



The Touchdown Club of New Orleans, Inc. Newsletter

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From The President

Dear Members

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and that your New Year is off to a great start.

It might be the off-season for the Saints but for the coaches there is really no down time. Likewise, the club is hard at work planning this year's events and they are going to be just great.

The first is our annual *Day at the Races*, on Saturday, February 21st. So get your lucky hat out and enjoy some cabbage. And if your picks come in, you will put a little money in your pocket.

The following week we will have our *Annual Meeting* to be held on Saturday, February 28th at the beautiful Chateau Estates Country Club. So please **remember to make a reservation**, even though there is no charge, because we have to give an accurate count to the country club. This way everyone will have a seat ready for them.

We will end the season with our premier event, *The Annual Awards Banquet*. This is where our club has the distinct honor of giving out the prestigious *Pete Rozelle Award*. Rumor has it that some really big names will be present to receive their well-deserved awards.

So as you can see, this will be a pretty busy off-season for the club. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at these wonderful events.

John Kohl

Go Saints!!





Upcoming Events

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Day at the Races – Saturday, February 21, 2015, at The New Orleans Fair Grounds. This is also the Louisiana Derby preview day at the track. As usual, there will be a special race dedicated to *The Touchdown Club*. The price is \$35 per person and guests are welcome to join us. So feel free to invite family members and friends. Please meet Jimmy Hand on the first floor at 11:30am to receive your wristband to gain entrance into the Clubhouse.

Annual Meeting – Saturday, February 28, 2015, 6pm - 9pm, at Chateau County Club in Kenner. This is a “free” event as the price is covered by your annual dues. However, you will need to make a reservation so we can inform the country club of the correct number of members who will be attending.

This year there will be a “sit down” dinner that will start with Artichoke & Oyster Soup. You will have a choice of Stuffed Breast of Chicken Maison or Veal Parmesan with sides of Lyonnaise Potatoes and a Medley of Vegetables. Dessert will be Pralines and Cream Cheesecake.

The Annual Awards Banquet – Saturday, March 7, 2015, 6:30pm, at The Windsor Court Hotel. The ticket price \$125 – same price as last year. Members agree this is the BEST event the Club puts on.

Mike Detillier will be the emcee. Winners of the Rozelle Award, Collegiate Coach of the Year, Prep Coach of the Year and the Roesler Award (media) will be announced soon.

For more information on these events, please go to the Club’s web site, www.tdcno.com.

UNO Scholarship Recipient

The Club has a new UNO scholarship recipient. He is Jonathan Coco from Marrero, an Accounting major with a minor in Management. Jonathan has completed 89 credit hours and will graduate in May 2016. His grade point average is 3.674. Memberships include: Golden Key Honor Society and LCPA student member. Awards include: Dean’s List for six semesters, President’s List, Southland Conference Academic Honor Roll. In addition, Jonathan is captain of the UNO baseball team.

Pelicans Game

The Club will be attending a New Orleans Pelicans game as a group in the next few months. Stay tuned for more information.

Web Site

If anyone has photos from Club events, including dinner meetings, please send them to Mary Ann Caruso at mcaruso@laitram.com so they can be posted to the web site.



The Touchdown Club in the Community

The Touchdown Club again joined with *Baskets of Hope* in distributing baskets to patients at Children’s Hospital on December 23, 2014. This was the third time Club members assisted *Baskets of Hope* director Ann Ollendike in preparing and distributing the baskets to children at area hospitals.

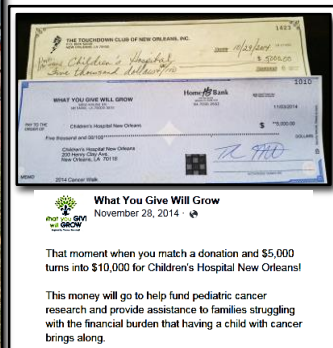
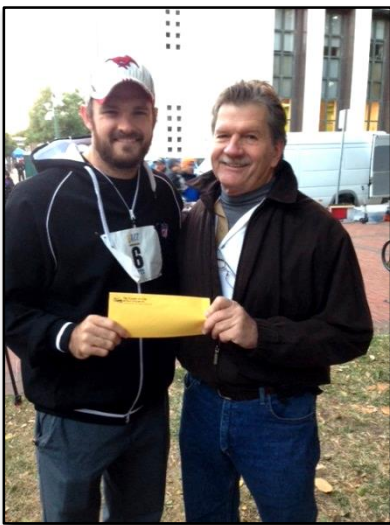
The Club was also represented in helping distribute turkeys and other food items to families for the Christmas season with Keenan Lewis and his foundation event *No Hunger For The Holidays: Turkey Give-A-Way* at L.B. Landry/O.P. Walker College and Career Preparatory High School in Algiers. The giveaway also took place on December 23, 2014.



Hank Bellows, Roslyn Duplessie, Jo Senko, Beverly Bellows, John Kohl, Dawn Hopkins, Candice Chifici, Ann Ollendike (New Orleans Branch Coordinator for Basket of Hope), Sheri Almanza, Lillian Custodio and Tempy Nepveux at the Christmas Basket of Hope held at Children’s Hospital December 23, 2014.



Lauren Lae, Jo Senko, Kennan Lewis, Roslyn Duplessie at “The Keenan Lewis Foundation No Hunger For The Holidays: Turkey Give-A-Way” held December 23, 2014 at L.B. Landry/ O.P. Walker College and Career Preparatory High School



Touchdown Club President John Kohl is pictured here with New Orleans Saints Thomas Morstead. The Club donated a check for \$5,000.00 to Children’s Hospital and Thomas’ Foundation “What You Give will Grow” matched it. The money will be used for pediatric cancer research. Thomas posted a photo of both checks on his foundation’s Facebook page.



Members of the Club attended “A Child’s Wish” luncheon. “A Child’s Wish” is a Louisiana based non-profit organization fulfilling the dreams of children, helping hundreds of critically-ill children experience the joy of having one of their wishes granted. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Club.