It's All About Killeen!

When you have a chance to combine education with fun, fellowship AND top it off with great service projects you should not miss the opportunity. The 94th Annual TX-OK District Convention offers all this and more. If you haven’t made plans to attend do not put it off for another moment.

Inside this newsletter you will find all the particulars of what is being offered the weekend of August 9 - 12: Forum schedule, Eliminate events, dinners, business meetings and more.

Don’t forget to show off your Kiwanian spirit and help contribute to the Community Service Project by bringing school supplies for the military children stationed at Ft. Hood. Bring shoes for our Governor’s project - Shoes for Orphan Souls.

Once again we can make a difference as we come together to refresh, recount, and help the children of the world.

Official Call to the 94th Annual Texas-Oklahoma District Convention

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Texas-Oklahoma District, Governor Susan Hennum hereby gives the official call for the 94th Annual Texas-Oklahoma District Convention.

The convention will be held in Killeen, Texas on Thursday, August 9 through Sunday, August 12, 2012.

Each chartered club in good standing with Kiwanis International and the District shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, one of whom shall be the president of the club. Each chartered club at the time of selection of it’s delegates for the convention may choose one (1) alternate for each delegate, including the president.

At the convention, the officers for the 2012-2013 year will be elected, amendments to the bylaws considered, resolutions adopted, and other such District business as may properly come before the delegate body.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the bylaws, if in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International may be adopted by two-thirds vote of the delegates and delegates-at-large present and voting at any convention. Proposed amendments, which shall be submitted only by a club in good standing or by the District Board of Trustees, shall be received by the District Secretary at least ninety days prior to the date of the convention to which they are to be submitted. Any amendments timely and properly filed by a chartered club must be presented to the convention for action. The District Board of Trustees, may, by a majority vote of the Board, recommend and submit to any convention of the District any amendments proposed by any standing committee or by any member of the Board or Officer of the District. The Secretary shall send a copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each chartered club not less than thirty days prior to the date of the convention.

RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions submitted sixty days prior to the date of the District Convention shall be referred to the Committee on Resolutions for its consideration and recommendation to the convention. No resolutions other than those timely submitted to or originated by the Committee on Resolutions shall be considered by the committee unless considered thereof shall be recommend ed by two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees. Debate on such resolutions in the House of Delegates shall not be in order until they have been reported out to the House of Delegates by the Committee on Resolutions.

David I. Ross
District Secretary

To register go to:
www.kiwanisconvention.com
Can it be District Convention time already? What a year we have had. I hope you have signed up for DCON. We have some really wonderful things in store. Here is a peek.…..

The Marketing Team has put together a set of workshops that will help you find new fundraisers or community service projects. We also will have a full set of booths with fundraising ideas or just great gifts. The new District Store will be unveiled… Come prepared to shop for officer gifts and speaker gifts. We have some really great items.

Special Guests - This year we are pleased to have our SLP dignitaries with us. From Key Club we will have Governor Brian O’Hara. From Circle K we will have Governor Sanjuana Zavala, CKI International Trustees Donnesh Amrollah and Lauren Perkins.

Eliminate - Randy Delay and his Texas/Oklahoma Team will be a big part of our convention. They even have a fun walk planned for us on Sunday morning.

Shoes for Orphan Souls - load up your car with new shoes and socks for the folks from Buckner. This will be our last shoe collection and we want to go out with a bang. Jay Macaulay, District Chair and Molly Cash from Buckner will be on hand to collect your shoes and be sure your club gets their patch. We have a big shoe donation in the works that our Key Clubbers in South Texas will be handling.

Women in Kiwanis - The popular team of Foundation President Orr and First Dude Tom will be hosting his fun filled luncheon. You will not want to miss this.

T/O Foundation - Our Texas Oklahoma Foundation is the recipient of the Thursday golf tournament so bring your clubs and sign up to play. Then they will be hosting the WIK luncheon and on top of this, rumor has it they have a hand-made UT Longhorn card table they will be raffling off….OH MY!!!

Governor's Dinner - This is for sure to be an evening of laughter. After the ceremonies of installation we will be entertained with national comedian John Branyan. All dinners at the convention are catered. We need to know ahead of time if you are planning on attending. Please go on line at www.kiwanisconvention.com and get signed up for all the meals!

Sharing My Story
By
Governor,Susan Hennum

If you are a current, new or future Club Secretary the District is offering a Club Secretary Class at the Convention. It will be held August 9, in Meeting Room #1 at the Killeen Convention & Civic Center at 9:00 AM to Noon. No cost to participants but a head count is needed for the materials that will be provided. Come with a list of your questions. Your instructors will be Laura Lammons & Lee Shuey.

Please RSVP by email to: txokdist@swbell.net and put in the subject of the email: RSVP For New Club Secretary Class

Note: This is not to replace Club Officer Election training but should be used in addition to CLE.
“I’m 4 Kids” Golf Scramble

Thursday, Aug 9, 2012

Shotgun start 9 A.M. Completion by 2 P.M.

The Courses of Clear Creek, Ft Hood TX

(Deer Run & Panther Claw)

Cost: $65.00 per person (includes green fees, cart rental, lunch in the clubhouse & 2 beverage carts and snacks for support during play)

Optional Purchases: 2 Mulligans $5.00; Buy a Tee box $10.00

Prizes will be gift certificates for merchandise at the clubhouse

Raffle tickets will be sold for a framed, autographed Masters banner by Ben Crenshaw.

