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Texas-Oklahoma To Hold 95th District Convention



Kiwanians across two states will gather Thursday, August 8 through Sunday, August 11, 2013 in Rockwall, Texas to renew energy, gain new skills and vote for officers. It is DCON time!

This is one convention you are not going to want to miss. The location is wonderful. The Bella Harbor Hilton has everything you would expect and more from a host hotel. It sits right on the water and the views are stunning. There is great shopping for those who need at least one shopping fix a day (and who doesn't?). Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the challenge of a Ralph Plummer/Jeff Blume designed 18 hole course with excitement for every skill level. Restaurants to be enjoyed and the people you will meet at the convention are the very best kind of people. They are the kind of people who love to serve their communities.



Glen Farris, Convention Co-Chair, Marellie Robinson, Meetings Coordinator and Convention Co-Chair and the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall, TX have put many hours of work into making this a convention to remember.

Besides great fun, great food and superior fellowship you will have opportunities to boost your Kiwanis skill sets. Forums are being offered on topics such as: Marketing and PR, Membership, CLE, Key Leader and more. A brand new forum is being offered this year. It is called ShareFest-TX, Inc. and is being presented by John Thielman, a Kiwanian and 5 yr veteran of Share-Fest, CA. It sounds very interesting. Read more about it in this issue.

This year the required Club Officer training will be offered at the convention. If you missed the training when it was offered in your area, you can "make up" the session during the convention. See inside this newsletter for times.



Joe Holland will give attendees a Saturday morning workout with a one mile ELIMINATE walk. \$10 will purchase a patch for your club's flag and as quickly as you can walk one mile you will have started your day by saving the lives of 5 mothers and their future babies. Saturday mornings don't start any better than that. There is also a raffle you can enter to win a Walter Zeller award for yourself or to honor someone in your club. Tickets will be available at the ELIMINATE booth.

Speaking of giving to our communities, Governor Ann's Disaster Relief Backpack program will also have a booth set up and raffle tickets may be purchased to win a Zebco Rod and Reel. Five rod & reels are being raffled off to raise money for this astonishingly successful program. Help the District and/or your community be ready for the next disaster with a donation to this worthy cause.

Even if you only come for a day...come. Be a part of making this District better able to help the children of our world.

Club Leadership Training Available At Rockwall

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Kiwanis International**

2012-2013

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The Texas-Oklahoma District Convention in Rockwall in August will offer opportunities for required Club Officer Training. Separate sessions are available to in-coming club presidents and club secretaries. There is also a session scheduled for several Lt. Governors who missed the May Lt. Governor training for the coming Kiwanis year.

There are new formats introduced this year for training our club leaders. There are new goals and visions from the incoming Governor Bill Rauhauser. This will be covered in the training sessions.

Each Division has or is scheduling Club Leadership Education sessions with the goal to have all completed by the District Convention. Division CLE schedules are posted on the T-O website under "Membership Education" and then click "Club Leadership Training". The sessions at Rockwall are designed for those who may have missed their local Division CLE session.

Kiwanis International has changed its training format this year whereby club presidents and secretaries are not trained at a joint session. They are separate. Kiwanis International has also required this training for all club presidents and secretaries. These officers have two options. The president must attend one of the Division CLE sessions or the make-up in Rockwall OR take an on-line training session at the international website of www.KiwanisOne.org. Secretaries have only the District Convention live session or an on-line training at the same website as above.

The live sessions feature use of the Leadership Guide used in the past and a new workbook called a Participant Guide. There is more involved discussion and interaction among participants in the new formats.

Most of the Division CLE sessions charge a modest fee to cover any room rental or lunch fee. There is no such fee at the convention sessions. Material handouts are free.

The Convention President Training is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. (or 10 minutes following the Friday luncheon) on Friday, August 9. It should run about 3 hours.

The Convention Secretary training will use two forum slots on Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. and run until lunch time on Saturday.

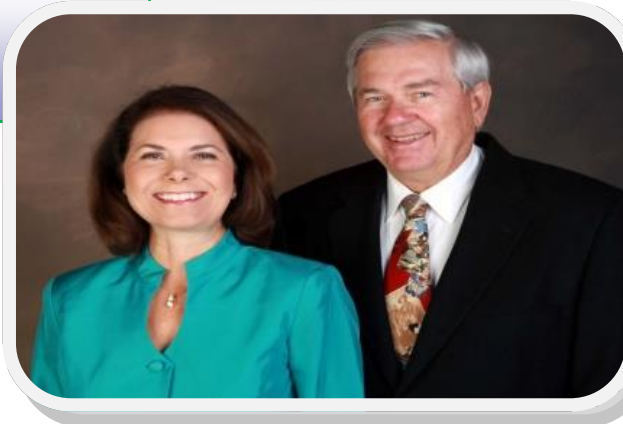
Thursday morning has been slotted for a make-up training session for Lt. Governors.

Look for specific locations for these events in the Convention Guide or check with the registration/information center.

The goals and hopes of the Certified training Team of Texas-Oklahoma is that all club officers have all of the tools they need for success and have confidence in their tasks.

