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Governor's Message

Today is a Great Day to be a Kiwanian. This was my opening statement at all 10 of my Governor visits. It was followed by my commitment this year to **"INVESTING IN THE FAMILY"**. Both of these statements are the reasons I decided to run for Governor 5 years ago. I believe more than ever before, Kiwanis is needed in each one of our communities and each Kiwanis Club needs to make our Service Leadership Programs, ie. CKI, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, and Aktion Club our number one focus. No other organization does as much as Kiwanis does in the lives of individuals from grade school thru college. Our involvement in these young people makes such a difference in mentoring them to be our servant leaders of tomorrow. I am encouraging every Kiwanis Club to support our SLP's with their time, energy, and finances. It is the greatest investment that we can make.

My second emphasis on these Governor visits was that we have to better **MARKET** what we do as Kiwanians in our communities. We do so many great things but very few people know who Kiwanis is and what Kiwanis does. We have yard signs at the district office for $10 that each club could use when they are doing a service project in their communities. There are also larger signs available to order that could be used in a building or parking lot. We need to wear shirts with the Kiwanis logo on them and need to participate in social media where we can get the Kiwanis message out. Better marketing creates better community awareness which will help us gain new members

. Speaking of membership, I am calling for 50 clubs to take the challenge to be a **"FABULOUS FIFTY CLUB"** where they will work to bring in new members and finish the 2017-2018 year with a net increase of 5 members. These clubs will be recognized at our District Convention in Abilene on August 2-4th and there will be a drawing from these clubs for a grand prize which will be presented at our convention. Membership Campaign ideas will be sent to each club President or Secretary very soon. Each club needs to hold a Membership Campaign or Membership Contest sometime in the next 4 months. We must grow our membership because "KIDS NEED KIWANIS" and we need Kiwanians to meet the needs of the young people we serve. Please become a "Fabulous Fifty Club" today and email me at pschibi@lnbok.com. My goal for this year is to open 10 new clubs in the T-O District. We have 2 opened so far and 3 in the works so we have along way to go to meet this goal. Why open clubs? Because there are orphan Key Clubs all over our district where they do not have a Kiwanis club to sponsor and assist them. Please let me know if you are willing to join our club opening team.

Lastly, the mighty T-O District is celebrating our **100YR ANNIVERSARY** in Abilene at our District Convention. The clubs in the Abilene area are working hard to make this a once in a lifetime celebration of Kiwanis and the T-O District. We normally have 400-500 at our District Convention and our goal this year is to have **1,000 KIWANIANS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE**. Please make plans today to join us in August. I promise you a great time.

It is my honor and privilege to serve you this year as your Governor. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Governor Patrick

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Texas-Oklahoma 100yr Celebrations

Club		Charter Number	100yr Anniversary
			2018
Oklahoma City	OK	00087	4/19/2018
Tulsa	OK	00124	6/7/2018
Fort Worth	TX	00044	11/12/2018
			2019
Houston	TX	00051	1/29/2019
San Antonio-Bexar	TX	00108	3/19/2019
Corpus Christi	TX	00155	8/16/2019
Muskogee	OK	00169	10/25/2019
			2020
Downtown Bartlesville	OK	00207	2/18/2020
Enid	OK	00226	3/30/2020
Ardmore	OK	00233	4/20/2020
Amarillo	TX	00244	5/12/2020
Plainview	TX	00260	5/28/2020
Galvaston	TX	00285	7/29/2020
			2021
San Angelo	TX	00380	1/11/2021
Abilene	TX	00403	2/9/2021
Wichita Falls	TX	00439	3/16/2021
Waco	TX	00467	4/16/2021
Tyler-Rose City	TX	00492	5/10/2021
Duncan-Chisholm Trail	OK	00502	5/24/2021
El Reno	OK	00597	10/5/2021
Chickasha	OK	00608	11/1/2021
Lawton	OK	00624	11/17/2021
Denton	TX	00634	12/6/2021
Pawhuska	OK	00643	12/13/2021
			2022
Altus	OK	00676	2/3/2022
Lubbock	TX	00697	2/23/2022

FOURTH ANNUAL ELIMINATE AUCTION IN ABILENE

Abilene Kiwanians are busy planning the T-O District Convention in Abilene August 2-4, 2018. Joyce Curry and Becky Spargo are getting ready for the fourth annual silent auction benefitting The Eliminate Project.

