torres was the undisputed Hula Hoop, Twist and Limbo champion.

Here are our repeated projects for this year.

Accelerated Reader Program	Key Clubs At High Schools
Angel's Place	(Scholarships)
AED project	Lantern Light
Battered Women's Home	Magnolia School
BUGS _Bring up Grades	Mardi Gras Marathon
Builders Clubs At Middle Schools	Metairie Manor Bingo and
Celebration In The Oaks	Thanksgiving dinner
Children's Hospital – Boo At The Zoo	Ronald Mc Donald House
Children's Miracle Network	Special Olympics
Crescent City Classic	St. Michael's School
Habitat for Humanity	Salvation Army Christmas Angels
Hospital Dolls – Children's Hospital	Second Harvest
Hospital Dolls – Ochsner Hospital	Terrific Kids
Karnofsky Project	Wheel chair ramps
K-Bar-B Ranch	

We attended three functions of organizations that support us and for whom we do work. They were the Pasta and Puccini put on by the Jefferson Performing Arts Society, The annual Fund Raising Gala for the K-Bar-B Ranch and the annual Fund Raising Gala for Angel's Place. Each of these groups support us and we do projects to help them throughout the year.

The Accelerated Reading Program did so great last year that we continued it for our third year this year, giving out forty-three bikes and three MP3 players. This program has grown so much that every school wants to be a part of it. We have decided that this is as big as we want to get for now.

There was a group of homeless people living under the Claiborne underpass, plus various places around the City of New Orleans. A group of nuns formed an area behind the church on Tulane Avenue with showers, clothing, drinks and food. Julio Torres met with the nuns and decided to see if one of his friends who has a restaurant, would prepare the food at a reduced cost and the Dawn Busters would pay for it and we would serve it. This turned into a long running project continuing into Steve's year.

The District started giving out a monthly award to one Kiwanian that participates in its club's projects. Our Lt. Governor David Rafidi and President Julio Torres put the name of Herb Bergeron into nomination for the award. He has worked tirelessly on many projects, but mainly single-handedly putting Angel's Place back in shape after the hurricanes hit it.

At the Key Club Convention, our Rene Chopin was recognized as Kiwanis Advisor of the Year for his service to the Mount Carmel Academy Key Club.

Trent Strasburg let his hair grow very long for about two years. The reason was that he would donate his hair to the group called "Locks of Love which collects hair to make wigs for kids that have cancer. Pete Breslin was the high bidder for the opportunity to help cut Trent's hair.

At the beginning of Julio's year, we had a real push on for members and Julio brought in his wife Janet, some of his workers and friends. This boosted our membership up so that for a while we were at 100 plus members.

Friends of Al Copeland put on a Power Boat Race along Lake Pontchartrain in Kenner, La. We worked as volunteers both in set- up and the day of the race.

We held our annual day at the races at the Fair Grounds. We had Forty-Three members, guests and spouses attend a fun filled get together at the track. We would all put up \$ 20.00 when we got there. At the beginning of each race, Steve would buy tickets---One for each person that paid him \$ 20.00. He then would bring the tickets to our tables and each of us would draw a ticket to identify our horse. This way at least three members would be a winner. The winners were mixed by shuffling the tickets before we drew them. The last race of the day was named the Dawn Busters Kiwanis race and we would purchase a blanket for the winning horse. At the end of the race we would present the blanket to the owner and have our picture taken with the owners and the jockey. This is an annual event and we have done it for the past eight years.

Administrative Year 2008-2009

Officers

President	Steve Ghergich
President Elect	David Michler
First Vice President	Jamie Zelaya
Second Vice President	Rosa Chappellear
Secretary	George Rojas
Treasurer	Joe Ineich

Directors

Carl Bonura	Don Lawrence
Mark Dominick	Sonny Romero
Ray Eifert	Ngoc Tran
Dick Grosch	Valerie Vanney

Kiwanian of the Year	Ray Eiffert
Governor	Russell Kercher
Lt. Governor	Lauren Call
Mid Winter Conference	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
International Convention	Nashville, Tennessee
District Convention	New Orleans, Louisiana
Membership as of October 1, 2008	84 members

New member, Mel Dussel, took over as program chairman and did a wonderful job. He has many friends and business associates, that he has come up with new and different speakers each week. They are very informative and enjoyable.

We renewed our efforts to help Metairie Manor by painting their rockers and helping with their weekly Bingo Games.

Finally the Kiwanis clubs are starting to get Metairie Manor Residents as members. Lakeside has two, Moisant has one and we installed Frank Di Marco as a Dawn Buster.

Herb Bergeron was selected as the Kiwanian of the month by our own Governor, David Pickler. Herb worked several projects, such as Magnolia School, Handicap ramps, etc. In the past few months Herb has dedicated himself to the restoration of Angel's Place, which provides a loving and caring environment for children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. A plaque was sent to President Steve to present to Herb.

Here are our repeated projects for this year.

Accelerated Reader Program	Key Clubs At High Schools
Angel's Place	(Scholarships)
AED project	Lantern Light
Battered Women's Home	Magnolia School
BUGS _Bring up Grades	Mardi Gras Marathon
Builders Clubs At Middle Schools	Metairie Manor Bingo and
Celebration In The Oaks	Thanksgiving dinner
Children's Hospital – Boo At The Zoo	Ronald Mc Donald House
Children's Miracle Network	Special Olympics
Crescent City Classic	St. Michael's School
Habitat for Humanity	Salvation Army Christmas Angels
Hospital Dolls – Children's Hospital	Second Harvest
Hospital Dolls – Ochsner Hospital	Terrific Kids
Karnofsky Project	Wheel chair ramps
K-Bar-B Ranch	

2004 was an election year for president of the United States and we had past Kiwanian, Roger Villere speak to us reminding us that it is our duty to get out and vote. The candidates were John Mc Cain and Barack Obama.