Drawing to be held Friday night at the Killeen Convention Center

To Enter: Contact Darrel Charlton 698-3421 dcharlton@hot.rr.com
Or www.kiwanisharkerheights.org “Contact Us” option

Or sign up at the clubhouse at The Courses of Clear Creek

Advertise your business on the holes for $50.00!!!
Elected as the youngest president in the 40 year history of the Killeen Branch NAACP, God’s favor is upon her. Born and raised in Illinois to a single mother, TaNeika was determined to become that somebody her mother always said she would be.

Ms. Driver received her B.A. in radio/tv from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She worked at KCEN-TV, Channel 6 and at Cumulus Broadcasting. She is currently employed at First National Bank Texas as the Quality Assurance Officer.

Her community involvement extends to a great degree. She’s like the Eveready bunny; she keeps going and going. “I love being a servant because I enjoy seeing others faces when you give unselfishly from the heart”, is her answer to why she stays so busy. She mentors young teens, teaches Financial Literacy Courses in the community, volunteers for HEB Feast of Sharing, NAACP Back 2 School rally and Texas Trash Off, chaired scholarship fundraisers that have raised over $10,000, and donates to such charities as the Dress for Success Program, Sickle Cell, the Senior Center, Communities in School, Angel Tree, Thanksgiving baskets and Relay for Life, just to name a few. She serves as vice-president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is a graduate of Leadership Killeen 2010, serves as a delegate for the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Vice-Chair for Central Texas Area Council of ABWA, president of ABWA Dynamis Chapter, serves on the Flavors of Central Texas, and as a Board of Directors for the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce.

She has received numerous accolades; ABWA Dynamics Chapter Woman of the Year 2011, the Nate Feldt Community Service Award, inducted into ABWA’s Woman’s Hall of Fame 2010, NAACP Torchbearers Award, the President’s Award for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority 2009 and the community service award for 2010.

She attends Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church; and, when she’s not busy giving back to her community, she enjoys collecting postcards from every state, reading/writing poetry and some NFL football or NBA basketball. A piece of her success is attributed to advice given to her by Mr. Terry Tuggle, “TaNeika, always do what is right and not what is liked.”

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August 3rd Last Date to Fax or Email Delegate Forms ! ! !

Last call for Delegate Forms...If you haven’t sent in your clubs delegate forms yet the time is NOW. August 1 is the deadline for postmarked forms (oops! too late to mail in now!) BUT August 3 is the deadline for faxed forms (866-574-0698) or you may scan/email to: txokdist@swbell.net. Need forms? go to: www.txok-kiwanis.org and click on District Resources and then click on Forms and Reports. You may also hand carry your delegate forms to the convention if you miss the above deadlines.
SUMMER FUN
Nationally-known comedian—countless laughs for ALL!

A Night with Comedian
JOHN BRANYAN

YOU ARE INVITED

August 11, 2012
8:00 p.m.
Killeen Civic & Convention Ctr.
3601 South W. S. Young Dr.
Killeen, TX 76542
General Admission

Get your tickets now for the whole family! This comedy won’t leave a filthy residue! Tickets are available while supplies last at:

www.kiwanisconvention.com

Tickets are $20.00 for Comedy Show ONLY or $35.00 for Kiwanians attending Governor’s Banquet & Comedy Show

Tickets purchased online after July 31st will be at “WILL CALL” window
Looking for great Kiwanis Stuff? Well step right up to the District Store’s booth at the Killeen Convention! On these two pages you will find a sampling of items that will be for sale from your District Office. And don’t forget that Speaker Gifts and Officer Gifts will also be available!

**Killeen Convention**

**T-Shirt**

*Past Lt. Governor’s Association*

Each T-Shirt is $15.00

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**“Women In Kiwanis” T-Shirts**

Price is $15 per shirt

*at Convention*

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**“Women In Kiwanis” Pink Tote Bag**

$5.00 each *at Convention*

Length 14”, Width 8”, Height 15.5”

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**Kiwanis Yard Signs**

$10.00 *at Convention* - 24” wide x 18” tall. Each sign comes with wire stand. Made of corrugated plastic and will not fall apart in rain. Sign designed by Laura Lammons - District Administrator. **Note:** the small amount of money made on the sale of yard signs & yard flags benefit the Governor’s endowment fund (scholarships) for the year.

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**New Item!!**

**Kiwanis Garden Flag**

This flag hangs vertically from a “yard flag stand” which can be purchased at your local home improvement store.

$10 *at Convention*
More From Your Store!

TX-OK District Award Trophy - Acrylic 6”, 8” or 10”

Costs below includes engraving, shipping and handling

$86 - 6” 15 letters on 2 lines above logo and 120 letters on 3 lines below logo

$109 - 8” 20 letters on 2 lines above logo and 140 letters on 5 lines below logo

$147 - 10” 25 letters on 2 lines above logo and 160 letters on 7 lines below logo

“Our New T-O District Coffee Mugs are now in Stock!!

Each mug is $10.00 at Convention.

