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TX-OK Kiwanis Provide Disaster Backpacks For Hurricane Relief



When Hurricane Isaac approached the gulf shores on August 28th, 2012, it was only a category 1 hurricane. Compared to Hurricane Katrina 7 years prior, it would seem that Isaac would be more of a nuisance than a major destructive force. But the northward movement of Isaac stalled just as the hurricane reached the gulf shores which resulted in many days of torrential rain over SE Louisiana and the Mississippi coast lines. As of Sept. 29th, NOLA has upgraded the number of damaged homes in Louisiana to 59,000. This is a lot of families that were uprooted and forced to move while losing homes to rising water.

The Texas Oklahoma District wanted to do something for these families and activated our own Disaster Relief Program which quickly raised over \$2,500 in cash donations from clubs around the district.

In addition to cash, hundreds of pounds of material were donated to

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go into backpacks and boxes to be delivered to our sister district. The cash was spent on toys, clothing, medical supplies, emergency kits, soap, diapers, infant and toddler needs, school supplies, shampoo, books, baby wipes, towels and wash cloths, and other items that a family would need or find practical while forced from their homes.

On September 15th, 2012, a group of volunteers gathered at the Arlington Headquarters of Texas Oklahoma District and put all these materials into 120 adult and child backpacks, as well as large boxes, and delivered these to Shreveport, LA, where we were met by Governor Greg Beard and his wife Lisa. Governor Beard then delivered these packs to a brand new Kiwanis Club in SE Louisiana to be distributed to children and families that needed these items.

The disaster relief program in the Texas Oklahoma District of Kiwanis is a very powerful program which stands ready to help people in need, not only in our 2 states, but wherever children are involved and need our assistance. We are proud of our clubs, and because of the continued donations to the district, we are able to restock packs and boxes so that we can be responsive to the next natural disaster that affects our kids.



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Thanks for the Memories



Let me begin by saying, this year has been amazing for our District. While we continue to struggle with membership numbers we have begun to see a turn around in the way we think and look at clubs and membership. The movement of Kiwanis change is alive and well in Texas Oklahoma.

I predict that the rewards of this year's hard work will pay off over the next two years. When the Lt. Governors, District Chairs and staff attended Lt. Governor training in May 2011 they sat wide eyed listening to our Growth Team lay out a plan for a much needed change within our District. I am happy to say folks got on board. Every where we went we were greeted with positive response to what we were trying to accomplish.

The Growth Team and I, along with the First Dude traveled the District interviewing clubs and their members on issues that are near and dear to their hearts, Here are the top ten things that we have learned.....

1. Folks want to do community service.
2. Kiwanis provides an excellent opportunity to make enduring friendships
3. Kiwanis can not be about food, the main focus must be the six objects. Times are tough and not everyone can afford to pay for lunch or dinner weekly
4. Young Professionals are not interested in traditional clubs
5. Our Metropolitan areas are suffering and without drastic change will be extinct sooner than later
6. Our SLP programs are amazing!
7. We do not do a good job of recruiting CKI and Key Club graduates.... see number 4 for explanation!
8. We have clubs that are doing fabulous things that no one knows about. We are the BEST KEPT SECRET!
9. We must work together as a team, ignoring Division lines. KIWANIANS WITHOUT BORDERS!
10. We are our own worse enemy, Only we the members of T/O can save Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis

While serving as Governor-elect and following Past Governor Sam around like his shadow, it became apparent to me that we were in crisis and that drastic measures needed to be taken. Some folks may say I was crazy to take on membership growth while trying to serve as Governor. I say... it starts and ends with me. I consider putting together a Growth Team and Marketing Team one of the best things we did all year. Our Growth Team which consisted of Marshall Kregel, Sam Curry, Jim Walther, Bill Crump, Bob Jantz, Stephanie Ursini and myself immediately went to work and looked at all the issues. Marshall's Geek Squad assisted numerous clubs with websites, created a top notch District website and facebook page. Saved us thousands of dollars in printing costs, internet access fees and meeting expenses. They put together a District Store to help fund repairs and extra staff costs and wrote a fabulous Disaster plan for the District with the help of Carlene Campbell and her committee. All in one year! Sam Curry took our training and education to another level and Jim Walther created a learning environment for all when it comes to new club building. Bill Crump and the PLGA helped with the establishment of a mentoring program for struggling clubs while Bob Jantz and LRPC assisted all Lt. Governors with creating a specific strategic growth plan for their Division. Our Area Director, Stephanie Ursini provided guidance and a listening ear. She assured me it was OK to think outside the box and try new things and because of that we were able to start our

movement of change. These items I have named are just a few of the things this team did.

Our SLP Programs continue to grow leaps and bound. Students are looking for an organization to belong to. Both our Key Club and CKI were distinguished Districts. This says great things about Megan Iselin and Donnesh Amrollah that led us to this achievement. These programs will continue to grow with the new leadership of Brian O'Hara and Sanjuana Zavala. Having the cream of the crop when it comes to District Administrators doesn't hurt either. If you or your club ever wondered what is the most important thing as a club you can do...Here is your answer. Work with students.

I could go on and on about our SLP programs but let me just highlight one achievement so as to not take up 10 pages of brags about these great programs! K-Kids. Everyone know this program is near and dear to my heart. Our District K-Kids or should I say the Terrell K-Kids are leading not only this District but North America in Eliminate donations. These amazing kids have collected over \$11,000 dollars in funds. We had UNICEF and Kiwanis International bring a film crew to document the day they donated the check. Margaret Davis and her K-Kids team have put T/O K-Kids on the map! We could not even speak the name Margaret Davis without thanking her for organizing and hosting all of the First Dude's events. As I have said since day one.... the woman is incredible!

