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"Key-Notes" Kiwanis International Texas-Oklahoma District



I promise to serve my neighborhood and my school; I will show respect toward my environment; and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live. This is the pledge of elementary age students. This is the **K-Kid's** pledge.

K-Kids is the largest service organization for elementary school students, with more than 42,000 members worldwide. The first K-Kids was chartered in 2000. Today, there are more than 1,200 clubs in Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Martinique, Nigeria, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States.

When service leadership begins in grade school it has an opportunity to grow and flourish for the rest of life. When a child sees that one person really can make a difference they will want to build on that experience and excite others to do the same.

K-Kids Club elect their own officers. They decide what projects to tackle and they learn to analyze the results of the project.

Can elementary age children really understand what service leadership is all about?



The newly chartered Jones Elementary School K-Kids (Jones, Oklahoma) held a Pancake Breakfast to collect coats and raise funds for other projects. Chartered this year, the 60 member K-Kids club voted to help the homeless by collecting coats. With the help of the Jones Kiwanis Club, this excited club served the food, greeted customers at the door, collected the coats and cleaned up. One customer said, "This is great! The kids came by 4 times to ask if they could get me more food or coffee, then took my dirty plate. They just love helping."



At Cain Elementary School in Whitehouse, TX, K-Kids Faculty Advisors, Lori Melton and Kati McGraw showed the club a short video about people who served in our armed forces and then encouraged the club president to lead a discussion on who and what veterans are. The club then made laminated book-marks in red, white and blue to hand out to all the veterans who were invited to a special veteran's day program at their school. They

even put stickers on the bookmarks that said "a gift from the Cain Elementary School K-Kids Club".



Mozell Brown Elementary School in Whitehouse, TX has not yet received the charter for their K-Kids Club. But apparently that is just paperwork. It is the season of giving and Faculty Advisor Cathy Dintleman didn't want the kids to miss out on a great opportunity to serve in their community. This club, made up of 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders wanted to do a service project but didn't want to repeat what was being done in the other grades. They came up with the idea to "Plump Up Your Pets" a drive to collect food for the pets of people who are struggling financially this year. They gathered over 500 pet food items and LOADED it all into a van for delivery to the Whitehouse Food Pantry.



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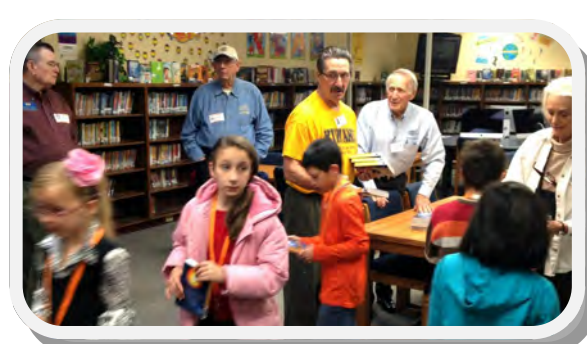
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Service Leadership in the elementary school setting is not restricted to just K-Kids. The BUG program (Bringing Up Grades) has had a huge success in Texas-Oklahoma. This program rewards any student increasing a grade level from the previous 6 week period.

November 15th was a busy day for the Mineola Kiwanis Club, TX in living up the Kiwanis motto of "Serving the Children of the World". Two of the on-going projects were conducted by club members at virtually the same time. In the school library, Kiwanis members handed out free dictionaries to all third graders. The same project was also conducted at the Alba-Golden school's 3rd grades. Over 300 dictionaries were handed out. Various classes paraded through as club members handed the gifts with suggestions that they write their names in their "personal dictionary".

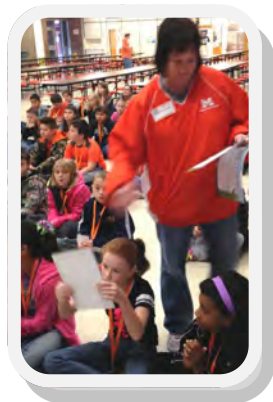


Kiwanis members Malcolm Jones, Tom Ray, Ron Wilson, dr. Loy Frazier (dictionary chairperson, and Club President Dr. Mavis De La Rosa hand out dictionaries to 3rd graders.



