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BIG LAGOON-PENSACOLA

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**Breakfast meeting
begins at 8:00
AM, and Lunch
meeting at Noon,
both at The Point
Baptist Church.**

***May 15: Kiwanis and Kops at
Warrenton Elementary***

***May 19: Lunch meeting, Debbie
Black, Director of Magdalene
speaks about Sexually Exploited
Children***

***May 24: Memorial Day
Ceremony at Veterans Memorial
Park. WAA promotion tent***

May 26: Business Bkfst Meeting

***June 7: "Sleep in Heavenly
Peace" build a bed. Warrior
Beer Co, at 10 AM. [CLICK
HERE](#) to email Tey to sign up.***

***June 30: Business/Board Bkfst
Meeting***

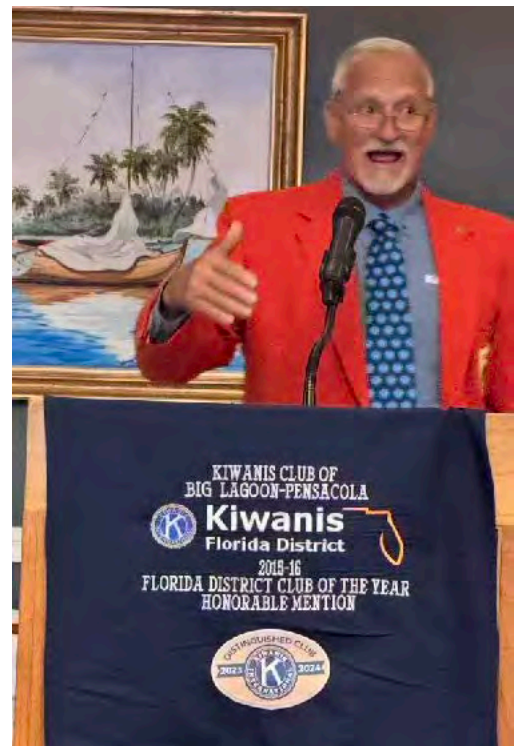
***NOTE: There will be only one
meeting, a business meeting, in
June and July. There may be
informal social gatherings
during those months-stay tuned!***

***Improving the world and our
community, one child at a
time!***

***Happy Birthday
Craig McDonnell
May 31st***



***Tom Porter
June 2nd***



Do you love Johnson Beach? Do you know about its namesake? Private Rosemond Johnson Jr. joined the Army at 15 and at 17 was the first Esambia County native to die during the Korean War, while rescuing his wounded comrades. Each year, Kiwanians partner with The Perdido Chamber to celebrate this local hero's life.

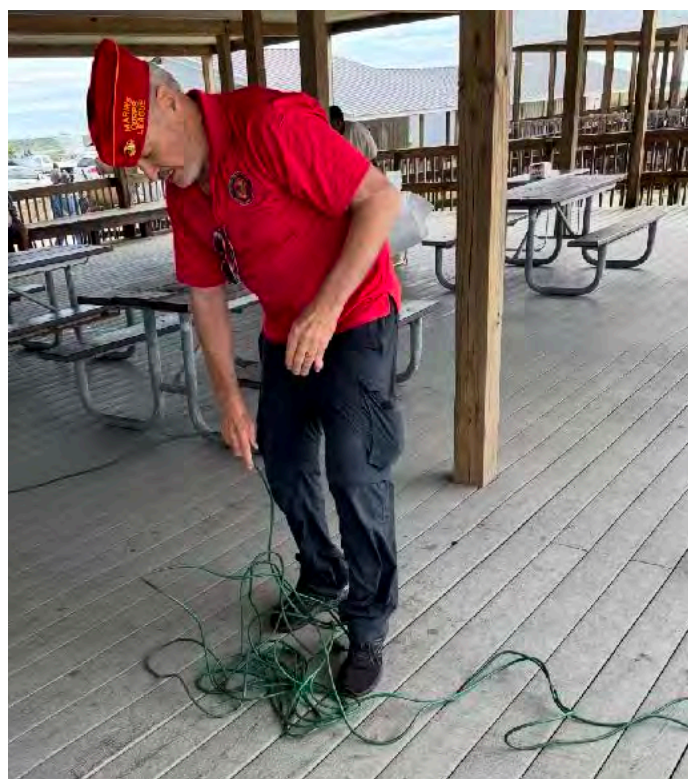
Pvt Johnson grew up during the Jim Crow era in Pensacola, when African Americans were restricted from using Pensacola Beach. The black community frequented the beach on the eastern end of Perdido Key. Rosemond Johnson Beach, part of the Gulf Shores National Park, is named in his honor.