**“Terrell K-Kids
are leading
not only this
District but
North America
in Eliminate
donations”**

Another big event this year was our 25 years of Women in Kiwanis. How great is that! We were the first District to roll out shirts and mugs. We also were the first to honor our female members with a beautiful award. Many thanks to our chairs Nila Wilhelm and Patricia Buck for this year. All monies raised from our WIK items goes to a scholarship fund that has been set up through the District Foundation. Many of the Governors before me have chosen to set up an endowment fund in the District Foundation that pays for scholarships for Key Club and CKI. I have chosen to set mine up to provide scholarship funds for leadership conferences mainly Key Leader. I am excited to announce that Governor Ann has chosen to join me in endowing this. The name of the scholarship will simply be Women in Kiwanis. Thanks to the generosity of this District's members we have been able to fund that to the tune of almost \$15,000. We need \$26,000 for it to be endowed.

I've had many Aha moments this year, some how I think this past weekend will take first place. As I write this Tom and I are on our way back from Washington D.C. where we attended the Kiwanis Day at the White House. I had the distinct honor of receiving the White House Champion of Change Award for my work with Kiwanis and Shoes for Orphan Souls. My two favorite programs. Life just doesn't get any better than this. When I begun my work with Buckner International in 2000 I never thought it would have this type of impact. Many to thanks to Jay Macaulay and all the members who supported me with shoes and socks and monies for the program. I am truly blessed. While walking the halls of the White House I thought of all the powerful people who had walked those halls and all the decisions that had been made regarding our country right there. It makes you feel so proud to be an American.

Look for me next year as I will continue on as Membership Growth Chair. I won't rest until this District is back and growing again. Besides.... I need an outlet for all my non-stop “stinkin thinkin” as Laura calls it. In closing I must thank our wonderful District Administrator Laura Lammons, and convention chair Marellie Robinson. We learned a very important lesson this year about the power of women and just exactly what we can accomplish when our back is to the wall. Our District is lucky to have these two women serving.

I love you all and can't thank you enough for the support you have shown my family. I look forward to continuing to work with all our clubs next year. I leave you with a quote I read this weekend at the FDR memorial ***The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.***

Governor Susan



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Whitehouse Honors Kiwanis Members as "Champions of Change"

Every day, members of the Kiwanis family serve their communities. On Friday, September 21, fourteen Kiwanians were recognized as Champions of Change during the **first-ever Kiwanis International Day at the White House**.

The Champions of Change program was created to honor ordinary Americans doing extraordinary work in their communities. The **Kiwanis Champions of Change** represent the entire Kiwanis family—from Kiwanis Kids to Circle K International to Aktion Club to Kiwanis. They are honored for their service to their local and global communities.

Texas/Oklahoma was honored to have two Champions of Change. Our own Governor, Susan Hennum from the Kiwanis Club of Garland and Sanjuana Zavala from the UT-Brownsville Circle K Int'l Club.

Pictured here with Kiwanis International Executive Director Stan Soderstrom, Governor Susan and CKI Governor Sanjuana attended a special reception on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the Hart Senate Building for the White House Champions of Change Award recipients. On Friday they attended briefings from various departments and took part in a panel discussion.



Susan was honored for her global service. She supports Kiwanis' mission to serve the children of the world in a unique way. Since 2000, she has successfully partnered the two organizations she loves, Kiwanis and Buckner International Shoes for Orphan Souls, to collect hundreds of thousands of shoes for children in orphanages. She has raised many thousands of dollars to purchase even more shoes - much of that generosity coming from her fellow Kiwanians.

This year, Susan's program benefiting Shoes for Orphan Souls has collected more than 5,000 shoes and \$3,000 in donations. Susan shares her inspiration by actively involving other volunteers, including members of Kiwanis youth service programs, in collecting and distributing shoes.



Sanjuana Zavala was honored for her passion for the ELIMINATE Project. As a first-generation college student at the University of Texas-Brownsville, Sanjuana Zavala holds back \$50 from every paycheck and \$200 from every scholarship - all to protect and save the lives of mothers and babies she will never meet. It's her way of supporting The Eliminate Project, a partnership between Kiwanis International and UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth.

When it comes to service, Sanjuana gets creative in order to get others involved. She teamed up her CKI club at UT-Brownsville with the City of Brownsville's "Keep Brownsville Beautiful" campaign and led a crayon-recycling effort. The project inspired Brownsville's elementary schools to donate used or unwanted crayons, which were then sorted, peeled, melted and molded into new crayons for children in need.



The Kiwanis family's Champions of Change are:

- **Danny and Pam Spitler, Kiwanis Club of Phoenix, Arizona**, honored for creating the Spitler School Foundation, which educates more than 600 children in Cambodia;
- **Robert L. Moore, Kiwanis Club of Venice, Florida**, honored for his dedication to eliminating iodine deficiency disorders;
- **John Mayfield, Kiwanis Club of Cheatham County, Tennessee**, recognized for his work with The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus;
- **Susan Hennum, Kiwanis Club of Garland, Texas**, recognized for her work collecting thousands of shoes for children in orphanages;
- **Sheena Curley, Kiwanis Club of Knoxville, Tennessee**, honored for her dedication to at-risk youth at the Fresh Air Kiwanis Camp;
- **Sanford Tollette, Kiwanis Club of Little Rock, Arkansas**, honored for transforming a summer camp for underprivileged kids into a year-round program called the Alternative Classroom Experience;
- **William Beard, Kiwanis Club of Frankfort, Indiana**, recognized for his dedication to his local community;
- **Jeffery M. Woods, Kiwanis Club of Ruston, Louisiana**, recognized for his long record of service to his country during his military career and as a Kiwanian;
- **Sanjuana Zavala, University of Texas-Brownsville Circle K International Club**, honored for making a difference in



1987



2012

By Nila Wilhelm



Born and raised in Jones, Oklahoma, Kelly Poland's interests reach far beyond her home town through her activities in Kiwanis. Her projects, however, center around community services and her work with youth.

