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Tornados Ravage Texas-Oklahoma District Brings Out The Best in Kiwanians



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It has been a rough couple of months for the people of Texas and Oklahoma.

April 17: An explosion of a fertilizer plant in West, TX took 15 lives, destroyed 37 city blocks containing homes, schools and a nursing home. A small community of people are left reeling with shock and grief.

May 22: TX-OK District of Kiwanis International Governor Ann Wilkins issues a plea for donations to be sent to the Kiwanis Club of West, Tx for disaster relief.

May 16: An EF-4 tornado ripped through Granbury and Cleburne, TX. Six people were killed in the Rancho Brazos neighborhood on the outskirts of Granbury. The homes there were mostly built within the past five years by Habitat for Humanity.

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May 16: Just north of the community of Bethel Acres, OK (west of Shawnee), a mobile home park sustained a direct hit from a EF-4 tornado, destroying 30-35 homes in the area. There, two people were killed and six others were injured, two critically. Debris from the tornado was reported to have fallen in Bristow, Depew and Tulsa.

May 17: Immediately after tornados and heavy storms hit areas SW of Dallsa, Kiwanis members jump into action delivering T/O District Disaster Backpacks full of relief materials to Clubs in Granbury and Cleburne to distribute to people in need. The backpacks are specially packed for adults, teens, youths, and toddlers. Over 250 packs were delivered by teams in Denton and Robson Ranch to the affected areas. Now Kiwanis teams in Granbury and Cleburne will reach out to people left homeless or who are in shelters until they can return home.



May 20: At 2:56 p.m. CDT an EF-5 tornado takes aim at Moore, Oklahoma. Between 12,000 and 13,000 homes were destroyed or damaged, and 33,000 people were affected. Most areas in the path of the storm suffered catastrophic damage. Entire subdivisions were obliterated, and houses were flattened in a large swath of the city. The majority of a neighborhood just west of the Moore Medical Center was destroyed. Witnesses said the tornado more closely resembled "a giant black wall of destruction" than a typical twister. Among the hardest hit areas were two public schools: Briarwood Elementary School and Plaza Towers Elementary School. At the latter school, 75 children and staff were present when the tornado struck. Nine fatalities were confirmed at the school. Moore Medical Center was heavily damaged, but no injuries were caused. Staff had to relocate 30 patients to a hospital in Norman and another hospital. Part of Interstate 35 was shut down due to debris that had been thrown onto the freeway. Interstate 40 was also shut down due to overturned vehicles and trailers. On May 21, Moore still did not have running water. There were more than 61,500 power outages related to the tornado. More than 100 people were rescued from the rubble on May 20. The Oklahoma Department of Insurance said the insurance claims for damage would likely be more than \$1 billion.

May 20: In the Blanket area of Brown County, TX an EF-1 tornado drops out of the sky. Two heavy air-conditioning units at Blanket High School were blown off of the roof. It caused roof damage to the gymnasium at the school as well as the nearby bus barn. Trees, power lines, steel fencing and tombstones at a cemetery were all knocked down. Some of the trees were oak trees that were more than 100 years old.

May 21: Kiwanis Clubs and community members across Texas and Oklahoma immediately stepped up to help folks in Moore by packing emergency disaster relief backpacks . 700 backpacks will be delivered to Moore and smaller towns in Oklahoma. The first 200 packs arrived May 24th. More are being packed and will be delivered within days.



May 30: Broken Arrow and Oneta, OK - EF2 tornado destroyed barns, damaged homes, and downed trees before moving into Wagoner County. There it severely damaged metal buildings and a gas station. Dozens of homes were severely damaged, several of which lost their roofs.

May 31: El Reno, OK - Very large multiple-vortex wedge EF-3 tornado took 13 lives. Destroyed many structures , flipped vehicles (many of which were on Interstate 40.

Numerous people were injured in vehicles along the interstate, which was where the deaths occurred. Multiple storm chasers were caught in the path of the tornado on US 81. Many cars, including that of Mike Bettes of The Weather Channel, were lofted. 3 storm chasers were killed. A total of 5 tornados hit this area on the 31st.