“Women In Kiwanis” Mugs

Each mug is $10.00 at Convention.
Forums and Workshops For Everyone!

If you are wondering what there is to do at the convention...wonder no more! Take a look at what is being offered. The Texas Oklahoma Growth Team is presenting a Special Series on Community Service and Fundraising (the designation of *GT beside the course name will help guide you to these programs). And Governor Designate Ann Wilkins has put together an assortment of workshops to help new Kiwanians and old-timers alike.

Friday, August 10, 2012
1:30 - 2:20 p.m

Risk Management for You and Your Club - Led by: Richard Melton - District Chair Risk Management,
Colleen Biggerstaff - 2011-2012 District Chair SLP Risk Management
Johnny Williams - 2012-013 District Chair SLP Risk Management

Dolly Parton Imaginary Library (*GT) - Presented by Pam Hunsaker, Regional Director,
Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Imagine if you could give a child one book every month from birth through 5 years delivered to their home? Find out how with Dolly Parton Imagination library. Share the joy of reading with all children.

Aktion Club - Led by T. Anderson, District Administrator

Triathlon (*GT) - Presented by Dennis William, Kiwanis Club of McKinney
Is your club needing a new fundraiser...more visibility in the community...do your members love outside activities?

Key Club - Led by: Walt Roetter, District Administrator, Key Club Governor, Brian O'Hara and
Key Club International Trustee, Colten Meisner

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

So You Want To Be A Lt. Governor? - Led by Dr. Bill Rauhauser, Past Lt. Governor, Division 39

Stilwell Strawberry Festival (*GT) - Presented by Gary and Sharon Jackson, President & First Lady of Stilwell Kiwanis
Stilwell Kiwanis has been bringing this great festival to the town for 65 years. A successful festival starts with a successful website, good committees and town support. Come find out how they do it!

The Next 60 Days - Led by Governor Susan & Governor Designate Ann
How to keep the Movement of Kiwanis Change going for the rest of your year!

Flag Program (*GT) - Presented by Shawn Wade, President-elect Allen Kiwanis Club
A great fundraising program that involves the entire Kiwanis Family. Key Club, CKI and Kiwanis members join together to provide a service to the town but raise some serious funds!

K-Kids/Bug/Terrific Kids - Led by Margaret Davis - 2012-2013 K-Kids District Administrator and
Sydney Felder - 2012-2013 BUG District Chair

3:30 - 4:20 p.m

New Club Building - Led by Jim Walther, District Chairman, NCB

Character Network, Bully Alert (*GT) - Presented by Jim Lord, Founder and member of Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis
As a partner of the Texas Oklahoma District, Jim (a Kiwanian himself) has been providing programs all over the District for our clubs. This is a timely topic and the program provides a great service to schools.

ELIMINATE - Led by the District Eliminate Team
How to Touch Lives and Improve Life through the Eliminate Project.

Golf Tournament (*GT) - Presented by Darrel Charlton, Convention Golf Chair
Is your club considering a golf tournament. Come hear all about the ins and outs of how to put on a golf tournament and all the costs involved
Friday, August 10, 2012 (cont’d)

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Builder's Club - Led by Pearl & Monte Fellingham, District Administrators 2011-2012
Dennis Hogan, District Administrator, 2012-2013

4:30 - 5:20 p.m.

FLIP Your Club - Led by Susan Hennum, Membership Chair
Learn ways to renew your club!

Disaster Backpack Program (*GT)
Presented by Carlene Campbell, Disaster Chair
This is a project for every club to be involved in no matter what the size. Come find out how you can get on board and bring your club together to help those children in need.

Young Children Priority One/Children's Miracle Network
Led by Colleen Biggerstaff, District Chair 2012-2013

Water Savers USA (*GT)
Presented by Paul and Julie James, owners
Is your club looking for a “green” fundraiser… something that isn’t being sold all over. Need to get your Key Club involved… Check this out - You can help the environment!

Saturday, August 11

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Key Leader - Led by Dick Peterson, Kiwanis International Key Leader Program Mgr, John Curlee - 2012-2013 District Co-Administrator and Kelly Poland - 2012-2013 District Co-Administrator

ELIMINATE (*GT) - Presented by The Eliminate Team
How to Inspire and Engage Members for Club Growth & Service through the Eliminate Project

Governor Designate Ann’s Team Meeting - Led by Ann Wilkins, Governor Designate

Shillong Children’s Center (*GT) - Presented by Suetta Albin, Project Director and member of Belton Kiwanis Club
The Belton Kiwanis Club reached out around the world to help support the establishment of a children’s center in Shillong, India and build a new Kiwanis Club. Find out how one woman’s passion became a reality.

Technology/Websites - Led by the TX-OK Geek Squad: Michael Ehrman & Misty Middleton - Website Design

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Circle K - Led by Scott Kimball, District Administrator, Sanjuana Zavala, CKI District Governor, Donnesh Amrollah, CKI International Trustee, Lauren Perkins, CKI International Trustee

Texas Oklahoma Ramp Project (*GT) - Presented by John Laine, Executive Director, Texas Ramps
Imagine if you could not leave your house because you could not get out — your club can start a ramp building project and provide a quality of life change to citizens in your town.