Sam Curry, District Chair
Education/Training/Leadership Development

A Letter From The Governor



Dear Kiwanis Members,

The International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia is now in the history books. Texas Oklahoma had 68 delegates and 4 at-large delegates attending. This year there were 15 amendments presented and voted on by the delegates. For a list of the amendment's that passed or failed, please follow this link to www.kiwanis.org. Also, on this website is a list of the newly elected officers. Susan Petrisin was elected vice-president and in 2015-2016 will become the first woman to hold the office of International President. The three new trustees elected for a three-year term are Sue Barsotti, Patrick Ewing and Kevin Dean.

Those that participated in the one mile Eliminate Walk on Saturday morning were greeted by CKI members and received a wonderful surprise. Our own Randy DeLay, International Chair for the Eliminate Project, arranged to have the Olympic Torches lit. This made for some incredible pictures. If you would like to see some of these pictures you should visit with Randy or Francine Eikner, Eliminate District Chair, at DCON.

After this year's convention, there were 25 Kiwanians who enjoyed the post-convention Alaska Cruise. The fellowship with other districts was very enjoyable. Meeting other Kiwanians who have the same passion to serve their communities and children brought back my focus that Kiwanis is a great organization and we need to focus on our motto "To Serve the Children of the World."

Doc and I look forward to seeing you at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention in Rockwall, Texas. Many hours have been dedicated to preparing for the convention by Glen Farris, Convention Co-Chair and Marellie Robinson, Meetings Coordinator and Convention Co-Chair. When you see either Glen or Marellie, please tell them "thank you." There are many others who have worked to make your experience a lasting memory this includes Governor-Elect Bill Rauhauser and First Lady-Elect Carol. Since we prefer to say 'thank you' in person, I will ask that everyone who helped with the convention stand at the Governor's banquet and be recognized. Please accept our thanks and know you are appreciated.

Regards,

Ann Wilkins & Leonard Wilkins
Governor First Doc



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ShareFest-Texas, Inc.

Creative Collaboration for Lasting Positive Changes

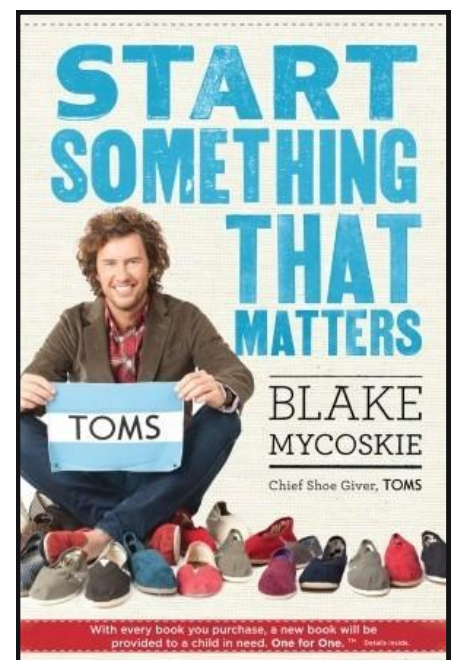


Would you like to have free access to volunteer, material and financial resources to support service project opportunities with a click of a button? If so, you will want to attend the ShareFest-Texas (SFT) forum on Saturday morning at 9:15 am (Aug 10th) at our Rockwall District Convention. This presentation will outline the SFT structure and operational service

capabilities, which will make it easier for the K-Family to locate, define, execute and socialize community service projects.

ShareFest-Texas (SFT) community support will have a broader functional scope than the Southern California version that resulted in a 300% increase in graduation rates, nearly 50 point jumps in API standardized test scores, reclaimed neighborhoods and witnessed significant decreases in youth gang participation. This past May, SFT partnered with Toms Shoes and Six Key Clubs in North Texas (see pictures above of one Key Club) for a high impact book presentation to 300 graduating Key Clubbers that had immediate "life-changing" results. This event also initiated the introduction of TOMS Campus Program to the local school district and to the University of Texas Arlington (36K student) campus.

John Thielman, a Kiwanian and 5 year veteran of the California program, is leading the ShareFest-Texas initiative starting in Arlington. You're invited to come participate in his forum and hear about the tremendous results achieved during his short journey-- and learn about his Kiwanis-ShareFest-Texas vision for 2013 and beyond. You may contact him at johnthielman@aol.com



\$20

Raffle to Eliminate

\$20

Enter the 2013 Texas-Oklahoma District Convention raffle benefiting THE ELIMINATE PROJECT. Ticket sales are open to Kiwanis Clubs, Kiwanians, family and friends.

FIRST PRIZE - a Walter Zeller Fellowship award with medallion, pin and certificate

SECOND PRIZE - A one-night getaway at the Hilton Bella Harbor Hotel in Rockwall, Texas, with complimentary breakfast for two

THIRD PRIZE - A \$100 Walmart gift card

If every club in the District purchased one \$20 ticket, we could raise over \$6,000 and save and protect the lives of more than 3,300 women and their future babies. Imagine, if every member bought one raffle ticket, we could raise over **\$150,000** to help eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus.

Don't Delay - Enter Now! Enter as many times as you like, but please use a separate ticket form for each entry. Deadline for mail-in entries is July 31, 2013. Entries will be available at the convention until 10 a.m. Saturday. Drawings will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at the "Celebration of Service" luncheon hosted by the ELIMINATE Project.

Deadline for mail-in entries - July 31, 2013

\$20.00 per ticket OR 3 tickets for \$50

Win a Zeller!

