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When Disaster Strikes...TX-OK Kiwanians Answer the Call



When newly elected Texas-Oklahoma Governor, Ann Wilkins announced her governor's project at the district convention in early August she had no way of knowing how soon the project would be needed. Backpacks imprinted with the TO district's logo that could be filled with personal items and supplies that would help a child get through an unexpected traumatic event such as the loss of a home is the idea behind "Disaster Backpacks".

Hurricane Isaac devastated the River Parishes in late August and Louisiana/Mississippi Kiwanis Governor, Greg Beard, sent out an email requesting assistance for the River Parishes students. Within days under the direction of Governor Susan Hennum the Texas-Oklahoma District answered the call with 120 disaster backpacks filled with personal items, books, school supplies and fun items.

The newly chartered (June 20, 2012) Kiwanis Club of The River Parishes, located in LaPlace, Louisiana, presented the 120 backpacks to the students of Emily C. Watkins Elementary School. The principal, Toni Robinet stated Kiwanis put a big smile on the student's faces. The smiles help replace the memories that students experienced due to Hurricane Issac. Principal Robinet stated she is looking for a long and lasting relationship with Kiwanis. President Renetta McDuffie, Lt. Governor, Division 4B, Ira Snyder and Treasurer Mary Truehill are working with Principal Robinet to start a Service Leadership Club at Emily C. Watkins Elementary School. The Kiwanis Club of River Parishes also provided school uniforms, shirts, pants and 30 pairs of shoes to the students that were heavily affected by the storm.

Now New York District Governor, Albert Norato, Jr. is requesting our help. He is asking for 250 Disaster Backpacks for Hurricane Sandy Victims. We have filled the need for 96 backpacks but more are needed. Please see page 2 for information on how your club can help these children.



River Parish Kiwanians with Principal and students of Emily C Watkins Elem School



Students waiting for their backpacks



Treasurer, Mary Truehill, Lt Gov. Ira Snyder, President, Renetta McDuffie



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Hurricane Sandy Victims Are Requesting T/O Help



Photo credit: Jessica Hill/AP

Help has been requested from the New York District Governor, Albert Norato, Jr. Their district is in desperate need of 250 backpacks. Please go to your club and ask your members to help our fellow district. Backpacks will be shipped to various Kiwanis Clubs around the District and then filled by their members and their SLP Clubs. We would like to mail them out the first week of December.

Opportunities to assist are as follows:

\$50 = Walmart Gift Card

\$60 = A Set of 6 backpacks or 6 First Aid Kits

\$100 = 6 backpacks and \$40 Walmart gift card

Send all checks to the TO District Office to:

TX-OK District of Kiwanis International

3010 W Park Row Drive

Pantego, TX 76013

Put "Sandy" in the memo line:

For any questions call: Carlene Campbell at 405-216-5567 or
Susan Hennum at 214-460-9537.



Thanks to your generous support 96 backpacks with Walmart Gift Cards are on the way to the Kiwanis Club Marlboro in New Jersey

Governor Ann will
award a patch to
any club giving a
minimum of \$100
to assist these
children



A Letter From the Governor

Thanksgiving has past and the Christmas season is fast approaching.

Doc & I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah.

Take some time and reflect and recall why you joined a Kiwanis Club.

With almost 9,000 members in the Texas Oklahoma District there is one important fact every district officer, club officer, committee chair, and club member should remember. Each Kiwanis member is an individual in every sense of the term. We have common passions, but are not identical to one another. Enduring friendships are formed through participation in our service projects, fundraisers, and other club activities. It is time to offer others the opportunity to participate in your local Kiwanis Club. This is why my goal for our district this year is to build a minimum of 13 clubs. Yes 13! Whether it be the traditional, Active Retired community, or young professionals. This cannot be done alone I need each and every one of you to help. Invite someone to your club meetings and let them hear first hand how Kiwanis makes a difference in your community. Take some time and reflect and recall why you joined Kiwanis, share your experiences with others.

I am so proud of the Texas Oklahoma District. You have made a difference in lives and continue to do so with the Governor's backpack project. Ninety-six backpacks were sent to the Kiwanis Club in Marlboro, New Jersey along with medical kits. (Compliments of Marshall Kregel and his club).