May 31: Kiwanians pack 500 more backpacks for Oklahoma, to be delivered Saturday morning, June 1st. This is how it is done on a big scale - 6 truckloads of materials are delivered to a building on the campus of TWU in Denton. The supplies are separated, packing lists are handed out and volunteers walk through the tables and pack bags according to their list. Bags are packed for toddlers, young children, older children and adults, according to gender. Once they are delivered, they will be matched with people who are either in a shelter, or have their names registered with FEMA, Salvation Army, or with the local city disaster relief office. Only people directly affected and have lost their homes to the recent tornados will receive the backpacks.

When Governor Ann Wilkins announced that her project would be "Disaster Backpacks" she had no idea how badly they would be needed. Early in Ann's term the backpacks were needed in Louisiana, New York and New Jersey.



But now they are needed for our own.

It's **our** kids who have huddled in classrooms and hallways singing songs, and praying while a tornado came straight at them. It's **our** kids who were pulled out of rubble to be told that classmates are gone forever. **Our** children have gone "home" to a pile of rubble and found only a rain soaked doll or teddy bear. They have no home, they have no school. **Our children** need **our** help. This is what Kiwanians do best....we help the children. Please continue to contribute to the disaster relief funds.

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Tahlequah Tornado Response



Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Division 31 Lt. Governor, Denise Deason-Toyne, displays Kiwanis Backpacks. Backpacks containing supplies for specific regions are Governor Ann Wilkins project for the TX-OK District. The Tahlequah Kiwanis Club is gathering additional items for the backpacks to be sent to the tornado ravaged Central Oklahoma.

T/O DISTRICT DISASTER RELIEF TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!!

The Texas Oklahoma District has a disaster relief program that provides material relief to people who have lost their homes due to natural disasters. There are many thousands of children affected each year in Texas and Oklahoma due to tornados, floods, wild fires, and other causes. We are in desperate need of funds to purchase more backpacks and items. Our supplies have been depleted with the delivery of more than 700 backpacks and supplies to the tornado ravaged areas of Oklahoma and Texas.

The backpacks are packed according to gender and age groups and will be delivered to the local Kiwanis Clubs in the area to distribute. If you would like to donate to this program, we are collecting checks or credit card donations. To donate with a credit card, we have set up a PayPal donation button on the Denton Kiwanis Club website www.dentonkiwanisclub.org. You do NOT have to have a PayPal account to use your credit card. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and fill in the form online.

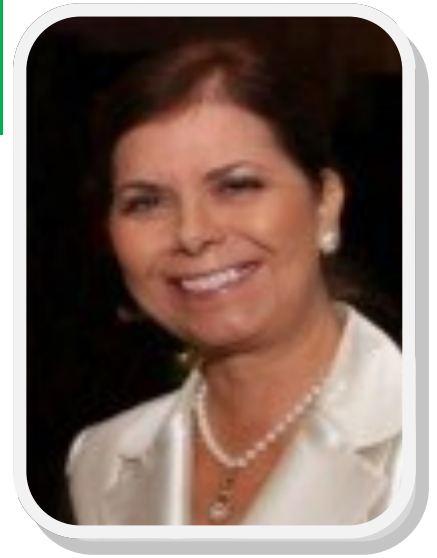
If you or your club wishes to donate with a check, please send checks to:
"Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis"
TX-OK Kiwanis District Office
3010 W. Park Row Drive
Suite #100
Pantego, TX 76013

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Carlene Campbell
Oklahoma District Disaster Chair

Jane Crump
Texas District Disaster Chair

A Letter From The Governor



The tornado season is here and there has been a great need for backpacks for those families displaced. Not only did we send backpacks to West, Texas after the explosion at the fertilizer plant, but our canteen has been requested to provide meals. These two disasters are reason along with hurricanes like "Sandy" on the East Coast that we as Kiwanians get to provide service to those in need. I cannot say "thank you" enough for your continual support for the backpacks project.