Club Name: _____ Key Number: _____

OR Individual Name: _____

Address (Where to mail Zeller): _____

Phone: _____

Mail entry form to: Francine Eikner, T-O District Eliminate Coordinator
14873 CR 1148
Tyler, TX 75704



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Texas Oklahoma District Convention

Schedule of Events

August 8 - August 11, 2013

Thursday, August 8, 2013

8 am - 8 pm	Registration/Credentials/Information
8 am	District Office & Kiwanis Store Open
8 am - 5 pm	Fishing and Golf
10 am - noon	Exhibit Booth Set-Up
11:30 am	Past Governor's lunch with spouses
12:30 pm	Past Governor's meeting
1 pm - 3 pm	PLGA Board
2:00 pm	2012-2013 Board Meeting
2:00 pm	2013-2014 Board Meeting
3:00 pm	Combined Board Meeting
3:00 pm	First Doc Reception for spouses
6:00 pm	Board Dinner
7:30 pm	Reception and Concert by the Lake

Friday, August 9, 2013

8 am - 7 pm	Registration/Credentials/Information
8:00 am	PLGA Breakfast
9:00 am	General Session - Welcome from Mayor
9:00 am	Spouses Trip to Shop Rockwall
12 noon	Foundation Lunch
1:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Forums
3:00 pm	FREE TIME
3:00 pm	Sail with Doc on the Harbor Lights
6:30 pm	Family Fun Night (Dinner) (Live Band)

Saturday, August 10, 2013

6 am	Eliminate Walk
7:30 am	Memorial Service
8 am - 2 pm	Registration/Credentials/Information
9:15 am - 12:15 pm	Forums
12:30 pm	Celebration of Service Luncheon Hosted by The Eliminate Project
2:00 pm	General Session
6:30 pm	Governor's Banquet

Sunday, August 11, 2013

8:00 am	New Board Breakfast/Board Meeting
9:00 am	PLGA Board
9:00 am	Foundation Board Meeting

Schedule of Forums

Friday - 1:15 pm

ELIMINATE Project: Francine Eikner

CLE: Sam Curry

New Club Building: Jim Walther & John Martin

Key Leader: John Curlee & Kelly Poland



Friday - 2:15 pm

Key Leader: John Curlee & Kelly Poland

CLE: Sam Curry

Membership: Susan Hennum

So You Want To Be a Lt. Gov and/or Governor: Nancy Miller



Saturday - 9:15 am

K Kids & Builders Club: Dennis Hogan and Margaret Davis

Sharefest: John Thielman

Eliminate Project: Francine Eikner

Risk Management: Richard Melton



Saturday - 10:15 am

Key Club & Circle K: Walt Roetter & Scott Kimball

New Member Orientation: Dr. Jim Galbraith

Marketing & Public Relations: Marshall Kregel, Misty Middleton, Samantha Bruce

Secretary Training: Sam Curry



Saturday - 11:15 am

Action Club: Lynn DeGeorge & Ken Bormar

Best Practices of Youth Protection: Dennis Hogan & Johnny Williams

Kiwanis Small Talk: Stephanie Ursini Bennett

Secretary Training: Sam Curry





Colleen Biggerstaff

Candidate Bio Form for Texas-Oklahoma District Governor-Elect 2013-2014

Current Kiwanis Leadership Experience

Member of the Allen club since 1996

Distinguished President of the Allen club 1999-2000 and 2011-2012

Instrumental in helping to organize collections for the Shoes for Orphan Souls project on a District level 2000 – 2003 and then again for Governors Project 2012-2013

T-O District SLP Risk Management Committee – 2007 to present and Chairperson 2010 to 2012
Charter member of committee that wrote policy and procedures for Criminal Background Checks.
Texas Oklahoma District is the only District in Kiwanis International to have a complete program.

Interclub chair and scholarship chair for Allen Kiwanis Club – 2008 to present

Key Club Advisor – Allen High School Key Club 2005 to present

CKI at UTD – Kiwanis advisor 2010 to present * CKI – Advisor of the Year - 2012

T-O District Foundation Board - 2012 to present * T-O District Chair for YCPO/CMN 2012-2013

Kiwanis Awards and Honors

George F. Hixson Fellow Recipient * Member – Heritage Society – Kiwanis International

Life member – Past Lt. Governors Association and Texas – Oklahoma District

Tom Duncan /CT Bush Award Recipient * Ruby K Award for 10+ new members

Walter Zeller Mother's Day Fellow Recipient * T/O District 21st Century donor

T/O PLGA Youth Leadership Award 2012 * T/O District Women in Kiwanis Award – Allen from Allen Kiwanis Club

“Brick” participant for pathway at T-O District Office * Life Member – Kiwanis International

Athena Excellence Award from CKI at UTD – in appreciation for benevolent dedication towards service, leadership and betterment of all youth.

Current Community Involvement

Assist with fundraisers for Allen Chamber of Commerce, Allen Special Olympics, Allen Community Outreach

Worked with Division 2 to deliver coloring books and crayons to children at CMN hospital in Dallas – delivered over 200,000 books in 2012

Board member – Allen Police Dept. Community Training Board 2008 – present

Santa and Mrs. Claus for the past 16 years for various pancake breakfasts, parades, Special Olympics Christmas parties, assisted living facilities, VFW events, shopping centers, etc.