Something learned by this writer during conversation about her special interests in the community is the fact that her great-great grandfather took part in the Oklahoma Land Rush in 1889. The land and State pride have been passed down through the generations.

Kelly and her well-known Kiwanis husband Ray joined the Kiwanis Club of Jones in 1998. They were invited to join by a personal friend who was her daughter's Key Club faculty advisor. The latter was looking for a Kiwanis Advisor for the club. Both Kelly and Ray have been a big part of fulfilling the goals of our organization, but in celebration of Women in Kiwanis, this focus will be on Kelly.

Her club offices include Distinguished Secretary, Vice President, and Distinguished President. She served as Lt. Governor of Division 40 from 2009 through 2011, earning the title of "distinguished" during her 2009-2010 year. During her terms, she chartered the first and only Aktion Club in Wellston, Oklahoma and started the **Bring Up Grades** program at Jones Elementary School.

When asked about her favorite Kiwanis activity or project, her immediate response was the BUG program. She loves watching the children's responses, their smiles and joy for achievement when they receive certificates or the much prized bicycles given as special awards. It continues to be an ongoing program.

Along with other clubs in the Oklahoma City Metro Area, she has also participated in another rewarding community service project as a team member building ramps for handicapped persons.

As Chairperson for both Community Service and Youth Services in this year, Kelly has organized, during District meetings, Coupons for Troops as well as Backpacks for Military Children. Over \$68,000 in coupons were collected during lieutenant governor training, for troops overseas. She explains that troops overseas have access to base stores where coupons are accepted but where there is no access to coupons. By collecting thousands of coupons and shipping them to service families, she was a major factor in providing them with much needed savings. Further assisting military families, at the recent District convention, she coordinated the collection of backpacks filled with needed school items for children of troops at nearby Fort Hood. She cites her special interest in military personnel and their needs because of love for a nephew who has served both in Iraq and Kuwait.

Outside of her club and District activities, Kelly teaches an adult Sunday School class at Jones United Methodist Church, sings in the choir and is Chairman of the Missions Committee.

She retired from banking in 2008, after 27 years in that profession. She has been married to Ray for 34 years and is mother to married daughter Elyse and son Cole, both former Key Club members.

Active participation will continue in the 2012-2013 administrative year as Kelly continues her service to the District on the Long Range Planning Committee and, in addition, co-chairing Key Leader.



**Attention Club
Secretaries!!!!**

Important Information For Processing Your Billing Roster For 2012-2013

**Oct 10th
Deadline**

Just a reminder it's that time of the year to prepare your club's billing roster!

We know you want to get started as soon as possible! As of September 4th, your club could begin filing the billing roster online. Just login to the KiwanisOne Club Management portal at www.kiwanisone.org/login. You will find instructions for the online filing conveniently located on the Secretary Dashboard.

We appreciate your assistance in maintaining accurate membership records and reporting our membership changes on time.

Kiwanis International will again measure the number of members in the organization as of September 30, 2012. We do this to accurately measure the number of members serving in our organization. We would appreciate your assistance in updating the membership roster for your club. Please complete the following steps when updating your club's roster.

- ◆ Correct names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for current members
- ◆ Add names of club members that do not currently appear on the membership roster. A statement will be sent to your club, which will include the applicable graduated enrollment fees for new members. District new member fees will be included where applicable
- ◆ New members reported on or before September 30, 2012 will owe both the graduated enrollment fees and membership dues for the new members. These new members will be included in the membership count for 2011-12
- ◆ New members reported after September 30, 2012 will only be charged applicable graduated enrollment fees for new members. These new members will be included in the membership count for 2012-13.
- ◆ Delete any names of club members who are no longer a part of your club. Member deletes will be processed and made effective on the date received at Kiwanis International. All deletes received on or before September 30, 2012 will be deleted as of September 30, 2012 and will not be included in the membership count for 2011-12
- ◆ Adjustments to the billing roster must be **received at Kiwanis International by October 10, 2012**
- ◆ In a few short weeks, Kiwanis International will invoice your club for the appropriate member dues and fees for your club. Payment is requested shortly after your invoice is received.

The official membership number reported as of September 30 will represent your ending membership number for 2011-12, as well as your beginning membership number for 2012-13. Please note that this number is utilized for determining club awards, for promotional materials, and for gauging annual membership growth for Kiwanis and the districts. If the club reported membership changes after September 30, 2012, it is possible that this number will be different than the number of members your club was billed annual dues for. To avoid this, report all membership changes by September 30, 2012.

Please contact the Kiwanis helpline at (800) KIWANIS (800.549.2647) ext. 411 or 317.875.8755 ext. 411 or memberservices@kiwanis.org for assistance.

Key Leader Weekends Scheduled for 2013



Key Leader Weekend @ Sky Ranch

Key Leader in Texas-Oklahoma has scheduled three events for the Winter and Spring of 2013.

The first two weekends are January 18-20 (MLK weekend) and February 1-3 at Riverbend Retreat Center near Glen Rose, Texas. Glen Rose is about 50 miles southwest of Ft. Worth. The third weekend is May 17-19 at Cross Point Camp near Kingston, Oklahoma. Kingston is about half way between Oklahoma City and Dallas. A fourth camp is being planned for the Houston area, most likely in the Huntsville/Livingston area. Date and location have not been set at this time.

Key Leader is a youth leadership training program started by Kiwanis International in 2005. With the successful conclusion of the 2011 program year, Kiwanis Key Leader has served 16,369 students in 316 leadership conferences. Since 2005, events have been held in 39 U.S. States, 5 Canadian provinces, Malaysia, Brazil, Cayman Islands, El Salvador, and Singapore. For the spring of 2012, 1,194 students participated in eighteen North American and 3 international events.

