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Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International

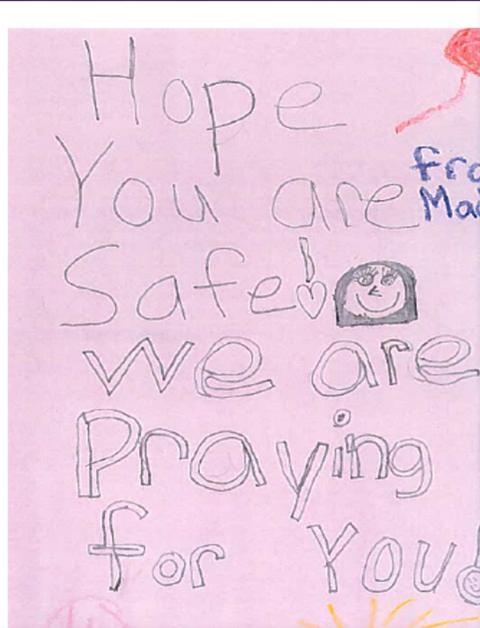
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# Hurricane Harvey Relief

# Governor's Message



Dear Kiwanians,

It is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian in Texas-Oklahoma. In October, we opened a new Kiwanis Club in Frisco Texas and another one in the Wylie-Sachse-Murphy area. Both of these clubs will be serving Key Clubs in their area as well as other SLP opportunities. The new club in Moore Oklahoma that chartered in September has already formed a Aktion Club and has completed several service projects in their community.

Recently we faced a disaster in our Bayou Bunch and South Texas Region with the Hurricane Harvey but it has also been a blessing as we witnessed so many Kiwanians from all over our country giving of themselves and resources to help restore the homes and lives of these individuals. Pastor and Lt. Governor Brad McKenzie converted his church to a rescue resource center where truck after truck dropped off supplies and the fantastic volunteers from the Pasadena Kiwanis Club and Pasadena area sorted and arranged the supplies and loaded them back up to go the disaster areas. Recently every student at South Houston Elementary School received a new pair of shoes from the combined efforts of the Two Ten Footwear Foundation and the Pasadena Kiwanis Club where they helped 600 kids try on new shoes. There is no way to estimate the man hours that have been spent but there are so many lives that have been touched by their efforts. T/O is so fortunate to have Marshall Kregel, Brad McKenzie and others that have given so much of themselves during this disaster. I am sure everyone in Pasadena Texas knows who Kiwanis is and what Kiwanis does.

In November we are working to open a new Kiwanis Club in Claremore Oklahoma and the Pasadena area. In December we will be working on opening a new Kiwanis Club in the Dallas Metroplex area. Our focus this year is "Investing in the Family" as we want each Kiwanis Club to interact with either a CKI, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, or Aktion Club. I am convinced that as a District we will become stronger as we invest our time, energy, and resources in these SLP organizations. The children and young adult lives that we touch will be forever changed as we model servant leadership.

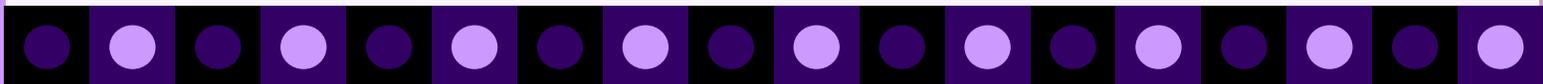
Over the last 10 years we have witnessed Kiwanis Club after Kiwanis Club cease to exist as they lost their focus, failed to acquire new and younger members, and became weary as they didn't have the remaining members to be able to continue the projects they used to do. Were they no longer needed in their communities? I believe that more than any other time; Kids Need Kiwanis, and every Community Needs Kiwanis where there are so many young individuals that go each day without their basic needs being met. Let us look at our CKI Chapters and our Key Clubs as they continue to provide useful service every day. We can do no better than partner with them and make sure these needs are met. We are going to go back in these areas and open new clubs to meet these needs.

We are also focusing on increasing our involvement and contribution to our Texas-Oklahoma District Foundation. Through our foundation; we provide vital scholarships to Sophomores, Graduating Seniors, and College Students so they can further their education. Without our Foundation, many of these young people would not be able pay for their college education. We need to return to a day when every Kiwanis Club gives an annual gift to our Foundation so that it will continue to grow and change more lives. I truly believe a donation of \$10 a member per year is a very small contribution but it will do so much for our Foundation. Please encourage your club to contribute.

And we are working to complete our pledge on the Eliminate Project where we will rid the world of Neonatal Tetanus. It has been a great partnership with Unicef where babies and mothers have both been saved. We need to continue to give until each country is rid of this horrible disease.

I am so thankful for the privilege I have to serve you as your Governor. I look forward to seeing you as I travel though out our district. I hope you share in the same excitement as I do when I look out upon the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District. I see a new enthusiasm in serving the children of our world. What better thing can anyone do than give to the needs of children. Together We Can Change Our World, One Child in One Community at a Time.