This week we will be sending 250 backpacks to the New York District and they will also receive some of the medical kits. When I spoke with the New York Governor, Al Norato, he said Kiwanians are taking care of Kiwanians.

On another note your Mid-Winter Conference will be February 15-17 at the DFW Marriott North in Irving, Texas. Don't miss! Plans are being finalized and you will have the opportunity for a general session that will be very informative. Watch the website for more details.

With five zone conferences held and six more in the next few months please remember these are being brought to your area to help.

Keep you and your members informed. It is important to have all club officers in attendance and to invite your newest members. WE can help you only if you attend, get your questions answered and have a fun time. The growth team has spent countless hours preparing and I ask that you show your support and attend the zone conferences.

Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve as your district governor.

Ann Wilkins.





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Community Project for TX-OK Convention A Big Success

When Kiwanians from Texas and Oklahoma came together in Killeen this past August for the convention Kelly Poland, the TX-OK Project Manager encouraged all the clubs to provide backpacks and school supplies to support the children of soldiers and needy families in Killeen School District. The response was clearly outstanding. Kiwanis Clubs from Oklahoma City, OK to Bay City, TX filled backpacks with school supplies or donated money. As a result of this District initiative, 375 backpacks, filled with school supplies were provided to KISD and Ms. Paula Boales on Friday, August 10th. Division 23 of the TX-OK Kiwanis (Killeen, Harker Heights, Temple and Waco Seniors) provided 100 backpacks with school supplies. Students helped fill them under the supervision of Harker Heights member Lisa Youngblood at the Harker Heights Public Library. Moreover, \$1,400 was donated to Ms. Boales at the Support Center the following Monday.



Gladys Swindle & Lisa Youngblood



David McClure & Ms. Boales of KISD

Past International President Art Swanberg Celebrates his 90th Birthday In Style



Members of the White Rock Club were on hand, November 27 to help Past International President Art Swanberg celebrate his 90th birthday. Art is loved for his dedication to Texas Oklahoma and Kiwanis Int'l. He remains a member of the White Rock Club today. Pictures of his many years of involvement were on hand highlighting his visits with George H. Bush, Roger Moore and many others. Immediate Past Governor Susan Hennum

presented Art with a Kiwanis Int'l Plate and card sent from KI Executive Director and former White Rock member Stan Soderstrom.

Pictured with Art is White Rock President Bert Potter, and members Armand Graves, Janie Wehby and Don Neumeister.



Membership Growth

By
Susan Hennum
Chair, Membership Growth

Is your Club taking advantage of all the District membership programs?
Do you feel like your members have lost their enthusiasm?

Is your attendance dwindling?

Has your club lost their Way?

NEVER FEAR..... THE T/O GROWTH TEAM IS HERE!!

Reach out for help.....



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Publicity

By Carl Sullivan

A new year starts and a new job awaits.

I just wanted to say congratulations to all the clubs who were winners in the 2012 Bulletin/Newsletter contest. There were more good efforts submitted than we had the capability to award, but we gave it the old college try. Keep up the good work. A special thank you to Past Lt. Gov Bob Clark of Division 30 and Roy Thornton of Division 40 who worked with Melissa Elzo of the Del City Club, Sandy Clark of the Norman Club and Mary Sullivan of the S. OKC Club to screen and rank the entries. Thanks to Laura for all her help getting the awards ready and to Lt. Gov. Elect Mike Morris for making the presentations in my absence.

As for me, I have been asked by President DeJulio to be a member of the Kiwanis International Committee on Advertising and Marketing. Our Chairman will be John Maihos of the New England District and I will serve with: Hilding Larson, Cal-Nev-Ha District; Josef-Peter Schachermayr, Austria District; Mary Villalba, Rocky Mtn. District; Betsy Pahut, Montana District and Jason Steiner, New York District. It should be an interesting year. I know that I will need the support of all my Kiwanis friends in the the T-O District with their ideas and suggestions. Please keep my email address: olediz@cox.net and phone (405) 672-9294 handy and let's grow Kiwanis together.



Brenham Aktion Club Receives Charter



If this won't put a smile on your face nothing will. This is Walter, the new Aktion Club President, and Ken Bomar, the Marketing Director for the Department of Aging and Disability Services, after the charter presentation ceremony. The charter of this Aktion Club gets the T-O District closer to having an Aktion Club in all State Schools. Many thanks to Lynn DeGeorge and his folks for making this happen! And congratulations to Walter and the Brenham Aktion Club!