The annual celebration of his life is sponsored by the Perdido Chamber of Commerce and the Johnson family. The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon helps transport and set up seating at the pavilion each year and provides the wreath for the ceremony. Many thanks to Erin Wilmer and the Chamber of Commerce, the National Park Service, the Johnson family, and community dignitaries and leaders for their inspirational words.





The beautiful wreath we donated was created by Craig's sister



Karl shows his technical ability by setting up the PA system



The Corry Station Color Guard started the ceremony



Marine Steve Wilmer's emotional "He Stood The Watch" presentation moved us all to tears

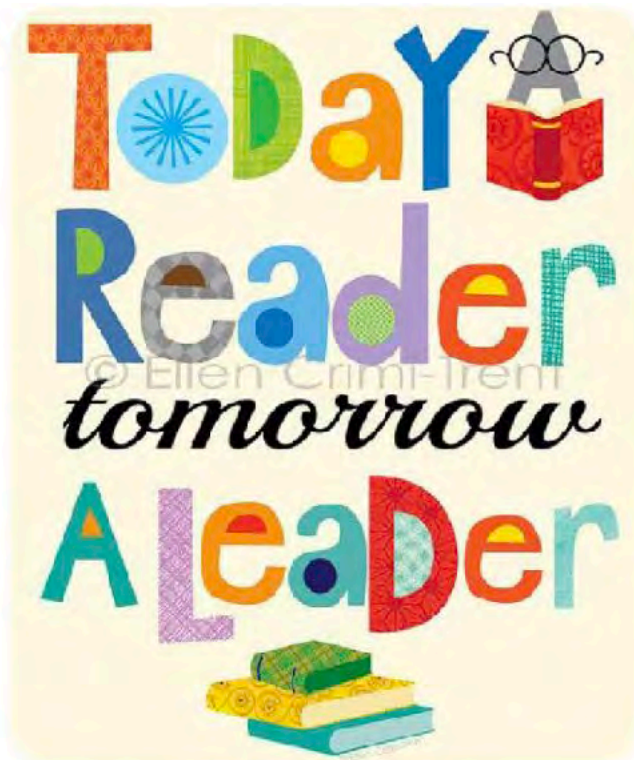
Accelerated Readers (AR) Program: Kiwanians Bob and Wanda White and Bob Kincaid were rewarded with huge smiles from the Oakcrest and Lincoln Elementary kids when they delivered 100 more AR books for their library.



Our final school for 2025-26 to receive 100 AR books was Reinhardt Holes Elementary. Randy Valles has done an outstanding job organizing our “Reading Builds Leaders” program again this year. He appropriately made this last delivery. Job well done, Randy!



Reinhardt Holmes, principal, Lori Grady, and media Specialist, Keely Mosely, were pleased to accept the AR books. Students were all testing, but will be checking out these great new books and building their AR points soon.



Lincoln Elementary

May Calendar-Events, Birthdays, Anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
* Sevold, John 17	18	* May Social 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM 19	20	21	* Kops and Kawa... 12:00 PM - 11:00 A... 22	23
24	25	* Lunch Meeting 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM 26	27	28	29	30
* Memorial Day ... 12:00 PM - 11:00 A... 31	1	* Breakfast Busi... 12:00 PM - 9:30 AM 2	3	4	5	6
* McDONNELL, ...		* Porter, Thomas				

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 ● Birthdays

We remain all in for Take Stock in Children, a proven program that enables children in need to achieve their dreams. We funded two more four-year college scholarships this year and provided three new laptop computers to graduating seniors about to begin their next level of education.

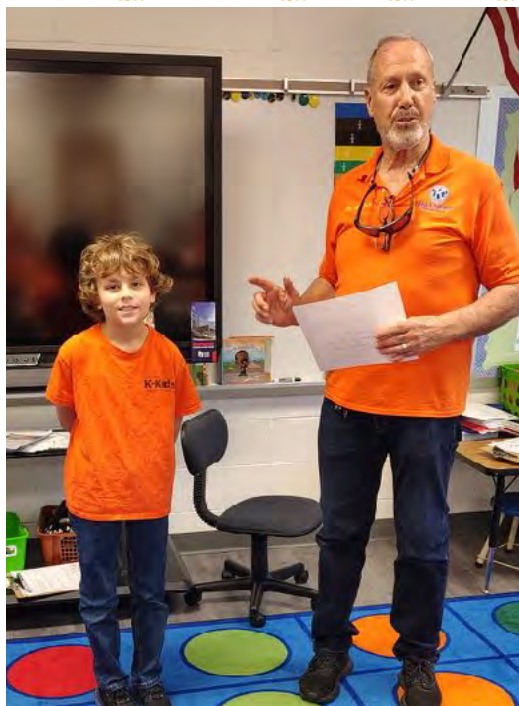
To earn their scholarship, which is initially awarded to 7th or 8th grade students, they must graduate from High School with a 2.5 GPA and demonstrate good citizenship. They also must meet with a volunteer mentor weekly during the school year. We have mentored several students, but TSIC needs more mentors for next year. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about becoming a mentor or donor for Take Stock in Children.



