



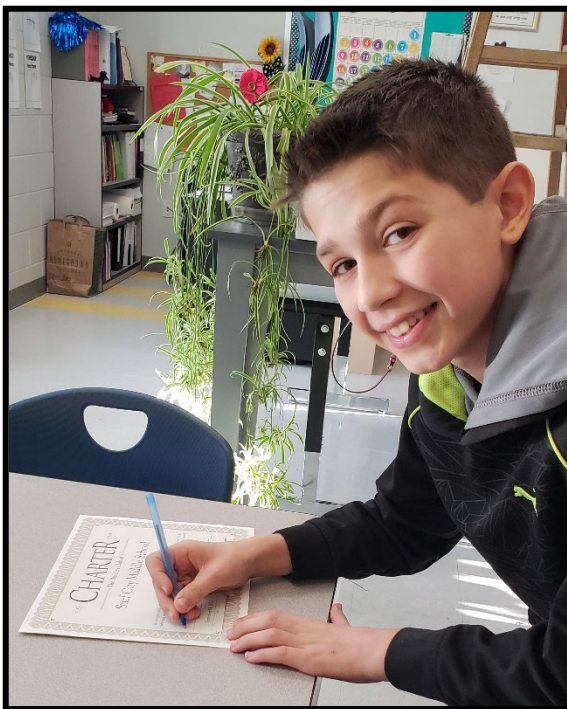
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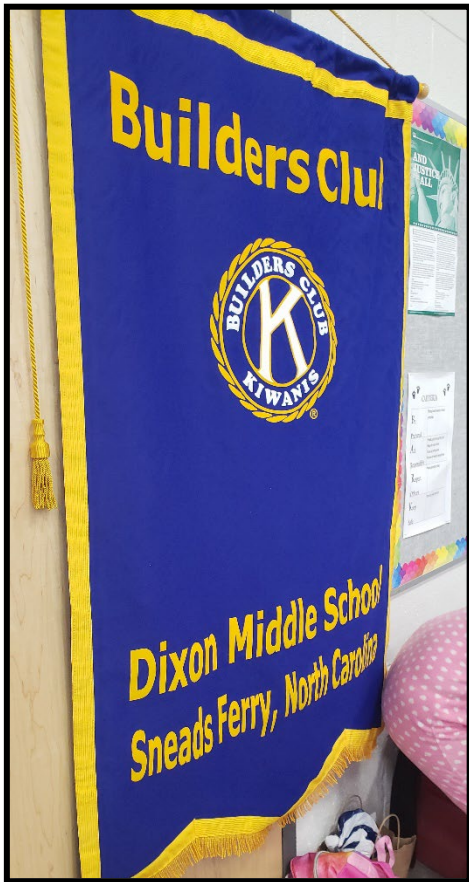
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Our sponsored **Surf City Middle School Builders Club** collected, packed and donated over 600 food items to CHAPS for local families on December 12! **Kiwaniis Co-Advisors Bill Horstmann, K.P.** and **Cathi Litcher** were on hand to watch officer elections complete with speeches by the nominees. **Faculty Advisor Deb Farmer** is delighted to report that the first President of the club will be **Nathan Deitz** while the Vice President will be **Grace Deitz!** That's right, the kids of our famed **S.W.I.M. Program** member **David Deitz**. Congrats on a job well done.



Our sponsored **Dixon Middle School Builders Club** coordinated a fundraiser during the end of semester After School Social! Thanks to **Surf City Domino's Pizza – owners Craig and Past President Dawn Brannan** for donating 10 large pepperoni and 10 large cheese pizzas for the members to sell! **Kiwanis Co-Advisors Eva Krieger and Cathi Litcher** were on hand to watch young leadership at work. These members not only decided how much to charge for the pizza, they handled all the money, had smiles on their faces even when the pizza line was 20 kids deep and still recruited at least five new members. The event raised over \$210...it couldn't have been as successful without the generous donation of 20 pizzas. Thanks again Craig and Dawn.



Our **Kiwanis Foundation** received a **\$500** donation to **Disaster Recovery Relief Efforts** from The **Winston-Salem Foundation** that supports charitable programs. The donation was suggested by **Greg and Laurin Colner**, who consider Surf City their second home and one day, hope it will be their permanent home!



Dixon High School Counselor Marc Hart is responsible for the **DHS C.H.E.W. Backpack Program** and prior to the winter break used our donated **Publix \$200 gift card** to purchase fresh food for his 10 students. Marc asked the kids what they would like with the gift card and you can check it out in the picture below what was requested. Marc shared that the students were psyched “to get fresh food and other items high school kids eat” and added, “What an awesome treat!”