On to a happier note, I traveled to several Key Club events. I actually traveled to Durant for the end-of-year banquet and was pleased to see the Key Club voted for a female to be president. This is unique to me, because when I was a student girls were not allowed in Key Club. This club raised \$1,000 by selling bracelets made of soft drink tabs to help raise money to build a shelter for young women kidnaped as sex slaves and they plan to continue this fund raiser for their service work in the state. Talk about an education for me, as I did not realize that the interstates running through Oklahoma provide so much opportunity for sex trafficking.

The next day I traveled to Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City for their charter banquet with thirty-one new Key Club members, along with the school principal and many alumni. It was my honor to place my governor's pin on each of the elected officers. This club was formed by the efforts of Lt. Governor Buck Edelman, Division 20, and wife Carolyn. In fact, they are working tirelessly to finalize a Kiwanis club at Capitol Hill.

I am simply in awe of the Texas Oklahoma Key club and thoroughly enjoyed their District Convention in Dallas. These students have so much energy and passion for service. If you have an opportunity go to their convention next year and work on a project with them. You will be inspired. Keep in mind you can also be involved with our other Service Leadership Programs. BUGs/Terrific Kids, Kiwanis Kids, Key Leaders, Builders Clubs, Aktion Clubs and Circle K International Clubs.

Ann Wilkins,
Governor
Texas Oklahoma District

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Edinburg Community Service Groups Join Forces To Honor Military Veterans



Edinburg, Tx - On Saturday, May, 25, 2013 as people were rushing to finish last minute plans for the holiday, members of the Kiwanis Club of Edinburg along with the Lions Club of Edinburg and the local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) were making their way to the Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Edinburg, Texas to pay tribute to our military veterans who have given everything for our country, by placing US Flags on their headstones.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Edinburg were looking for a community service project for the spring and immediately knew that honoring and remembering our local heroes was a good way to give back to our city. "We ordered 300 flags, and we still ran out" said club secretary Jaime Miranda. This was the first year the club took on this project and plans are on the way to make sure the club will be committing to do it again next year. The club plans to order 600 flags and once again work with the local Lions Club and the local VFW post. "It was awesome, humbling and incredible to be part of this project" said new Kiwanis club member Liz Rubio, who brought her daughter Sofia who is 4 years old to the event. Overall the club had about 15 people participate in placing 475 flags on the tombstones (300 purchased by Kiwanis & 175 purchased by the VFW chapter)



\$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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District Convention 2013

The 95th Texas Oklahoma District will be held August 8 - 11, 2013 in Rockwall Texas. On behalf of Governor Ann Wilkins, the Rockwall County Kiwanis Club invites you to come and see friends, learn, network and relax at the Hilton Bella Harbor. Rockwall is a beautiful city with lot to see and do.

Governor Ann and Governor Elect Bill Rauhauser have planned an exciting Agenda including great speakers for the Saturday Prayer breakfast and Saturday lunch. Informative Break Out sessions will help you and your club be better Kiwanians.

Governor Ann has scheduled over 3 hours of free time on Friday so you can enjoy a ride on Harbor Lights or shop at the Harbor. You even have time to catch a movie. Come and enjoy the Convention.

Registration starts on May 24th. The Hilton Bella Harbor (Host Hotel) is taking reservations now so grab hour room before they are all gone. We look forward to having you as our guest in Rockwall, Texas.

You can find all the latest news, registration, agendas, etc .at our website:

<http://www.kiwanisconvention.com>



Hotel Information

Host Hotel: The Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lake Front Hotel, 2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas, 75032

A group of room have been reserved for August 7 - August 11. The special room rate (\$129/per night) will be available until July 17th or until the block of rooms has been sold out. Whichever come first.

You may make reservation by phone at: 214-771-3700 or go to the above listed website to book online.