Effective Leadership For Current & Future Leaders - Led by Sam Curry, District Chair, Club Education/Leadership

Turtle Race (*GT) - Presented by Steven Kirkpatrick, President, Belton Kiwanis Club
Looking for a fun and different way to raise money for your club? Well… what could be more fun than a Turtle Race?

Market Your Club with Social Media - Led by Marshall Kregel, District Chairman Technology & Social Media AND his fabulous Geek Squad
ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

Thursday, August 9, 2012  1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Training for all Multi-Divisional Coordinators
Training for all Division & Club Chairs

Friday, August 10, 2012  3:30 - 4:20 p.m.
Workshop: How To Touch Lives & Improve Life Through the Eliminate Project
Family Fun Night  6:30 p.m. $25 Adult / $10 Youth
Come help us fill the boot for Eliminate! While you are there have some BBQ provided by “Big Hoss” and enjoy the sounds of déjà vu. Awards and recognitions for Eliminate will also be handed out.

Saturday, August 11, 2012  10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
Workshop: How to Inspire and Engage Members For Club Growth
Delegate Session  1:30 p.m.
Kiwanis International Chairman Randy DeLay will be speaking

Sunday, August 12, 2012  Walk For Eliminate  Cost $10
Join in and walk 1 mile to ELIMINATE maternal and neonatal tetanus!
Sign Up Friday or Saturday at the ELIMINATE Booth
Late registration 6:00 - 6:25 a.m
Walk leaves from convention center at 6:30 a.m.
Any club participating will get a banner patch

Questions??? Contact Joe Holland at joetrek1700@yahoo.com

If you would like to register early, please email Joe with your name, club name, and division.
MEMORIAL SERVICE INFORMATION

TO: Club Secretaries

DATE: July 10, 2012

**Attention**

If you have not already deleted your deceased club members from your roster using the www.kiwanisone.org website, you may still do so up until August 1, 2012 so that we have time to receive electronically and add to the Memorial Program to be read aloud at the Memorial Service at the District Convention in Killeen, TX.

If you receive this communication after August 1st or have a member pass away on or after August 1st, please complete this form and either fax or email it to me. We can also hand-write in names as a last resort.

PLEASE only complete and return if you haven’t already used the www.kiwanisone.org website to delete from your roster.

We are notified immediately and electronically each time a member is deleted from the www.kiwanisone.org system.

Fax: 866-574-0698 or E-mail txokdist@swbell.net

Or Mail to: 3010 W. Park Row Dr. #100, Pantego, TX 76013-2034

Club Key Number: K.___ ___

Club Name ___________________________ Div. # ___________

First Name                 Middle Initial                 Last Name

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Project 1: School Supplies for Military Families

What should a Community Service organization such as Kiwanis do at a convention? Hmmmm...perhaps a Community Service Project!

At this year’s annual convention in Killeen, we have the opportunity to help military families stationed at neighboring Fort Hood. As you know, these men and women are dedicated to serving our country for very little pay. One way we can show our appreciation to them is to help their children with school supplies.

If you plan on attending the convention, you can participate in our Community Service project by bringing a school backpack (or several) filled with the following:

- #2 pencils
- Wide-lined paper
- Primary color crayons
- 12" ruler
- Soft eraser
- Small safety scissors
- School glue stick
- Kleenex
- 2 folders
- If you’d prefer, $$$ is always accepted. Cash and checks made payable to T-O Kiwanis will be forwarded to the school district.

If you are unable to attend the convention but would still like to support this worthwhile project, you may mail checks to:

Mr. Gene Dreyer, 3806 Greenpoint Dr., Waco, TX 76710

What better way to be a Patriotic Kiwanian than to support a military child with school supplies!

Project 2: Shoes for Orphan Souls

Providing shoes, socks and shoe laces to orphans thru the Buckner “Shoes For Orphan Souls” project is near and dear to Governor Susan Hennum’s heart. This convention is the last big collection for this year. If you can, please encourage your club members to donate these items and send them along to the Killeen Convention. Jay Macaulay, District Chair and Molly Cash from Buckner will be on hand to collect your shoes and be sure your club gets their patch. We have a big shoe donation in the works that our Key Clubbers in South Texas will be handling. Let’s put together a “mile” of shoes for kids in need.
In the 19th century it was Napoleon Bonaparte; in the 20th century it was Adolph Hitler. Both men with their huge armies tried to defeat Russia in the winter. Both men and their armies were themselves defeated. However, it was Nila Wilhelm, a grandmother and Kiwanian from Garland, Texas who conquered the souls of Russian children in the winter through the Shoes for Orphan Souls program.

The trip included volunteers from the Texas Oklahoma area and took place from November 12 - 23, 2003 in the St. Petersburg vicinity along with a permanent Buckner Int. staff. Due to flight schedules, only eight days were available for the distribution of the shoes to several of the 39 nearby orphanages. The facilities were all run by the government on limited budgets; most have no names and are identified only as numbers. Each visit was greeted by children who welcomed the shoes and socks being brought to them. The bitter cold weather meant that these treasures would be treated with loving care. Some received their first “new” shoes in their lives; many of them slept with them under their pillows.

