



Member **Dawn Brannon** and her husband Craig are supporting the Dixon Middle School Builders Club by helping with 20 pizzas that will be sold during the After School Social as a fundraiser. Thanks so much Dawn & Craig!

### Surf City Middle School Builders Club Service Projects:

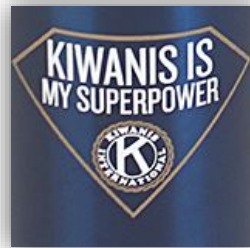
The “Souper Bowl” Food Drive results are in! The Builders Club donated over 500 items of food to the local food pantry – and our Partner – Share The Table.

Both **Builders Clubs** and **Key Club** students registered teams to earn sponsorships and walk together at the ‘Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk’ on March 24.

### Dixon Middle School Builders Club Service Projects:

Volunteers to face paint at BridgeDay Festival

Donate 100 Bulldog Care Kits to Jacksonville homeless shelter



### Upcoming Events

- March 5 – **Kiwaniis Board Meeting**
- March 9 – **Club Coaching Day**, Brevard College
- March 18 – 22 – **Builders Club Week**
- March 24 – **Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk**, Surf City

April 5 – Early Bird Deadline for **Kiwaniis International Convention**

April 12 – **Kiwaniis Legacy Scholarship Applications** due to Steve Cokor

April 26 – 28 – **Key Leader**, Camp Thunderbird, Lake Wylie, SC

April 27 - **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kiwanis Golf Tournament** @ North Shore Country Club

May 21 – **Kiwaniis Scholarship Breakfast Award Meeting**



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## Success Story: Our Disaster Relief Funds at Work

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A BIG thanks to the **Wake Forest Kiwanis Club** (near Raleigh) for requesting a Kiwanis International Disaster Relief Grant on our behalf. The grant was awarded two weeks ago and over \$4,500 worth of much-needed items were purchased from Kiwanis Partner Dollar Days for our local community! On February 26, during our regular Tuesday morning meeting, we will be sorting the items for the schools and delivering directly after the meeting. Fun times together serving the community!

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

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

Our **Dinner & Reverse Raffle fundraiser** is slated for September 7 at the Topsail Island Moose Lodge with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm. Our first Reverse Raffle netted around \$10k for the Foundation and scholarships in spring 2017. This year Committee Chair **Jeff Bell** has recruited some brains and brawn for his committee – Shout Out to **Rick Benton, Joe Bell, and John Burke!** This is our biggest fundraiser so reach out to Jeff with your ideas and assistance.

The **Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser** is scheduled for April 27 this year and Committee Chair **Chad Merritt** is looking for volunteers! There is a need for teams to play and for individuals to help with the actual event. More details to come.

The annual **Out of Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk** in Surf City will take place on Sunday, March 24 starting at Surf City Soundside Park on Roland Avenue. Our two Builders Clubs and Key Club have registered teams to walk. It's amazing to see how motivated they are to help others. We are so proud to be partnering with the students. We need a Chairperson to coordinate the volunteers! Check-in and registration begins at 1 pm. The Walk begins at 2 pm and ends at 4 pm. Would you be willing to set-up, work the registration table or clean up? If so, we are searching for a Project Chair for this event. Please let **Bill Horstmann** know of your interest!

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 Tutoring 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 the SLP Chair who can help find you a place in one of the programs that will fit your schedule.



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 [Kiwaniis 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 **Kiwaniis of Topsail Island Area Foundation**. It's tax deductible. Need help with this? Contact **Cathi Litcher**.

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The scholarship applications are on the street! We've sent the **Legacy Scholarship Application** to all members by email and posted it on the official club website. The **Dixon Key Club Scholarship** was hand-delivered to the Dixon High School Counselor and Key Club Faculty Advisor and posted on the DHS internal website that lists all available scholarships. Thanks to Chair **Steve Cokor** for his work getting this out to the community.

If you have a connection with a larger organization that might consider donating to Kiwanis, please reach out independently or contact **Rodney Dillman** or **Cathi Litcher** for assistance. We are excited about a new fundraising **Sponsorship Campaign** that Rodney will be leading in the coming months.

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.

We are excited about these upcoming speakers & programs:

February 19 – Out of Darkness Walk Becky

February 26 – Service Program Meeting for Disaster Relief (Cathi & Kevin)

March 5 – TBA

March 12 – Sandy Harris Pender County Christian Services

March 19 – Alan Cutler, Pender County Sheriff

March 26 – Kyle Brewer, Pender County Planning

If you have additions, changes, updates or feedback regarding this information, please contact Cathi Litcher at [cathi@thelitchergroup.com](mailto:cathi@thelitchergroup.com).