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TX-OK Kiwanian Seeks to Change The Hearts of Children & Stop Bullying



East Texas Kiwanian Jim Lord is a well-known storyteller. School children in several hundred schools throughout the states of Texas, California and Arkansas begin their mornings listening to Jim telling them stories of famous heroes from the past and present while encouraging them that you don't have to be famous to become a hero. "Heroes are simply people who help others," he tells them. Whether the story of the day is about Danny Thomas who founded St. Jude Children's research Hospital, Clara Barton who started the American Red Cross, or Dr. Suess who has been instrumental in helping millions of children learn to read and use their imaginations, the common thread among heroes is helping others.

The other side of Jim's storytelling focuses on the opposite of a hero-a bully. Bullying is an international social epidemic and Jim's proactive approach to curing this huge problem is to begin even at the preschool level helping children understand that while heroes help others, bullies hurt others. So on the mornings that Jim is not giving the historical and social information about a real hero, he gives the kids a scenario where a child or group of children is acting like a bully and is brought back around in his thinking and behavior by his own peers or an adult. When given the simple choice of wanting to be a hero or a bully, children want to be thought of as heroes.

Jim is able to communicate these timeless Golden Rule principles to thousands of school children a day through his programs entitled **The Beginning of A Hero** and **Bully Alert**. Paid for by a variety of corporate sponsors, each participating school receives two CDs at the beginning of a school year containing enough stories from each of the two programs to play new ones each week for the 36 weeks of a typical school term.

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Many schools invite Jim to actually present a live assembly for their students. He will tell you very quickly that this is his favorite part of the work. The children, already very familiar with his strong friendly voice, are eager to meet the man who has become their friend and encourager before they ever get to see him in person. Jim's assemblies are very unique. Teachers and school administrators explain that whereas many typical assemblies tend to be entertaining for students, the message intended is not always very clear. However, as Jim sings to the kids, tells them stories, even creating the illusion of a recording studio, he never leaves the subject that "heroes help and bullies hurt. Choose to become a hero!"



Jim is the father of six children, and now is "Pappy" to ten grandchildren (and one on the way!) He was also the employer years ago of a number of young people. His youngest son, a very gifted student and musician was horribly bullied throughout his teen years. All of these

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circumstances came together in Jim's heart and mind and led gradually from a career in broadcasting to what he is doing today.

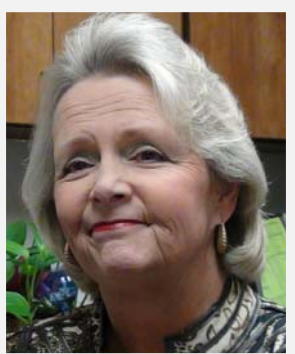
"The statistics about bullying going on in our schools is heartbreaking and absolutely frightening," Jim will tell you. "Thousands of kids a day in our country either don't go to school at all for fear of bullying or go to school traumatized by what they know is going to happen. It's way past the time for adults to take this social nightmare seriously. The fact that we now have the word *bullycide* in our language ought to make us sit up and take notice."

It's also a hard fact that schools everywhere are having to make major budget cuts. Though there are a very few schools on Jim's list who pay for the programs from their own budgets, nearly all depend on corporate sponsors to supply the funding. The Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis club where Jim and his wife are members was the first club in the nation to begin sponsoring ***The Beginning of A Hero*** and ***Bully Alert*** programs nearly 10 years ago. Since then, many TX-OK District Clubs have joined in partnership with The Character Network, but hundreds of opportunities still await.

Immediate Past T-O Governor, Susan Hennum encourages ALL clubs to look into this. She says, "I can just see so many doors opening by having this bully prevention program in here, because I think it's just going to give them one more opportunity to make a positive choice in their lives..."

Jim Lord and The Character Network were initially introduced to the T-O District by Past Governor, Sam Curry. He says, "It is TRULY a Kiwanis program because it does serve our children." About his local area school district, he says, "...I hear nothing but great comments from our own school officials." He says some in his home club are closely connected with the schools, whether as a principal, a superintendent, or a sponsor of the club's leadership service programs, "...so they hear first-hand, and get first-hand the testimonies from the teachers--from the kids themselves--about the effect this is having on dealing with this issue...we're just absolutely sold on it and we've renewed it several times now, and we'll continue to renew this program." The full version of all of the above comments on video can be seen at

<http://www.thecharacternetwork.org/Kiwanis> .