Other Area Hotels include:

Hampton Inn Dallas-Rockwall

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

Best Western Plus Rockwall Inn

Registration:

You may register online at the above website address or mail in the following form

2013 T-O District Convention Registration Form

(Use this form ONLY if you are NOT a member of a 100% Club)

Number of People Attending

Kiwanian _____ x \$65 Kiwanian Spouse _____ x \$15

Non-Kiwanian Spouse _____ x \$ 5 Children _____ x \$ 0

Subtotal \$ _____

I am (check all that apply)

My Kiwanian Spouse is (check all that apply)

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Current Office: _____ Current Office: _____

I am (check all that apply)

My Kiwanian Spouse is (check all that apply)

☐ Past Governor

☐ Past Governor

☐ Past Lt.Governor

☐ Past Lt. Governor

☐ Int'l Life Member

☐ Int'l Life Member

☐ T/O Life Member

☐ T/O Life Member

☐ Is this your first T/O Convention

☐ Is this your first T/O Convention

Meal / Activities

Friday

PLGA Breakfast - Open to all _____ x \$ 18.00

Foundation Lunch - Open to all _____ x \$ 25.00

Sail with Doc - Open to all _____ x \$ 30.00

Ticket to Sail on the Harbor Lights 57' air conditioned power boat

Family Fun Night Dinner (with live band)

#ADULTS _____ x \$ 35.00

#YOUTH _____ x \$ 10.00

Saturday

ELIMINATE Walk - open to all _____ x 10.00

Prayer Breakfast - open to all _____ x !8.00

Celebration of Service Lunch _____ x 25.00

Open to all - hosted by the Eliminate Project

Governor's Banquet _____ x \$40.00

Activities/Meals Subtotal \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: 2013 T-O Kiwanis Rockwall Convention

Mail this form with check to: Rockwall Kiwanis Club, P. O. Box 903, Rockwall, TX 75087



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



Quitman-Lake Fork Raises Funds for West, TX Disaster Relief

The Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club participated in the 11th Annual Pet Fair put on by Quitman Animal Clinic (owned by Dr. Randy Bennett, an active Kiwanian in the club). Over 400 people attended this noon - 2 p.m. fair. It included petting zoo, dog agility competition, clowns and a hamburger, hot dog feed for all at no charge. The labor provided for the cooking, serving, etc. was by the Kiwanis club. The club asks for donations in the food line and the Quitman folks were generous.

John Abreu, Past Lt. Gov., Division 34

A Message From Governor Ann Wilkins Concerning the West, TX Tragedy

Dear TX-OK Kiwanians,

Many requests have come in to the T-O District Office concerning how to best assist those in need in West, TX after the recent explosion at the fertilizer plant.

I have been in contact with the Club Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of West. At the present time, they are asking for monetary donations. The money will be used to purchase school supplies and whatever is most needed. The Kiwanis Club of West will oversee this distribution of funds to make sure it is given to those most in need.

Make your checks payable to:

West Disaster Relief Fund

c/o State National Bank

P. O. Box 98

West, TX 76691

(Please write on the bottom of your check "Kiwanis Club of West")

Governor Ann Wilkins

TX-OK District of Kiwanis Int'l



Division 34 Holds Fundraisers for Eliminate

Apparently April and May are prime fundraising months in Division 34. The Piney Woods clubs of Van, Mineola, Hide-a-Way Lake and Tyler-Rose City all pulled off events to raise money for Eliminate during these months. The Van Club held a concert featuring the popular group, Men In Harmony while Mineola, Hide-A-Way Lake and Tyler-Rose City held garage sales to support the project.

Combined the four clubs brought in over \$9,700 or saved 5,388 mothers and their future babies





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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A History of Kiwanis

By Dr. Bill Rauhauser



Kiwanis was organized August 1914 in Detroit, Michigan. It began with a conversation between Allen S. Browne and Joseph G. Prance. They received their State Charter on Jan. 21, 1915 as The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers (BOB). Even before receiving the state charter they were delivering Christmas baskets to the poor. In 1919 Kiwanis adopted a service-focused mission.

An organization for men with the original purpose of Kiwanis was to exchange business between members and to serve the poor. One year later the name was changed to Kiwanis. Kiwanis was coined from an Otchipew American Indian expression translated as **"We Trade."** The organization's Founders translated it as **"We Build"**. This became the organization's Motto until 2005 when it changed to **"Serving the Children of the World."** The Kiwanis motto now is **"A global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time"**.