Governor Patrick



# Kiwanis Club of Frisco

## New Club Opening!

Below is a photo taken of some of the members of the new club. Charter president is Melanie Nance. They meet 2nd and 4th Monday at 5:30 pm at Rudy's BBQ, [9828 Dallas Parkway, Frisco](#). They chartered on October 24, 2017.



### Division 2 Frisco K19341

**Frisco K19341** Rudy's BBQ, 9828 Dallas Parkway, Frisco, TX; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 5:30 pm

### Division 2 Sachse-Wylie-Murphy Kxxxxx

**Sachse-Wylie-Murphy Kxxxxx** American National Bank, 301 N. TX Hwy 78, Wylie, TX, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> TU 6:30 PM



# KIWANIS DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

Kiwanis clubs around the world are responding to the disaster left in the wake of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Some are collecting supplies. Others are raising money. You can read about our efforts at

[kiwanis.org/kiwanisresponds](http://kiwanis.org/kiwanisresponds). Here are three ways to help.

## **Donate to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.**

- The Kiwanis Children's Fund provides disaster relief grants to help Kiwanis clubs and districts meet crucial, immediate needs.
- Grants are designed to support Kiwanis-led relief efforts to meet the most urgent needs of victims immediately following natural disasters. Natural disasters include earthquakes, flooding caused by excessive rains, monsoons, hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons, wildfires and other similar disasters.
- To donate to the Kiwanis Children's Fund, text "Aid" to 50155 or visit [kiwanischildrensfund.org](http://kiwanischildrensfund.org).

## **Donate to the Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International.**

- The Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District focuses on emergency relief efforts. The Disaster Team was initially created in 2012 to work with local fire departments after emergencies but soon jumped into high gear after Hurricane Issac in Louisiana in August 2012 followed by the tornadoes in Moore, Oklahoma, in May 2013. To date, the district has distributed more than 2,500 backpacks and hygiene kits during disasters.
- To donate to the Texas-Oklahoma District Foundation, visit [txokkiwanis.org](http://txokkiwanis.org) and click on the "donate" button, or send a check to Kiwanis Texas Oklahoma District Foundation, 3010 W. Park Row Dr., #100, Pantego, TX, 76013.

## **Buy supplies from Kiwanis Warehouse to have shipped directly to Texas.**

- Individuals and clubs that want to send supplies instead of funds to the disaster zone can purchase their supplies from Kiwanis Warehouse, powered by Kiwanis partner DollarDays, and have them shipped to the Kiwanis Club of Conroe.
- Club members will distribute the items to other clubs in the Houston area to make sure supplies reach to the people who need them. Items available for purchase include batteries, blankets, flashlights and hygiene kits. Clubs and individuals can review items for purchase at [kiwanis.dollaradays.com/landing/disaster\\_relief](http://kiwanis.dollaradays.com/landing/disaster_relief) and call DollarDays at +1-877-837-9569 to arrange shipping.



## Three Men and a Truck Get Relief Supplies From New York to Texas

The three former governors unhatched the doors and swung them open. Diapers, school supplies and food, all still in place—expertly packed from front to back, ceiling to floor of a 53-foot trailer. The delivery from the Kiwanis New York District arrived just in time to refill one of the distribution points set up by the Texas-Oklahoma District to help after Hurricane Harvey.

Mike Malark, Joe Aiello and Steve Sirgiovanni guided the 18-wheeler from New York to Pasadena, Texas. They spent six weeks collecting donations from every corner of their district 1,600 miles away. They received money and goods from the entire Kiwanis family of clubs.

"Five years ago during Superstorm Sandy, I had water in my house and was homeless for two months," said Sirgiovanni, 2016-17 New York District governor. "This is my way of paying it forward."

Sirgiovanni and the rest waited to make the delivery to Texas. They knew from their experience in 2012 when Superstorm Sandy destroyed communities along the Atlantic Coast of New York and New Jersey that there would be a rush of supplies and donations right away. But as the public's attention turned away from the devastation, the donations would dry up even though the need remained.

"We waited because FEMA, the Red Cross—everybody is coming in the beginning," said Malark, 2010-11 New York District governor. "Now is the time people are looking for help."

Just hours after the three men and a truck arrived, the Kiwanians knew they had made the right decision. A woman came

in looking for water, but left with a carload of food.

"You need to stop and remember why you joined (Kiwanis)," said Malark. "I joined to help people. That's what Kiwanis is all about."

"I saw the devastation and we needed to act as a Kiwanis family," said Joe Aiello, 2013-14 New York District governor. "We needed to be here to support other Kiwanians and those who are in need."



