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Volunteer Satisfaction **Children** Helping **Service** International
Networking Fun **Community** Leadership Camaraderie Fundraising Friendship
Caring Key Club

pulse

The **heartbeat**
of the Kiwanis
Club of Panama City



Happy
250th
Birthday

FL District Governor –Tommy Mills
Div. 2 Lt Governor –Jake Cook
FL Foundation Trustee – Keith Forehand
Key Club Lt Governor – Erica Sims
Division 2 Leaders
Leaving a Legacy for the Children



**How did July 4th
become a
National
Holiday?**

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. (Sound familiar?) One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies. By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change. After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated. Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

**Anyone Interested in
volunteering?**



Myron sent us a new logo for our meals on wheels program. Luckily, we don't have that issue here, but we do need more volunteers.
See Kathryn Hart to sign up and maybe we can get you a faster bicycle.

How do we define Kiwanis?....."Kiwaniis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time"



July Anniversaries

5th – Eric & Melanie Spoon
9th – Dave & Jennifer Hornkohl
16th – Cindy & Colin Wade

July Birthdays

9th – Donna Golden
9th – Eric Spoon
13th – Mike Dickey
13th – Ron Shover
14th – Larry Perry
16th – Nick Sorrento
18th – Vicky Salata
21st – Denise Cox
21st – Laurie Hughes
28th – Arthur Hooks
31st – Allara Gutter

**Save the Date for our
Annual Banquet
Thursday, September 24th**

Kiwanis attendance is noticeably low during the summer months. So, why don't you contact someone and see if they are on vacation. They might have a good story to tell.

Also, take a few moments to answer these questions:

1. What keeps you coming to the club? Or keeps you away?
2. What do you enjoy most about being a member of our club?
3. What is our club's greatest strength?
4. If you could change one thing about our club, what would it be? Why?

Tell one of our officers your answers to help make your Kiwanis experience more enjoyable.

Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis

Hans Christian Anderson said: **"To be of use in the world is the only way to happiness."** Kiwanis gives us an extra way to be of use in the world, which means that Kiwanis gives each of us another way to be happy.

For all you trivia buffs, let's test your Kiwanis knowledge.

When and where was the second Kiwanis Club organized?

Attend a meeting to find out the answer.

*Did you know the answer last month?
(16 clubs in 6 states)*



2025 – 2026 Officers / Directors

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Committee Chairpersons

Service

Adopt a Precinct, Fall Festival, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Bell Ringing.

Human & Spiritual Values Donna Golden
Invocations & Sympathy Cards

Service Leadership Programs

Mosley Key Club	Dan Gall
Bay High Key Club	Jake Cook
Bozeman Key Club	Sharon Trainor
Arnold Key Club	Steven Stoff
N. Bay Haven Key Club	Karen Custer
Merritt Brown Bldrs	Debbie Armstrong
Tommy Smith K-Kids	Donna Golden
Northside K-Kids	Kathy Hart
Beach K-Kids	Max Daleiden
Parker K-Kids	Dale Cronwell
Walsingham K-Kids	Todd Brister
Chautaugua Aktion Club	Myron Guilford
Jinks Builders Club	Ed Bell

100th Anniversary Committee

Eric Krebs

Committee Chairpersons

Membership

Fund Raising

Pancake Days Eric Spoon
Holiday Auction
Mardi Golf Eric Krebs

Club Administration Programs

Doug Smith

Image

Website Melissa Brister
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Sharon Trainor

Interclubs

Finance Keith Forehand

Auditor Beverly Halley

Kiwanis Calendar of Events

Opportunities to Serve

Share the fun and Invite a Guest to be a part of Kiwanis

July 2026

- 1st - Club Meeting**
Bob Hurst – 4th of July Program
- 3rd - First Friday**
Chamber of Commerce at FSU PC
- 3rd - Meals on Wheels**
Steve Stoff & Corey Wilson
- 4th - Independence Day -250th**
- 8th - Club Meeting**
Sue Webb -Kaleidoscope Theatre
- 10th - Meals on Wheels**
Doug Smith & Kathryn Hart
- 15th - Club Meeting**
Hank Hill -Boys & Girls Club
- 17th - Meals on Wheels**
Kathryn Hart & Gary Hart
- 22nd - Club Meeting**
Grant Reed -Destination PC Reef program
- 24th - Meals on Wheels**
Myron & Chevina Guilford
- 28th - Board Meeting**
Via Zoom 5:30 pm
- 29th - Club Meeting**
School Board Voter Forum
- 31st - Meals on Wheels**
Todd Brister & Brian Hinton

July 30th – Aug 2nd -District Convention
Orlando

August 2026

- 5th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 7th - First Friday**
Chamber of Commerce at FSU PC
- 7th - Meals on Wheels**
Ed Bell & Marilyn Fenimore
- 10th - First Day of School**
- 12th - Club Meeting**
Bob Majka -Port PC
- 14th - Meals on Wheels**
Doug Smith & Dave Burris
- 17th - Club Satellite Meeting**
5:30 pm Olive Garden on Hwy 77
- 19th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 21st - Meals on Wheels**
Steve Stoff & Corey Wilson
- 22nd - Club Leadership Education**
- 26th - Club Meeting**
Program TBA
- 28th - Meals on Wheels**
Kathryn Hart & Gary Hart
- 31st - Board Meeting**
Via Zoom 5:30 pm



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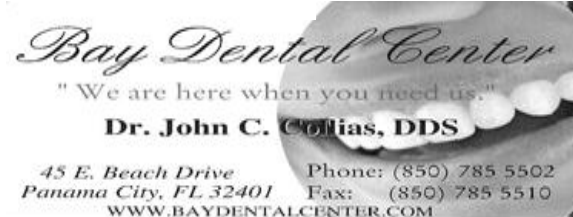
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