Past Kiwanis Affiliations and Honors

Distinguished Lt. Governor Division 37 2001-2002

Treasurer – Division 37 1998-1999

Builders Club Advisor – Allen Club 1999-2001

Texas Oklahoma District Assistant Builders Club Administrator 1999-2002

Participated in Kiwanis International Administrator training in Indianapolis 2000/01/02

Assistant Director, Mrs. Metroplex Pageant 1998-2000. This fundraiser was responsible for over \$ 11,000 in donations to Children's Miracle Network and the IDD Project.

T-O District Administrator for K-Kids 2009-2010

Attended 10 District Conventions and 7 International conventions as delegates, and participated as Sergeant At Arms at two of the KI conventions and was a spotter at the delegate session at International convention for KI President Ito

Helped organize and implement training conferences for Builders/K-Kids advisors and club members in Dallas and Oklahoma City.

Past Community Involvement

Mrs. Texas International 2000

Board Member/Treasurer – Allen Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association 2000-2001

Speaker at National Firefighters Association Convention in Dallas in 2000 on behalf of Raytheon to promote the use of Thermal Imaging to detect and fight fires

Member – Leadership Allen Class IX

Current Work Experience

Banking Center Manager – The American National Bank of Texas – Allen and Plano Banking Centers

34 years of banking experience

Responsibilities include managing a Public Fund relationship in excess of \$300 million

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District Convention Service Project

HELP SUPPORT TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT DISASTER PROGRAM

THE DISTRICT DISASTER TEAM WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING
NEW ITEMS TO FILL OUR DISASTER INFANT TOTES:

Diapers or Pull Ups	Baby Spoons	Baby Washcloths
Pacifiers	Baby Rattles	Baby Lotion
Baby OraJel®	Diaper Rash Ointment	Plastic Baby Bottles
Baby Wipes	Teething Rings	Plastic Books (okay for bath time)

DON'T WANT TO WORRY ABOUT BRINGING ITEMS...

NO PROBLEM!!

MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO: TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
MEMO LINE: DISTRICT DISASTER PROJECT

REMEMBER YOUR CLUB CAN RECEIVE A GOVERNOR'S PROJECT PATCH
IF THEY DONATE \$100.00 ONE PATCH PER CLUB.

AND

WIN 1 OF 5 ZEBCO ROD & REELS!!!!

THE DISTRICT DISASTER TEAM WILL ALSO HOLD A DRAWING FOR 5 ZEBCO ROD & REELS.

*A DONATION OF \$1.00 WILL GET YOU ENTERED INTO THE DRAWING ONCE AND \$5.00
WILL GET YOU ENTERED 6 TIMES.*

*THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE GENERAL SESSION ON
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH.*

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT THE DISTRICT DISASTER PROJECT.

*MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO: TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
MEMO LINE: DISTRICT DISASTER PROJECT*

LOOK FOR OUR BOOTH NEXT TO THE DISTRICT STORE!!



Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps.

15 Noel Road

Broad Channel, NY 11693

Emergency: 718-474-8888 Business: 718-474-6888

January 18, 2013

TX-OK District of Kiwanis Int'l
3010 W Park Row Dr., Ste 100
Pantego, TX 76013

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thinking back and reflecting on the events of Super Storm Sandy I remember how, in the days following, our department members regrouped and overcame tremendous difficulties. I sometimes find myself almost unbelieving that such an event could have even been possible. At times it feels like the entire experience was all a dream or a scene out of a movie. Then the constant memory of the many hours of continuous hard work done while standing in the cold, wet firehouse brings this event back to reality. We spent over a month constructing offhand repairs to our damaged building, crucial equipment and remaining apparatus, all while still responding to calls.

Having been a member of my department since 1984 I have had the privilege of knowing many fine people. These people are not only members in my department but from departments in all corner of the country. I can sincerely state that I have never been more proud to be a member of the Broad Channel Volunteer Fire Department. In fact I have never been more proud to be associated with so many great humanitarians who also serve their communities as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel. I am proud to be a part of this family, this brotherhood that continuously lends its help, support and love to people who are otherwise strangers.

The outpouring of help we received in the aftermath of this storm was astounding. Help came from every direction and in many different forms. Within days ambulances arrived for our use, one of which was fully stocked. Just as our only surviving Engine as about to succumb to the damages she suffered, departments began showing up with Engines, generously offering to help us man our fire house so that our own members could rest. We were also receiving overwhelming amounts of fire-fighting gear, EMS gear, food, cleaning supplies, clothing, and monetary donations for our department and our community. These donations came from near and far and only reinforced my belief that we, indeed, belong to a select group who really believe that helping your fellow man is among the highest of callings. I cannot even begin to express the gratitude that I, and everyone in our department feel toward our brothers and sisters in the emergency services.

I also wish to hank all the non members of service who came to our aid. These people unselfishly and unwaveringly raised funds, donated material, and volunteered at our quarters with the daunting task of running our recovery center. There are too many to list individually but I would like to give a special thank you to the crew from Chicago. They showed up unexpectedly with tow trucks and mechanics to assist both department and residents with the daunting task of vehicle removal and repair. These guys and gals stayed for a month and helped not only our department, but also the departments in Rockaway and Brooklyn that were also struggling to get by after the devastation.

Through all of the heart-wrenching moments of the last few months I have seen the best of humanity coming to the aid of those they never knew. I will never find the words to truly express what all of your help has meant to me, to my department and my community, so I settle for simply saying: Thank You.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Broad Channel Fire Department, Thank You.