LOST AND FOUND

A PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) was found at K-Family Conference. If it is yours please call Laura Lammons at the District Office to claim.(817-640-7711)

If it is not yours....never mind.



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus

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By Francine Eikner, Texas Oklahoma District Coordinator



Greetings to the Eliminate Project Team! As we enter our “Year of Participation”, I hope you have some fundraisers planned. We are working hard at getting all of our Division and Club Coordinators in place so every Kiwanian in the District gets updates on the progress of the project. Thanks to everyone who has accepted the challenge of being a coordinator, and most especially thanks to all club members who are giving generously of their time and money to protect families and save lives through the elimination of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.

I hope the Holiday Season finds you and your families happy and healthy. Remember those who struggle daily for the things we are so fortunate to have in abundance.



Van Kiwanis Club Presents Walter Zeller Award

At the November Division 34 Council Meeting Van Club President, Dwayne Wheeler was surprised when the Van Club through Lt Governor Joe Hanley along with Past Governor Sam Curry, Division 34 Eliminate Coordinator Joyce Curry, and Van Club Co-Coordination, Ken and Linda Strom presented Dwayne with a Walter Zeller Award. Dwayne has been instrumental in encouraging the Van Club to become a model club for the Eliminate Project and is working along side the club coordinators to save mothers and their babies lives.





2013 Key Leader Dates Set & Registration Open

Do you know a child between the ages of 8th grade to 12th grade? Do you like that child? Would you like to see that child grow in character and leadership?

If you answered yes to these questions, then you have the perfect opportunity to help that child. In fact, you have 4 different opportunities to choose from

Key Leader events for the Texas-Oklahoma district are set for January 18-20 and February 1-3 at the River Bend Camp in Glen Rose, Texas; April 19-21 at the Carolina Creek Christian Camp in Huntsville, TX; and May 17-19 at the Cross Point Methodist Camp in Kingston, OK. Builder's Club members are eligible to attend only the Carolina Creek and the Cross Point weekends.

The cost for the weekend is \$200. All student participants with a Texas or Oklahoma address will receive a \$30 scholarship from the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation. Key Club or eighth grade Builder's Club members will receive a \$25 scholarship from the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Net prices for participants are:

All Students with T-O address	\$170
Key Club/Builder's Club	\$145

The Key Club/Builder's Club scholarship is applied by marking the K-family member box on the registration page. All student registrants need to enter the coupon code: **kleader** in the appropriate box on the invoice summary page and click on "redeem" to apply the T-O Foundation scholarship and reduce the invoice amount.

Sound like a fun time to you? The first 10 chaperones to signup are free! Contact Kelly Poland or John Curlee for chaperone registration information.

To register, go to www.key-leader.org. Be sure to go to the page with the heading "2013" Registration". Space is limited to the first 70 to sign up. **So hurry! Don't Delay! Go online and register today!**

Key Leader Weekend

Service Leadership

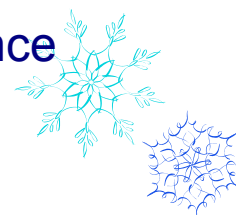
Integrity

Growth

Respect

Building Community

Pursuit of Excellence



**TEXAS/OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
February 15-17, 2013**

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FRIDAY, February 15

1:30pm-5:00pm Board Meeting
6:30pm – Dinner

SATURDAY, February 16

Breakfast on your own
8:30 am General Session
10:45 am Forums

SUNDAY, February 17

Breakfast on your own
8:30 am-NOON Board Meeting

Please register online at: www.kiwanisconvention.com . Payment must be received with reservation.

