



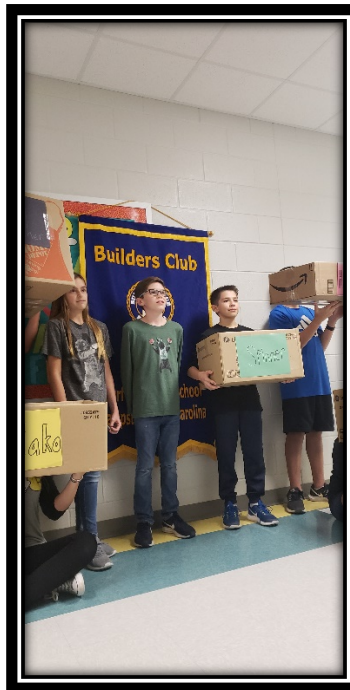
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Our sponsored **Surf City Middle School Builders Club** decided on their first two Service Projects! From now until Dec. 12, they started a competitive Food Drive to benefit the local Community Holiday Assistance Program (CHAPS). During the Nov. 27 meeting, the members will be sorting donated clothing for member **Daniel Blevins** to transport to the Atkinson Distribution Center in Western Pender County! #KidsNeedKiwaniis



Pictured: Faculty Co-Advisor Deb Farmer
Not pictured: Faculty Co-Advisor Tyler Whitley



A BIG Thanks to spouses of some members – **specifically Jean Bell** and **Julia Pollock** – who are volunteering through our **Kiwaniis Homework Helpers Program**, coordinated by member **David Deitz!**

Please say “Hi” and welcome **guest** – and **prospective member Albert Meyer** – who has loved our TI paradise for over 18 years part time but recently relocated permanently to their home in Serenity Point!

Also, we’ve recognized **ThreadFX** for supporting our new cooler weather donations for the middle school hurricane victims. Did you know that **Julie Brennan** actually does LOTS of the research and quoting? She’s got about the quickest quote turnaround I’ve ever experience!!! Thanks Julie!

The **Eagle Scout Candidate Christopher Baribeault** of Surf City Troop 777 - our Club heard from him about his project a month ago – completed his project on Nov. 18 at Chapel-By-The-Bay in Holly Ridge. Pictures are on the way soon.

We are delighted that the **Wake Forest Kiwanis Club** (outside of Raleigh) has submitted a Disaster Relief Grant request to Kiwanis International in support of our hurricane relief mission! The focus is to meet the needs of kids that are “couch-surfing” during these cooler months – items like new blankets, pillows, sheets, non-skid socks and texting gloves. In addition, they are going to submit a grant to Carolinas District to assist with replacement of musical instruments at the Surf City Elementary School in the coming weeks. Hopefully, a member or two from that club will be able to visit and assist in the distribution of the much needed items.

Woot! Woot! Member **Rocky Godwin**, owner of **50 South Surf Shop**, has reached out to his supplier **Kala Ukeleles** to help meet the need for musical instruments for the Surf City Elementary School. Not only is Rocky donating a couple ukuleles, but his supplier will be donating 30 to the kids! Thanks for your generosity and time!



Nov. 26 - Surf City Middle School **Homework Helpers** starts this week!

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.

Dec. 11 – **Kiwanis Christmas Holiday Breakfast Fellowship Meeting** will take place during the regular meeting time. Please RSVP to Steve Smith, or sign up at the meeting. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Spouses are invited.



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.”

Thanks goes out to the **Topsail Beach Concerned Citizens** organization for their generous donation to our disaster relief fund in the amount of \$760.19. Those funds will go a long way to provide needed items for the displaced kids. We appreciate their support.

It was mentioned after AWT that there was a \$5,000 anonymous donation to our Hurricane Relief fund. However, it’s not anonymous anymore! A HUGE thanks goes to **Milford R. & Reba S. Quinn Family Foundation** for the sizeable gift to our mission.

Success Story: Our Disaster Relief Funds At Work

Last week our club met an immediate need of an 8th grade male student per the request of one of our Partners, who is a school counselor. To maintain the dignity of the student, the counselor met privately with the student and assisted him while making his first “online” purchase through Amazon.com. The counselor gently guided him on his selections, his “Amazon Gift Registry” was forwarded to member Cathi Litcher, who purchased the items that were delivered to the school the next day. Here is what the counselor shared with Cathi, to share with our members: *The male student was so excited and appreciative. As we were looking at shoes, he said "I've never had shoes like that" and "I think those are too expensive". He is a huge Packers fan as you will notice! Let me know if we need to make adjustments for his list. He was very aware of what other kids might say about his clothes. I struggled with the prices too but I thought if he were my kid I wouldn't bat an eye at spending \$20 on a shirt or \$50 on shoes. I was glad we didn't try to shop for him because we would not have gotten it right! Thank you again!!!* It’s be decided that helping kids in this confidential way will

assist in building self-esteem, creating confidence, avoiding embarrassment (especially if we made the clothing choices! Ha-ha) and doing the right thing, even if no one is looking. ***As Kiwanis Servant Leaders, we will continue to focus on changing the world, one child and one community at a time.***



Look at those SMILES!

President **Bill Horstmann** presented \$2,500 donation, through member **Jo Ann Adcock** and **Modern Woodmen of America**, to the hurricane relief operation of our local food pantry **Share The Table**. More nutritious food for the families will make a difference. Thanks again Jo Ann.



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**.

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 in 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 **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.

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.

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.



On November 27, member **Dr. Edna Smith** was our guest speaker. She has many years of experience with the State Department on helping people through trauma situations whether in Africa or post Hurricane Katrina. Our takeaway this morning focused on taking care of the caregivers. Hurricane Florence ravaged our paradise and most of us are dealing with the aftermath in some fashion. Please remember the words of member Bennett Hunter and “scatter kindness,” to others and yourself.

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.