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# TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT



## OUR STORY

The first Kiwanis Club in what is now the Texas-Oklahoma District, was officially completed February 10, 1917, at Dallas, Texas, with a membership of 200. Due to the increasing number of clubs across the country members realized the need of setting up the District organization. In October 1918, the Dallas Club selected one of its members to serve as interim Governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District until an organization conference could be arranged. The first meeting was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and on February 10, 1919, the Texas-Oklahoma District was organized.



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# Kiwaniis®

## TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

June 9, 2020

Fellow Kiwanians,

Kiwaniis International celebrates diversity and the strength it brings to our communities. Texas and Oklahoma share and embrace a rich unique ever-melting montage of ethnic culture and diversity. We have Hispanic, Latino, Asian, African American, 39 Native American Tribal nations and all manner of European descendants that call our two states home. One sad commonality we all share is that, at some point in history, all these groups have been targeted, oppressed, and marginalized at the hands of the dominant society of the day because of race. It was wrong in 1776, and it is more so wrong today. Black lives matter. Race-based discrimination has absolutely no place in a free and civilized society.

The Kiwanis mission is to improve the world, one child and one community at a time. As Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanians, we stand together in this fight against racial injustice in all its many forms. We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those who wish to advocate peacefully for positive and permanent change. No child, regardless of their culture or ethnicity, should ever have to feel the pain of hunger, the sting of racism, or the oppression of inequality. Kiwanis believes that the only way to fight the injustices that exist is to provide a better tomorrow. We can do this by providing comfort wherever the need. Kiwanis strives to be the Light.

The Second Object of Kiwanis states: "To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships." Treat all others as you would want to be treated. Be the Light. Love one another.

Sincerely,  
Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International  
Board of Directors 2019-2020

"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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# VOICES

## COVID-19 DOES NOT STOP KEY CLUB

KELLY POLAND • KEY CLUB ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF DISTRICT EVENTS

The world changed Mid-March. You know what happened, you lived it, our country shut down thanks to COVID-19.

For Key Club, their world changed as well. Schools did not come back from Spring Break and our annual District Convention was cancelled. But as the headline above reads, COVID-19 did NOT stop Key Club. Instead of driving to Dallas, both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Key Club Lt. Governors joined together on a Zoom meeting to hold a Joint Board Meeting followed by a Virtual District Convention.

You can watch the Virtual DCON [HERE](#). If you'd like to spend more time experiencing the amazing skills of Key Clubbers, you can go to our YouTube Channel (click [HERE](#)) and watch the Virtual Forums they made to share with the clubs.

If that's not enough of Key Club Awesomeness, I'm going to lay out some more for you. A quick GroupText to the 2020-2021 Lt. Governors asked what, if anything, have they heard of or participated in as a Key Club since the COVID quarantine. Within 2 minutes, the answers were:

"I made masks and sent them to hospitals.

I've been sending notes with inspiring messages to people in nursing homes in my community right now.

I recently went to a local food bank because they need more volunteers than anyone right now. They're literally begging for volunteers so if you are tired of sitting at home, go and volunteer at a food bank!

I donated some masks to the local VA hospital and helped with a grocery fundraiser.

My club and I recorded ourselves reading books to send to elementary schools.

I try to help tutor peers who can't really get as much help from our teachers.

We have been sending letters to nursing homes and tutoring online, especially elementary students who need help!

I know some local churches are handing out boxes of food. I've volunteered there a couple of times.

I've been sending letters to prisoners whose families who've been affected by COVID or do not get letters at all."

So as you can see, COVID-19 did NOT and will NOT stop Key Club from serving their community.

*Link to Virtual DCON: [https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=689130771898940&ref=watch\\_permalink](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=689130771898940&ref=watch_permalink)*

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# VOICES

## A NEW KIWANIAN

EVELYN HERRERA • KI NOTES EDITOR

Hello! My name is Evelyn Herrera. I am a new Kiwanian! I currently hold a few different titles with Kiwanis. I am an Administrative Assistant for the Texas Oklahoma District, a KI-Notes Editor, and a Social Media Manager for the Kiwanis Club of Arlington. It has been a joy learning the ins and outs of Kiwanis. I have had the pleasure of taking part in the Kiwanis Club of Arlington's annual Pancake Day event, made Disaster Relief backpacks for the district, and have met various wonderful people through wellness checks.