Kiwanis became International when a club was chartered in Hamilton, Ontario Canada in 1916. In 1962 worldwide expansion was approved. Since then there are Kiwanis Clubs chartered in all inhabited continents of the world. Kiwanis clubs are in over 80 Countries. In 1987, after several years of debate, there was over whelming approval to include women. **As a global project**, in coordination with UNICEF, Kiwanis virtually eliminated **Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD)** throughout the world. IDD is the leading preventable cause of mental retardation. Beginning in 2010 Kiwanis International (KI) joined with UNICEF again to wipe out **Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (MNT)** which kills 100,000 babies worldwide each year.

Kiwanis serves youth by trying to improve their quality of life through activities promoting **Health Education** and **Service Leadership Programs (SLP)** such as:

Aktion Clubs for Special Needs Adults	Circle K Clubs for College Students
Key Clubs for High School Students	Builders Clubs for Middle School Students
K-Kids Clubs for Elementary Students	

Kiwanis also supports children through Bringing Up Grades (BUGS) and Terrific Kids Programs.

Kiwanis International Head Quarters are in Indianapolis Indiana.

Kiwanis officers include:

International President	Board of Trustees	District Governors
Division Lt. Gov.	Club Presidents	Board of Directors
Members		

Kiwanis conducts 150,000 Service Projects every year and contributes \$107,000,000 to Kiwanis supported charities. Internationally Kiwanis is made up of 76% Men and 24% Women.

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

They are:

- * To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- * To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- * To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- * To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- * To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- * To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

PLGA Youth Leadership Award Winners Announced

This new award was adopted by the Past Lieutenant Governor's Association. The purpose of the award is to recognize the adults who give countless hours of dedicated service as mentors and leaders to our Service Leadership Programs. Our Faculty Advisors and Kiwanis Advisors get very little pay or recognition. The intended result of this effort is to strengthen the bond between local Kiwanis clubs, schools and your Service Leadership Programs, and to contribute to the growth of the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation.

The cost of this award is funded by the Past Lieutenant Governor's Association. The award consists of a certificate announcing a \$100 donation to the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation in the name of the recognized for distinguished and dedicated service to the sponsored program named, and an inscribed desk award (paper weight or obelisk).

Winner Kiwanis Club Nominating Nominated By

Charis Bailey
Terrell, TX



Terrell Kiwanis Club
Division 2

Margaret Davis
Terrell, TX

Raul (Rudy Barron
San Angelo, TX



San Angelo Downtown Club
Division 12

Sandra Ann Henson
San Angelo, TX

George A. Crowl
Jersey Village, TX



Lt-Fare, Houston
Division 3

Andrew H. Lawrence
Cypress, TX

Lorrie L. Drennon
Mineola, TX



Mineola Kiwanis Club
Division 34

Mavis DeLaRosa
Mineola, TX

Wayne English
Ft. Worth, TX



Burleson Kiwanis Club
Division 1

Doris Butler
Burleson, TX

Rebecca Herron
Hewitt, TX



Waco Seniors Kiwanis
Division 23

Hazel Martin
Waco, TX

Norma Hetzel/Sandy Schmelzer
Georgetown, TX &
Briar Patch Cove, TX



Sun City Georgetown
Division 24

Mandy Meredith
Georgetown, TX

Robert Murray
Houston, TX



Greater North Houston
Division 3

Steve Peters
Houston, TX

Daisy M. Richardson
Converse, TX



Greater Randolph Area
Division 5

Mendell D. Morgan, Jr.
Lone Oak, TX

Gail Swenson
Port Aransas, TX



Port Aransas Kiwanis
Division 6

Joseph R. Bream
Port Aransas, TX

UNICEF ANNOUNCES MATERNAL AND NEONATAL TETANUS ELIMINATION IN HALF OF AT-RISK COUNTRIES



INDIANAPOLIS- Maternal and neonatal tetanus, one of the most deadly diseases a mother and her newborn can face, has been eliminated in more than half of affected countries targeted by UNICEF just 13 years ago. The milestone was announced at the annual meeting of the Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination Initiative at UNICEF headquarters in New York.

Since 2011, Kiwanis International has been working to raise US\$110 million for The Eliminate Project to eliminate this centuries-old disease that kills one baby every nine minutes.