Key Leader is open to all students. The price for the weekend is \$200. All student participants will receive a \$30 scholarship from the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation. Key Club members also receive a \$25 scholarship from the Kiwanis International Foundation. The price for Student Facilitators is \$115 less the \$30 T-O Foundation scholarship. The Key Club support is not applicable to student facilitators. Eighth grade Builder's Club members are eligible to attend the Oklahoma event and are eligible for both the T-O Foundation and International Foundations scholarships. Chap-erones can attend at no charge.

Registration for 2013 Key Leader events will open by November 1, 2012. All registration is online at <http://www.Key-Leader.com>. The website has a registration worksheet available for download under the "Resources/Participants Resources" tab. This sheet follows the online registration screens.

More information will be available during the upcoming K-Family Board Meeting weekend, October 26-28. Additional information can be obtained by e-mailing keyleadertxok@gmail.com. You can also contact John Curlee for Texas events at 361-222-1947 or Kelly Poland for Oklahoma events at kelly.poland@yahoo.com.

Clubs!
Don't leave us hanging!!!
Send us to Key Leader!



Key Leader 2012 at SMU



Dollars From Heaven

The Zeller Commitment of Conroe Noon

By Lynn DeGeorge Lt. Gov. Division 9 - Texas-Oklahoma



Following an April DCM several members of the Conroe Noon Club gathered to talk about the Eliminate Project and see what commitment our Club could make. During the DCM I had directed much of the meeting to the Eliminate Project and had gone over several options and suggestions then had just left it in their hands to take this back to their respective clubs and make their own decision and commitment. I had gone over the various awards and the amount of each, talked about fund raisers and then moved on to other business, not wanting to be too pushy. As I already had one Model Club on board I was hoping just more more would ring the bell and step forward; what happened soon after the meeting just blew the lid off any dreams or expectations I had.

Club President Steve Reeves agreed that Eliminate was for Conroe and since a quorum of the board was present he asked for suggestions and ideas that could be taken back to the club. VP Jon Buckholtz, a Lieutenant with the Conroe Police Department and avid fund raiser, said that raising any amount of money we wanted to would not be a problem. How much was not on the table, we just needed to decide how we needed to go about it. "How many members do we have?" was asked; 20 was the answer; how much are those Zeller's Jon asked? \$1,250 each I replied, hmmmmm that is about \$25,000 in rough figures isn't it. Well I think that should be our commitment, \$1,2500 per member, and the project was born. Needless to say I left the meeting sky high, not only did I have one Model Club but now had my own club as a "Zeller Club". I burned up the phone line to Randy Delay and T-O Eliminate Director Steve Montgomery asking "now how do I get the Zellers all at once, what do I do now?"

Ok, that's the background of how the Conroe Noon Club made the all Zeller commitment, now some background of how dollars can drop out of heaven.

For years starting in the late '50s Conroe Noon built, maintained and ran 2 homes for children in Montgomery Co., one boys and one girls, continuing that operation until the State of Texas mandated that government agencies, not non-government entities run these types of homes. The 2 homes were on 15 acres on donated land just north of Conroe. Conroe Noon physically built both homes, managed and maintained them through fund raisers and donations. At some point regulations changed and Buckner was brought in to manage the homes with funding from the Conroe Club; when state mandates changed Conroe turned over the property, buildings and operations to Montgomery Co Youth Services providing Christmas presents and on occasion personal supplies when requested.

During my tenure as president I received a phone call asking about some property we had once owned. I asked long time member (54+ years), local attorney, past Conroe Mayor, past Montgomery County Judge and general know it all about Conroe history Mickey Deison about how the transfer had taken place and he told me everything had been turned over to Montgomery Co Youth Services. Houses and land they sat on along with 2 acres set aside for use by the Montgomery Co Agency for the Retarded and Mentally Handicapped. That was that. Or so I thought.

Well, dollars do fall out of heaven! President Steve Reeves as contacted by a title company attempting to close a real estate transaction stating that the Conroe Club needed to "sign off" on some land that we once owned. Not so fast Steve replied. Seems the land was never used for its intended purpose and thereby it reverted back to the original owner, hmmmmm, which just so happened to be the Conroe Noon Club. In comes Mickey Deison and after a little arm twisting and persuading Conroe signed off in exchange for a monetary settlement; bingo, the Zellers are paid for and 13,900 lives saved! Believe in miracles and answers to prayers, well just ask Conroe Noon!

T-O Convention Photos







WIK CELEBRATION DRAWS TO A CLOSE

On Tuesday, July 7, 1987, history was made when 80 percent of 5,430 delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention in Washington, D.C. voted to amend the gender qualification of our constitution, thereby allowing women to become Kiwanians. Immediately women began a new era of accomplishment.

As a great year of celebrating 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis draws to a close, your co-chairs for the event are grateful for the opportunity to have been able to recognize many women who have given time and energy to the goals of our Texas-Oklahoma District and of Kiwanis International. Yet we realize there are many we have not been able to bring, individually, to your attention but who are equally deserving.

There are the loyal First Ladies who have give support to their husbands as many "honey do's" got scratched off the list during the years in preparation for one year of governing and for succeeding follow-

ing years. Packing and unpacking for travel as they and the governors traveled throughout our district was their norm for three years. Also they drew us into projects close to their own hearts, which benefitted people here and/or abroad. The support for their husbands has been invaluable. Without naming all of you, our sincere thanks.

Through the years, other women have chaired and served on the many committees contributing to our organization's success. In addition, long before that 1987 change, there were auxiliaries, supportive groups of women who assisted specific Kiwanis clubs and who had their own names, bylaws, and officers. Although they were not an official part of the K-Family, nevertheless their assistance was prized.