Darla Czerwinski is not only a Kiwanian, she is also the Assistant Superintendent of schools in Portland, Texas where Kiwanis is sponsoring The Character Network program throughout the district. She says this "...puts me in a perfect position to make a difference..." She goes on to say, "Jim Lord's stories are a perfect way to make bullying a real topic of conversation," and that "The students look forward to hearing the stories on the announcements. It's an easy way for them to hear those stories; you don't have to convene the children in an auditorium." Ms. Czerwinski concludes by saying, "We highly recommend the program. It was an easy sell to our club, and since then I've shared with them how well it's working on our campuses, and they truly enjoy supporting the bullying program that Jim presents."

A presentation by Jim Lord to Kiwanians can also be seen at <http://thecharacternetwork.org/Kiwanis>. Plus, you can see MANY more video testimonials by school administrators at <http://thecharacternetwork.org/Testimonials>.



The Character Network is funded through sales of “site licenses for public broadcasting” in schools, otherwise, all of Jim’s stories for elementary schools along with his commentaries entitled, ***A Reflection of Your Future*** for middle and high schools are available free of charge for parents and students to use at home. They can be found on The Character Network website under “Our Programs.”



The Beginning of a Hero is a series of stories that works in conjunction with the ***Bully Alert*** series as a pro-active bully prevention program for elementary school students through 6th grade. These two sets of stories work together to offer an academic language, which says, “A bully is a person who hurts others on purpose (even if it’s just hurting their feelings), but a HERO is a person who HELPS others! So choose to be a HERO by HELPING instead of a bully by hurting.” ***A Reflection of Your Future*** is a series of “Life Lessons” presented as one-minute commentaries for students in 7th through 12th grades (and older!).



Jim says there is growing waiting list well in excess of 100 schools waiting to be sponsored. Your club can HELP spread these vital messages to literally tens of thousands by placing these programs in your local schools, again, some of which may already be waiting. You can reach Jim Lord and

The Character Network by calling toll free 1-800-364-6883. Please consider calling TODAY.

Kiwanis International Life Membership Awarded Colleen Biggerstaff



Past Lt. Governor Colleen Biggerstaff, announced candidate for the office of Governor Elect of TX-OK Kiwanis District, received at a recent club meeting recognition of her life membership in Kiwanis International. Club President Shawn Wade, a candidate for Lt. Governor Elect for Kiwanis Division 2 made the presentation.

David Olson Receives CT Bush Award



Upon the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the chartering of Allen Kiwanis Club on February 4, 1988, David E. Olson, one of two founding members of the club, made a contribution to Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation. In recognition of the celebration and Olson’s gift, District Governor Ann Wilkins made a visit to the Allen, Texas, club on February 14th and presented him with a CT Bush Award and a Governor’s pin. David Olson was the fourth president of the Allen club and served as Distinguished Lt. Governor of Division 37 in 1997-98.

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Kylie Le (Key Club Sec/Trea)

Mustang, OK Kiwanis Club Valentine's Banquet

Valentine's Day was made very special for the members, spouses & guests of the Mustang Kiwanis Club. The food, fellowship and entertainment made the evening quite memorable for the 28 people in attendance. As is customary, the Mustang High School Key Club Officers added a bit of specialness to this annual club event.

Following the banquet meal there was an entertaining program by Gary Ray Howell and his little buddy, Ricky. The ventriloquist and his partner provided a lot of humor with the somewhat reluctant participation of certain members of the audience. Gary also likes to put a little "magic" in his program, making it a super valentines memory, indeed!

The club used to spend money on flowers to give to the ladies in attendance. The club unanimously changed that tradition with last year's Valentine's Banquet. The club now contributes \$5.00 for each person in attendance to the Children's Miracle Network. All-in-all this tradition makes the evening very special for the Mustang Kiwanis Club.



Ricky & Gary Ray Howell



Key Club: Kylie Le, Hozi,
DaeKun Heo



Sydney Felder, Robby
Keesee, Heather Leonard
& Pat Buck



Robby Keesee, Ann & Bill Edwards

Membership Growth

By

Susan Hennum

Chair, Membership Growth

The T/O Growth Team announces May is Membership Month
Are you ready? Lots of Great ideas can be found at Susan's Corner
at <http://www.txok-kiwanis.com/ncb>

T/O Growth Team will be putting on Growth Summits in the
following Divisions.