“From our oldest Kiwanis member to our youngest K-Kids member, our Kiwanis family has been working hard raising money to save lives,” says Stan Soderstrom, executive director of Kiwanis International. “Today, we are \$30 million closer to achieving our goal of raising \$110 million by 2015. And, we’re excited the disease is no longer a risk for mothers and babies in half of the originally targeted countries.”

Soderstrom says Kiwanis International’s fundraising is on-track and expects the campaign will bring in an additional US\$12 million by the end of the year.

“Besides personal giving, our members are organizing golf outings, dinners, bake sales and even flash mobs to help raise awareness and funds to eliminate MNT,” he says.

MNT results when tetanus spores, which are present in soil everywhere, enter the bloodstream. It is mainly caused by a lack of access to sanitary birthing conditions, unclean instruments used to cut the umbilical cord and unclean post-partum cord care.

MNT is easily prevented by giving women of childbearing age a series of three vaccine doses, which costs roughly US\$1.80. This cost includes vaccinations, syringes, safe storage, transportation and more.

The countries that have eliminated MNT are: Bangladesh; Benin; Burkina Faso; Burundi; Cameroon; China; Comoros; Congo (Republic of); Cote d’Ivoire; Egypt; Eritrea; Ghana; Guinea Bissau; Iraq; Liberia; Malawi; Mozambique; Myanmar; Namibia; Nepal; Rwanda; Senegal; South Africa; Tanzania; Timor Leste; Turkey; Togo; Uganda; Vietnam; Zimbabwe and Zambia.

The countries that are still working toward elimination include Afghanistan; Angola; Cambodia; Central African Republic; Chad; Congo DR; Equatorial Guinea; Ethiopia; Gabon; Guinea; Haiti; India; Indonesia; Kenya; Lao People’s Democratic Republic; Madagascar; Mali; Mauritania; Niger; Nigeria; Pakistan; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Sudan; South Sudan; and Yemen.



2013-2014 Lt. Governor Training

Training for 2013-2014 Lt. Governors was held May 17-19 at the Marriott in Irving. Governor-elect Dr. Bill and his Growth Team had a fun filled weekend packed with lots of information for incoming officers.

In addition to training, the Lt. Governors had a surprise visit on Saturday from Kiwanis International Executive Director, Stan Soderstrom (in red). What a great way to start the day. Stan who is originally from T/O spoke to the Lt. Governors about the direction International is moving in regarding growth. Stan also made the announcement that Kiwanis International will be putting together a 2 year Growth Team beginning October 1 to look at North America. The Team will be split into 7 regional coordinators similar to the Eliminate Team. We are pleased to announce that our very own Immediate Past Governor Susan Hennum was asked to be a regional coordinator.



2013-2014 Lt. Governors, Governor-elect Dr. Bill Rauhauser and the T/O Growth Team

Division 30 Builds Ramp In OK City

Building a wheel chair ramp takes teamwork as the Division found out at a recent build. And the teamwork can come from unexpected sources. One team member was the recipient's son, who was a great help and has volunteered to help with future ramp builds. Another unexpected source was one of the volunteer couples who turned out to be from Pennsylvania, who have family who are Kiwanians in Division 30. A great time was had by all and the Division is looking forward to more builds.



IT IS OFFICIAL



TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT IS A DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT FOR 2011-2012

**CONGRATULATIONS TO IMMEDIATE
PAST GOVERNOR SUSAN HENNUM
AND HER TEAM!**

DISTINGUISHED DIVISIONS

Division 1	Dennis Keifer	Division 3	Gwen Branch
Division 4	Daisy Richardson	Division 6	David Wearden
Division 8	Johnny Leftwich	Division 9	Lynn DeGeorge
Division 10	Walter Land	Division 19	Tim Adams
Division 24	Ed Komandosky	Division 26	David Bratz
Division 28	David McCormick	Division 34	Loy Frazier
Division 35	Carl Lockett	Division 37	Rex Howard
Division 38	Frederick Case	Division 39	Robin Olsen
Division 40	Michael Ehrman		

**Texas Oklahoma District was one of the nine North America
Districts that received the distinguished status for 2011-2012.
Immediate Past Governor Susan will be recognized at the
Vancouver Convention.**

Key Leader a SUCCESS!