*Steve Sirgiovanni, Mike Malark, Brad McKenzie and Joe Aiello stand among the boxes of supplies donated in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Sirgiovanni, Malark and Aiello collected supplies throughout the Kiwanis New York District and delivered them to McKenzie in Pasadena, Texas. Photo provided by the city of Pasadena, Texas.*



*Photo provided by the city of Pasadena, Texas.*



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**Did you hear?**

**Texas–Oklahoma**

**Kiwanis is celebrating**

**100**

**YEARS!**

**SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE!**



**AUGUST 2–4, 2018**

**ABILENE, TEXAS**



**[www.txokkiwanisconvention.org](http://www.txokkiwanisconvention.org)**



# Kiwaniis®

TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

Immediate Past T-O Governor Erby Eikner

Announces the 2015-2016 Distinguished Clubs

It is with distinct pleasure and my honor to announce that the following clubs from TX-OK are Distinguished for the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Club President</b>	<b>Club Secretary</b>
1	WEST SIDE, FT. WORTH	WALTER ADAMS	KATHY CULBERTSON
2	ALLEN	BILL SEVERIN	SANDRA MCNAIR
3	CY-FAIR HOUSTON	LAWRENCE ZARKER	GEORGE CROWL
5	NEW BRAUNFELS	THOMAS GREENSTEIN	MARILYN MILLER
8	DENTON, BREAKFAST	MICHELLE FRENCH	WILLIAM WATSON
8	GAINESVILLE	RANDALL ESTES	PATRICK MCCAGE
8	ROBSON RANCH	BARBARA LEURIG	RALPH BUNKER
13	TEXARKANA	LORI YATES	LAUREN LAYNE
19	NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA CITY	LARRY GUNDLACH CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON	EMIL HUBER
20	SULPHUR		ABBY BEHRENS
25	SAPULPA	GERALD CRAWFORD	SANDRA HOWARD
26	JACKSONVILLE	JANA BATEMAN	JUDY BATTON
30	CHICKASHA	DAVID PERRYMAN	T. J. REINERT
30	DEL CITY	DARREL EIKE	ROSS CAMPBELL
31	TAHLEQUAH	THOMAS BARNARD	PAUL CENTER
32	PARIS	DONALD DICKERSON	PEGGY HAWKES
34	HOLLY LAKE RANCH	TOMMY COLEMAN	DREW BEAMS
34	QUITMAN-LAKE FORK	KELLY COLE	JOANNE WISDOM
34	TYLER - ROSE CITY	GENE BRUCE CHRISTINE CURTIS-CARR	DAVID LOCKRIDGE
35	ABILENE		FAYE DODSON
35	GREATER ABILENE NORTHEAST TARRANT	BRAD HILL	NANCY BAKER
39	COUNTY	BARBARA MOSS	TRICIA RAICH

Congratulations to these Distinguished Clubs! Thank you for an outstanding job!

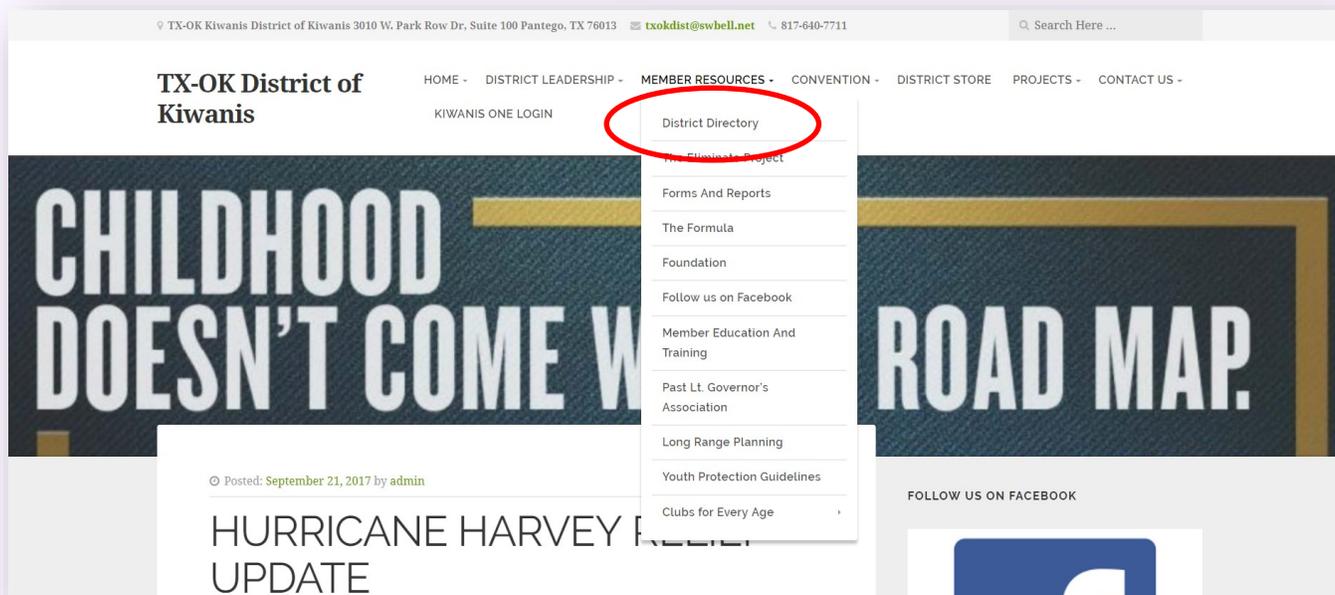
# New 2017-2018 District Directory

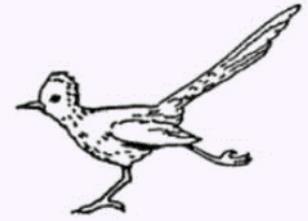
The district directory can be found under member resources on the T/O Website:

www.txokkiwanis.org

with the password:

**kiwanisdirectory**





PAST LT. GOVERNOR ASSOCIATION

## PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION EXTRA MILE AWARD 2017-2018

November 1, 2017

TO: All Club Presidents, Secretaries and Members of TX/OK District

PURPOSE: To explain the Past Lieutenant Governors Association requirements for nominations for the Extra Mile Award.

The Past Lieutenant Governors Association (PLGA) awards a plaque each year to that deserving individual who has demonstrated, through devoted duty and dedicated deeds, above and beyond all other members of the District, that desire to go the extra mile in service to their fellow man, their community, and world as a whole. In turn, that person exemplifies and lives out the principals of Kiwanis.

The Extra Mile Award is given only via nomination by that member's club, and every club in the District is welcomed to nominate a candidate. The club member whom you feel has demonstrated these traits is eligible for consideration. The winner will be recognized at the TX-OK District Convention to be held in August of each year at predetermined locations throughout the District and will be awarded a TX-OK Foundation C.T. Bush Award.

Every T-O Kiwanis member is eligible for nomination, even if he or she already holds a C.T. Bush Award. This award is intended to recognize individual members on the basis of exemplary service, regardless of any previous purchased award by them or on their behalf. Nominations will be considered without regard for any past giving participation or generosity with either the District or Kiwanis International.

REQUIREMENTS: The Club President and Secretary shall submit to the Chairperson of the Extra Mile Award, no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of May of 2018, a letter, not to exceed two pages that delineates those outstanding qualities of the nominee. Please explain your rationale as to why this person is nominated and would become an outstanding candidate for this award. The nominee should be a current club member. In your letter, please describe to the Board why you have nominated that person and describe all their services to the club, to the community, and beyond. There can be only one nominee from each club.

The letter should contain your club name, location and division number. Please forward the assembled paperwork to:

Michael Lams  
1750 FM 423 APT 1237  
Frisco TX 75033-0605

Remember, all applications must be postmarked no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of May of 2018.

Thank you, one and all, for your great cooperation and participation. Given the many fine individuals with whom we serve in Kiwanis, I am sure the nominee selected will greatly appreciate being nominated by the club and recognized by the PLGA.

Sincerely,

Michael Lams  
(940) 435-1531  
[mal1943@aol.com](mailto:mal1943@aol.com)

*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time!*

# DCON Service Project

Thank you to all who helped with the DCON service project! We donated over 800 books and \$500 in cash to help pre-k children with literacy at the new Head Start/Pre-K Learning Center. We even received a special thank you note from the principal, Jenny Putnam!



Jenny Putnam  
Director of Early Childhood  
Programs  
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(325) 794-1368  
jennifer.putnam@abileneisd.org

## Abilene Independent School District

241 Pine • Abilene, Texas 79602 • (325) 677-1444

October 5, 2017

Dear Ms. Curtis-Carr and Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International,

On behalf of the children, families and staff of Long Early Learning Center, I want to thank you for the donations of money and 800 children's books. We were absolutely delighted to receive both.

One of our literacy goals is to provide families opportunities to receive ten books for their home libraries. Currently, we have over 825 three and four year olds on our campus! So, the books you sent to us will extend what we are doing.

We put some of the books in our Book Bag Buddies. This internal program sends books home with children on a regular basis. Children and families read the books together. When they finish the books, they return them and other books are sent home.

Each October, we have a Fall Festival. Families are invited to decorate pumpkins as a book characters. It is meant to be a child/parent activity. And, it becomes quite the competition...among parents. 😊 Each family that participates is given a book. Community leaders judge the pumpkins and prizes are given. Joy is in the air throughout the evening. Some of your books will be given away as prizes for participants.

Each December, we have a family bingo night. Many, many families attend this event. Books are given as prizes for bingo winners. So, once again, we will have an opportunity to use the books you sent to our campus.

Finally, we give books to families as the leave parent trainings each month. Thank you, for the books. We are finding sweet homes for all of them.

Each year, we have a "literacy event" for the students. Staff acts out a story and a copy of the book is sent home with each child. Last summer, we talked about several different books for this school year. The book, Only One You, was our book of choice. However, it was too expensive to purchase for all children. We discussed buying one for each classroom, but it still a little too pricey. So, we began looking at other options.