Calendar



Jan. 8 – **Board Meeting** directly after the regular meeting. Important discussions of how to distribute the hurricane relief funds. If you have an idea or know of someone/child/family in need, please let us know as we move forward.

Jan. 8– **Surf City Builders Club Meeting** from 2:45pm to 3:30pm @ Surf City Middle School.

Jan. 8 – Early bird deadline for **MidYear Conference Registration**

Jan. 14 – Last day to register for the day-long club education event - **Club Coaching Day** in New Bern, NC. Cost is \$30 per registrant and includes lunch.

Jan. 19 – **New Bern Club Coaching Day**

Feb. 8 – 10 – **Kiwanis MidYear Conference** at Marriott Resort & Spa, Hilton Head Island, SC



Success Story: Our Disaster Relief Funds At Work

Through our connection with local school counselors, we've purchased clothing and new shoes for four students prior to and during the holidays.

We'll be ordering our "Magic Drawer" items for the counselors the first of the year and distributing these basic clothing and cold weather items to kids in need. More to come on this!

As Kiwanis Servant Leaders, we will continue to focus on changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

be a volunteer



Here's a list of current local volunteer opportunities where YOU can make a difference!

We are searching for a **Kiwanis Co-Advisor** to assist Don Martin with the **Dixon High School Key Club** as soon as possible. Please contact Andrea Carter or Bill Horstmann to learn more about the

opportunity.

Want to create a mentor relationship with an elementary school student? Contact **Les King** to participate in the **Reading Program**.

We've been hearing a lot about the devastation suffered in Western Pender County after the hurricane. But there is good news on the horizon! Member **Tim Horner** is working closely with **Kiwanis Club of Hampstead** to charter a **Kiwanis Club of Burgaw**. If you'd like to help out with that new endeavor, please contact Tim.

Want to help local students get up to speed with their studies after the hurricane? Contact **David Deitz** to participate in the **SWIM Program** (Students Winning With Intentional Mentoring) (previously known as **Homework Helpers Program**) at Surf City Middle School.

Want to be part of a **Signature Leadership Program** (Builders Club or Key Club), contact SLP Chair **Katie Paisie** who can help find you a place in one of the programs that will fit your schedule.

Want to use your muscle and brawn? Contact **Daniel Blevins** who is helping coordinate **outreach efforts** to the Western part of Pender County. (PS – there is also a need for materials to literally rebuild.)

Savvy yourself as a thrifty shopper? **Disaster Relief Chair Cathi Litcher** would welcome your research and input on the purchase of various items requested by our local school Faculty Advisors and counselors. Just think, surf the net to get the biggest bang for our buck - you earn volunteer hours but don't leave your couch.



Like to volunteer from your house? Collect Box Tops from participating products to donate to our Builders Clubs! Here's a picture of a Box Top for Education so you can look for them on your favorite items!

Don't have the time but have financial resources? Contact **Bill Horstmann** who can help you determine where your donation could have the most impact based on your preferences.

If you have a personal **Facebook** page, PLEASE "like" our Kiwanis Club of Topsail Island page. Also consider adding a "Donation Button" to a personal post to your connections that allows your friends to help our community in rebuilding and recovery through **Kiwanis of Topsail Island Area Foundation**. It's tax deductible. Need help with this? Contact **Cathi Litcher**.



As some of you are aware, this is the season of presents, family and college application preparation. It won't be long before our **Scholarship Chair Steve Cokor** will be updating the scholarship criteria and application to distribute to Dixon High School. We will not be giving scholarships this year at Topsail High School as the Kiwanis Hampstead Club is now sponsoring that school's Key Club. If you'd like to be a part of the committee, or know of a deserving senior, please contact Steve for the application. We are going to try to get the criteria and application online this year to streamline the process. Stay tuned here for more information.

If you have a connection with a larger organization that might consider donating to our organization, please reach out independently or contact Cathi Litcher for assistance.

The **Kiwanis Foundation of Topsail Island Area** is now recognized as a Bronze Level non-profit with [GuideStar Kiwanis Foundation of Topsail Island Area Inc.](#) If you know of someone that would like to donate, the Guidestar.org website outlines our club's focus, programs and successes.



President Designee **Andrea Carter** asked for our members to consider sharing his/her expertise with our club as a guest speaker. We'd love to learn more about everyone's stories! Also, if there is someone you think would be a good speaker, please let Andrea know.

If you have additions, changes, updates or feedback regarding this information, please contact Cathi Litcher at cathi@thelitchergroup.com.