So far, in 2013, the Texas-Oklahoma District has hosted 3 Key Leader Events. The final event was held May 17- 19 at Cross Point Camp in Kingston, OK. This event had 48 students and 13 chaperones/advisor.

This great group of students learned Service Leadership, Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community and Pursuit of Excellence. While this may seem a small percentage of the TX-OK Key Club members, the Key Leader events continue to grow and serve.

Since the advent of the Key Leader program, over 18,000 students from across the US and around the world have completed the program. With our continued support we can add many, many more Texans and Oklahomans to that number.



We are blessed in the TX-OK District to have great supporters of Key Leader. The tireless efforts of these members and Key Club School Advisors enable our district to continue to serve the Key Club members in learning Leadership skills.



Elgin Middle School Builder's Club Honored

Congratulations to Elgin Middle School, Elgin, Oklahoma. This Builder's Club won first place in the Texas-Oklahoma and second place at International for their scrap book entry. They were also recognized as a Distinguished Club by Kiwanis International.



Congratulation to this great club!



Kiwanis "One Day"

Celebrated at Holly Lake Ranch



On Kiwanis "One Day", April 6, the Holly Lake Ranch Kiwanis Club completed a Community Service Project.

On the Ranch property, where the former mailboxes were, there are bulletin boards that are enclosed and made of wood. After removing all the staples from the display area, all four (Sections 3, 4, 5, & 6) were power washed. Once dry, the bulletin boards were sprayed and/or painted with a water sealant.

Club members participating in the project were: Tina Beall & husband Randy, Drew & Jane Beams, Cyndy Hernandez, Tom Lewis, Willie Smith, and new members Judy Guillot and Tommy Coleman.

This will become an ongoing project for the Holly Lake Kiwanis Club.



Aktion Clubs Help Living Center Members Give Back to Their Communities



From cleaning up a Corpus Christi beach to providing meals to low-income children in San Angelo, residents of state supported living centers are giving back to their communities by volunteering in service clubs across Texas.

These clubs, known as Aktion Clubs, are now active at nearly all of the 13 state supported living centers, with the Brenham center having officially launched its club on Oct. 26. By donating their time and efforts, residents are enhancing the quality of life for themselves and their communities.

Aktion Clubs are part of Kiwanis International, a civic organization that focuses on changing the world one child and one community at a time. Each living center Aktion Club is sponsored by a local Kiwanis organization.

Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center - Coastal Community Aktion Club

On Sept. 22, members of the Coastal Community Aktion Club joined the Island Kiwanis for **National Beach Clean-Up Day**. The groups met at Bali Park near Bob Hall Pier and were issued gloves, bags, beach balls and other items so they could have fun while participating in the cleanup.

Aktion Club members and living center staff picked up about 25 pounds of trash from a quarter mile stretch of beach. They enjoyed cooling off in the water and tossing footballs and beach balls. Back at the Kiwanis Club tent, club members enjoyed hot dogs, chips and drinks.

San Angelo State Supported Living Center - Aktion Club

During August, Aktion Club members delivered meals to older San Angelo residents and served meals at Kids Eat Free, sponsored by St. Therese's Catholic Church. The weekly meals for older Texans project began in May and the **Kids Eat Free** program serves a hot nutritious meal for children in the Carlsbad community. This Aktion Club is sponsored by the San Angelo West Kiwanis. Members have been active in traveling into San Angelo and Carlsbad to conduct these two service projects.

Other events include the **Feast of Sharing**, where club members serve food during the community-wide Thanksgiving meal sponsored by H-E-B.

Denton State Supported Living Center - Working Hands

The Working Hands Aktion Club received two DADS Vision Awards in June. The officers and sponsors traveled to Austin for the presentation of the awards, which were given in the "wellness" and "choice" categories.