Your financial donation was a gift beyond what you can imagine...It was the exact amount of what we needed to purchase a copy of Only One You for each classroom. Last week, when we were ready to order/purchase the books, they were ON SALE! So, we were able to buy enough books for every classroom to have a copy. Since the books were on sale, we were also able to purchase paint and small paint brushes for an activity to go along with the book. After our literacy event, each child will paint a small rock that will go into a campus rock garden.

We are using every page of every book and have spent every single penny to support literacy on our campus. Truly, truly, we can't begin to thank you enough for the attention you have given to Long Early Learning Center. We have been blessed through your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny Putnam".

Jenny Putnam  
Director of Early Childhood Programs

# DCON Service Project



Children's Books.



Service Project.



Kiwanis Books for Children.

# THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Harvey was still on everyone's mind as Conroe Noon met just a few days after the hurricane wreaked havoc on the Texas Gulf Coast. Long after Harvey left the area homes remained flooded and those that were severely damaged residents were not permitted to enter to claim what was left. We had starting to receive disaster relief supplies at our Club's office and had already sent out tons of supplies to other Kiwanis Clubs as they were able to receive and distribute.

Every year Conroe Noon provides a free Kids Day at the Park in September so much of the discussion at the meeting was should we cancel this year's event or let it go forward expecting a meager crowd. A major vendor's trailer was damaged and there would be no BBQ and could we just "patch" something together to make this work. After much discussion it was decided to go forward; to coin the well-used phrase "the show must go on."

**Conroe Noon Kiwanis Club**  
**Kid's Day at the Park**

**September 9th**  
**11am-2pm**

**FREE**  
For Everyone

Carl Barton, Jr. Park  
2500 South Loop 336 East

- \*Moonwalks\*Rockwall
- \*Trackless Train\*Petting Zoo
- \*City of Conroe Police & Fire Vehicles
- \*Additional Children's Activities
- \*Concessions available for a fee

**COME EARLY FOR CITY OF CONROE KIDFISH 9am-12pm**

**936-760-2330 conroekiwanis.com**

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**  
SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

Conroe Noon in conjunction with the City of Conroe Parks and Recreation Department puts on Kid Fish and Kids Day at the Park; a free event open to all. This is one of Conroe Noon's major hands on projects and for years has been a signature project. Provided are inflatables, rock climbing, petting zoo, train ride, juggler, fire department engine, ambulance, police mobile command center and a fly in from life flight.

It is a large city park with full size lake, ball fields and public areas. Having received some damage from Harvey the Parks and Recreation Department did a yeoman's job of cleaning up; it looked like nothing had happened.

As I turned to enter the park I almost fell out of the car as the parking lot was already overflowing and people were streaming into park in what appeared to be record numbers. The final tally appeared to be over 1000 attended ----- we were shocked! Apparently cabin fever had set in and with perfect weather, clear skies, light wind and temperature in low 70's this was the perfect relief spot and a time to put the disruptions of the previous weather event behind them for a few hours. People turned out in droves; there were lots of smiles and for the kids finally a place to spend all of that built up energy.

If you ever wanted an event that exemplifies Kiwanis Service this was it!

# BELTON KIWANIS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS - 12 SCHOOLS, ONE CLUB TO BRING THEM ALL TOGETHER.

As the Kiwanis float emerges from the parade staging area and moves through the heart of downtown Belton Texas, excited calls fill the air, "That's my school!" and "Happy 4th of July!" What a day to make a memory for the children riding on the float, the 2017 Kiwanis Citizenship Awardees!



The Kiwanis Club of Belton Texas delights in honoring the Awardees, each one a deserving student from each of 12 elementary and middle schools across the Belton Independent School District. Selected by their graduating class teachers, these students demonstrated an attitude of exemplary service, actions of quality leadership, and the ability to inspire others as positive role models.

Citizenship Awards is one of two signature projects sponsored by the Belton Kiwanis Club the other being the annual Turtle Festival on the last Saturday in April. The Kiwanis Citizenship Award was first presented in 2006 at a single elementary school. Since then a total of 98 students have received the Award. The Kiwanis Citizenship Award program opened the district to Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs throughout the Belton Independent School District, who recently recognized the Belton Kiwanis Club as their community partner of the year.

Their selection is kept secret until the end of year school awards assemblies for their class. There, in front of a justifiably anticipatory peer group, a presenting Kiwanian calls the student by name, along with parents and family, to join them on stage as they read aloud the teachers' praiseworthy observations about the student. In an intensely private yet profoundly public moment, parents bestow the Kiwanis citizenship medal upon their child. There are always tears and smiles, usually from dads, sometimes even from participating Kiwanians.

Certificates are presented, plus a \$50 gift card from a local restaurant to take the family out to celebrate. As the last and most important honor, the student is invited to ride on the Kiwanis Float during Belton's 4th of July Parade, the oldest continuously running parade in the United States. It is this event that parents say their child is most excited about, and remembers for years.