At each visit the children had different entertainment scheduled for their benefactors consisting of music and dance including folk costumes that they had for special occasions. A rare treat of tea, chocolates and pastries would be served to the children and the SOS team to share in the merriment and the warmth of the special celebration. Some games and bible reading to the children would also take place. However, the most valuable gift was the love expressed through the interaction of the children and their visitors. One girl asked, “Why would you come so far to bring us these gifts?” The spirit of volunteerism was not a trait exhibited by or experienced by many people who lived under the totalitarian communist regime for over 70 years.

Nila’s conquest was a faith based story from it’s inception. In the spring of 2003 a K-Kids shoe drive (hosted by our current Governor, Susan Hennum) at the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis had collected enough shoes to fill a Mayflower truck. It was sent to the SOS warehouse/office in Dallas with many of the shoes earmarked for the Russian trip. Those interested in traveling with the shoes and other supplies to Russia were invited to submit their applications along with a $250 deposit. The remaining balance of $3,000 would be paid in the remaining months before the trip. Nila was inspired to go, but had enough money for a deposit only. It was then up to God if she would serve as an ambassador of goodwill with the distribution of the shoes. The word was spread to the Kiwanis T-O District and many members generously responded to help fund her trip and send their best wishes to strangers in a foreign country.

The team that distributed the shoes and supplies to the orphanages were strangers to one another. The experiences they shared created friendships and a special bond in caring for the most vulnerable among us. They had time to experience the history and culture of this part of Russia, past and present. They also shared in a Kiwanis-like activity by addressing a problem of a broken plumbing system at one of the orphanages. Upon learning that it would take $500 US to fix the sump pump, they raised $675 among themselves and had the remaining funds designated for needed medical supplies.

Nila was one of many Kiwanis volunteers who collected shoes and one of a few who could make this trip. But everyone who has contributed to the Shoes for Orphan Souls program should know Nila’s story and realize that the material and spiritual gifts associated with this amazing program touches so many children in need.

PLEASE bring new shoes, socks, shoelaces and cash to the T-O District Convention in Killeen where they will be collected for distribution to other countries. You, also, can help conquer the souls and soles of children in a foreign country or in the USA. For more information contact Shoes for Orphan Souls at: 1-800-774-SHOE or: www.ShoesforOrphanSouls@buckner.org

Jay Macaulay
Hello T-O Kiwanians,

We hope you share with us the pride of our own District Headquarters building. As we are close to celebrating our first year in our new home, we continue to ask all Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis members and clubs to help us become debt free and participate in this first year of the “Own Your Future” campaign.

We plan to mark our first anniversary with the unveiling of our “Honor Wall” and “Honor Brick Garden” to the initial contributors to the campaign. The name of any T-O member contributing a fair share of $40 will go on the “Honor Wall” near the entry way of our building. Those with a $200 donation will be permanently remembered with an “Honor Brick” in a garden just outside the entry way.

All clubs should have received a package with full details from their Lt. Governor at the beginning of this Kiwanis year. All clubs were asked to meet a goal based on the $40 per member. This was based on membership at the beginning of this Kiwanis year.

Please remember that the donations will go directly to the T-O Foundation to replace the funds they offered to pay for the building. The T-O District hopes that membership will assist in returning the full amount to the Foundation over the next several years. At that point, the Foundation will see it’s Endowment Funds fully replaced to continue it’s valuable service to our youth. The T-O District will then be debt free of any further leasing payments to the Foundation. A debt-free District will reward all members.

Beloved Kiwanis member Mel Cowart of the Pasadena Kiwanis Club has pledged to match all donations this first year up to $50,000 and there is still time to take advantage of this generous offer.

Look for displays and further communication at Killeen. We hope you and your club will take pride in fulfilling your part in this first year of the campaign.

Sam Curry,  
Immediate Past Governor,  
Chair, “Own Your Future” Campaign

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***ATTENTION***

Tickets to Comedy Show & Governor’s Banquet

If you have registered for the District Convention, your Governor’s Banquet and John Branyan Comedy Show tickets will be in your registration packet available at the registration desk at the Killeen Convention Center. (They will not be mailed to you as previously indicated.)

If you have ordered for a non-Kiwanian for just the show only, those will also be in your registration packet.

If you have paid for tickets for a non-Kiwanian and would like us to mail those tickets to them, please send an email to txokdist@swbell.net and let us know their names, etc.

Tickets purchased online after July 31st will be at Will Call Window.

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Own Your Future - 3rd Quarter Results

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## Own Your Future Campaign Totals
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### District Totals
- **Total Members:** 9306
- **Total Received:** $372,242
- **Total To Go:** $25,785
- **Total Brick:** 346,455

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Margaret Davis is best known for her years of dedication to K-Kids, which is, not surprisingly, the reason she became a Kiwanian in August, 1968.

Before joining Kiwanis, she participated in youth activities alongside her Kiwanis husband Ronnie for 28 years while he was first a faculty advisor and then a District Region 8 Advisor for Key Club. Lori Lindsey, a former Key Clubber and current Kiwanian, remembers Margaret on trips and conventions as well as many years of monthly visits to the Boles Home (Orphanage) with Key Club.

