



Thanks to member **Shawn Crandall** of Jacksonville Building Supply for donating the materials for Eagle Scout Candidate Christopher Baribeault project! In addition, the Kiwanis Facebook page has raised \$70 to help finalize whatever Chris needs.

Thanks to all members (too many to list here!) for all your help with the set-up, running and clean up at *Autumn With Topsail* (Chair **Rick Stidley**). From the Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser (Chair **Larry**) to the Kayak Raffle Fundraiser (Chair **Andrea**) to the Kiwanis Bounce House (Chair **Jeff Wenzel**), our club can boast that, with our Community Partners and Signature Leader Programs (SLPs), we certainly make a difference!

Steve and Jessi Bailey, Owners of *Herrings Outdoor Sports* in Surf City, donated the fishing kayaks for our fundraiser. Please remember their support from behind the scenes when you start your local holiday shopping and tell them “Thanks!”

New member **Daniel Blevins**, who hasn’t even been inducted yet, has been all over Pender County to help hurricane victims. He created the Topsail Area Needs Facebook page and recently held a Fall Festival in the Western part of the county that included over 1,200 donated costumes, lots of candy and free dinner.

Member **David Deitz** didn’t just sit by knowing that students will need some tutoring in the coming months to get back on track after missing 25 days of school this year. David started Homework Helpers Program at *Surf City Middle School* and is looking for volunteers from 7:30am to 8am, Monday – Thursday to mentor students. Please contact him if you’d like more information. The school would welcome from 8 to 10 tutors each morning. We can do this!

Our members **Teresa Batts, Bill Horstmann and Andrea Carter** volunteered at the Surf City Fall Festival at Soundside Park, in support of our Surf City Parks and Rec Partners, and had fun judging the Costume Contest.

Member **Les King** is working to help kids to read again this year. If you are interested in reading with a student at the local elementary school, please reach out and thank Les for making a difference!

Our volunteer Webmaster **Mike Benson** keeps our website up-to-date and we appreciate his time! If you have any pictures of Kiwanis activities, please share with him.

It’s hard to give credit when a compassionate individual requests to remain anonymous – but gives our club a \$5k donation toward Hurricane Relief Efforts. Please share a “thanks” – a respond in kind, next time you can be an Angel On Earth.



Oct. 31 – **Dixon Middle School Builders Club** is having the first coordination meeting since school opened at 3pm at the school. If you are interested in working with the program and our Kiwanis Co-Advisors **Bill Horstmann** and **Eva Krieger** – please reach out!

Nov. 1 - **Surf City Middle School Builders Club** is having the first coordination meeting with SLP Faculty Advisor Deb Farmer since school started last week. If you are interested in working with the program and our Kiwanis Co-Advisors **Katie Paisie** and **Cathi Litcher** – please reach out!

Nov. 6 – **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.

Nov 9. - **Annual Kiwanis Awards and Induction Dinner** will be held at the Topsail Island Assembly Building on Friday, November 9 beginning at 6pm. Please pay Mac for the dinner if you plan to attend (\$5 members, \$15 guests) as soon as possible. Also let Steve know if you and your guest prefer steak or chicken as an entrée.



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.)

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**.

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