In the nearby multi-purpose room, a room full of excited students crowded in to receive the 6-week honors for **Bringing Up Grades**, a project known as **BUG**. Students are handed certificates and gifts as a reward. Any student increasing a grade level from the previous 6-week period is so rewarded. The club also conducts this project with the Alba-Golden schools.

Kiwanian Robin Averett, BUG Chairperson



When a K-Kids club member moves on to middle school he/she is eligible for the **Kiwanis Builder's Club Program**. This group of students focus on core values such as :

Character building: The ability to do the right thing, even when it might be the unpopular choice.

Leadership: The ability to listen, communicate, serve & guide others

Inclusiveness: Accepting and welcoming differences in other people

Caring: The act of being concerned about or interested in other people or situations.

Harker Heights Kiwanis Club, TX and Eastern Hills Middle School Builders Club got all dressed up to volunteer for the Stewart C. Meyer Public Library in Harker Heights Halloween Bash. The Builders Club Faculty Advisor Lisa Burden, Kiwanis Advisor Vivian Marschik and Kiwanis Member, Library Director Lisa Youngblood along with many library and community volunteers entertained over 500 people for the event.





The Hubbard Middle School Builder's Club, sponsored by the Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis Club (TX) chose to put in a few hours of service to their school and performed a trash pickup on a very beautiful Saturday morning. 15 bags of trash went to the dumpster and the Builders Club kids learned a lot about the trashy habits of their school friends!

If your club doesn't sponsor one of these great Service Leadership Programs you are missing out and more importantly the youth in your community is missing out. The Texas-Oklahoma District has people to help you get started:

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K-Kids, BUGS, & Terrific Kids District Administrator - Margaret Davis
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K Family Working Together To Serve Others



Pictured are members from Circle K clubs in Division 11 as well as members of the Kiwanis Club of McAllen, Texas. (Photo courtesy of Joel Olivarez, Kiwanis McAllen President)

On October 19th, members from Circle K clubs from Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Edinburg and Kiwanis Club of McAllen met to celebrate Fall Rally at The University of Texas-Pan American. There were a total of 23 K Family members ready to work. Fall rally is where Circle K members from Texas Oklahoma Division 11 gather to complete service projects, make new friends and attend workshops to improve their leadership skills.

This year's service project was conducted at the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley located in Pharr, Texas. "Volunteers play a crucial role in our organization. Through the support of these special individuals, we are able to get the food into the hands of needy families more efficiently. For every hour volunteered, you can feed 105 people one complete and balanced meal" said Terri Drefke, Chief Executive Officer of the food bank. K Family members provided 2 1/2 hours of service and provided for 6,038 meals for families of the Rio Grande Valley.

Save The Date... Mid Winter Is Coming

**Friday February 7, 2014
&
Saturday, February 8, 2014**

CALLING ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS, OFFICERS & MEMBERS

**THE ROCKIN DOC ANNOUNCES....
A COMPLETE DAY OF HELPING YOU GROW YOUR CLUB!**

Friday Night is PLGA Night: You don't want to miss this. The Past Lt. Governors Association will be honoring past and present Sponsored Leadership Program Administrators for their dedication to the Texas-Oklahoma District.

Saturday Morning: The morning will be full of workshops dedicated to helping clubs grow. Here are just a few of the topics:

Marketing – Setting up a QR code, Twitter, Facebook page, etc.

SLP – Using your SLP to Grow

Making your club attractive to younger members

Running a Good Club Meeting

Getting Your Club Ready to Accept New Members

Saturday Afternoon: Lt. Governors and Growth Campaign Leaders will work with club Presidents and members to put together a growth plan.

Learn how you can help to make a difference in your club and your community.

Listen to how your club can make the District **backpack program** work for you!

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Key Leader Registration is OPEN!

2014 Key Leader Registration is Open

2014 Key Leader registration is open. Log onto <http://key-leader.org>, click on "register" and follow the prompts. All registrations are online. There is no mail-in or fax registration.

Texas-Oklahoma 2014 Key Leader weekends are:

- January 17-19 at Mt. Lebanon Retreat and Conference Center near Cedar Hill, Texas.
- February 14-16 at Carolina Creek Christian Camp between Huntsville and Trinity, Texas.
- March 28-30 at YMCA Camp Classen near Davis, Oklahoma

The following information is essential to completing registration and obtaining the appropriate scholarships and invoice reductions. On the payment settlement page at the end of the registration pages, enter the following "coupon codes" and click on "redeem." Invoices will be reduced by the appropriate amounts.

