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YEAR

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



100th
years
ANNIVERSARY

pulse

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



FL District Governor –Tommy Mills
Div. 2 Lt Governor –Jake Cook
FL Foundation Trustee – Keith Forehand
Key Club Lt Governor –Logan Brown

Division 2 Leaders

Leaving a Legacy for the Children

It all began in the year 1926

However, in May 1924, a group of businessmen determined the need for a civic organization in Panama City, and a charter application was sent for review. That November the Florida District was established and due to organizational changes, the petition to establish a Kiwanis Club in Panama City was not approved until 1926.

The Kiwanis Club of Panama City was formally installed at a dinner meeting at the Pelican Café at 119 Harrison Ave on April 16, 1926. The population of Panama City and the surrounding area was only 5,386 but swelled to more than 30,000 by the mid-1940s. Panama City was the fifth club to be established in Florida with 46 charter members. The first President being Rev. J.C. Leckenby. The Kiwanis Club was the first national civic club in Bay County, and the Exchange Club held their charter banquet two months later. Two other national organizations were already organized locally: the Chamber of Commerce (1913) and the Women's Club.

The first project was suggested to sponsor Panama City's first Class D professional baseball team named "The Pelicans", along with 2 other projects that resolved to advocate forest fire protection and reforestation, and a Farmer's Market located at Harrison Ave. and Third St. During our first year of existence, the club took action to support issuing bonds to build bridges that would complete Hwy 98 from Pensacola to Apalachicola and beyond.

The Hathaway and DuPont bridges were completed in 1928 as a result. In 1947, our club garnered the support of other civic clubs to adopt a resolution to persuade the US Government to donate the jetties and surrounding land to the State of Florida. They then persuaded the State to develop St Andrews State Park and construct paved access roads.

Much has changed in Bay County over the past 100 years, but Kiwanians have been a positive influence over all that has happened. Who knows what the next 100 years will bring, but you bet that Kiwanis will be a viable part of making our community a better place to live.

Let's Celebrate Kiwanis

Come join us in celebrating 100 years as a Kiwanis Club on Thursday, September 24th. We'll have a great meal at Capt. Anderson's Restaurant along with recognizing those exceptional Kiwanians, installing new officers, and hearing from our Kiwanis District Governor, Mr. Tommy Mills.

Next Project

We have ordered 2 new Free Little Libraires to be placed at Henry Davis Park and across from Cherry St School. Help us keep these clean and filled with books. These will provide 24/7 book access and will remove barriers to reading.

Don't Forget our SLP Clubs

We have 13 Service Leadership Clubs in our schools and are currently working on establishing a new Key Club at Rutherford and CKI at FSU-PC and GCSC. All of which need our involvement and support.

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"



September Anniversaries

12th – Ron & Annmarie Shover
14th – Kathryn & Gary Hart
29th – Doug & Caroline Smith

September Birthdays

2nd – Jim Mann
5th – James McCalister
7th – Dale Cronwell
9th – Henry Hazard
18th – Nathan DeWall
23rd – Janice Flowers
26th – Bob Daffin
27th – Karen Custer

**Save the Date for
our Annual Banquet
Thursday,
September 24th**

Focus on Membership

Why do we need more members?

The answer is simple. More members = More service. People join Kiwanis clubs for the service, but they stay because of the impact. As we look back over the past years, think about all the members that have joined. Some have stayed and some have not. Why? When we talk to someone about Kiwanis, our goals should be to: Create relationships, rapport, and referrals within the community, tell stories about our impact, connect on a personal level, and most of all have fun!

Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis

The Roman emperor and philosopher Marcus Aurelius wrote: ***"Man is born for deeds of kindness; and when he has done a kindly action, or otherwise served the common welfare, he has done what he was made for and has received his quittance."***

Kiwanis gives each of us another way to perform deeds of kindness. When we serve, we fulfill our human nature, and serving is its own reward.

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

When did the Kiwanians of the U.S. and Canada begin placing "Peace Markers" along the 4,000 mile border between the 2 countries?

Attend a meeting to find out the answer.

Did you know the answer last month?

Where and when did the Kiwanis membership purchase the name "Kiwanis" from Allen Browne?

(Birmingham Convention in 1919)

2025 – 2026 Officers / Directors

President Sharon Trainor
Past President Stefanie Gall
President Elect Eric Spoon
Vice Pres. Corey Wilson
Secretary Eric Krebs
Treasurer Keith Forehand

Directors

Debbie Armstrong Karen Custer
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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	Sharon Trainor
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	Barbara Stoff
Walsingham K-Kids	Todd Brister
Chautaugua Aktion Club	Myron Guilford
Jinks Builders Club	Ed Bell

100th Anniversary Committee

Eric Krebs

Committee Chairpersons

Membership

Fund Raising

Pancake Days Eric Spoon
Holiday Auction
Mardi Golf Eric Krebs

Club Administration Programs

Doug Smith

Image

Website 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

September 2026

- 2nd - Club Meeting**
Cassandra Beltran -United Way Reading Program
- 4th - First Friday**
Chamber of Commerce at FSU PC
- 4th - Meals on Wheels**
Myron & Chevina Guilford
- 7th - Labor Day**
- 9th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 11th - Meals on Wheels**
Todd Brister & Brian Hinton
- 16th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 18th - Meals on Wheels**
Ed Bell & Kathryn Hart
- 21st - Club Satellite Meeting**
5:30 pm Olive Garden on Hwy 77
- 23rd - No Club Meeting**
- 24th - Annual Club Banquet**
Capt. Anderson's Restaurant
- 25th - Meals on Wheels**
Dave Burris & Marilyn Fenimore
- 29th - Board Meeting**
Via Zoom 5:30 pm
- 30th - Club Meeting**
Glen McDonald - GCSC

End of another GREAT Kiwanis Year!

October 2026

Kiwanis New Year Begins!

- 2nd - First Friday**
Chamber of Commerce at FSU PC
- 2nd - Meals on Wheels**
Steve Stoff & Corey Wilson
- 7th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 9th - Meals on Wheels**
Doug Smith & Nathan DeWall
- 10th - Buddy Walk**
- 12th - Columbus Day**
- 14th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 16th - Meals on Wheels**
Ed Bell & Marilyn Fenimore
- 19th - Club Satellite Meeting**
5:30 pm Olive Garden on Hwy 77
- 21st - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 23rd - Meals on Wheels**
Myron & Chevina Guilford
- 27th - Board Meeting**
Via Zoom 5:30 pm
- 28th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 30th - Meals on Wheels**
Todd Brister & Brian Hinton
- 31st - Halloween**



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