At our International Convention in New Orleans this year, Kiwanis International recognized all women who "put their shoulders to the wheel" alongside the male members in 1987. Special thanks to those who became members then and are still active. They are the first women in our Texas-Oklahoma District to become members of the Legion of Honor and are listed below:

FIRST WOMEN LEGION OF HONOR MEMBERS

Bartlemay, Susan	2-4-88	Allen	Morris, Carole	8-25-87	Tulsa
Brunner, Peggy	3-17-88	San Marcos	Myers, Bettye	2-4-88	Denton
Burton, Bonnie	9-10-87	Lawton	Nevins, Michele	8-11-87	East El Paso
Butler, Doris	3-7-88	Burleson	Portman, Lenell	5-31-88	Sulphur
Byrd, Mary	10-1-87	San Marcos	Price, Carolyn	11-1-87	Conroe
Clayborn, Lillie	7-12-88	Bullard Area	Rex, Marjorie	9-8-87	Huntsville
Fink, Margaret	6-27-88	Round Rock	Reynolds, Sherry	9-20-88	Comanche
Galey, Gloria	3-31-88	Lubbock	Riggs, Carol	6-15-88	Lufkin
Gillentine, Catheryn	9-24-87	Texas City	Ring, Kathleen	4-19-88	Enid
Goenawein, Shirley	7-12-88	Bullard Area	Rose, Wynell	12-17-87	Ennis
Grant, Frederica	11-24-87	Mount Scott Area	Schulist, Mary	8-1-88	Houston
Henley, Charlotte	8-31-88	Lufkin	Sharpiro, Glenda	8-17-88	Houston
Hennum, Susan	5-26-88	Garland	Sharp, Susie	9-1-88	Stillwater
Holt, Dorothy	8-13-87	Ennis	Stover, Bonnie	12-18-87	Corsicana
Keller, Christine	5-31-88	Galveston	Thompson, Jeretta	12-1-87	Carthage
McCarley, A.	9-30-87	Colorado City	Townsend, Mildred	3-29-88	Cleburne
McKinney, Karen	4-7-88	Orange Golden K	Wilhelm, Nila	7-23-87	Garland
Mercer, Robin	6-15-88	Lufkin	Winters, Thelma	5-2-88	LaMarque
Miller, Nancy	9-16-87	Abilene			

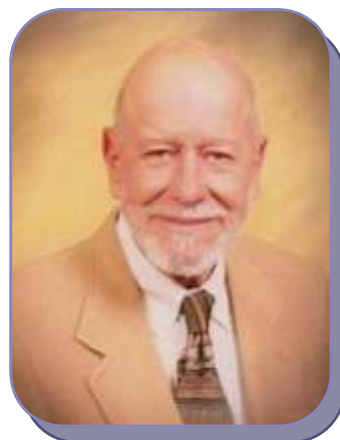
Our latest report indicates 2,691 female members in the Texas-Oklahoma District, which is 29.25% of total members. As the number grows, so will service to youth and community. The years ahead call us all to continue in that service.

By: Patricia Buck and Nila Wilhelm, Co-Sponsors
Celebrating 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis Committee

Gone But Not Forgotten



William "Bill" Ellis
1920 - 2012
Hewitt Kiwanis Club



George Bernard "Barney" Theilen, Jr.
1925 - 2012
North Dallas Golden K Kiwanis



Billie Ferguson
1923 - 2012
Past First Lady of Texas-Oklahoma
District (84-85)



Roy E. Wilson
1924 - 2012
Past Lt. Governor Division 33 (83-84)



Kenneth I. Durr
1916 - 2012
Past Lt. Governor Division 14
(1987-1988)



George Earl Cariker
1917 - 2012
Past Lt. Governor Division 14
(76-77)
Carthage Kiwanis Club



Robert "Bob" Uzzell
1948 - 2012
Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis



Fred R Gouker
1949 - 2012
Past Lt. Governor Division 21
2007-2008 & 2008-2009



2012 ZONE CONFERENCE

**MEET THE GOVERNOR OF THE
TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT AND
THE FIRST DOC**

**4 DIVISIONS ONE
LOCATION**

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**Saturday, 06 October 2012
08:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Registration open at 08:30
Conference starts at 9:00 AM**



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CURIOUS ABOUT KIWANIS**

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$12.00

REGISTRATION AT DOOR \$15.00

PRE- REGISTRATION DONE VIA WEB SITE: <http://www.kiwanistozoneconference.com>

Other Vendors or Fund Raising tables will be
allowed with restriction at \$10.00 a table.
Contact tech support (405) 496-0024

REGISTRATION FEE PROVIDES

Morning Pastries

Morning Snack

Lunch (Smoked Brisket with all the fixins)

Afternoon Snack

Coffee, Tea or Water provided through out conference

**KEY CLUB WILL BE SELLING
SODAS AS A FUND RAISING
PROJECT**



Location:

**Highland Hills Baptist Church
7900 W. Devore Drive, OKC**





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AGENDA FOR ZONE CONFERENCE 2012