Division 10	April 6
Division 22	April 13
Division 5	April 20



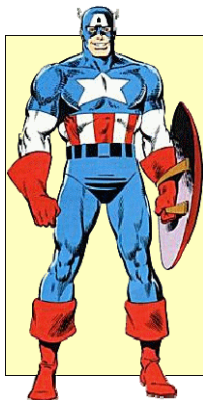
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A Letter From the Governor



Mid-Winter for 2013 is in the past and for those of you that were unable to attend you missed one of the best lunch speakers, Susie Humphery, who was employed for many years in the Dallas area and worked for a local radio station. She entertained us and everyone went away with a smile. During that same weekend the Texas Oklahoma members of Circle K International held their annual convention and elected Allison Prisco, Lt. Governor from the Panhandle as their Governor. She follows Sanjuana Zavala from the Brownsville, Texas area. Currently, there are 400 members in the district CKI organization, if you know of a college student in your town encourage them to join and should there not be a CKI Club at their school, help them to get one organized.

Kiwanis One-Day is Saturday, April 6, I do hope that each club in the Texas Oklahoma District is participating. Invite your local K-Kids, Aktion, Builders, Key Club and CKI members to join you. Giving back to your community is a match for the third and fourth objects of Kiwanis and fills a specific need in your community. Remember to take photos of your club's One-Day event and submit to Samantha Bruce for the next issue of our district newsletter Ki-Notes.

The last zone/summit conference will be April 13, 2013, in the Midland/Odessa, Texas area for Division 22. Past Governor Nancy Miller is serving as Lt. Governor this year. Our visit to this division is long overdue. Many thanks to Nancy.

June 26-30 Kiwanians from around the world will meet for the Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia to elect a new international vice-president and new trustees to the Kiwanis International Board. There is still time to register, select your delegates and attend. The Kiwanis International website has all the information. An Alaskan Cruise is the post-convention trip and you many locate the information on the Texas Oklahoma District website. Space is very limited. This is one vacation which allows the district to receive \$70 per cabin booked through the generosity of Celebrity Cruises.

Sincerely,

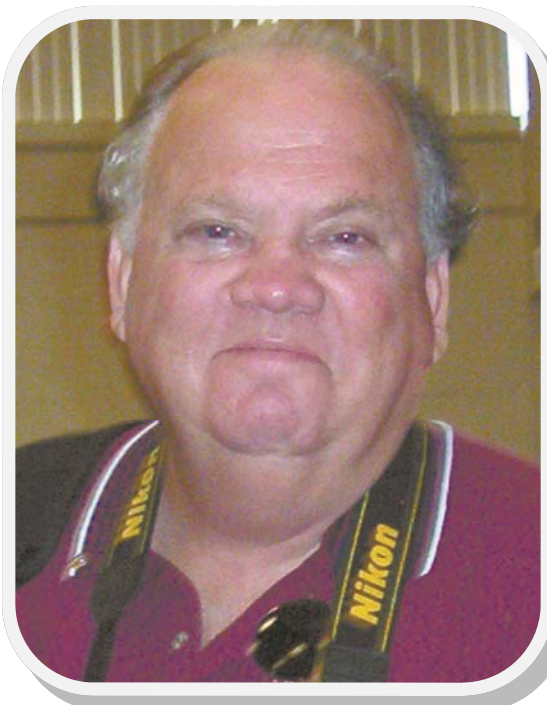
Governor Ann Wilkins



For more information visit: www.Kiwanisone.org

Convention workshops are an excellent source of ideas and inspiration, updates and expert instruction. The [list of interactive sessions](#) for the 2013 convention is now available for your review. Reserve your seats in the workshops of your choice using the [convention scheduling tool](#). With so many great offerings, how will you ever choose?

Long Time Ki-Notes Editor Gary Hicks Dies



When news came of Gary Hicks death the district felt the loss deeply. Gary Hicks had devoted a large portion of his life to forwarding the ideals of Kiwanis. He gave freely of his personal time and made the TX-OK Newsletter - Ki-Notes a publication that all Kiwanians looked forward to receiving. Today's Ki-Notes relies heavily on the groundwork that Gary Hicks put into 16 years of publication.