Blue Angel Elementary K-Kids finished their 2025-2026 school year by celebrating their many accomplishments. Club advisor Karl Schwelm presented Certificates of Appreciation to some of their outstanding contributors. K-Kids Club members discover their passion to serve, desire to lead, and ability to engage and collaborate with others.

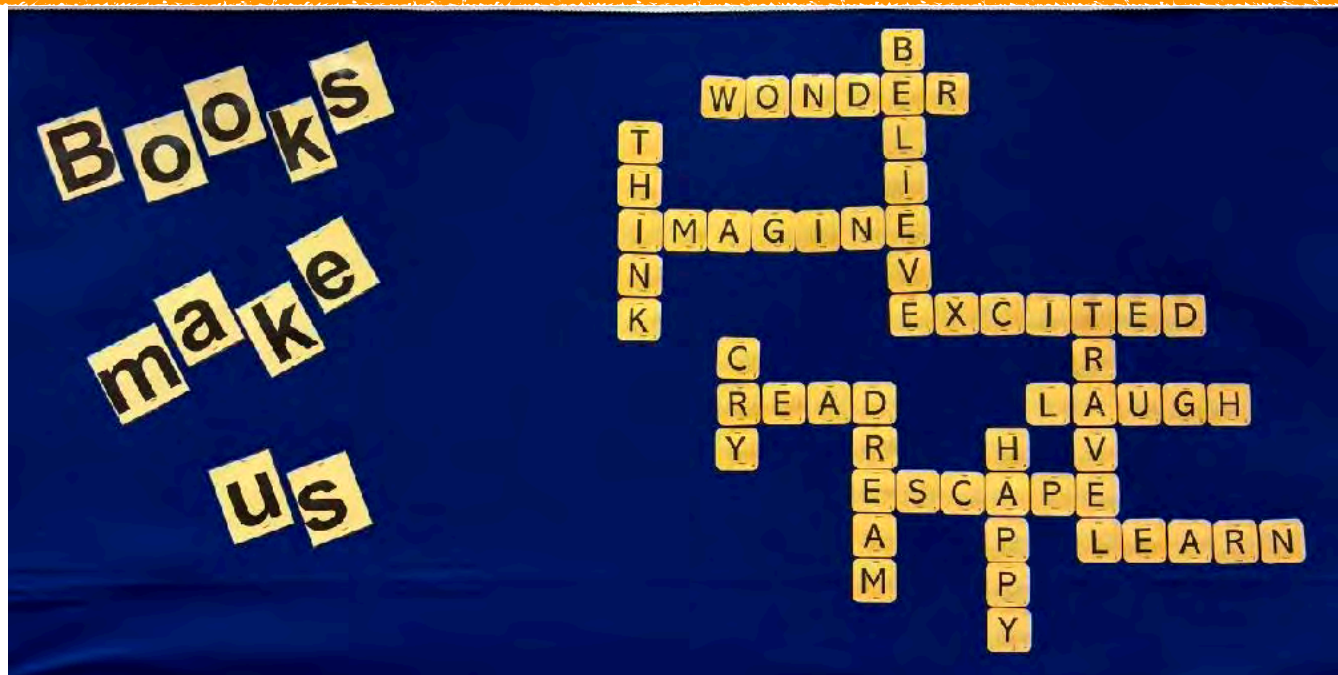


Faculty advisor Kathleen Moriarty was named an honorary life member of Big Lagoon Kiwanis in 2019 for her many years of leading the K-Kids at Blue Angel. The Faculty Advisors at our Service Leadership Programs are volunteers who give their free (and unpaid) time to instilling a love for community service in children.



Our Cinco de Mayo social at the Cactus Cantina, celebrating being a Big Lagoon Kiwanian. Thanks, Dr Bob, for organizing these monthly events where we can socialize with our Kiwanis friends and family. In June and July, our socials will be impromptu, but we'll keep connected! Although the school summer recess slows our programs serving children in our community, we will remain busy pursuing our vision: "to improve the world and our community, one child at a time."





The Club Officers and Directors 2025-2026

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