We continued our annual Turkey Fry with an effort to beat last years total of 495 birds. This year we fried 600 birds and made \$ 6,444.90. Because the Turkey Fry took over the Thanksgiving month of November, which was when we usually had our pancake Breakfast, we had to move it. Steve asked Warren Nardelle to chair the pancake Breakfast. A new date of March 7, 2009 was selected. We fed 565 people and made \$ 3,500.00.

It was time for a new fundraiser that could be used to support the administrative budget. Macy's had built a new store in the Lakeside Mall and they had a special Charity Day Sale and we were invited to participate. We sold tickets to a special shopping day. The tickets sold for \$ 10.00 and we kept all funds collected. The money went into Administrative Funds.

We started back with our new member orientation this year and Sal Cali, Chairman of Kiwanis Education and Orientation committee made his presentation at Metairie Manor. This was held for all new members and since we didn't have it for several years we had several members present.

We continued giving scholarships to our key clubs. In 2009 we presented four checks to seniors from Ecole Classique (2), Mount Carmel, Ridgewood and East Jefferson. Along with their check, we presented them with survival baskets to help them make it through their first year of college. The baskets contained such things as aspirins, pepto, scotch tape, pencils, pens, ruler, pencil sharpener and many other useful items.

Our vocal leader, Carlo Maniglia wrote a song about the Dawn Busters. It was sung to the tune of Glory, Glory, Halleluiah.

GLORY TO THE DAWN BUSTERS

**MY EYES HAVE SEEN THE BUILDING
OF THE GREATEST CLUB ON EARTH,**

**I HAVE WITNESSED PROJECTS ALL
AROUND THE COMMUNITY OF ITS BIRTH,**

FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS WE HAVE

**BEEN NUMBER ONE IN STRENGTH
AND IN GROWTH, AND IN CLASS, AND IN SIZE.**

**GLORY, GLORY, TO THE DAWN BUSTERS,
GLORY, GLORY, TO THE DAWN BUSTERS,
GLORY, GLORY, TO THE DAWN BUSTERS,**

WE ARE FIRST!

WE ARE BEST!

WE ARE TOPS!

Our annual pancake breakfast was held on March 7, 2009 this year. We decided to change it from November to March, so it would not conflict with our new annual Thanksgiving Turkey Fry project. We fed 500 and made \$ 4,200.00. Several of our members were found looking for a change and they were caught by our cameraman, Flashing Bob. They were Dick Grosch---Looking for the way to the Knights of Columbus meeting and Dot Charlet, Carolyn Guhman and Kim Strasburg were three lovely ladies looking for a career as take out ladies and our own photographer was seen boarding a fire engine looking to become a fire fighter and lastly Bob Rispoli was giving the clowns tips or were the clowns trying to recruit Bob? A great time was had by all.

The hospital dolls was a good program started and it was spear headed by Valerie Vanney. We would make cloth sewn dolls about 10 inches tall and they were given to Police, Fire, Hospitals, and EMT drivers to give to all children that were in trauma. The dolls took the children's minds off their problems. They also allowed their caretaker to show them where their problem was or doctors could explain their surgery by drawing on their doll. The children could draw on them or have them signed. We had to sew the material and since there were a lot, Dot Charlet volunteered to handle the sewing.

Faculty adviser, Vicky Pickering had one of her Key Clubbers that had Cerebral Palsy and she was trying to raise \$ 500.00 for new braces. We passed a hat at the meeting and we raised \$ 239.00 and at our board meeting one of our members came up with the remaining \$ 261.00.

Trent Strasburg introduced us to the Red Dress Run, which was an event in the French Quarter. We worked registration and the beer truck. The Dawn Busters had a lot of experience in both. We do registration for every event we are involved in and the Dawn Busters have a lot of practice serving and drinking beer. The organizers of the race paid us \$ 20,000.00 for our help. Trent modeled a red dress at our meeting and told us that this would be the new Dawn Buster uniform.

When we have a guest speaker, we always ask them to join our club. Most of them have an excuse or are too busy. But when Senator Danny Martiny took our application, he said he would probably join. We weren't sure, but a few weeks later, he returned with his application to join. He now is one of our members.

From time to time we have one of our members speak to us. Butch Diaz is with Standard Coffee and he is very generous with donations of coffee and all product need to serve it. He donates product for our golf tournament and our pancake breakfast. He makes it possible for us to make a good profit in these events. Thanks Butch! When he spoke to us he had a quiz and members answering questions would receive prizes. He also had shopping bags filled with goodies for all present. Butch speaks to us each year.

This year Metairie Manor decided to hire a food service company to prepare the food for our morning meetings. We had to meet a guarantee of thirty-three meals. The members had to pay \$ 6.00 for a meal and \$ 3.00 for coffee only. The quality of food was much improved and more people started eating again. The Dawn Busters round table continued meeting at 6:00 A. M. and it has increased from three to seven members. Warren, Don and Dick started this off and now the group is growing. Around 6:30 A. M. Butch Diaz shows up with two-dozen donuts to feed the round table. He brings two-dozen assorted do nuts. We all put up money to help him pay for them.