- All students except student facilitators: **kleader** lower case, no spaces
\$35 scholarship from Texas-Oklahoma Foundation
- Student facilitator applicants: **kleadersf** lower case, no spaces
\$30 scholarship from Texas-Oklahoma Foundation
- All Key Club members: check membership box on screen
- Chaperones: (must be over 21) **Key Leader** case sensitive & a space
between words
Will return a "no charge" invoice for adults
Key Leader background check required.

For Key Leader events in 2014, late registration fees, \$25, will be charged starting one week prior to the event. Instead of the traditional two weeks. There will be no forgiveness on the late charges. Late charges will begin at the end of the following days:

- Mt. Lebanon January 10
- Carolina Creek February 7
- Camp Classen March 21

It is essential that all registrations include a valid e-mail address for the participant and the sponsor. Invoices will be sent to each of these addresses. Each registrant and sponsor will receive an e-mail that includes an invoice, a community values agreement (rules of the camp), a medical history form, and list of items, toiletries, linens, etc. that each participant must bring.

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Paris Kiwanis Club Walks For Eliminate

The Paris Kiwanis held a Funwalk for the Eliminate project on Saturday, October 5th. Members of the Paris Kiwanis Club, Reno Kiwanis Club, Paris and Chisum High School Key Clubs walked 1.2 miles to support Eliminate. Walkers paid \$10 each and were treated to hot dogs, chips and drinks upon completion of the walk.



Getting Ready



Paris Kiwanians Steve Terry and past Division 32 Lt. Gov. Lynn Patterson set the pace



Reno Kiwanis Club was well represented



Paris High School Key Clubbers



Key Club members & sponsors all with Aktion Club members who walked 1.2 miles to support the Eliminate Project



Chisum High School Key Clubbers



L-R: Paris Kiwanis Club Treasurer Karen McDowell & Club clown Molly McMillan Woodall



Cartwheels in support of Eliminate!



Are we having fun yet?



TxOk Dist. Coordinator for the Eliminate Project, Francine Eikner & her grandson are ready to walk

Revised Governing Board Takes Another Step Forward

The Texas-Oklahoma District Board took steps that could lead to a new system of governing and managing the District in the future. At the K-Family Board meeting in October, the Board approved placing a proposed Trustee System before the House of Delegates at the District Convention in August. The proposed plan has been under development for more than a year by the Long Range Planning Committee. The proposal was presented in a two hour program at the K-Family Conference and has been available on the District website for several months.

The basics of the Trustee System are to reduce the size of the governing board from the current 40 members to 15 members. Currently the 35 Lt. Governors and the 5 officers make up the governing board. The Trustee System would include a Trustee from each of the District's 10 regions and the 5 officers. Trustees would come from the ranks of the past Lt. Governors. They would be elected from the clubs within each Region who would consider Past Lt. Governors who demonstrated the best leadership and those willing to continue service to the District. Trustees would serve 3-year terms to contribute to a better continuity of programs and planning. Currently Lt. Governors are elected to one year terms. Lt. Governors would continue their role of serving divisions, making visits to clubs, and conducting Division Council Meetings. They would form a team-work relationship with the Trustee in their Region to help carry out the goals and planning established at the Board of Trustees.

The plan is also introducing a new re-organization of the District's committee structure; whereby the objects of the committees will be grouped into five basic function areas. The Trustees will assume a more hands-on role in working with these functions to insure maximum benefit to all members in the T-O District. The plan is designed to seek out new members of committees from the membership.

There is no proposal that changes the role of the Governor, except that he/she will rely more on the 10 Trustees as direct leadership to formulate goals and plans and depend on them to carry them out within the Regions. The assumption is that it lessens the burden of interacting with 35 Lt. Governors and at least 27 current Committee Chairs.

The Long Range Planning Committee and the Past Lt. Governors Association have agreed to present the details of these proposals throughout the District with video and handout media. Lt. Governors will be asked to make time at Division Council Meetings and other District and Regional events to inform the membership. Additional information will be presented on the website, Ki-Notes, and at the Mid-Winter and District Convention at Mid-West City, Oklahoma.

If passed at the Convention, the new system would take effect, as proposed, in the next Kiwanis year beginning Oct. 1, 2014. T-O would then join a growing number of other Districts with the Trustee system of governing and managing. It is also the general pattern of the parent Kiwanis International organization, which employs Trustees to govern the Kiwanis organization.