From his obituary it is plain that Gary loved his family. Our sympathies go to his family and especially to his wife of 38 years, Linda.

We asked a member of his home club, Misty Middleton to write a tribute to our friend...

Gary Hicks was called home early morning on March 23, 2013. Kiwanis lost a good friend. Gary was one of the founders of the Kiwanis Club of Lone Grove. Gary filled many positions in his local club and even helped with acquiring a park for the city.

Gary served as the editor of Ki-Notes from 1995 - 2011. Gary stood for integrity and morality. Gary took pride in his work, friends and family. He was a newspaper man at heart. He also had a heart for service. Gary enjoyed meeting all the great people of Kiwanis. Gary and Linda would travel to the conventions and form relationships that would forever be stamped in their lives. Gary was my sponsor into Kiwanis. He became my mentor, friend, teacher and proof reader. Gary was loyal. When I attended a Kiwanis event a question was always posed about Gary and Linda. I am forever blessed to have known this man of God. Gary will be deeply missed by his Kiwanis Family. I can see Gary sitting with Jesus and having conversations that start with, "I was just thinking..." Gary, save a seat for me for one day I will see you again. - Misty M. Middleton





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Jeffrey Wolff, The Eliminate Project vice chairman overseeing Service Leadership Programs for the campaign, reflects on his recent trip to Cambodia, a small country in Southeast Asia, to witness the efforts of UNICEF and the government to improve child health.



If you look through the images we use to promote The Eliminate Project, you'll notice they revolve around the mother and child, naturally, because that is the connection we are protecting. However, this isn't the complete story. What we don't see has been cropped out—the fathers, brothers, grandfathers and uncles.

In February, I was extremely fortunate to be part of a delegation that visited the Kingdom of Cambodia. We were given the rare opportunity to see many UNICEF programs throughout the country.

On our second day, we visited the Veal Ang Popel Health Center in the Kampong Speu province.

While visiting the health center, I noticed that most of the men were clustered together under a tree, off to the side of the facility. With an interpreter, I spoke with these men to find out their thoughts. Most were husbands, but there were also some brothers and uncles. Some had traveled long distances by motorbike or taxi (few people in Cambodia own cars) from their villages to ensure that their wives' or sisters' needs were being met. They were very thankful that organizations like UNICEF were helping ensure that babies were being born with a healthy start. Many of the men were taking time off from work to make sure that the women received the necessary care.

As a relatively new dad myself (I have two daughters under 3 years old), memories of the prenatal visits to the OB/GYN are still pretty fresh. I vividly remember the concern I always felt in the back of my mind that the pregnancy was progressing along safely and that both my wife and baby were healthy. These men were no different. It was clear to me that they had similar concerns about their wives and the health of their children.

Health centers like this one are where women come to receive prenatal care and—now even more often—to deliver their babies with a trained birth attendant. In 2007, only one in five women in Cambodia would travel to a health center where a trained professional would deliver their child. Instead, they would deliver at home, often in unsanitary conditions and by an unskilled traditional birth attendant. These babies and mothers would be at risk for tetanus and other diseases. Now, thanks to the efforts of UNICEF and its partners, four out of five babies are being born at health centers, and their mothers are receiving vaccinations and prenatal care.

Even though the state of prenatal care has improved and more babies are being born healthier in Cambodia, there is still a long way to go. We need to work together as a global community to ensure that children everywhere have a healthy start in life.

SLP's Around the District



Bullard HS Key Clubbers put in over 100 hours of work building a new kids' park in downtown Bullard, TX. The build took a total of 5 days for construction and included over 1300 volunteers from the community and surrounding areas.