When she learned that K-Kids were soon to become an official part of the K-Family, Margaret joined the Kiwanis Club of Terrell, Texas in August 1998. Under the Terrell Club’s sponsorship in 1999 she organized K-Kids Clubs at Kennedy Elementary School, the 7th in the world to be chartered, followed by J. W. Long Elementary as the 41st charter. In February of 2001 she added Dr. Burce Wood Elementary filling the 361st charter spot. All three clubs remain strong with Margaret’s support as Kiwanis Advisor.

Students in those schools have learned the joy of giving to other children around the world. They have participated in the Iodine Deficiency Disorder and Shoes for Orphan Souls projects. In May of this year, they caught the attention of Kiwanis International, when the three K-Kids Clubs raised $11,072 for the ELIMINATE project. At a very special school ceremony, the children were honored for their efforts, and Past T-O Governor and current ELIMINATE project Campaign Chairman, Randy DeLay bestowed the Zeller Award on Margaret.

Her devotion to the Service Leadership Program is underscored in being the current Kiwanis Advisor to Herman Furlough Middle School.

Additional activities to Kiwanis include serving as club president in 2004 and holding the current office of president-designate. In 2002 she was selected to chair the club’s Service Leadership Program (formerly called Sponsored Youth) and continues to serve in that position. In 2005 she served as K-Kids AssistantAdministrator for the District, is currently serving as District Administrator and will repeat the position in 2012-2013. Local and district members are also well aware of her culinary proficiency, having enjoyed many delicious meals and party-fare created by her at Kiwanis functions.

Margaret is also a recipient of the PLGA Youth Leadership Award and her home club has honored her with a life membership in the Texas-Oklahoma District for her service to youth.

Ronnie and Margaret were both raised in Terrell and keep close ties with church and community. They are the proud parents of Chad, of Forney, who is vice-president of a trucking company, and Eric, a supervisor for Encore in Waxahachie. They have been blessed with and dote on their grandchildren: five boys and three girls.

Kiwanis and youth under her guidance continue to benefit from her talents and love for children.
By Nila Wilhelm

Tanya Dickert was selected by Governor Susan to be the “Fun” Chairperson for this year. Quite a few people will remember her by the New Orleans-style parade that crashed their meetings at K-Family weekend.

There is a serious side of Tanya, however, known by her club members and Division 13. It was they who called our attention to her Kiwanis and community activities.

Tanya joined Kiwanis in 1994, when she was invited by the Texarkana club president and fellow co-worker. She retained membership until 1996, then re-joined in May, 2003 because she realized that is where she wanted to be and what she wanted to do.

She has held all club offices from assistant secretary through president. Elected as Lt. Governor of Division 13 for the 2009-2010 term, she was then re-elected for that position in 2010-2011.

Pancake Days are a big event for Tanya and her club. She has chaired and co-chaired those events through the years since 2005. In 2009-2010 she initiated a 5K run in conjunction with the day. The kids have a fun run, and awards are presented at a ceremony during the day. She continues to serve as chairperson.

Other club activities include working with HIP (Hope, Inspiration and Protection) as a mentor for children whose parents are incarcerated. Aktion Club is her other love, which she says keeps her inspired to be a better Kiwanian. She considers Aktion Club the most outstanding project she has worked on.

Conventions are both fun and serious for Tanya. She has attended five International Conventions and seven District conventions. Additionally, she attended the 2010 Capital District Convention in Lynchburg, Virginia. Mid-winter and K-Family Conferences also fill her calendar.

Texarkanans know Tanya for her community activities. She is a member of the Texarkana Assn. of Legal Assistants and has served as their secretary. Art interests include membership in Women for the Arts and in Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council. The Redwater Athletic Booster Club has elected her as club secretary and later as president. The Komen Race for the Cure has benefitted by her participation since 2002, seven of those years by her serving as team captain. Other memberships have included Women for A&M - Texarkana, YWCA, Junior League of Texarkana and Texarkana Resources for the Disabled. Each of these organizations have seen her service as officer and committees member.

Tanya is employed by the law firm of Nix, Patterson & Roach as a part of their staff since opening office in September 2000. Born in Garland, Texas, she grew up in Ashdown, Arkansas, then moved to Texarkana right after graduating from high school. Son Caleb and daughter Nicky are her proud family. She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Texarkana.

What does she do for FUN? She loves being with family on the lake and riding the waves on water skis.
Port Aransas Women In Kiwanis Outstanding

By Guy Watts,
Past Lt. Governor

I began in Kiwanis a half century ago as a member of our all male Del Mar College Circle-K. A quarter century later, I was in line at the microphone to address the Kiwanis International Convention with reasons to support having women in Kiwanis with emphasis on their intellect, energy, and passion for Kiwanis children oriented projects. Now, I sit in awe as our Port Aransas Kiwanis Club President goes down the business agenda calling one woman leader after another to report on the committee project they are heading whether it be K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, CKI, youth recognition or fund raising.

Port Aransas Kiwanis has a whole host of energetic women leaders starting with founding member and past president, Tootie Barnes to immediate past president and current treasurer, Nancy Cinfici that makes any Kiwanian proud to be a member knowing that Port Aransas Kiwanis should serve as an example for all to follow. But also go to a Zone Conference and watch the dynamic leadership of Governor Susan Hennum. Then, any Kiwanis veteran knows for sure that the smartest thing we Kiwanians have ever done was pass the motion a quarter century ago to have women in Kiwanis.