Harker Heights, TX Installs Officers



L-R: Board member Richard Dinwiddie, Div. 23 Lt. Governor Steven Kirkpatrick, Board members Jos Portmann, Jeanette McNiesh, Club President Paul Loughran, Secretary Vivian Marschik, Board member Jim McKinnon, 2012-2013 Past President Esabell Zellmar, Board member James Hoyle.



REACHING OUR GOAL OF \$5 MILLION

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE? Through the generosity of Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs in the Texas-Oklahoma District, we are on track to raising our goal of \$5 million to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus from the face of the earth.

The T-O District is now leading the world (yes, the world) in Model Clubs with commitments from 36 of our clubs. The members of these clubs have committed to raise an average of \$750 per member over a 5 year period. This \$750 will save and protect over 416 women from tetanus, plus their future babies.

Making a commitment to become a Model Club will inspire your members to work together in reaching their goal. This is not only a challenge but also an opportunity to grow your club, add fundraisers that will continue to benefit your club after you have fulfilled your pledge, and engage your members in a project that is truly **SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD**.

If your club is a Model Club, congratulations! If not, go to www.TheEliminateProject.org and find out more about becoming a Model Club. There are Kiwanis volunteers who are anxious to visit your club and present an update on The Eliminate Project. Please contact me and we can arrange for a program at your club.

This is our chance to truly make a difference in the lives of children - protecting the connection between mothers and their babies. We have 20 months left to raise \$5 million. Donations and pledges are the only way to accomplish this. Becoming a Model Club is your chance for your club to play a significant role in reaching that goal.

If your club hasn't had a presentation on The Eliminate Project, please let me know and someone in your area will be glad to set up a program.

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Paris Kiwanis Club Becomes Model Club



Paris Kiwanis Club President Thom Callaway signs the pledge making Paris Kiwanis a Model Club for the ELIMINATE Project. Looking on are current Division 32 Lt. Governor Johnny Williams and immediate past Division 32 Lt. Governor Lynn Patterson.



TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT MODEL CLUBS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2013

(pledges and monies raised to date \$1,439, 94.90)

Division 1

Fort Worth Southwest

Division 2

Allen

McKinney

Terrell

Division 3

Kingwood

Greater North Houston

Division 4

Division 5

Alamo San Antonio

Bandera County

San Antonio Army Residence Community

Northeast San Antonio

New Braunfels

San Antonio Bexar

Division 6

Division 7

Division 8

Denton Breakfast

Division 9

College Station

The Woodlands/South Montgomery County

Conroe

Market Street, The Woodlands

Division 10

Division 11

Division 12

Division 13

Texarkana

Division 14

Longview

Nacogdoches

Division 16

Division 17

Division 18

Lawton

Division 19

Mayfair, Oklahoma City

Division 20

Division 21

Division 22

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Division 25

Pawhuska

Division 26

Jacksonville

Division 28

Galveston

Division 30

Division 31

Division 32

Paris

Reno

Division 33

Borger

Division 34

Mineola

Tyler-Rose City

Van

Hide-Away-Lake

Quitman

Division 35

Division 38

Division 39

Division 40

Centennial Edmond

Edmond

Jones

Presidential Zeller Awarded Darrell McDonald



Darrel McDonald received a Presidential Zeller award at the Texas Oklahoma convention in Rockwall, Texas. Pictured are (l to r) Francine Eikner, Texas Oklahoma District Eliminate Coordinator, Dr. Darrel McDonald President Nacogdoches Kiwanis Club and Lt Gov Elect Division 14, Dr. David Kulhavy, Division 14 Eliminate Coordinator and President Elect Nacogdoches Kiwanis Club, and Randy DeLay, International Kiwanis Coordinator for the Eliminate Project.

Zeller Presentation Equates to 3,470 Lives Saved



One of the pleasures of being Lt. Governor says Lynn DeGeorge is making presentations and this special occasion was to present five Walter Zeller Awards which represents 3,470 lives saved from ,maternal/neonatal tetanus. The College Station Club presented these five Zeller's to special members Shana Elliott, Dwight Groves, Bob Baker, Murray Milford and Eddi Darilek and was a step toward meeting their Model Club commitment. "This was a surprise to all of the recipients", said Lynn "which made this day extremely special".