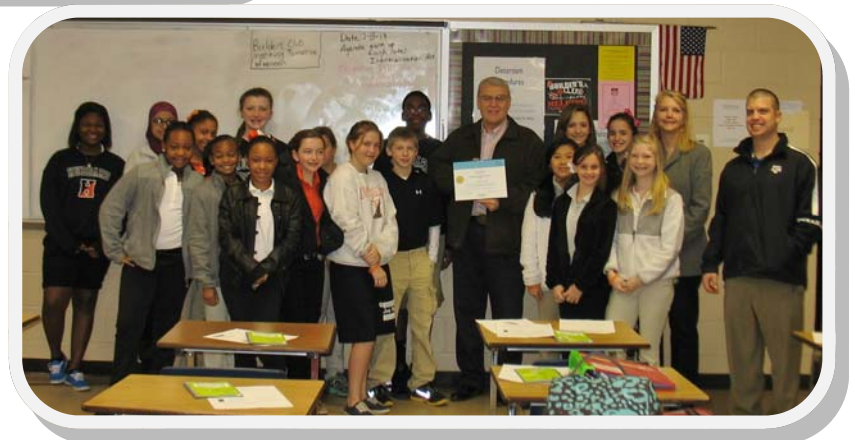


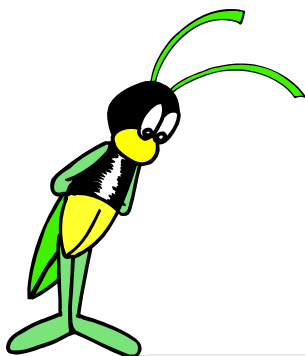
The Builder's Club of Pawhuska Junior High held a food drive to benefit Christ's Cupboard. The 7th and 8th grades, made a competition of it with the winning grade to be rewarded with 1 free class period to enjoy extra computer time.

The 8th grade brought in 1,032 ounces of food and the winning 7th grade brought in 1,581 ounces of food for a grand total of 163 lbs. of food!



These two pictures features Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis Club President, Frank Davis presenting Hubbard Middle School Builders Club with their charter. The club has over 50 students and has both a morning and an afternoon meeting to allow all students to attend.





The children at Irving Elementary participate in the “**Bugs**” program with the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne, TX. Shown are some of the students who received the Bugs award along with their teachers and from left are Curtis Arnett and Jim Tinsley from the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne and Dr. Juanita Reyes, Principal of Irving Elementary.



Circle K District Convention Report

The Circle K District Convention was held February 1-3, at the DFW Marriott and was a great success. Each year as part of the convention, the Circle K members select a project. This year the project was to make stuffed Trauma Dolls. Circle K members were scattered all around the room cutting, sewing, and stuffing for over three hours. The completed dolls are put in suitcases and given to foster children when they are relocated to a different home. Some of the dolls also go to doctors, hospitals, police, and fire departments to be given to children who are in a trauma situation.

Texas-Oklahoma Governor-Elect Dr. Bill Rauhauser worked diligently with the students. “It was organized chaos, and a lot of fun! These kids really worked hard.” Many more dolls than pictured were cut out...more than what the students had time to sew and stuff. These were given to the Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch so they can be put together and be delivered to their new homes with kids.



Allen Kiwanis Club Legion of Honor Inducts New Members



L-R: Honoree Dr. David E. Olson, Club President 90-91, Lt. Gov 97-98; Rex Howard, current Lt Gov Div 2; Honoree Susan Bartlemay, Club President 88-89

During a celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Chartering of Allen Kiwanis by Kiwanis International, charter members Susan Bartlemay and Dr. David Olson were presented Kiwanis Legion of Honor. This distinctive recognition is awarded to members achieving twenty-five years of service to the organization.

Some 55 members and guests met for the occasion on Feb. 4th at Kelly's At The Village. Guests included Allen Mayor Stephen Terrell, a representative of Kiwanis International, a Past Kiwanis Governor of Texas Oklahoma District, District Secretary Lee Shuey, Division 2 Lt. Governor Rex Howard, and representatives of four other Kiwanis clubs.

Bartlemay has lived in the Allen area since 1977. She took over as club president when the organization's president resigned due to a job change. She grew up in Indiana and graduated from the School of Pharmacy at the University of Texas in Austin. Her first job out of high school was in the Denton County Tax Office. She established her own pharmacy in Allen during the 80's and early 90's and served for a number of years on the Allen City Council. She is currently retired and does consulting for HRSA Pharmacy Services Support Center. Her interests include all sports, especially Longhorn football, golf, traveling, and camping in her motor home. She stated, "I joined Kiwanis because it was the first service organization to accept women. My father was an Optimist, so growing up I knew the importance of service to my community."