Dan McIntyre, Chief, BCVFD

One Good Turn Results In Another

As the District office was receiving a thank you letter (see earlier story) from a fire department in New York, they also received the following email:

Wednesday May 29, 2013

Subject: Storm recovery for Moore

Hi,

My name is Lynne and I am the president of the Kiwanis Club of East Greenbush, NY. I was shocked and shaken after hearing about the storm that hit Moore, OK. My son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren live nearby in Lexington. There were several nerve wracking hours of not knowing what was going on with them, as incoming cell phone service was not available. Finally, my son James called to tell us that they were all okay. When Super Storm Sandy hit New York and New Jersey, many clubs from all over donated items to help victims.

What kind of needs are there to address? My husband and I are planning to come to OK to visit my son & his family at the end of June. If there are particular items that you need that I can transport, please let me know.

Lynne Catelotti, President

Kiwanis Club of East Greenbush, NY

And a reply from Laura Lammons at the District Office

Lynne, thanks so much for contacting us with your generous offer! Last night I heard on the news that what they could use now is monetary donations, bug spray, t-shirts in all different sizes, toiletries, first aid kits, etc.

Our Denton Kiwanis Club is now the hub for collecting both supplies and money (through their website). Or, you can donate directly to our TX-OK Kiwanis District with a check or credit card. Just note that it is for the OK Tornado Victims.

We are partnering with the Salvation Army and have volunteers around OK that are assisting to get supplies to those most in need.

Laura Lammons, Administrative Supervisor

And a follow up email

Hi Laura,

Vinny and I visited the Norman club last Tuesday and presented \$800 in gift cards to Home Depot and Lowes. I still have tee shirts and toiletries that I was not able to fit into my luggage. Do you still have a need for these?

We visited Moore and we were shocked and saddened at the devastation. We realize that our gift is a drop in the bucket, but it comes with the best of intentions and care for the families and businesses that were affected.

Yours in service,

Lynne

**THANK YOU LYNNE, VINNY AND
THE KIWANIS CLUB OF EAST GREENWICH, NY**



Tom Vanlandingham, past president of the T-O Kiwanis Foundation and a past president of the OKC Downtown Club, & Jerry Ward, past T-O Governor and member of both the Edmond Kiwanis Club & the Edmond Centennial Club, hold a banner from KI President Tom de Julio and First Lady Rosemary de Julio



Kraettli Epperson, president of the Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City, poses with Kiwanis International President Tom de Julio & First Lady Rosemary at the Tulsa Reception on June 8th.

OKC Celebrates 90th

Children's Picnic & Outing



To celebrate the Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City's 90th Children's Picnic & Outing, representatives of two organizations partnering since 1923 cut the anniversary cake at Boys Ranch Town in Edmond, Oklahoma. Youth from the Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children's OKC campus and boys from the OBHC Boys Ranch along with staff & house parents spent the day at White Water Park and then came to the picnic at the Boys Ranch where Kiwanians grilled burgers & wieners, provided all the trimmings and paid for a snow cone vendor.

David Peck, Assist. Admin of Okla Baptist Home for Children; Randall Stoner, OKC Kiwanis Club Picnic Chair; Kraettli Epperson, Pres of OKC club; 92 year old OKC member Bob Sonnenfeld in ballcap with residents of Boys Ranch Town





IN MCKINNEY - IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS

Kiwanis Terrific Kid's Program Rewards Reading Achievement - During the past several years, the Kiwanis Club of McKinney has worked with three McKinney Independent School District elementary schools through the Kiwanis' "Terrific Kid's Program". The students of Caldwell, Finch and Webb Elementary have embraced the programs and are enthusiastic about reading. The student's reading skills at each school have improved as a result of the focus on reading. Each school program is different and was developed through the direction of the principal and faculty of each school.

Caldwell's Terrific Kid's Program rewards individual students as well as class achievements. Students worked with their teacher to develop their individual reading goals. At the end of each nine-week period, the class at each grade level with the best reading achievement was given an in-class celebration hosted by the Kiwanis Club. At the end of the year, students who had achieved their entire individual reading goals for the year received a Composition Book from Kiwanis and earned an invitation to a "Magic Show" presented by Main Street Magic.



Kelly Flowers, Asst. Principal of Caldwell, has fun with Doc Grimes from Main Street Magic at the end of year Magic Show



Deborah Crombie, novelist, talks with students at Caldwell during a nine-week celebration about writing books & the importance of reading

Finch's Terrific Kid's program was formed about six years ago. In the beginning, the program was designed to address the tardiness and attendance problems that the school was experiencing. The program was changed during the 2012 school year to help promote and improve individual reading skills. Becki Hoffman, Finch Principal, and her faculty created a program called "Reading Palooza". The program rewards students for reading out of class and off-campus. Students who achieved their individual reading goals were invited to participate in Palooza Parties. Parties were held every nine-weeks with a different theme. The theme for each party was designed for the students to have fun; they had a Pickle Palooza, a Popcorn Palooza, A Popsicle Palooza and a Park Palooza. At each Palooza the McKinney Kiwanis Club provided incentive items for the students to encourage reading achievement. The students received color changing pencils, book markers, water bottles, bracelets and other promotional items.



Rob Nelson & Bob Cole, Kiwanians, hand out popcorn at the popcorn palooza. Pam Voss, Asst. Principal hands out popcorn in the background.