This club continues to support the **Eliminate Project**, a global campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

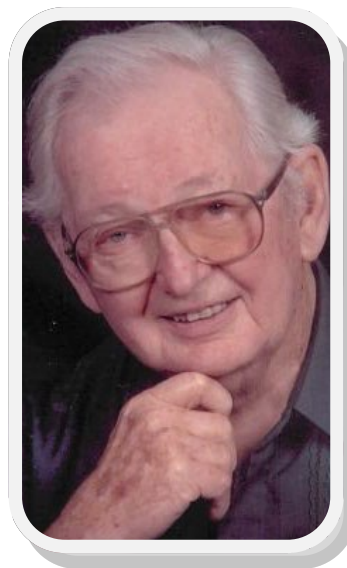
On Oct. 10, the members presented a fall fashion show, sponsored by the Robson Ranch Kiwanis, at the center. members modeled outfits, and each participant was presented a carnation.

Other events include attending a University of North Texas football game and collecting hygiene products for **Our Daily Bread**. Making and presenting dolls for all children in hospitals was the activity for February and a visit to a nursing home was the event for May.

Gone But Not Forgotten



Colonel Douglas S. Weart, USAF, (Retired)
1927 - 2013
Past :Lt. Governor TX-OK District
1992 - 1993
Member
Army Residence Community Golden K, San
Antonio, TX



Tom Burchfield
1931 - 2013
Immediate Past Secretary
Bay City Kiwanis Club, TX



William Robert "Bob" Davis
1921 - 2013
Charter Member
Kiwanis Club of Seminole, OK



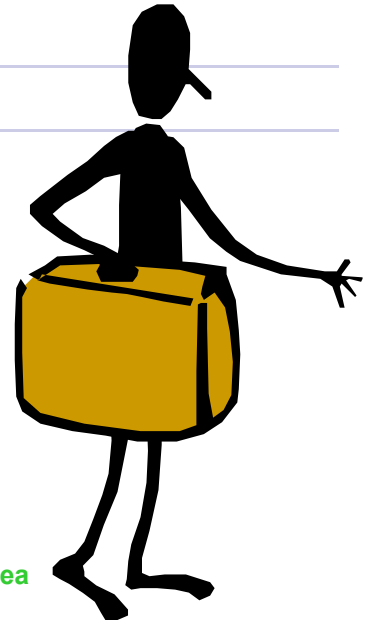
Marvin W. Sapaugh
1940 - 2013
Past :Governor - TX-OK District
1983 - 1984
Member
Longview Noon Kiwanis Club, Longview, TX

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)

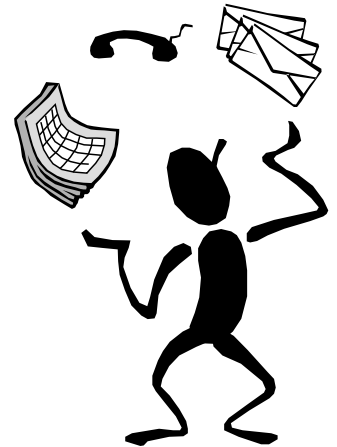
Jan	14 - Tuesday	Governor's Visit - Division 23
Jan	15 - Wednesday	Governor's Visit - Division 24
Jan	16 - Thursday	Governor's Visit - Division 38

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

Jun	26 - 30	98th Annual KI Convention - Vancouver, British Columbia
Jun	30 - July 7	Alaska Cruise: Governor's trip - \$70 for each cabin booked will be paid to T/O Dist.
Jul	3 - 7	Key Club Int'l Convention - Washington, D.C.
Jul	19 - 21	Key Club Summer Board Mtg @ DFW Marriott
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
Mar	6 - 9	CKI District Convention @ Hilton Bella Harbor, Rockwall, TX
Mar	28	2nd Key Club Lt. Gov Training @ DFW Airport Marriott
Apr	24 - 27	Key Club District Convention @ Sheraton - Dallas
May	16 - 17	Lt. Governor Training @ DFW Airport Marriott
Jun	26 - 27	Kiwanis Int'l Convention -
Jul	25 - 27	Key Club Summer Board Mtg @ DFW Airport Marriott
Aug		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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