Dr. Olson moved from Richardson to Allen to become principal of Boyd Elementary School in July 1980. He grew up in Lamesa, Texas, south of Lubbock. He has earned degrees from Trinity University, San Antonio; West Texas State University, Canyon; and East Texas State University, Commerce. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army having been assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Augsburg, Germany, 1961-1964. He retired from Allen ISD as Director of Curriculum and Instruction in 1995. He and his wife Lynda were high school sweethearts and have been married 51 years. They have two daughters - Kim and family live in Coppell; Ann and family live in Frisco. They have three grandchildren. He was a member of Key Club in high school and organized the chartering of Allen High School Key Club on May 21, 1989. He has served as Allen Club President and as Lt. Governor Kiwanis Division 37. The Olsons are active in First Presbyterian Church of Allen and enjoy traveling. They are honored as the namesakes of Olson Elementary School. Dr. Olson stated, "I joined Kiwanis expecting to give back to my community and offer to others a hand up in return for the many blessings that have been extended to me."



What Goes On in the District Office

Part 2

a series

by Lee Shuey, District Secretary

While you were at Mid-Winter, did you notice the table across from conference registration that contained all those neat items for sale? There were pens, postcards, t-shirts, cups, mouse pads, and more, all with the T-O name on them. These came from the District Store.

Didn't know we had a store? Check out the website at txok-kiwanis.org for the complete catalog. You can find all kinds of interesting items. Need a speaker's gift? What could be more memorable than a T-O pen that lights up for \$3.00? Or a T-O mouse pad for \$5.50? Just ask Laura how to place your order by phone at 817-640-7711 or by email at txokdist@swbell.net.

Laura is responsible for ordering the items, and she takes photos of them for the catalog. Lauren keeps the records, prepares the orders for shipping, transports the store to conferences and mans the display.

One of the items available through the store is a set of backpacks for Governor Ann's disaster relief project. \$60.00 buys six backpacks in a variety of colors or \$100 will provide the backpacks and the needed items to fill them. The office will store filled backpacks until there is a need. For example, T-O sent filled backpacks to Louisiana and Mississippi after Hurricane Isaac. Volunteers packed 120 backpacks which were delivered to the Louisiana governor and his wife for distribution in September. After Hurricane Sandy hit the northeast, 250 backpacks and the money to fill them were shipped to New York and 50 went to New Jersey.

Clubs can still get into the action with this project. Backpacks can be contributed to local first responders to be given to victims of fires and other disasters in their own communities. And who knows when the next widespread disaster will hit or where? Hurricane season is only a few months away, and we are already at the beginning of tornado season. Be prepared makes a good motto for all of us.

Lee Shuey
District Secretary
TX-OK District of Kiwanis International



"Own Your Future"

Greetings, Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Member,

We are inviting you to be a part of owning our own District facility and eventually assist your Kiwanis District with no leasing and no debt. The T-O Foundation has made it possible to purchase a new two-story building to house all of our office needs and expand to much greater use. While we lease from the Foundation, our goal is to return the funds to the Foundation over a period of the next 4 years. Once accomplished, your District will finally be relieved of any budgeting for office leasing or payments. This might very well postpone or prevent a need of any dues increase in the foreseeable future. And you can take pride in helping to make it happen.

It is a simple plan. With you and nearly 10,000 other members of T-O Kiwanis, a contribution of just \$40 will get the job done. And we target up to four years to complete the campaign. Many believe our membership has enough pride to do this in just one year. But at whatever time period, we become "Finally Free with 40 in 4". Therefore, we encourage your participation in pledging just \$40 over the next four years. Please understand this is strictly VOLUNTARY. There is no requirement to participate.

Your club may choose various methods during meetings to make contributions. You can simply donate a dollar or two weekly or monthly or just write a check for a \$10 yearly donation OR just complete the task with a \$40 contribution. Checks should be made out to: **T-O Kiwanis District.**

Please keep this handout. At the bottom of the page is a spot for your signature once you have made your fair share donation of \$40. Then, mail it to the T/O District Office. A RECOGNITION WALL DISPLAY will show each donors name at the new District Headquarters.

FURTHER, your proud club will receive similar recognition in the event of 100 % participation of club members of the \$40/ member (using the October 1 Kiwanis Int'l certified membership numbers).