Becki Hoffman, Finch Principal, Bob Cole, Kiwanian & Pam Voss, Asst. Principal prepare to hand out a Dr. Seuss bag filled w/ a pencil and bookmarks at the park palooza.

Kiwanis tapped into **Webb** Elementary's 2012 school theme "Mission Possible" this year. The year opened with a hilarious skit featuring Mr. Luthi, Webb's Principal. The Kiwanis Club then began a year long reading bingo contest where every student in each class could win prizes and awards by completing grade specific reading assignments. "Mission Possible" T Shirts were awarded in the second semester to recognize those students who achieved their writing and technology goals. The Kiwanis Club supported Webb's reading initiative by reading to different classes each week throughout the year. The Kiwanis Club also supported and attended the school fall carnival and hosted Webb's year end Splash Parties.



Lyle Luthi, Webb Principal, Sarah Teasdale, Webb Asst. Principal, Jim Smith & Rob Nelson, Kiwanians, & Gretchen Madison, Webb Counselor, take time out at the beginning of year kick-off for a photo with Webb's Mascot, Webster.



Jim Smith, Kiwanian, reads to a class at Webb Elementary.

The McKinney Kiwanis Foundation provided all financial funding required for these programs. Local merchants who helped by providing incentives, snacks and rewards during the year were: Diary Queen, CiCi's Pizza, McDonald's, Hutchens BBQ, Brookshire's Grocery, Main Street Magic and Barnes & Nobel. For more information go online to: www.mckinneykiwanis.org



East Texas Kiwanians ~~XXX~~ Rap Wrap Dogs

The Wood County, TX Sheriff's Department & Texas Parks & Wildlife held their annual "Kid Fish" at the Sabine River Authority on Saturday, June 8, 2013. And, as usual, the Holly Lake Kiwanis, Mineola Kiwanis & this year, the Quitman Kiwanis wrapped over 1500 hot dogs.



Holly Lake members rapping (sorry - WRAPPING) were Drew Beams, Treasurer; Jane Beams, Susan Jeanes, we were joined by Bryan Jeanes, Cyndy Hernandez (the wily veterans) and Danny Dorsey, President, Evie Murfin and new member, Judy Guillot (the rookies).



Actual dog wrapping....editor

No real dogs were hurt during this event



Riding Across American to Promote the ELIMINATE Project

Bob Burlison, Esq., who lives with his wife Lynda in La Canada-Flintridge, California, is a member of the Kiwanis Club of La Canada-AM. La Canada is a small city wedged between Pasadena, Glendale and Los Angeles, California. The Kiwanis Club of La Canada-Am has organized a club project with exceptional merit that fits well into the meaning and purpose of Kiwanis--and specifically within the focus of The ELIMINATE Project.

Robert Carlin Burlison, Jr., graduated from law school at Pepperdine University School of Law and has an undergraduate degree from College of the Holy Cross.

To execute the project, Bob as the club's representative will ride his motorcycle to a Kiwanis Club meeting in each of the lower 48 United States. In addition, he will meet with clubs in Alaska and Hawaii to round out the US tour. The ride is anticipated to exceed 12,000 miles and publicize the Kiwanis International/UNICEF project. The ride is called KURE2013 (Kiwanis Unity Ride to Eliminate). The ride left from the La Canada club on Memorial Day, 2013, and will finish at the same location on or about Labor Day, 2013.

The club hopes the ride will also qualify as a Guinness Book record for the longest "all in one country" ride. Besides being an exemplary Kiwanis volunteer, Bob is also partner/owner at The Burlison Group, Inc., firm in southern California.

More information on the ride is available at facebook.com/KURE2013 or at www.KURE2013.com



At a Downtown Kiwanis luncheon, Edmond, OK residents Jerry Ward, Dan O'Neill and Kyle McLain stand left of California lawyer and Kiwanian Bob Burlison, wearing jeans. To Bob's right are Kraettli Epperson, Justice Noma D. Gurich, John Martin and Terry Vanlandingham.



WALK TO ELIMINATE MNT AT VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Nearly 400 Kiwanians from around the world put on their walking shoes and walked along Vancouver Bay to raise funds and draw attention to the Eliminate Project, The Kiwanis Worldwide Service Project.



Olympic Cauldron - Circle K members lead the way and cheer as the Olympic Cauldron is lit in honor of the Eliminate MNT Walk in Vancouver B.C.

In partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanians around the world have committed to raising \$110 million to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. \$1.80 provides 3 doses of tetanus vaccine for one woman and protects her and her future babies.

Plan an ELIMINATE Walk for your club. Join with your CKI, Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids for a fun event.



Kiwanis International Convention News

Elections and actions on amendments in Vancouver

Following are the results of House of Delegates action at the 2013 Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver.

Elections:

These Individuals were elected to serve Kiwanis International

President: Gunter Gasser, Austria District

President-elect: John R. Button, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District

Vice president: Susan A. Petrisin, Michigan District

Trustees

United States and Pacific Canada Region:

These individuals were elected to a three-year term:

[Patricia "Patti" Barsotti, California-Nevada-Hawaii District](#)

[Kevin Dean, West Virginia District](#)

[Patrick R. Ewing, Pacific Northwest District](#)

Asia-Pacific Region:

Florencio C. "Poly" Lat, Philippine Luzon District, was elected to a three-year term this past March at the 2013 Asia-Pacific Convention in Hiroshima, Japan.