If you must register by mail, please send **REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK** to:

T/O Kiwanis District, 3010 W. Park Row Dr. #100, Pantego, TX 76012

(Make checks payable to “T-O District Kiwanis”)

Name _____ Club Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Division # _____ Spouse's Name _____ Current Office Held _____

Phone _____ Club Key #K _____ STAFF _____ LT. GOVERNOR _____

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON _____ CLUB PRESIDENT _____ CLUB SECRETARY _____

REGISTRATION

NUMBER

TOTAL

Registration Fee	15.00	X	_____	=	_____	How many nights at the DFW Airport Marriott Hotel? _____
Dinner on Friday	28.00	X	_____	=	_____	
Breakfast Buffet	10.00	X	_____	=	_____	
Lunch on Saturday	25.00	X	_____	=	_____	
Dinner on Saturday	28.00	X	_____	=	_____	
Breakfast Buffet	10.00	X	_____	=	_____	

Total \$ _____ *Check enclosed*

EVERYONE MUST MAKE HIS/HER OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

For room reservations, call the D/FW Airport Marriott Hotel at 972-929-8800. Hotel address: 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving, TX 75063. The Room Rate is **\$89.00** per night plus tax. Hotel & District registrations are **DUE JANUARY 21, 2013.** (Rooms after deadline as available)

Payment: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Amount to Charge \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date ____ MM/YY

Cardholder's Billing Street Address: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Mail to: 3010 W. Park Row Dr. #100, Pantego, TX 76013 or Fax to: 866-574-0698

T-O District Club Webpage Contest

For 2012-2013, we invite you to submit your Club Webpage for the
District Webpage Contest

Judging Criteria - Main Categories (10 points each)

1. Site up to date?
2. "Upcoming Events" posted?
3. Information for new members: How to join and what is expected of members in the club?
4. Links to Kiwanis International and to T-O District websites?
5. Does the website include pictures of members working with kids?
(Remember to have photo release forms when posting pictures of children, even if they are with parents)
6. Good "success" story about how a club program benefitted the local community? (Can be posted anywhere on main page or "past events," etc.)
7. The website must be listed on the Clubs Listing on the KI and District websites. Your secretary can do this when he/she logs in through the KI portal)
8. Does the website have the Kiwanis mission statement?
9. Is there a "Contact Us" page or page listing email and postal address for the club?
10. Lastly, does the website invite non-members to participate in club Programs or attend a club meeting? The definite wording would begin with "We invite you..."

Judging Criteria - Bonus Categories (5 points each)

1. A link to a video on the KI You Tube Channel (for example: the ELIMINATE Program). It can be any video you choose though.
2. A link to a short video or interview conducted by the club and stored on the Club YouTube Page. (a great one would be a 2 or 3 minute interview with one of your SLP sponsors or SLP club leaders.
3. A link to the club, division, or district Facebook page.
4. An email link inviting folks to join the Club Email List.
5. Is the club website linked on the local Chamber of Commerce website, or does it have a link posted in the local newspaper under "local service organizations: (Obviously,, the more links, the better. But only 1 outside community link to your club website is needed for these bonus points.

Deadline for entries is **May 15, 2013**

1. Notify Marshall Kregel (mkregel1@tx.rr.com) of your club and/or district web page entry in the competition by May 15, 2013. Any notification received after that date **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR CONTEST PURPOSES.**
2. Include club name and division number.
3. Include the URL address.
4. Include the webmaster and contact information and the names of those who work with the webmaster on the page, if any.

Questions: Contact Marshall Kregel at (972) 741-1551 or email: mkregel1@tx.rr.com
Marshall will assist your club in building any parts of the website in order to compete in the contest.

Three judges from Oklahoma will judge the Texas club websites. Three judges from Texas will judge the Oklahoma websites. **There will be 3 winners in each state. A winner will be pulled from each of 3 categories: Small Club - up to 20 members. Medium club, 21 to 45 members. Large Club - greater than 45 members in size.** Each winning club will get a special District logo for their page denoting that this website is considered the Best in the District for 202-2013.

Dick Kincaid Earns Lifetime Membership

Dick Kincaid of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene was presented with a Kiwanis International Lifetime Membership in recognition of his dedicated service to Kiwanis and his community.



Ramp Building Partnership



The Kiwanis Club of Abilene joined the “We Care” group from Dyess Air Force Base to build fourteen ramps in one weekend November 2-3. It was a great example of how Kiwanis can partner with other groups to have an even greater impact on our community.