08:30	Registration	
09:00	Official Opening of Zone Conference	Michael Ehrman
09:05	Prayer	
09:07	Pledge of Allegiance	
09:10	Song	
09:15	Introduction	Ann Wilkins
09:20	Backpack Program	
09:38	Key Leader	Kelly Poland
09:40	Achieving Club Excellence (ACE)	Sam Curry
	Presents a dynamic process each club should follow routinely to remain viable in today's culture and to attract and keep active members	
11:10	Break	
11:15	Breakouts	
	Technology as a Communication Tool	Michael Ehrman
	If we do not communicate with our club member and the world around we take the social out of Kiwanis and lose many opportunities to serve our communities. Mike will present the minimum technology each kiwanian needs with creative ways to get this to each kiwanian.	
	Flip Your Club	Susan Hennum
	Has you club lost the energy and drive it once had. Do you and several members of your club want to see your club more active in the community, bringing in new people, get the fun back in your club. Then Susan's offer to Flip your club is just what you need	
	New Club Building	John Martin
	Sometimes it is hard to see where a new clubs can be built in your community. The New Club Building group has compiled a lot of tool to show you where these opportunities are. The Web site will show you these areas for growth not in a generalized form but specific to your local area. After introduction we will walk through some of these tools	
12:00	Lunch	
12:45	Service Leadership Program(SLP) Video	Dennis Hogan
	The SLP program's CKI, Builders Club, Key Club, K-Kid, Action Club, Key Leader, Bugs, and Terrific Kids touch our children on a daily bases. Hear the success and future goals of these program with new head Dennis Hogan.	
12:50	SLP Chair Discussion via SKYPE	Dennis Hogan
12:55	Eliminate	Leonard Wilkins
	Kiwanis International took on the project of Iodine and Deficiency and wiped it out several years ago. Tim Adams	
	The new International project for Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus hopes to be as successful or better.	
1:05	Song	
1:10	Governor Last Words	Ann Wilkins
1:15	Question and Answer session with Governor Ann	Ann Wilkins
1:30	Adjourn	




Ann Wilkins
Division 31
Home: Tahlequah, OK
Current Governor TO District



Kelly Poland
Division 40
Home: Jones, OK
Key Leader, Co-Chair



Sam Curry
Division 34
Home Mineola, TX
Former Governor TO District 2010-11
Member of the Growth Team
Education/Training Chair. Fund Raising Subcommittee: CLE Instructor Past President of the Lt Govs' Association




Michael Ehrman
Division 40
Home: Spencer OK
Former Lt Governor Division 40.
Tech Team Assistant



Susan Hennum
Division 2
Home: Sachse, TX
Former Governor TO District
Member of the Growth Team.



John Martin
Division 19
Home: Oklahoma City, OK
New Club Building Co-Chair



Dennis Hogan
Division 2
Home: Terrell, Texas



Leonard Wilkins
Division 31
Home: Tahlequah, OK



Tim Adams
Division: 19
Home: Yukon, OK




Kiwanis
Service Leadership Programs



The Harker Heights Kiwanis Club held its annual Installation & Awards Banquet Tuesday evening at the Central Texas Homebuilders Association, Harker Heights. The evening began with a social of club members and their guests.

Outgoing President Darrel Charlton gave the welcome, opening remarks and recognition of 2011-12 officers, board of directors and members for a their leadership and assistance with the annual Pancake Supper, Flag Program and all the duties associated with it, Basket Program, Easter Sunrise Service, Memorial Day Parade, Christmas Parade, Builders Club, the TX/OK District Convention in Killeen and several individual service projects.

Installation of the new officers was conducted by Current Lt. Governor for the Texas/Oklahoma Kiwanis District, Bill Herron. Esabell Zellmar was sworn in as the 2012-13 Club President, Paul Loughran President Elect, Pete Laessig Vice President, Darrel Charlton Treasurer, Vivian Marschik Secretary and new Board of Directors member Diane Thompson. Continuing on the Board will be Mariko Cross, David McClure, Jim McKinnon, Mike Miller and Gladys Swindle

Legion of Honor Awards were presented to 7 members for their long time service and dedication to the Kiwanis Club. Bob Dunlap was awarded the 35 Year Past President pin.

30 year Past President pins were awarded to: Richard Dinwiddie for his 34 years of service, David McClure for 32 years, Stewart Meyer for 31 years, and Ronald Rainosek for 32 years. A 30 Year Past Secretary pin was awarded to Garland McSpadden for his 32 years of service and a 30 Year Member pin to Robert Shoemaker for his 34 years of service. Legion of Honor Pins are awarded for 25 years of service and each 5 years after.

Awards for perfect attendance were given to Darrel Charlton, Mariko Cross, Norman Dunbar, Ray Kolin, Vivian Marschik, and Diane Thompson

A special award was given to convention co-chairs Lt. Governor Bill Herron and his wife Becky and Harker Heights Club President Darrel Charlton for all their work and leadership is making the 2012 TX/OK District Convention in Killeen a huge success.

Darrel Charlton spent countless hours in preparation for the "I'm 4 Kids Golf Scramble" at Ft Hood and coordinating "Backpacks for Kids" Service Project which benefited the Kiwanis Education Foundation and KISD, respectively. The golf tournament netted \$1,790 for the education foundation and 374 backpacks full of supplies and \$1,409 was donated to the Killeen Independent School District (of which over half are Ft Hood soldiers' children). The funds and backpacks were donated by all the clubs in the TX/OK District.

Vivian Marschik received "The Harker Heights Kiwanian of the Year" for her 4 years of dedicated service to the club and work on the club website.

Norman Dunbar was awarded a Sponsor Pin and Certificate for his sponsorship of the clubs new website which brought in two new members.



60 Backpacks were donated by the Sulphur Springs Kiwanis Club to the “Stuff the Bus” community challenge to provide backpacks that will be stuffed with donated school supplies to CAN Help. These bags full of supplies will be distributed through the Boys and Girls Club of Sulphur Springs.

