



**Publix of Surf City** donated a \$200 gift card to help us with filling the backpacks in support of our hurricane relief efforts!

To an **Anonymous donation** from a Topsail Beach resident of \$5,000 to our Hurricane Relief efforts! You Rock!

**Pat Brennan** has excellent resources for quality, low cost hoodies that our Club will purchase for the Surf City and Dixon Middle School Clothes Closets in the coming weeks as the weather gets cooler. Who knew that teenagers won't wear winter coats? That's why we have connections with our school counselors/social workers **Mary Beth Utt** and **Katie Rogers**! Plus **Sandy Harris**, CEO of Pender County Christian Services will purchase hoodies for students at the Burgaw Elementary and Middle Schools!

Sandra Brown of **Mercy Abounds** asked our credible organization to locate those in need in our community to help distribute \$600 worth of gift cards. The cards are for food, gas and to Lowe's Home Improvement. We've contacted our SLP Faculty Advisors and school counselor/social workers for recommendations.

**AWT Pancake Breakfast Chair Larry Bartholomew** wasn't forgotten – but his name was left off our newsletter from last week. Not sure how many years Larry has coordinated such a worthwhile "fun" raising – Hear is your **SHOUT OUT!** Annual Pancake Breakfast raised \$3,335.81! Woot. Woot.

**Surf City Domino's Owner Craig Brannan** is donating TWO cheese pizzas for the first Surf City Middle Builders Club Meeting! Member **Dawn Brannan** – you have got yourself a gem of a guy!

**Honorary Kiwanian Bonnie Hunter** accepted the **Kiwaniis of The Year Award for 2018-2019** for our servant leader **Bennett Hunter** – who could never say "No" and was so very active in our Club and community! Also, for once, member **Cathi Litcher** wasn't involved and being her bossy self on Friday night at the Annual Kiwanis Member Recognition and Officer Induction Ceremony. She was honestly surprised at being named **Co-Kiwanian of the 2018-2019 Year**. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.



Nov. 13 - **New Member Induction Ceremony!** New members are always welcome! Welcome Shelly Sessions and Daniel Blevins!

Nov. 13 – **Surf City Builders Club** will have their first meeting from 2:45pm until 3:30pm at Surf City Middle School. Teacher recommendations were reviewed, invitations were distributed along with those that signed up during Parent's Open House Night. If you'd like to attend to show your support, you are welcome!

Nov. 14 – **Dixon Builders Club** will have the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers meeting from 3:30 to 4:30pm at the school. This meeting will focus on Next Steps in membership recruitment. If you'd like to be a part of this service project, just let Eva know.

Nov. 16 – **FREE Superball Golf Tournament** at Jacksonville Country Club sponsored by our member **Shawn Crandall's** company Jacksonville Building Supply. There is NO Entry fee but there are cash prizes and free shirts and lunch. What's not to like about that?

Nov. 18 – The **Eagle Scout Candidate Christopher Baribeault** of Surf City Troop 777 - our Club heard from him about his project a month ago - will be completing his project at Chapel By The Bay in Holly Ridge.

Nov. 27 – **Surf City Builders Club Meeting** from 2:45pm to 3:30pm @ Surf City Middle School.

Dec. 4 – **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.



Our Hurricane Relief Efforts have been excellent so far but as our expert Dr. Edna Smith reminds us, “The recovery will go on for a long time.” Member Neal McHenry adds, “This is a marathon, not a sprint.”

Here is an overview of our Hurricane Relief funds to date that will be donated through the Kiwanis Foundation:

| Amount          | Type/Who                                       | Projected Use for Hurricane Victims                       |
|-----------------|--|---|
| \$2,500*        | Grant/ Carolinas District Kiwanis              | Basic Need Items  |
| \$5,000         | Grant/Kiwanis Children’s Disaster Relief Funds | Basic Need Items<br>11/6/18- \$1,400 for teenager hoodies |
| \$5,000         | Donation/Anonymous                             |   |
| \$1,300         | FB Donation & Fundraiser/Litcher FB Page       | (continual & available to others online)                  |
| \$200           | Gift Card/Publix                               |   |
| \$6,509         | Donation/ KCTIA Foundation                     |   |
| \$8,491.00      | Fundraiser/ Kayak Raffle (AWT)                 |   |
|                 | Fundraiser/Kiwanis Bouncy House @ AWT          |   |
| Est<br>\$29,000 | Estimate Total                                 |   |

\*Funds into service account.

Please Note: Pancake Breakfast netted \$3,335.81 for the service account.

**On Nov. 6, the Foundation and Club Board Members approved the following donations:**

\$2,500 donation to the **Pender County Education Partnership** ([One Pender Hurricane Relief Concert](#)) to assist in helping over 65 displaced Pender County teachers and their families. President Bill Horstmann presenting the donation to member David Stipe who also serves on the Board of Pender County Education Partnership!

\$2,500 donation to the [Pender County Christian Services](#) that will be directly shared with Burgaw Elementary and Burgaw Middle School students to meet the needs after Hurricane Florence. This organization has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the Pender

County Dept. of Social Services and the county Social Workers for over 20 years. The focus is strictly helping children in the community. President Bill Horstmann presenting the donation to Tollie Mitchell, VP of Pender County Christian Services.



Figure 1 Pres. Bill Horstmann presenting donation to PEP Board Member David Stipe.



Figure 2 Pres. Bill Horstmann presenting donation to PCCS VP Tollie Mitchell.



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

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

Want to help local students get up to speed with their studies after the hurricane? Contact **David Deitz** to participate in the **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.

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**.



Member **Daniel Blevins** has a connection that we can use to request free brand name toiletries for the kids. We look forward to identifying the actual numbers and submitting a request in the coming month.

The grant requested from Lowe's Home Improvement was denied with no addition award offered.

Surf City Food Lion and Surf City & Sneads Ferry Tsunami Stores are not owned locally but we will reach out to their corporate offices as well in the coming weeks.

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.

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