Int’l Dir Stan Soderstrom Visits White Rock Kiwanis Club

White Rock Kiwanis Club hosted an evening with Kiwanis International Director Stan Soderstrom on July 24, 2012 at Wilshire Baptist Church. 75 Kiwanis members from around Dallas came to hear the Executive Director reminisce about being a member of the White Rock Club. Stan also brought us up to date on Kiwanis International. Steve Montgomery, District Chairman for Eliminate gave a report on the campaign. It was a great night and lots of fun for those in attendance.
Gone But Not Forgotten

James Robert Baker
1940 - 2012
Kiwanis Club of Westside, Ft.Worth, TX

Jack McGee
1929 - 2012
Past Kiwanis Int’l Trustee
Past Governor

Dan H. Moore
1933 - 2012
Kiwanis Club of Pasadena
Past Lt. Governor, Division

L. A. Shepherd
1926 - 2012
Midwest City Kiwanis

Houston Sunrise Club Awards Scholarships

Ciara Valdery, Aaliyah Mason and Tiera Chambers recently were awarded scholarships from the Kiwanis Club of Houston Sunrise. The students attend Barbara Jordan High School and are members of the Key Club that Houston Sunrise Kiwanis sponsors. Pictured with them are A. Charles Haston, the namesake of the A. Charles Haston Scholarship Award and Melvin Meyers, president of the Club.
Key Leader weekends were held this past June at the Sky Ranch, Cave Springs near Miami/Quapaw, Oklahoma and on the Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas.

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 US states, 5 Canadian provinces, Malaysia, Brazil, Cayman Islands, El Salvador and Singapore.

Thirty-six students attended the Sky Ranch weekend. Participants came from Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. The SMU event was attended by fifty-nine students from the DFW Metroplex area, El Paso, San Antonio and the Houston area. The Oklahoma weekend was led by Dr. Carol Clyde, a veteran Key Leader Lead Facilitator and the SMU event was led by Greg Long another veteran Lead Facilitator.; Students arrive on Friday afternoon and the class sessions begin after dinner. Classes resume after breakfast Saturday. Saturday afternoons are reserved for outdoor or other recreational activities and some free time for the participants. Activities conclude before noon Sunday.

The theme of all Key Leader events is Service Leadership. The core curriculum for the weekend stresses the five Key Leader principles of GROWTH, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, COMMUNITY and EXCELLENCE.

Key Leader events are open to all students in grades 9-12 plus 8th graders in spring sessions. Each session can accommodate up to 80 students plus chaperones. Most events are held in camp environments.

Key Leader weekends are being planned for 2013. Three sites are currently under consideration for mid winter thru early summer. More information will be available by the K-Family weekend in October, 2012.

Questions about Key Leader in Texas-Oklahoma or if you want to be a volunteer/chaperone for an upcoming Key Leader event contact John Curlee, Key Leader District Chair @ 361-222-1947 or email keyleadertxok@gmail.com
This year, the T-O district of Circle K International had the chance to experience the 12th Large Scale Service Project and 57th International Convention 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The event was a unique experience as Kiwanis International Convention was also held in New Orleans during that week! Members from KI, CKI, and AKTION Club all had the opportunity to interact and learn from each other about what we do best: serve.

Large Scale Service Project, known to most Circle K members as LSSP, is an event held three days prior to the start of international convention. Throughout the three days, CKI’ers go out to different service projects and give back to the host city that has so graciously welcomed the 200+ college students that gather for the event. In New Orleans, attendees participated in a full day Habitat for Humanity build, painting a March of Dimes themed mural at a local hospital, packed food boxes and made ELIMINATE themed items to be sold for fundraising purposes, LSSP is also a great time to bond with members all across CKI. An Olympic style relay marathon and team dinners helped CKI’ers make new friends. This year, T-O was well represented on the LSSP committee, with Allison Prisco, member of the Okla. State Univ. chapter of CKI, serving as the committee chairwoman, Lauren Perkins, member of the West TX A&M Univ. chapter of CKI, as the International-Board Liaison, and Patra Kositchaiwat (Univ. of Okla.), Cortney Ferris (Univ. of TX at Austin), and Fabian Fernandez (Univ. of TX at Austin) all serving as team leaders. In all, 10 members of T-O CKI participated in the event that produced over 4,800 total service hours over the course of three days. LSSP is an incredible event, and we hope that in the future, we have more participation from T-O CKI’ers!

This year’s International Convention gave T-O CKI the chance to take part in a variety of activities. CKI members visited the Kiwanis Convention location to browse through the exhibit hall full of vendors, attend Kiwanis opening session and perform a flash mob dance to Black Eyed Peas “I’ve Got a Feeling” and attend a Leadership Luncheon with special guest speaker, Lauren Potter from the popular show Glee. Representatives from T-O voiced their opinions on several bylaw amendments and the new international board. The week gave us a chance to bond as a district, including a special district dinner and several late-night hangouts.