Additional Opportunity: You may decide to help further. If you contribute a \$200 gift, a permanent brick will be laid in your honor near the entrance of our new building. This could be a great way to pay tribute to people you care about or to leave a "sign" showing you invested in the future of the District! A permanent message can be engraved using 16 characters/spaces per line on three lines. See the back side of this page for more information.

More great news: Kiwanis member Mel Cowart of Pasadena, Texas has pledged to match each \$200 brick purchase up to \$50,000 this Kiwanis year. This means your brick purchase DOUBLES!! You will also receive a special certificate indicating that you participated in this effort this Kiwanis year – 2012-2013!

YES, I want to be part of the "Own the Future" campaign.

Please mail your completed form and contribution to the District Office

Please make signature within the box – write boldly

CLUB NAME _____ DIVISION _____



Leaving a Legacy at T-O District Headquarters

Leave your stamp at our new Texas-Oklahoma District facility with a contribution of \$200. Placement of your personal brick will pay tribute in any way you wish. Honor a Kiwanis friend who passed away. Pay tribute to your own family, grandchildren, a fellow-club member who has contributed honor to your club, your personal achievement, or any other noteworthy person or event important to you.

With a donation of \$200, you will be honored with a stamped brick located in an area surrounding the parking lot leading to the entry and flower beds of our new headquarters' home. These "Honor bricks" will be placed beginning at the entry porch on a first-come-first serve basis. You will be entitled to 3 lines with 16 characters/spaces per line inscribed on your brick.

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Kiwanis member Mel Cowart of Pasadena, Texas has pledged to match each \$200 brick purchase up to \$50,000 this Kiwanis year, doubling your purchase!

You will also receive a special certificate indicating that you participated in this effort this Kiwanis year – 2012-2013!

With the Honor Brick donation, please also sign the reverse side as you are eligible for the RECOGNITION WALL DISPLAY.

Be sure to turn this completed form (with your contribution) directly to the T-O District Office at 3010 W. Park Row Dr. #100, Pantego, TX 76013. Phone # 817-640-7711

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2013 District Convention..Rockwall, TX Aug 9 - 11, 2013

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The Texas-Oklahoma District Club Webpage Contest
AND

the Bulleting/Newsletter Contest's
deadline for entries **HAS CHANGED.**

New deadline is July 1, 2013.

So there is plenty of time to enter..

To paraphrase the politiciansenter now, enter often!!!

Kiwanis Good Guys



L-R: Lynn Patterson and Thomas (Thom) Callaway, also a member of the Paris Kiwanis club

I would like to call to your attention Lynn Patterson, a member of the Paris, Tx Kiwanis Club in Division 32.

Lynn has headed Wheel Chair ramp program, developing donations and matching donations. He also developed teams to build (often) two ramps on Saturday. Over the past three years he has led the builds on numerous Wheel Chair ramps at no cost to the recipients.

Lynn is currently the Lt. Gov. for the Kiwanis Division 32. In the last three years he has served as Vice President, and President of the Paris, Tx. Club. In addition he is the key person in getting the Dolly Parton Reading program up and running in Paris and Lamar County. Lynn is also the individual who assures the necessary documents that must be completed to obtain approval of new wheel chair ramps.
- Phillip E. Payne

Kiwanians Support The Dell Children's - Circle of Care Pediatrics At Lake Aire Medical Center



The Kiwanis Club of Sun City Georgetown recently donated 600 Baby Readers, written for new parents and their new infants, to the Dell Children's - Circle of Care Pediatrics at Lake Aire Medical Center. The colorful rhyme books are given to the parents of newborns at their baby's two-week check up. Published in both English and Spanish, the Readers are hybrids of (1) educational pamphlet to parents on the importance of reading to young children, (2) illustrated rhyme books to read aloud, and (3) gentle advertising for community libraries and family resources.

The ongoing project of the Sun City club is part of their emphasis on literacy; they also distribute about 5,000 books a year to children in Head Start, and grades Pre-K through second in GISD and JISD every year. Twice a year club members take the books into the classrooms, read a portion of the book, and then distribute a copy to each child to take home and finish. A third leg of the literacy program is aimed at Georgetown middle school children. The club donates the books for the joint middle school program *Read it Forward*, sponsored by the Georgetown Public Library and the GISD middle school libraries.

Pictured are Kim Roberts, Grants Director for the Lone Star Circle of Care, Lora Capetillo, Front Desk Supervisor at the Dell Children's - Circle of Care Pediatrics at Lake Aire Medical Center, and Kiwanians Gerri Scheer and Patsy Hoover.