Belton Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Susan Kincannon says "The values these Awards recognize are ones we hope our students take to heart. By celebrating a student from each elementary and middle school who embodies these values, the Belton Kiwanis Club is helping to inspire a new generation to become civic-minded leaders." Dr. Kincannon also says it is the top award given at their elementary and middle schools each spring.

By: Pearl Fellingham, Chairperson Community Service Committee Belton Kiwanis Club, past distinguished President, and past Lt Governor Division 23.

# UP, UP and AWAY

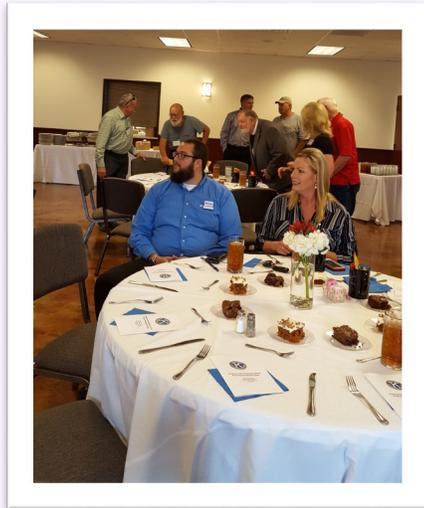
Edmond Kiwanis Club held a "Hot Air Balloon Event and Kid's Carnival" on July 1st. The event was held at Mitch Park on the west side, east of Santa Fe Avenue from 4 pm to sunset. All proceeds benefited the Edmond Elementary Schools.

The Kids' Carnival included Bounce the Town inflatable's, games, face painting and temporary tattoos, hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy and more. Those present could win a hot air balloon trip and at dusk see the balloon glow. The Chick-fil-A cow also made a special appearance.

The Edmond Kiwanis Club meets at noon Wednesdays in the Cherokee Room of the Nigh University Center at University of Central Oklahoma, 100 N University Drive. Lunch is available, and visitors are invited to the meetings, which feature guest speakers.



# Gainesville Kiwanis Lauds 40 Years of Service



On Tuesday, June 27 longtime Gainesville Kiwanian Johnny Leftwich led a lunchtime program recognizing the past presidents of the Gainesville Kiwanis Club. First State Bank hosted the program and provided the noon meal to the more than 60 in attendance at the First State Bank Conference Center.

The Gainesville Kiwanis Club was established in 1938 and has proudly served the community for nearly 80 years.

Former presidents and or their spouses dating back to 1967 attended and had the opportunity to recall some of their best Kiwanis memories. Many of the more than 20 former presidents in attendance traveled long distances to renew old acquaintances and reconnect with the Gainesville Kiwanis Club. Former presidents visiting for the special program included Patti Hunicutt, Heather Hess Arendt, Judson Perry, Rev. Bill Parr, Dr. Franz Klutschkowski, Dr. Eddie Hadlock, John Noblitt, Pam Hoedebeck, Lowell McCormack (first woman president). The guests were joined by current members and former presidents Kay James, Milburn Cravens, Steve Sims, Kevin Grant, Ned Newman, Brenda Hardcastle, Mary Lou Leftwich, Johnny Leftwich, Steve Simms, Patrick McCage, Karen Estes and Claud Frey.



Special guests included past Texas/Oklahoma District Governor Bill Rauhauser and guest Ralph Bunker, past Lt. Governor Fred Funk and wife Dana, Division 8-20-32 Trustee Robin Myers, current Lt. Governor Patrick McCage, wives of past presidents Ann Jo Shelby (wife of Joe McCarroll, 1967), Macella Clegg (wife of Woodrow Clegg, 1975) and Laverna Liedtke, mother of the late Randall Estes, 2015-2016 Kiwanis President.

Kiwanis is an international community-based service organization. Kiwanians believe in improving the community by caring for and nurturing children. The Gainesville Kiwanis Club warmly welcomes new members. If you would like to server the children of Cooke County, please join them at noon on Tuesdays at the Gainesville Civic Center meeting room.



# Hawkins Builders Club and Key Club

The Hawkins Builders Club and Key Club, sponsored by the Holly Lake Kiwanis Club, took some time to show the teachers how much they appreciate them.

This is the first year for the Hawkins Builders Club and working with the Key Club they have accomplished the following:

- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - FILLED AND DONATED **32 BOXES**
- ADOPTED A STUDENT AT HAWKINS from the Hawkins Angel Tree
- MADE AND DELIVERED VALENTINE'S CARDS TO OUR RESIDENTS AT "THE GARDENS" HERE IN HAWKINS
- CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS - **WE DONATED 45 CELL PHONES**...THIS ALLOWED 45 SOLDIERS OVERSEAS TO RECEIVE A FREE CALLING CARD TO CALL THEIR FAMILY HERE IN THE STATES.
- SODA TABS FOR THE "RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE" WE COLLECT **113,539 SODA AND SOUP TABS**
- "MARCH OF DIMES" COLLECTED **\$30 IN CHANGE** TO SEND TO THE MARCH OF DIMES
- EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK: OUR OFFICERS VOLUNTEERED SOME TIME AT THE EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK...AND ENJOYED A DELICIOUS MEAL provided by our Holly Lake Sponsors.
- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: WE PROVIDED YOGURT, DONUTS, MUFFINS, WATER, AND JUICE FOR THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.
- STUDENTS WANTED TO SHOW THE TEACHERS HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATE THEM SO THEY **PAINTED AND REDECORATED** THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS LOUNGE



We are so very proud of our members for all of their hard work and dedication.