The Texas-Oklahoma District of CKI was in the spotlight several times during the event. T-O received a Distinguished District Award for all of the hard work and immense efforts put in during the last CKI year! Donnesh Amrollah was awarded a Distinguished District Governor Award for his accomplishments as Governor for the 2011-2012 year! Steven Spriggs, member of the Texas A&M Univ. chapter of CKI, finished out his term as Int’l President and Lauren Perkins, was re-elected to the position of Subregion D Trustee. Circle K also introduced, for the first time, a new Int’l Trustee At-Large position, to which Donnesh Amrollah was elected. He will represent District of Andean and Central America and non-districted clubs outside of North America. District Governor, Sanjuana Zavala, member of the Univ. of TX at Brownsville, represented T-O to the highest expectations throughout the event. With the excitement of LSSP and ICON behind us, T-O CKI is well on it’s way to having an amazing and spectacular year!
Ann Wilkens 2013 Governor’s Trip - $70 from each cabin booked benefits T-O Foundation...cabin will sell out soon! Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

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**Harker Heights Club Awards Scholarships**

The Harker Heights Kiwanis Club and Mrs. Dorothy Aldrich, daughter of the late P.R. Cox, awarded five $1,000 scholarships to Harker Heights High School students in June.

**Recipients of the P.R. Cox/Kiwanis Club scholarships are:**

- **Ashley Swenson**, daughter of Brian and Bobbie Swenson. She will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania and will study history and pre-law. She plans a career as a lawyer.
- **Amber Keith**, daughter of Donald Keith will attend the University of Texas at Austin to study art history.
- **Tanesha Gilchrist**, daughter of Rodney and Karen Gilchrist will attend U. T. San Antonio and plans to teach English.
- **Kelia Williams**, daughter of Ayesha Lealiiee will attend Texas A & M and plans on a career as a pediatrician

**Winner of the H. B. Davis Scholarship is:** Dario Cortes, son of Dario & Ana Cortes. He will attend Texas A & M to study industrial engineering.

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**Kiwanis of Corpus Christi-Crosstown Honors Terrific Kids**

The Kiwanis of Corpus Christi-Crosstown Club, presented bicycles to students at West Oso and Mary Helen Berlana Elementary schools in Corpus Christi, TX. The Terrific Kids Program recognize students in grades 1st to 5th at each school, and has been doing so for a number of years according to Debi McCusker, President of the Crosstown Club.

Approximately, 1,344 Terrific Kids were recognized at each elementary school during the 2011-2012 school year, “Just changing the world one student at a time”, said President McCusker. “It’s just one more way of motivating and encouraging kids to stay in school and try harder.”
ADCO Kiwanian Takes School Supplies to Nicaragua

Wanda Elliott of ADCO Kiwanis, Stilwell, OK spoke at their June 12th meeting about her mission trip to Managua, Nicaragua for a Women’s Conference on April 16th thru the 23rd. Wanda said that women’s conferences are rare in Latin America, which sparked her enthusiasm for the trip. This was her 21st mission trip, of which all have been to Central and South America.

Six years ago when Wanda went to Nicaragua on a previous mission trip she had given money for one of the students, Estrella, to attend English classes because the school director there said it was advantageous to be bilingual in this second poorest country in South America where jobs are hard to come by. After taking English, Estrella came to America and attended Holmes University in South Carolina. This turned out to be a blessing for Wanda because this time Estrella, who had since graduated, married, and started a family in the United States, accompanied her as a translator. This allowed Wanda to speak to and answer questions from the children at the school as well as speaking at the conference.

Women from six states accompanied Wanda to this conference in Nicaragua where 350 students are enrolled in the school this year. Wanda said when she spoke with the director asking the best way to use the money ADCO Kiwanis sent, he told her many of the students didn’t have textbooks. Wanda was able to buy books, workbooks, pencils, and colored markers for 20 children in the school.

Thanks to Wanda’s efforts, ADCO Kiwanis, located in a city of around 3,000 people of which half are Cherokee and 32% of the population lives below poverty level, has touched the hearts of many children in schools in Latin
Kiwanis of Corpus Christi-Crosstown Receives Award

The Corpus Christi Ind. School District at its Annual I Achieve Recognition and Awards Partners in Education luncheon, held on May 23, 2012, presented the Kiwanis of Corpus Christi-Crosstown Club, the Academic Incentive for Achievement Award for sponsoring the Terrific Kids Program at Mary Helen Berlanga Elementary School in Corpus Christi, TX. The Terrific Kids Program recognize students in grades 1st to 5th, and has been sponsored at the elementary school going on ten years, said Debi McCusker, President of the Crosstown Club.

During the awards luncheon, attended by a cross representation of the Corpus Christi community, the Club was introduced by Kati Medina, a fourth grader, who also provided an overview of the Terrific Kids Program. Approximately, 1,344 Terrific Kids were recognized at the school during the 2011-2012 school year.

“Club members, who present the Terrific Kids certificates each grading period throughout the year, and bicycles at the end of the year, truly enjoy doing so,” said President McCusker, “the excitement and the satisfaction of seeing the

Greater Abilene Club

Scott South, Pres, Vance Cooksey, Past Pres, Kevin McSherry, Immed Past Pres, Jamie Bearden, VP and Gary Jay, Pres-Elect pose for photo after their 2012-2013 Election to office.

Mike Bannister presents Shelby Thompson, CHS senior, with a David Ratliff scholarship

Mike Bannister presents Taylor Peables, AHS senior, with a David Ratliff Scholarship
Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

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