L-R: Shana Elliott, Dwight Groves, Bob Baker, Murray Milford, and presenter, Division 9 Lt. Gov. Lynn DeGeorge. (Recipient Eddi Darilek is not pictured)

Gone But Not Forgotten



John Wilson Ashby
1920 - 2013
Charter Member
Golden K Austin Kiwanis Club
Past Lt. Governor - Division 24
1994-1995
Click [here](#) for Obituary



Eddie Lee Moore
1927 - 2013
Lifetime Member
Elk City Kiwanis Club
President 1968-1969
Past Lt. Governor - Division 17
1974-1975
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2013 - 2014 Governor's Visits

2013

Metroplex 1, 2, 39 (Dallas/Ft. Worth Area)

Dec	2 - Monday	Governor's Visit - Division 1
Dec	4 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 2
Dec	5 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 39

Red River 8, 20, 32 (Gainesville/Paris/Denton Area)

Dec	10 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 32 @ NOON Mtg
Dec	11 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 20
Dec	12 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 8

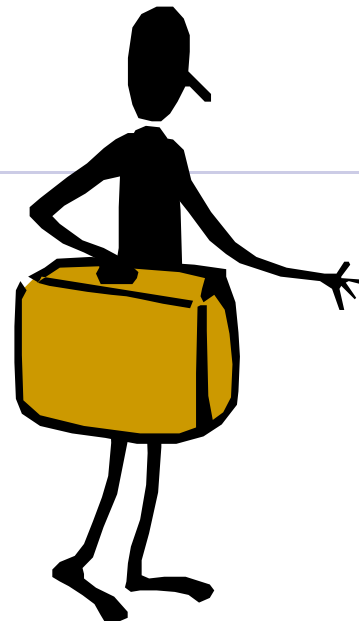
2014

Piney Woods 13, 14, 26, 34 (Kilgore/Tyler, Longview Area)

Jan	9 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 14
Jan	10 - Friday	Governor's Visit - Division 20
Jan	11 - Saturday	Region Meeting for Divisions 26 & 34 (9:00 am to 2:00 pm)

Hill Country 23, 24, 38 (Austin/San Marcus Area)

Jan	14 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 23
Jan	15 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 24
Jan	16 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 38



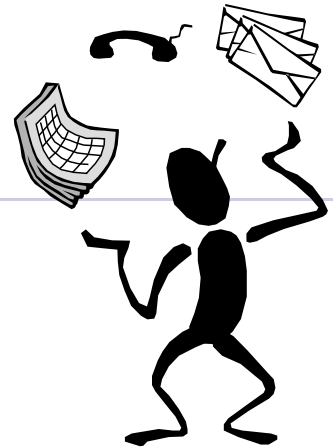
2013 - 2014 Governor's Visits Cont'd

South Texas 4, 5, 6, 11 (Bay City Area)

Jan	20 - Monday	Governor's Visit - Division 5
Jan	21 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 4
Jan	22 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 6
Jan	23 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 11

Bayou 3 9, 10, 28 (Houston, Beaumont Area)

Jan	28 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 9
Jan	29 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 28
Jan	30 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 10
Jan	31 - Friday	Governor's Visit - Division 3





Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

2014

Jan	3 - 5	Key Club Winter Board Mtg @ DFW Airport Marriott
Feb	7 - 8	Mid-Winter @ DFW Airport Marriott
Feb	21 - 23	Key Club Lt. Gov Training @ DFW Airport Marriott
Mar	6 - 9	CKI District Convention @ Hilton Bella Harbor, Rockwall, TX
Apr	24 - 27	Key Club District Convention @ Sheraton - Dallas
May	16 - 18	Lt. Governor Training @ DFW Airport Marriott
Jul	2 - 6	Key Club Int'l Convention - Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, CA
Jul	17 - 20	Kiwanis Int'l Convention - Chiaba, Japan www.kiwanis.org/convention/2014
Jul	25 - 27	Key Club Summer Board Mtg @ DFW Airport Marriott
Aug	7 - 10	Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Convention - Midwest City, OK
Aug	11 - 13	Governor Trip - Branson, MO



2015

Jun	25 - 28	Kiwanis Int'l Convention - Indianapolis, IN - 100th Anniversary
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Mid-Winter!
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