



# Kiwaniis®

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Volunteer Satisfaction **Children** Helping **Service** International  
Networking Fun Leadership Camaraderie Fundraising Friendship  
**Community** Caring **Key Club**

# pulse

The **heartbeat**  
of the Kiwanis  
Club of Panama City



## 100 years And Counting!

FL District Governor - Tommy Mills  
Div. 2 Lt Governor - Jake Cook  
FL Foundation Trustee - Keith Forehand  
Key Club Lt Governor - Erica Sims  
**Division 2 Leaders**  
*Leaving a Legacy for the Children*

### April 16, 1926 -The day it all began – A brief History

Around the mid-1910s, Civic Clubs were coming into existence and forming into national and international organizations. Florida Kiwanis Clubs formed into a separate Florida District in 1924, and were divided into 3 geographic divisions, which encompassed the Bay County area. The real estate boom in Florida during the 1920s stimulated growth in this area and forty-six business and civic leaders of Bay County met at the Pelican Café in 1924 to affiliate with Kiwanis International. However, due to the reforming of the Florida District, it was not approved until April 16, 1926. The Kiwanis Club of Panama City was the first national civic club to be organized in Bay County and has had almost 100 rich years of growth. The only other organized clubs were the Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Club.

The club began its meetings at the Pelican Café on Thursdays, at noon each week. However, the Café burned within a year and prompted a move to the newly constructed Dixie Sherman Hotel, on Wednesdays. The Hotel was demolished in 1970, and luncheons were scheduled at the Elegant Onion, on Eleventh Street. After this business closed, the meeting was held for a short time at the Panama Country Club and then moved for several years to the Four Winds Restaurant, on the Panama City Marina. After the Four Winds was removed, the club moved briefly to the Best Western Bayside Inn and then to the St Andrew Bay Yacht Club for many years.

The Kiwanis Clubs of the United States were open to men only as members until changed in 1986, which granted membership to both men and women, making us a true community-based club.

### Scheduled Events Mark your Calendars

**Mardi Golf**  
**February 28, 2026**



*Have Fun  
With our  
Service  
Leadership  
Clubs*

**Pancake Days**  
**April 9 – 11, 2026**



**66<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Event!**

**Notice:**  
**The \$5 per month dues increase  
went into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**How do we define Kiwanis?....."Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time"**



## January Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> – Kay & Harvey Brewton  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Russ & Sally Mathis  
 6<sup>th</sup> – James & Maria McCalister  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Alvin Peters & Cecile Scoon  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Mike & Peggy Dickey

## January Birthdays

11<sup>th</sup> – Eric Garmon  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Sue Webb  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Russ Mathis  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Brian Grainger



## Focus on Membership

*As we celebrate 100 years of service as a Kiwanis club, we must realize that our existence is dependent on members. Why? Because kids need adults who care. That's why people join Kiwanis clubs. They're local groups of like-minded volunteers who make a difference. Friends. Neighbors. Anyone who loves serving together to change children's lives – we are serving the kids who need us most. We have a long history of service, and all of our accomplishments can be credited to those individuals who call themselves "members". Ask someone to become a part of the solution and start the next century of service.*

## Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis

More than 2300 years ago, Menander of Athens said: **"To live is not to live for one's self; let us help one another."** This is the philosophy of Kiwanis, a way of thinking that is truly ageless, in all times and all lands.

For all you trivia buffs, let's test your Kiwanis knowledge.

**When and where was the first Kiwanis International President elected?**

Attend a meeting to find out the answer. *Did you know the answer last month? (Benevolent Order of Brothers)*

## 2025 – 2026 Officers / Directors

**President** Sharon Trainor  
**Past President** Stefanie Gall  
**President Elect** Eric Spoon  
**Vice Pres.** Taylor Marshall  
**Secretary** Eric Krebs  
**Treasurer** Keith Forehand

### Directors

Debbie Armstrong  
 Doug Huntsucker Jake Cook  
 Terry Jack Dan Gall  
 Stan Peacock Steven Stoff  
 Corey Wilson Dale Cronwell

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## Committee Chairpersons

### Service

Adopt a Precinct, Fall Festival, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

**Human & Spiritual Values** Donna Golden  
 Invocations & Sympathy Cards

### Service Leadership Programs

Mosley Key Club	Dan Gall
Bay High Key Club	Jake Cook
Bozeman Key Club	Ron Shover
Arnold Key Club	Steven Stoff
N. Bay Haven Key Club	Karen Custer
Merritt Brown Bldrs	Debbie Armstrong
Tommy Smith K-Kids	Donna Golden
Northside K-Kids	Kathy Hart
Beach K-Kids	Max Daleiden
Parker K-Kids	Dale Cronwell
Walsingham K-Kids	Todd Brister
Chautaugua Aktion Club	Myron Guilford
Jinks Builders Club	Ed Bell

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Eric Krebs

## Committee Chairpersons

### Membership

### Fund Raising

<b>Pancake Days</b>	Eric Spoon
<b>Holiday Auction</b>	Taylor Marshall
<b>Mardi Golf</b>	Eric Krebs

### Club Administration Programs

Doug Smith

### Image

**Website**  
**Facebook**

Melissa Brister  
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 Sharon Trainor

### Interclubs

### Finance

Keith Forehand

### Auditor

Beverly Halley

# Kiwanis Calendar of Events

## *Opportunities to Serve*

*Share the fun and Invite a Guest to be a part of Kiwanis*

### **January 2026** **Happy New Year!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day**  
Welcome 2026
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Ed Bell & Marilyn Fenimore
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Bob Hurst – History Program
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Kathryn Hart & Dave Burris
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Dale Cronwell – Purple Martins
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Doug Smith & Steve Stoff
- 19<sup>th</sup> - MLK Jr. Day**
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Club Satellite Meeting**  
5:30 pm Olive Garden on Hwy 77
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Al McCambry – Bay County Chamber
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Gary Hart & Kathryn Hart
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting**  
Via Zoom 5:30 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Allan Branch – Panama City Mayor
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Myron & Chevina Guilford

### **February 2026**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Dr. Susan Lawson -FSU OLLI Program
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Todd Brister & Brian Hinton
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Mary Elizabeth Scott -GAL Program
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Ed Bell & Marilyn Fenimore
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day**  
Hug a Kiwanian Today
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Club Satellite Meeting**  
5:30 pm Olive Garden on Hwy 77
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Program TBA
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Doug Smith & Kay Jackson
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Mid Year Conference**  
Tallahassee
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting**  
Via Zoom 5:30 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting**  
Program TBA
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels**  
Kathryn Hart & Dave Burris
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Mardi Golf**  
Fun at Pirates Island





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