Pictured : Adam Teer, Director of CAN Help; Kiwanis members, Danny Weems, John Berning, Collin Alexander, Joe Suggs, Roxanne Rich, Kerry Craig and James Kennon

Reno Kiwanis Fly Flags and Give Back



Marci Thompson, President of Reno Kiwanis Club recently presented Mike Taylor, Troop 2, Boy Scout Leader with a \$1,200 check to go toward their scouting program. This is in appreciation for their help in the Reno Kiwanis “Fly Your Flag” project. The troop helps out on 5 major holidays each year in placing American flags at homes and businesses. “We really appreciate the Boy Scouts stepping up to help our Kiwanis members in placing over 200 flags on these holidays”, said Thompson. “These funds that are raised are used in helping young people in our area and we’re thankful that the public has been so good to participate in this project”, Thompson continued.

Anyone in the Reno area that is interested in getting a flag at their home or business can contact Thompson at Lamar Electric Cooperative at 903.783.4911. The Reno Kiwanis Club recently donated a 30’ flag pole and flag to the City of Reno that was installed at the Kiwanis Park on Pine Mill Road in Reno.

Kiwanian Honored with Bailey G Choate Award

Glyn Hammons was honored by the Kiwanis Club of Abilene with the Bailey G. Choate Award at the club's Celebration Banquet. The award is given in recognition of long-term service to Kiwanians and is named for former member and past T-O District Governor, Bailey G. Choate. Pictured with Glyn is Bailey's widow, Rosemary Choate.



New Mustang Kiwanian Carries On Service Tradition



The Mustang Kiwanis Club proudly inducted Cindy Wilkerson into the club on March 31, 2012. Cindy is the daughter of Cecil Wolf, a long-time member of the club and a Past Lt. Governor of Division 30. Cecil Wolf passed away earlier this year and his daughter felt the need to step-up and do what her Dad loved to do - community service as a Kiwanian!

Shellie Wolf (Cecil's wife), has been a Mustang Kiwanis member since 2009 and was the proud sponsor of her daughter for the induction ceremony that was conducted by Luke Ellis. Note that Cindy has two brothers who live in Virginia and Texas and they also vowed to become Kiwanians. We are still waiting on that to occur.

Pictured, L-R: Shellie Wolf, Cindy Wilkerson, Luke Ellis

Abilene Club Celebrates Women Kiwanians

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene celebrated 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis at a recent meeting. Speakers included two time T-O Governor, Nancy Miller and Past Club Presidents, Lora Lynn Christensen and Margaret Hoogstra. It was a festive occasion with the women decked out in their pink Kiwanis t-shirts.

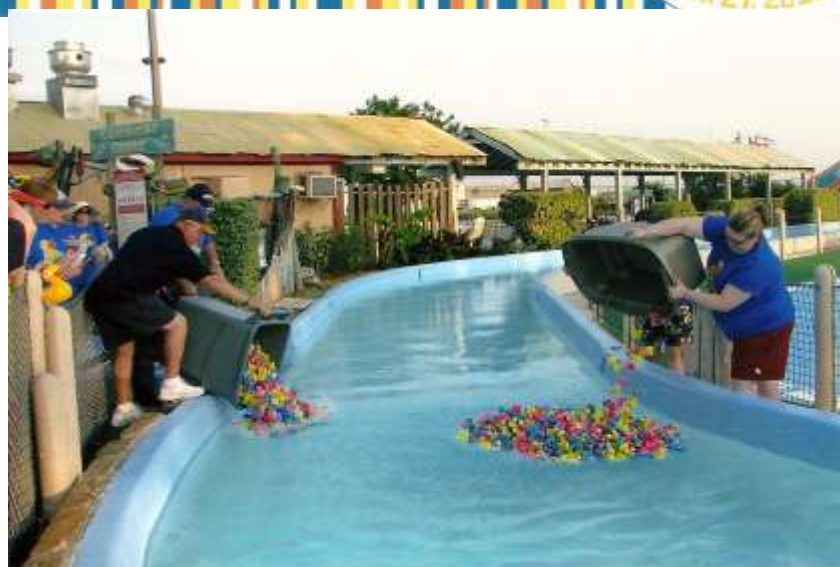


CMN & Kiwanis Team Up For Sonny Bright Duck Race



When Children's Miracle Network and The Heart of Purcell Kiwanis Club decide to raise funds - there is no ducking it (hee, hee). Kiwanian, Armelda Moody donned a specially designed duck suit. White Water Bay donated the water park for a night of duck racing. Big Hearted Oklahomans from across the state bought over 2,000 rubber duckys. 120 spectators attended the event. Over 45 volunteers assisted with the kid's carnival, food and prizes.

And the winner is.....Oklahoma's Children Miracle Network Hospitals....to the quack of \$16,000.00!!!!



K-Family Agenda 2012

DFW Airport Marriott hotel, 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving TX 75063, (972) 929-8800

Register Online @ www.kiwanisconvention.com

Friday, October 26, 2012

1:30-5:00 p.m. Board Meeting

*** Includes special Presentation by **Jane Erickson - KI Counselor** ***

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Hosted by Key Club Governor, Brian O'Hara

Program Key Club

Evening sock hop for all attending

with prizes for the best socks!

Saturday, October 27, 2012

6:30 a.m. ELIMINATE Walk

8:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own

9:00 a.m. General Session - Jane Erickson KI Counselor

11:30 a.m. Break

NOON Lunch

Governor Ann Wilkins presents the 2012-2013

Governor's Project - Children's Disaster Relief Backpack Program

ELIMINATE - International Chair, Randy DeLay

First Sessions

1:30-3:20 p.m. - Beginning Secretary Class—Laura Lammons & Lee Shuey

1:30-2:20 p.m. - K-Kids—Margaret Davis

Key Leader-John Curlee, Kelly Poland

Facebook-Chris Pierce Webinar/Skype Michael Ehrman

Second Session

2:30-3:20 p.m. - How to write news releases

Builders Clubs-----Dennis Hogan

Aktion Clubs-----T. Anderson

Third Sessions

3:30-4:20 p.m.