Allen Kiwanis Club Recognized By Allen City Council



At a recent meeting of Allen City Council members of Allen Kiwanis Club were presented a proclamation from Keep Allen Beautiful for their ongoing efforts to help maintain the roadway along McDermott from Hwy 75 to Greenville Avenue. Established by the Allen City Council in 1997, Keep Allen Beautiful is an organization dedicated to developing and fostering programs which help make Allen a cleaner, healthier and more attractive city.

Pictured (L-R): Beverly Pruitt and Stacy Gonzales from Keep Allen Beautiful, Mayor Stephen Terrell, and club secretary Sandy McNair, committee chairman Larry Nordgaard, club president Shawn Wade. In February, Allen Kiwanis Club celebrated twenty-five years of service to the community of Allen.

Allen Kiwanis Recognized as Distinguished

Colleen Biggerstaff, immediate Past President of Allen Kiwanis Club, was recently presented with a certificate of recognition and banner patch for achieving the 2011-2012 standards of Distinguished Club within Kiwanis International. Making the presentation is David Olson, club membership chairman. Biggerstaff is an announced candidate for the office of Governor-Elect of Texas-Oklahoma District to be determined during the district convention in August.



Kiwanis Club of Texarkana

Honors

Dr. George Poulos



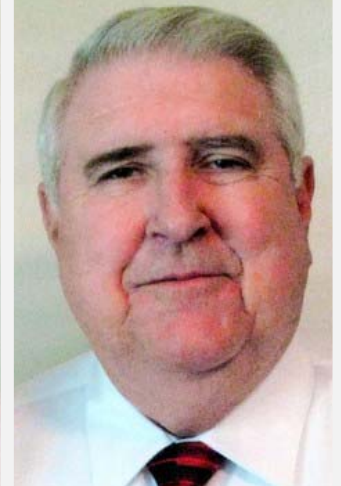
Dr. George Poulos joined the Kiwanis Club of Texarkana on January 15, 1950 and has been a devoted member for 63 years. He was Club President in 1967, making him the 44th President of the club. He was honored with a Hixon in 1977. January 30, 2013, Dr. Poulos was honored by his club for this great accomplishment of 61 years of perfect attendance.



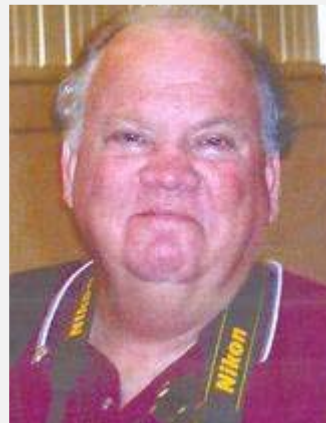
Gone But Not Forgotten



Charles W. Parker
1924 - 2013
Past Governor TX-OK District
1992 - 1993
Treasurer - TX-OK Kiwanis District Foundation
Member - University Area Kiwanis Club



Albert "Ellis" Langston
1943 - 2013
Immediate Past President
Kiwanis Club of Mansfield Afternoon



Gary Hicks
1944 - 2013
Texas-Oklahoma District Ki-Notes Editor
1994 - 2011
Kiwanis Club of Lone Grove, OK



Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

2013

Apr	4 - 7	Key Club District Convention
Apr	6	Kiwanis One Day
Apr	19 - 21	Key Leader - Carolina Creek Christian Camp - Huntsville, TX
Apr	26 - 28	Key Leader - Riverbend Camp - Glen Rose, TX
May	17 - 19	Key Leader - Cross Point Methodist Camp - Kingston, OK
Jun	26 - 30	98th Annual KI Convention - Vancouver, British Columbia
Jun	30 - July 7	Alaska Cruise: Governor's trip -
Jul	3 - 7	Key Club Int'l Convention - Washington, D.C.
Jul	19 - 21	Key Club Summer Board Mtg
Aug	8 - 12	Kiwanis Texas - Oklahoma District Convention - Rockwall, TX - REGISTER NOW!!
Oct	25 - 27	K- Family Board Mtg



2014

Jun	26 - 27	Kiwanis Int'l Convention -
Aug		Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Convention - Midwest City, OK

2015

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