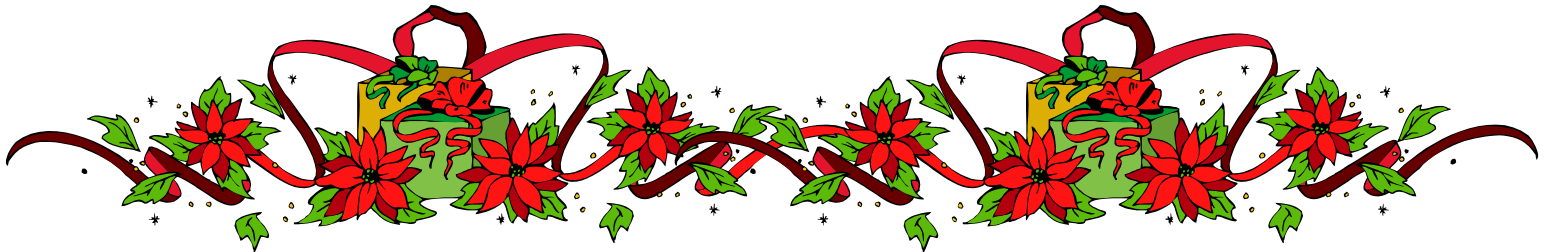
Gone But Not Forgotten



Rusty Hartsell
1949 - 2012
Weatherford, OK Kiwanis Club
Past Lt. Governor Div 17
1995 - 1996



Tommie Jones.
1931 - 2012
Kiwanis Club of Baytown, TX
Club Secretary
Past Lt. Governor Div 28
2003 - 2004



Inspirational and Motivational Messages

In 2008, the Kiwanis Club of Sun City Georgetown decided to move away from the opening prayer and replace it with a short inspirational or motivational message. Over time several members served as inspirational speakers. They eventually came up with the idea of collecting the presentations and publishing them for others to use. That document is now available on line at :

http://www.suncitykiwanisgt.orgg/Kiwanis-Inspiration-Book_Sept2012.pdf

The document is organized into five chapters, beginning with **Kiwanis Themes** (with pieces such as *The Six Objects of Kiwanis International* and *Helping One Child at a Time*). The second chapter, **Holidays and the Holiday Seasons**, is in chronological order for convenience. Chapter three is **Sports** (with great stories from stars such as Yogi Berra and Jack Nicklaus). The **Inspirational Stories** chapter is the largest number and includes favorites such as *Peanuts* and *Just Deserts*. The last chapter is **Quips and Other Points to Ponder** with pieces from Will Rogers to Winston Churchill.

The members had fun putting the book together and thought other Kiwanians might find it handy for preparing opening comments or full speeches at Kiwanis or elsewhere.

Contributors to the Inspirational and Motivational Messages document are: Steve Fought (Editor), Nancy Ladd, Bill White, Ginger Beavers, Stan Willbanks.



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

2012

Dec 8 Hill Country Zone Conference - Divisions 23, 24, 38

2013

Jan 4 - 6 Key Club Winter Board Meeting

Jan 18 - 20 Key Leader - River Bend Camp - Glen Rose, TX

Jan 19 Bayou Bunch - Divisions 3, 9, 10, 28

Jan 21 98th Anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International

Jan 26 South Texas - Divisions 4, 5, 6, 11

Feb 1 - 3 Key Leader - River Bend Camp - Glen Rose, TX

Feb 2 Panhandle - (Zone 3) in Borger, Texas

Feb 15, 16, & 17 Mid-Winter - DFW Marriott North - [Register online at www.kiwanisconvention.com](http://www.kiwanisconvention.com)

Mar 1 - 3 Key Club Lt. Governor Training

Apr 4 - 7 Key Club District Convention

Apr 6 Kiwanis One Day

Apr 19 - 21 Key Leader - Carolina Creek Christian Camp - Huntsville, TX

May 17 - 19 Key Leader - Cross Point Methodist Camp - Kingston, OK

Jun 26 - 30 98th Annual KI Convention - Vancouver, British Columbia

Jun 30 - July 7 Alaska Cruise: Governor's trip -
\$70 for each cabin booked will be paid to T/O Dist.

Jul 3 - 7 Key Club Int'l Convention - Washington, D.C.

Jul 19 - 21 Key Club Summer Board Mtg

Aug 8 - 12 Kiwanis Texas - Oklahoma District Convention - Rockwall, TX

Oct 25 - 27 K- Family Board Mtg



2014

Jun 26 - 27 Kiwanis Int'l Convention -

Aug Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Convention - Midwest City, OK

2015

Jun 25 - 28 Kiwanis Int'l Convention - Indianapolis, IN - **100th Anniversary**