Membership Options 2012-13 Past Governor Susan

Computer Basics - Michael Ehrman

Risk Management—Richard Melton, Johnny Williams

Key Club-Walt Roetter

Fourth Sessions

4:30-5:20p.m.

Children and Youth Services/CMN-Colleen Biggerstaff

CKI-Scott Kimball

BUGs & Terrific Kids—Sydney Felder

On to International & Alaska Cruise—Past Governor Guy Orr

6:00-8:00 p.m. DINNER hosted by CKI Governor-Sanjuana Zavala

9:00 p.m. Halloween Party—Music and More

*** Pay \$5 to hear anyone you chose to sing or they pay ***

Music provided by Governor-elect Bill and his band

Dress UP to your favorite decade - 50's 60's or 70's
(who will take home the mirror ball!)

Sunday-October 28, 2012

Breakfast on your own

9:00 a.m. to NOON Joint Board Meeting Kiwanis District & SLP Boards

9:00 a.m. to NOON TX-OK Kiwanis Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting

Walk For Eliminate Patches Still Available



If you were at the Convention in Killeen maybe you saw the banner patches that were available for anyone who donated \$10 and walked a mile at Sunday morning's ELIMINATE walk. But what if you didn't attend the District Convention??

Good news - it's not too late to walk a mile for ELIMINATE. Your club can donate those walking shoes and walk a mile and still earn the patch. Or choose to walk a mile on your own. Just send a check for \$10.00 for each person walking made payable to the Kiwanis Foundation along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Mail to:

Joe Holland
304 El Paseo
Denton, TX 76205-8564



KI Announces top 10 SLP's In North America



Congratulations are in order for Texas-Oklahoma District SLP's as Kiwanis International announced the top 10 Service Leader Programs in North America...drum roll please!

In the #4 spot is **Cy-Fair High School Key Club** 543 mbrs- Sponsored by Cy-Fair Houston Kiwanis

In the #6 spot is **Early Middle School Key Club** -(no count)- Sponsored by
The Pecan Valley, Early Kiwanis

In the #7 spot is **Martin High School Key Club** - 486 mbrs - Sponsored by Arlington Kiwanis

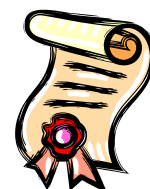
And the Top SLP in North America is...

Cypress Ranch High School Key Club - 630 mbrs - Sponsored by Cy-Fair Houston Kiwanis

Key Clubbers and Builder's Clubbers - your Kiwanis Family is very proud of you!

And Congratulations and many thanks for all the long hours and dedication to

Denise Hogan and Walt Roetter!!



Disaster Backpacks - They can make a difference in a Child's Life

For just a minute imagine you are a 5 year old child who is standing on the curb of a neighbor's house watching your home go up in flames. Now imagine finding yourself in a shelter with only the clothes on your back. You feel your mom's hand tremble in yours and her face is tear-stained and aged as she gazes around the strange surroundings. You have no pajamas to crawl into...no doll to clutch...nothing that is yours.



Disaster Backpacks can help. They can be given to a child and/or adult when needed. Filled with the things that can get a person thru one night or many. Kiwanis can be there to comfort and help the children of each of our communities .



If your club wants to help with Governor Ann's Disaster Backpack project here is some pricing information. These backpacks come in sets of 6 (each set contains 6 color coded packs)

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| \$100 + shipping | Donation (buys 6 filled backpacks kept at the district store for when disaster happens anywhere in US) |
| \$180 + shipping | Donation buys 18 UNFILLED backpacks shipped to club at a business address ONLY - NO PO BOX - Receive Certificate with Bronze seal signed by the Governor |
| \$300 + shipping | Donation buys 30 UNFILLED backpacks shipped to club at a business address ONLY - NO PO BOX - Receive Certificate with Silver seal signed by the Governor |
| \$480 + shipping | Donation buys 48 UNFILLED backpacks shipped to club at a business address ONLY - NO PO BOX - Receive Certificate with Gold seal signed by the Governor |
| \$500 | Donation buys 50 UNFILLED backpacks includes shipping to a club at a business address ONLY - NO PO BOX - Receive Certificate with Platinum seal signed by the Governor
OR |
| \$900 | Donation buys 100 UNFILLED backpacks includes shipping to a club at a business address ONLY - NO PO BOX - Receive Certificate with Titanium seal signed by the Governor |

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Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!



2012

Oct	6	Heartland Summit Conference - Divisions 19, 21, 30, 40 - Highland Baptist Church - 7900 Devore Dr - Oklahoma City, OK
Oct	13	Big Country Zone Conference - Divisions 12, 22, 35 - Ranger College, Early, TX
Oct	20	Panhandle Zone Conference - Divisions 7, 17, 18, 33 - Contact Lt. Gov Mary Kay Phelan
Oct	26-28	K-Family - DFW Marriott North - Register online at www.kiwanisconvention.com
Nov	3	Red River Zone Conference - Divisions 8, 20, 32 - Kidd-Key Auditorium - 400 North Elm, Sherman, TX
Nov	10	Metroplex Zone Conference - Divisions 1, 2, 39 - Sysco - 800 Trinity Dr - Lewisville, TX
Nov	17	Northern Outpost Zone Conference - Divisions 16, 25, 31 - Freddie's, Sapulpa, OK
Dec	1	Piney Woods Zone Conference - Divisions 13, 14, 26, 34
Dec	8	Hill Country Zone Conference - Divisions 23, 24, 38

2013

Jan	19	Bayou Bunch Zone Conference - Divisions 3, 9, 10, 28
Jan	26	South Texas Zone Conference - Divisions 4, 5, 6, 11
Feb	15, 16 & 17	Mid-Winter - DFW Marriott North - Register online at www.kiwanisconvention.com