Since this is the 100th anniversary for T-O Kiwanis, Becky and Joyce are suggesting that the items each club brings for the auction are worth at least $100. However, smaller items are welcome as well. Last year's auction in Abilene brought in a total of $3,634 for Eliminate, which means that T-O Kiwanians saved the lives of over 2,000 mothers and babies, who would have contracted tetanus.

At last year's silent auction, the Abilene Kiwanis Club sold $332 worth of items, while their Satellite Club sold an additional $175. Who can break that record this year? Downtown Bartlesville OK was a close second with $300 and third was Greater Abilene with $280. Let's make this a contest to see who can raise the most money for Eliminate at the 2018 T-O convention in Abilene.

What sells the best? San Angelo Kiwanis made $226 in a lively bidding war on an oil painting. Baytown Kiwanis made $200 for their "Go Fishing" gift cards. Next was Jacksonville Kiwanis' wine basket for $170 and Downtown Bartlesville's Yeti Hopper brought in $150. With a variety of tastes attending convention, there should be auction items for everyone.

Start planning now for the Eliminate Silent Auction. Twenty-nine clubs participated last year with sixty-four plus items. Even if your club has reached its Eliminate goal, help out those who are still working on theirs. Our **ultimate goal** is $110 million and ALL countries eliminated from death by tetanus. Email Joyce Curry at curry@lcairwaves.com with a description of your auction item(s).

SILENT AUCTION T-O CONVENTION IN ABILENE

BENEFITS ELIMINATE WITH CREDIT TO YOUR CLUB

Bring items for the Silent Auction.

Each club receives credit on the sale of item(s)

NO GARAGE SALE ITEMS PLEASE

(Items may be mailed prior to convention to the address below.)

Email or call name of club, item and value **BEFORE** convention:

Joyce Curry, Silent Auction Chair

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903-850-2121©

curry@lcairwaves.com

Becky Spargo, Co-Chair

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Abilene, TX 79601

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TEXAS OKLAHOMA CHARTERS TWO NEW KIWANIS CLUBS IN DIVISION 2

Lt. Governor Don Ables added two new clubs to his Division in January. The Frisco Kiwanis Club held their charter banquet on Friday, January 12, 2018 with Governor Patrick Schibi in attendance. This club chartered with 18 members.

The Sachse-Wylie-Murphy (SWM) Club became official on Saturday, January 13, 2018. They chartered with 24 members. The banquet was held at The Mansion's, Wylie's new adult living complex. A wonderful night of fellowship with Governor Patrick and fellow club members. In attendance were new charter members Sachse Mayor, Michael Felix and Sachse Fire Chief, Martin Wade. This club is off to a great start with several fundraisers and service projects already under their belt. Plans to charter a Builder's Club at Hudson Middle School and 3 new Key Clubs are in the works. Sponsors for this club were the Richardson Kiwanis Club and the Garland Kiwanis Club.

Governor Patrick giving advice to new President

Audrey Wallace, new charter member and Executive Director for Five Loaves Food Pantry is presenting Governor Patrick with a gift from the club. Five Loaves Pantry is one of the club's new service projects. They have a coffee shop that sells coffee to help buy much needed supplies for their pantry. Ms. Wallace is presenting the Governor with two bags of coffee. Monies from the purchase of this coffee will provide 56 pounds of food to needy families.

Charter members, President Rich Baker and Sachse Mayor, Mike Felix

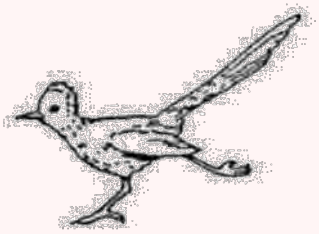
GROWTH TEAM PUTS TOGETHER NEW CLUB PACKAGE FOR ANY CLUB CHARTERED THIS YEAR!