Europe Region:

Marcel Kreienbühl, Switzerland-Liechtenstein District, was elected to a three-year term at the 2013 Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention in Berlin, Germany, May 30-June 2.

Amendments

Below are the results of the proposed amendments.

- #1: Provide for earlier publication of proposed amendments and resolutions, allowing clubs to take advantage of early convention registration rates.
- #2: Provide that district house action shall be the normal method of endorsing candidates for Kiwanis International Board offices, while allowing district board endorsements under extenuating circumstances.
- #3: Provide that a district governor must finish his/her term before officially announcing his/her candidacy for Kiwanis International trustee.
- #4: Discontinue the dues rebate for clubs that have grown at least 25 percent.
- #8: Clarify provisions regarding conduct unbecoming a Kiwanis International officer
- #9: Clarify that clubs are the constituent members of federations.
- #10: Allow flexibility in the composition of a federation's governing board.
- #13: Provide that criminal background checks conducted by a district will be accepted by Kiwanis International.

Defeated

- #6: Allow clubs a varying number of delegates at district conventions, based on the number of club members.
- #12: Limit campaign spending and campaign practices for Kiwanis International Board offices.
- #14: Reduce reimbursements for Kiwanis International past presidents.

#15: Change the motto of Kiwanis International.

Withdrawn

- #5: Discontinue the dues waiver for new members of clubs who were former members of Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs.

#11: Waive Kiwanis International dues for certain members experiencing hardship circumstances.

Referred to committee

- #7: Help protect clubs and the youth served by clubs from members whose behavior involves moral turpitude or whose behavior with minors has previously been found to be illegal.

[Read the amendments and resolution in full \(English\).](#)

Resolutions

A proposed administrative resolution to continue new forms of Kiwanis membership was approved. A memorial resolution was approved to pay tribute to past Kiwanis International President Ted R. Osborn, who passed away this year.

Luman Holman Honored for 70 years Service With Kiwanis



Francine Eikner, TO District Eliminate Chair presents a Walter Zeller Fellowship Award to Louman Holman

There have been many motto's of Kiwanis. From "Keep America American" to 'We Build' to "Serving the Children of the World". Louman Holman knows. He has been a Kiwanian through them all. In 1943 he was invited to attend a Kiwanis meeting in his home town of Jacksonville, TX and "The objects of Kiwanis were of such quality...(that) it was something that suited me," Holman said.

Five years later Louman was a Lt. Governor. In 1951 he became Texas-Oklahoma District Governor and in 1953 he was a member of the International Board of Trustees.

Seventy years later Louman Holman is still an active member of Division 26's Jacksonville, TX Kiwanis Club.

At a recent ceremony Holman was recognized for his seventy years of service with the Kiwanis and he received the Walter Zeller Fellowship award "for his continued support of the club" as well as a Legion of Honor award, said Nancy Washburn, board member of the

Kiwanis Club of Jacksonville. Jacksonville Mayor Kenneth Melvin also presented a proclamation, as well as certificates presented by representatives from Sen. Robert Nichols' office and Rep. Travis Clardy's office

Holman says that Kiwanis is a good training ground. "You take people who were as clumsy as I was and develop them to their capabilities".

Besides Kiwanis, Holman also worked with Boy Scouts and was a member of the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

He and his late wife, Rosemary, met at Lon Morris College. They had seven children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Greenville Golden K's Painting is Museum Quality



Greenville Golden K members (l-r) Bill Whitehead, Leonard Tipton, Tom McAllister, Glover George, Rich Ryan, Cliff Riggins and James Kusewitt, complete a two day project of refurbishing The Audie Murphy Museum's fence. The project included replacement of post, runners and a paint job.

Kiwanis Club Receives Donations Before Receiving Charter

The Woodlands - Market Street Kiwanis Club is due to receive it's charter on July 23rd. However they were out receiving donations for their local food bank before the charter could be properly signed and framed.

Zach Yeaglin, President of the newly formed club had spoken with their food bank and put out a call for donations of peanut butter. "Peanut butter is expensive compared with other non-perishable food items and it is difficult for the food bank to have enough to meet the needs of the community. It is such a multi-functional food. You can eat it for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is an essential staple for a diet if you are hungry and down on your luck."

Sailors from the Naval Recruiting Station at the Woodlands heard Zach's request and gathered jars of peanut butter to donate. The donation was a way to show future sailors the importance of community service. Timothy Finnan a recruiter at the Station told sailors that "Community Service is a vital part of your time in the Navy. Wherever you go, you will be volunteering in the communities you live in. It is very important for us all to get involved, volunteer and represent the Navy's Core Values of honor, courage and commitment in all our lives, outside the navy as well.

Aktion Club Forms at the Richmond State Supported Living Center



Pictured is the pre-charter meeting at the Richmond State Supported Living Center in Richmond, TX for our newest Aktion Club. There were 85 people in attendance between facility, staff, Kiwanians and Texas Department of Ageing and Disability Service (DADS) personnel. Included in this meeting that encompassed an interactive Aktion Club presentation along with a question and answer session were the center's director, assistant director, administration staff, housing staff and many multi-function staff members. Headed by Ken Bomar, Marketing Director and Susan Lish, Program Director from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, Lynn DeGeorge, Texas-Oklahoma Aktion Club District Administrator and David Brewer, Division 3 Lt. Governor, this had to be the largest gathering ever for the formation of an Aktion Club. The District left with commitments for 15 charter members and 10 or more that will sign and become a part of the chartering group.