Principal Jason Boyd joined us as we enjoyed pizza and put the final touches on the lounge.. LEFT TO RIGHT: Richard Browning, Emma Williams, Tanae Thompson, Keely Crawley, Lynli Dacus, Kelsie Browning, Abby Williams, Jason Boyd (Not Pictured: Hunter Warrick and Haylie Greer)

# Gainesville Kiwanis Officer Banquet

Gainesville Honored some special people during our installation banquet. Patrick McCage was awarded the **George F. Hixson Award** for going above and beyond. Johnny Leftwich received Kiwanis Gold Level Award for Recruiting new Club Members. Also pictured is the new President Leslie Nichols and President Elect Casey Klement.



George F. Hixson award to Patrick McCage



President Elect Casey Klement



Patrick getting the George F. Hixson Award



New Board Members.



Leslie Nichols New President 2017-2018.



Officers Luncheon.



Kiwanian of the Year Leslie Nichols.



Johnny Leftwich gets gold award.

# Klein Collins Key Club

We ordered 300 boxes of school supplies for kids whose elementary school was under water. The key club at Klein Collins high in spring Texas is delivering the large boxes which contain the smaller kits.



Key Club students delivering all the kits for the students.

# SILENT AUCTION RAISES MONEY FOR ELIMINATE

Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanians raised \$3,634 for Eliminate at the T-O district convention in Abilene. Co-chairs for the event, Joyce Curry and Becky Spargo agreed that, "This auction brought in more funds for Eliminate than the previous two years auctions." Twenty-nine clubs participated this year, which was also a record.

Two oil paintings donated by a San Angelo member brought in the most money with \$226 in a fierce bidding war. The paintings were donated in memory of former Kiwanian, Harold Hodapp by his daughter. Her parents had originally bought the paintings by a famous television artist at a previous Kiwanis district convention fund raiser. Baytown was next in line with \$200 for gift cards hanging from a "Go Fishing" sign. There were sixty-four items in the auction.

Joyce and Becky encourage all clubs to bring one or more items to next year's convention, which will again be in Abilene. T-O saved 2,018 lives with their donated auction items. Can we beat that number at the next convention?



# Kiwanis Cooking Crew Travels Nine Hours to Serve Hurricane Clean-up Volunteers and Residents



A team of four cooks from the Cortana Kiwanis Club in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, stirred the pots – expertly rotating the Jambalaya so nothing burned. The men traveled nine hours by car, towing a trailer to Port Aransas, Texas, to prepare hot meals for relief workers and residents affected by Hurricane Harvey.

"We just want to help," said Daryle Gauthier, of the Cortana Kiwanis Club. "This may be the only hot food some of these people will get to eat for days."



The Cortana Kiwanis Club members, working with the Kiwanis Club of Padre Island and local leaders, set up the camp at Roberts Point Park. They brought all the food, utensils, pots and pans – even the stove – from Louisiana. The Cortana Kiwanis Club is no stranger to serving large groups of people. They've responded to other disasters, like Hurricane Katrina and massive flooding in Baton Rouge.



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"We are grateful for the Kiwanis volunteers from Louisiana," said John Vaughn, president of the Kiwanis Club of Padre Island. "Kiwanis members from around the world responded to this disaster with money and supplies so that we could help the children affected by this hurricane."



In addition to the food donation, Cortana Kiwanis Club members are bringing toiletries, storage tubs and school supplies to help families get through these tough times.

## Students Show Off New Shoes From Kiwanis

The banners held by the fourth graders prove Kiwanis is making a difference in Pasadena, Texas, USA. They read: "4th grade thanks you for the shoes."

Every student at South Houston Elementary School received a new pair of shoes on Monday, October 23. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena helped about 600 children try on shoes and made sure there was enough room for their toes to wiggle.



"So many of the children in this school lost everything because of Hurricane Harvey," said Brad McKenzie, president of the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena. "We are trying to do whatever we can to make sure the kids have what they need. Kids need Kiwanis here in Pasadena, and we are responding."

Two Ten Footwear Foundation, the national charitable foundation of the U.S. footwear industry, donated the shoes, in addition to socks and clothing, for Kiwanis clubs to distribute.

"We are humbled and grateful for the support that our industry has shown to those who have been impacted by this devastating hurricane," said Neal Newman, President of Two Ten Footwear Foundation. "The need is great and we are doing all we can to make sure we provide help and relief for families who are in crisis."

"Our industry is close and compassionate, and this is another example of the incredible strength of the footwear community."



# Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club

Last Saturday Deborah Price, David Price, Ricky Marks, and Don Holland, all members of the Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club, began putting the final touches on the remaining Little Libraries that PVKC is preparing to place in various parts of our county. We will work in conjunction with the Brownwood Library to keep these Little Libraries stocked with books for the public to get out and read. When finished they are asked to return the book so others may have the opportunity to read. The idea is to return the book and take another. The Brownwood Library is selecting the locations for these Little Libraries. This service to the community is free, and our club is proud to be a participant. To learn more about the Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club check out our Facebook page. While there, like the page and follow us. <https://www.facebook.com/PecanValleyKiwanisClub/>



# Kiwanis Club of Abilene

Members from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene volunteered at the Melvin Martin Center for Safety City Fall Fest and passed out candy to trick-or-treaters. The second and third weekend in December this club will host their signature project "Light Up Safety City" where kids from across the community will come to see the entire place lite up for the holidays. Safety City is an educational facility featuring a "child-size" town of miniature buildings, streets, crosswalks, functional traffic lights, sidewalks, a working railroad crossing, and a school bus.



## Edmond Kiwanis Club:

# Santa Claus Is Coming To Town On A Fire Truck December 9<sup>th</sup>!

On December 9, 2017, the Edmond Kiwanis Club will hold its annual "Santa On A Fire Truck" event to collect toys for foster children. The public is invited to three of the four local stops that will be made by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus with Santa arriving on an Edmond Fire Department truck.

These three locations are the Acts II United Methodist Church, [4848 Covell Road](#), starting at 10:30 am; the MAC and Senior Center at Mitch Park, [2733 Marilyn Williams Drive](#), starting at 1 pm; and a model home in the Towne Square housing development, located on Danforth between Sooner and Coltrane Roads, starting at 3:30 pm.



***Santa Claus (Edmond Kiwanis Club Member Boyd Mize) and Mrs. Claus (Edmond Kiwanis Club Member Kathy Ackerman) pose in front of the City of Edmond's Fire Department truck with children who attended the club's annual "Santa on a Fire Truck" event at one of the neighborhood locations. Dan O'Neil Photo***

Each family attending one of the three locations is asked to bring two toys, one for a foster child and the other to be given by Santa Claus to their child. Families are also encouraged to bring a dessert to share. Each location has activities for the children.

The club is partnering with Angels Foster Network OKC to collect toys for foster children. According to its website, "Angels' goal is to form deep community involvement, volunteerism, and cultivate the best foster homes available for infants, toddlers, and children. Many of Angels' foster children have lived in emergency shelters or a series of short-term foster homes after being abused, neglected or abandoned by their biological parents." Jennifer Abney, Founder/Executive Director, Angels Family Foster Network OKC, is an Edmond Kiwanis Club member.

The club appreciates the generous support of the City of Edmond Fire Department, that takes the jolly old elf, Santa Claus (Edmond Kiwanis Club Member Boyd Mize), around in a fire truck to visit local neighborhoods. Santa is accompanied on his visits by Mrs. Claus (Edmond Kiwanis Club Member Kathy Ackerman).

While bringing great Christmas joy to the children of these neighborhoods, "Santa's Elves" (consisting of Edmond Kiwanians and several Key Club members) will collect the toys for Angels Family Foster Network that will be given to foster children. Mark your calendars for December 9<sup>th</sup> for this family fun event that will get you into the Christmas spirit!

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Edmond Kiwanis Club meets at Noon in the Cherokee Room of the Nigh University Center, University of Central [Oklahoma, 100 North University Drive](#). The public is invited to the meetings, which includes a speaker, and lunch is available.

## **Ki-Notes - Newsletter**

We are excited to present a slightly new format to the newsletter including Club Celebrations, Governor's Corner and of course District news. We really want to highlight the amazing work of our clubs so please read through the District News and e-mail us your club celebrations, service projects and pictures of your projects in action to [txokki-notes@gmail.com](mailto:txokki-notes@gmail.com).

### **Ki-Notes Guidelines:**

We prefer pictures and articles to be sent via email. Pictures should not be embedded in articles or any other document formats. Pictures should be sent as an attachment with your article. Please send pictures in JPG or TIFF format with a resolution (dpi) of no less than 175 -200. All pictures may be sent in color. Articles should be sent in Word or simply written in the body of the email message block. Accompanying all articles and photos should include: The name of the Club AND a contact person with his/her phone number and/or email address. Information must be related to Kiwanis or Kiwanis Family.

## **QUARTERLY DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS**

January 26th, March 30th, May 25th

## **TX-OK Website**

If you haven't seen the District website in a while we encourage you to check it out at [www.txokkiwanis.org](http://www.txokkiwanis.org) as well as our Facebook page @txokkiwanis. There is a lot of information and resources there for members and club leaders! E-mail [christinecurtis-carr.kiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:christinecurtis-carr.kiwanis@gmail.com) if you have pictures and information for the Facebook page or website.