A New Club Opener Training was held on January 20, 2018 at the District Office. 20 Kiwanis members from the DFW Metroplex and Oklahoma area came for the training. Prospective sites for the Spring are Rowlett, TX and Claremore, OK. Many other possible sites are in the works.

The Growth Team has put together several things to help you with you efforts. We are happy to come and provide a training for your Division but you must have a minimum of 10 participants with a vetted location. If your area is interested in chartering a new Kiwanis Club please contact Growth Chair, Susan Hennum at susan.hennum@hotmail.com or 214-460-9537.

Every new charter member receives a T-shirt and the club receives a sign to use when they have their service projects.

THE FORMULA
LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.



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 15th of May of 2018, a letter, <u>not to exceed two pages</u> 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 <u>no later than</u> the **15th 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

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

December 8, 2017

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Lee,

Congratulations to you and the Texas-Oklahoma District for meeting the Kiwanis Children's Fund President's Challenge for the 2016–17 Kiwanis year!

The President's Challenge is awarded annually to district governors, secretaries and chairs of the Children's Fund who promote the Kiwanis Children's Fund and see an increase in their respective districts' unrestricted cumulative giving. (Read about the 2016–17 requirements.)

In honor of the support you and the Texas-Oklahoma District have given to the Children's Fund, you will receive an invitation to a private reception at the 2018 Kiwanis International Convention—as well as a personal gift of appreciation from me. Watch your mail in the coming months for the invitation and the gift.

In the meantime, please share this great news with your district and everyone who helped meet the President's Challenge. Thank you for your ongoing support and your dedication to our mission.

Sincerely,

Chia Sing Hwang

2017-18 President

Kiwanis Children's Fund

Sharing the Gift of Kiwanis at Christmas in Abilene

ABILENE, Texas – A 20-foot-tall reindeer will certainly get your attention. And boy, it really does when it's made of hundreds of sparkling Christmas lights.

The 106-member Kiwanis Club of Abilene wanted to find a signature project that would give the gift of Kiwanis to children and families in the city and the surrounding area.

Imagine that reindeer surrounded by a miniature city with buildings, stop signs, a traffic light and thousands upon thousands of holiday lights, all covering 4.25 acres.

More than 1,500 kids, moms, dads, aunts, uncles and grandparents came and enjoyed their stroll through the city and a visit with Santa. Kiwanians greeted people at "Kiwanis Christmas at Safety City" and gave out hot chocolate and cookies.

"We wanted to host an event where families could enjoy each other. There's no better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus - the Light of the World - than to immerse families in light." said Randy Roewe, chairman of the Signature Project Committee that planned the event.

Each night, families enjoyed the brisk air and warm lights. Little girls squealed with delight as they peered upon the reindeer, icicle lights and Santa. Boys ran with excitement to peer at Frosty and his family. Santa listened to Christmas wishes, while parents sipped hot chocolate.

The project allowed the club to build relationships with new partners: Christmas Décor, Safety City, and AbiMar. AbiMar donated 40 cases of cookies for the event. The local Christmas Décor franchisee, Matt Robinson, jumped at the opportunity to give back to the city. Club members participated in the event and were able to tell people about Kiwanis and its mission to serve children.

The locale was the Melvin Martin Center for Children's Safety, better known around these parts as "Safety City." It is a scaled-down version of a town where third-grade children learn about traffic safety and rules, and fire safety from law enforcement officers and firemen. It celebrated its 37th anniversary in 2017 and holds special memories for people who attended a Safety City class as a child. It provided the perfect canvas for Christmas Décor to create its lighted wonderland.

The facility was named for Melvin Martin, a retired Abilene Police Chief and member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

A lady who lived across the street said, "I've been waiting to come see this place for years. Thank you for giving us this opportunity. Everything looks beautiful!"

Families were thankful for this place to enjoy. Many family photos were taken and will be cherished. All wish to return next year, which they will because the Kiwanis Club of Abilene will continue to share the gift of Kiwanis.

Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club

You may or may not know that Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club is partnering with the Brownwood Public Library to install and sponsor Little Free Libraries. PVKC member's, David and Deborah Price, are spearheading the project for our club, and we have completed the construction of the Little Libraries that the club will sponsor. David and Deborah have already installed 2 Little Libraries. One in Coggin Park in Brownwood, and one in Zephyr, TX.

Here are PVKC members, Gary Twiford and Don Holland, completing the installation of the Little Library in Riverside Park in Brownwood. We will return in a couple of days to remove the braces and stock the Little Libraries with books furnished by the Brownwood Public Library. Hopefully, the public will take advantage of this very worthwhile service offered by the Brownwood Public Library, and PVKC is honored to participate.

For more information about this project contact the Brownwood Public Library at 325-646-0155 or check out their website http://www.brownwoodpubliclibrary.com/. To keep up with the Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club, check out their Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/PecanValleyKiwanisClub/.

A picture of the completed library in Coggin Park, Brownwood, TX

Deborah Price is with the Little Library in Zephyr, TX

Cleburne Kiwanis and Key Clubs Celebrate Breakfast with Santa

The 9th annual Breakfast with Santa was enjoyed by many Cleburne families thanks to the efforts of these local Kiwanians and Key Club Members.

Santa was still on hand to thank the members for making the annual event a highlight for kids and their parents.

Harker Heights Kiwanis Club

The Harker Heights Kiwanis Club has had a very busy Fall with their American Flag Delivery fundraiser. They have over 300 homes and businesses that members deliver flags to on designated holidays. This program provides support for the high school scholarships awarded each year to Harker Heights High School students. Their other activities all include their SLP clubs: Harker Heights HS Key Club and the Eastern Hills MS Builders Club. Both of the student clubs are very active in the Stewart C Meyer Public Library children's programs and community events.

Harker Heights HS Key Club at the Harker Heights Community Park Clean up

The Harker Heights High School Key Club helped out at the Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library's kids' music exploration program! Many of the Key Club members are also members of the High School Orchestra or play instruments. Several brought their instruments to inspire little ones to pursue music and the arts for fun, for potential job choices, and for personal fulfillment. Not only did kids get opportunities to see string instruments up close, but they also were allowed to handle and even play a cello! Other instruments available included a variety of xylophones and glockenspiels, bongo drums, conga drums, bells, triangles, egg shakers, a large foot piano, and more! The Key Club also did a HH Community Park waterways cleanup, Christmas cards and fruit baskets for residents of Indian Oaks Nursing Center, Barnes & Noble Christmas programs for the children such as Princess Day, Polar Express, Olaf's Frozen Adventure, Winter Wonderland and Steampunk night at the library. Both clubs volunteered at the Library Halloween Monster Mash, Batman Day and marched in the Veteran's Day and Christmas Parades to show community support. The EHMS Builders Club members gave up the last of their summer vacation to help teachers move classrooms before the start of school. The Builders Club also worked 7 hours at the annual Food for Families collection point sorting over 35,000 lbs of food for the local food banks. They helped fill 1500 bags of candy for the Harker Heights Community Halloween and worked all day for the Friends of the Library booksale helping customers. We can't say enough about how awesome our students are.

Eastern Hills Middle School Builders Club at Library Halloween Party

Harker Heights Kiwanis Club

The Harker Heights Kiwanis Club and the Harker Heights High School Key Club and the Eastern Hills Middle School Builders Club participation in the Killeen Veteran's Day Parade and the Killeen Christmas Parade.

For the Killeen Christmas parade the 2 student clubs selected "Star Wars" as their theme. The students love supporting their community by participating is these big community events.

Harker Heights Kiwanis Club

The Eastern Hills MS Builders Club at Food for Families

EHMS Builders Club helping fill 1500 candy bags for the Harker Heights Halloween Hoopla

Harker Heights Kiwanis Club

Harker Heights HS Key Club hand wrote Christmas cards to go with the Christmas fruit baskets for all the residents of the Indian Oaks Nursing Center in Harker Heights.

Key Club participating in the Library music exploration program.

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.

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

March 30th, May 25th, July 27th

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 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 if you have pictures and information for the Facebook page or website.