This club is unique in that there is no local Kiwanis Club in Richmond, TX, or nearby. Three clubs from Division 3 have agreed to co-sponsor, provide support and the Kiwanis liaison.

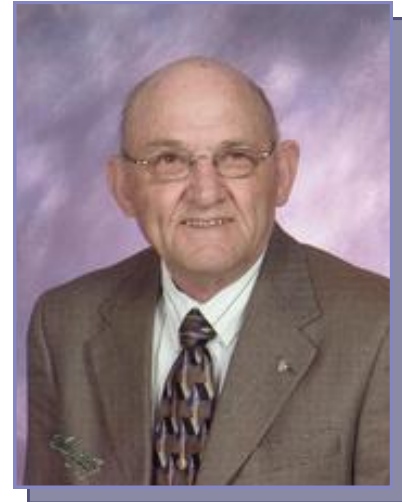
Kiwanis in conjunction with this State of Texas Agency (DADS) will now have eleven active Aktion Clubs in state centers, this partnership has provided the avenue for independence and growth of the centers' residents and given them the opportunity to give back and become a part of the community where they live.

In Texas it's "Bigger and Better!"

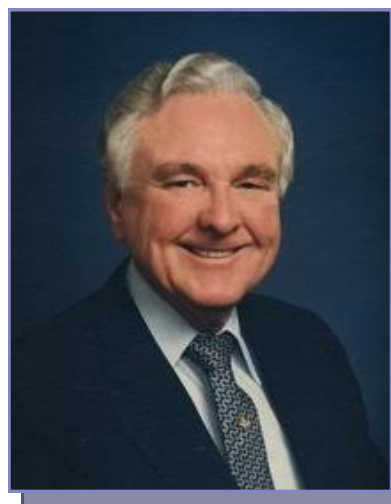
Gone But Not Forgotten



James A. Countryman, D.V.M.
1934 - 2013
Member
Guymon Kiwanis Club, OK



Lowell Clovis Epps
1928 - 2013
Past President
Sweetwater Kiwanis Club, TX



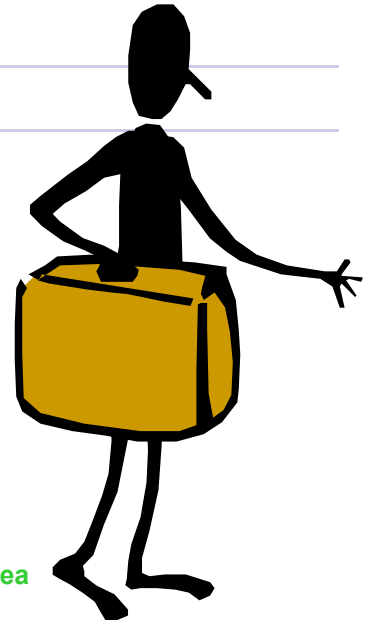
J. A. Haralson
1925 - 2013
Life Time Member
Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis Club, TX

2013 - 2014

Governor's Visits

2013

Northern Outpost Region 16, 25, 31 (Tulsa Area)		
Oct	26 - Saturday	Region Meeting for Divisions 16, 25, and 31
The Heart Land Region 40, 30, 19, 21 (OKC Area)		
Nov	4 - Monday	Governor's Visit - Division 40
Nov	5 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 19
Nov	6 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 21
Nov	7 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 30
Panhandle Plains 7, 17, 18, 33 (Amarillo/Lubbock/SW OK Area)		
Nov	11 - Monday	Governor's Visit - Division 18
Nov	12 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 17
Nov	13 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 7
Nov	14 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 33
Big Country 12, 22, 35 (Abilene/San Angelo/Brownwood Area)		
Nov	19 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 35
Nov	21 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 12
Nov	23 - Saturday	Region Meeting for Division 22 from 10:00 - 3:00 with invitation to other divisions. No banquet
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



2013 - 2014 Governor's Visits Cont'd

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)

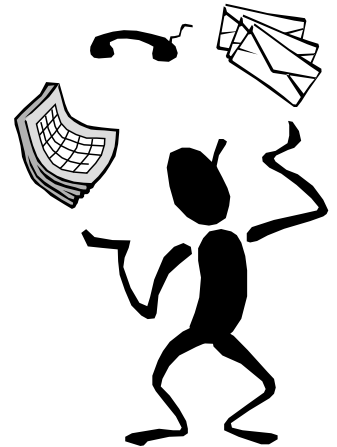
Jan	14 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 23
Jan	15 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 24
Jan	16 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 38

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!

2013

Aug	8 - 12	Kiwanis Texas - Oklahoma District Convention - Rockwall, TX - REGISTER NOW !! http://kiwanisconvention.com
Oct	25 - 27	K- Family @ DFW Airport Marriott



2014

Jan	4 OR 11	Key Club Winter Board Mtg @ DFW Airport Marriott
Feb	14 - 16	Mid-Winter @ DFW Airport Marriott
Feb	28 - Mar 2	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 - 17	Lt. Governor Training @ DFW Airport Marriott
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
Oct	31 - Nov 1	K-Family @ DFW Airport Marriott



2015

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