About me: I am a 21-year-old Chicana. I have close ties to the Latinx community and love cultural diversity. I have always loved to make an impact in my community. I often involved myself in as many school-sponsored activities and clubs that aimed to make a positive impact. From spreading the cultural joys of the Mexican culture to supporting artistic endeavors, I was always finding ways to be involved.

After graduating high school I moved to Chicago to start my young adult journey. I pursued a degree in fine arts at the School of Art Institute of Chicago. My time there was fun and full of learning. Even though I have a great love for Chicago, I did see how difficult it was for many living there. From homelessness to lack of resources, I saw firsthand how bleak our future could turn. This inspired me to seek ways to change this through my art and my actions. Unfortunately, my venture in Chicago was cut short due to a lack of finances. Instead, I moved back to Texas where I could be closer to loved ones. It was a difficult choice, but it brought me back to one of my first loves, helping others. It was here in Arlington, Texas, where Laura Arnhart introduced me to the wonder that is Kiwanis. I am excited to learn more and do more with this organization!



Feel free to say hello!

You can email me at [evelyn.herrera.arreola@gmail.com](mailto:evelyn.herrera.arreola@gmail.com), just make sure to let me know who you are.

You can continue to submit articles and images for KI Notes at [txokkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:txokkiwanis@gmail.com) or send them to my email.

# VOICES

## MEMBERSHIP DURING A PANDEMIC

SUSAN HENNUM • TX OK KIWANIS GROWTH TEAM CHAIR

Many clubs are wondering what is going to happen to them when this Pandemic is over? As a club president, the first thing you need to be asking yourself is... *How can I keep my members engaged in the community??* Right now is the perfect time to re-evaluate your service projects and launch a campaign to bring in new members. Kiwanis International and T/O District have made sure that there is no new member fee. Individuals can join a local Kiwanis Club at no cost until Sept. 30, 2020. Companies can sponsor a corporate membership at no cost. Monies for dues will need to be paid prior to Oct. 1 though.

People want to help, so provide them an opportunity to do so. Do the shelves at your local food look like this? Local food pantries are overwhelmed, with some stating they are serving up to 1,000 families per week where their usual was 200 – 300.

*What can your club do???*



First, you can use your Facebook and website page to call for the community to help fill the shelves! Set up a table at your local grocery store and hand out a list of what is needed to all people entering the store. Ask them to purchase several items to donate from the list. Be sure your members are wearing masks and gloves!

Invite community members to help and be sure to give everyone who donates information about your club. Have a sign-up sheet to receive other notifications about service opportunities. You can use this as a mailing list to give people information about your club!

Whatever you decide to do, know your local nonprofits need your support now more than ever!

Be sure you have an easy way to collect money for donations. Some people may just want to donate rather than shop for items. Remember most people today do not use a checkbook. Be sure you have a square reader, paypal reader, and/or have set up a Venmo account for your club. For help with setting up a Venmo account contact our Marketing Department. Most importantly..... Have zoom meetings... Call your members on the phone and stay connected! Kiwanis is needed now more than ever.

# FEATURES

## NEW MEMBER FEES

TEXAS OKLAHOMA KIWANIS DISTRICT



The Kiwanis International Board voted on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, to take an aggressive step in helping clubs obtain new members during this time of uncertainty and Zoom meetings. With clubs struggling to connect to members online, The KI board voted to suspend all new member fees from existing clubs beginning May 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020. On Wednesday, April 29, 2020, your District Growth and Marketing Team released a grant that will be used to cover all T/O District new member fees during this time also. What does that mean for your club?

Very simple.... You can go and recruit club members at no cost between May 1 through September 30. Just fill out the application and have your Secretary turn a copy in to the District. There will be no bill coming from Kiwanis International to your club. Now with that said.....All Paperwork for the new member Must Be either submitted online or Postmarked to the District no later than September 30, 2020, to take advantage of this grant.

Please keep in mind that on October 1, 2020, dues will be required for these new members, so plan to collect accordingly. Dues on October 1 will be the same as this year, \$77 for Kiwanis International which includes insurance and magazine and \$40 for District. You will receive one bill for both from Kiwanis International. Dues must be paid before the end of December.

This offer does not apply to new club building, however. For any new club that is chartered between now and September 1, 2020, the dues for the first year are waived. The Charter New Member Fee of \$100 covers them through September 30, 2021.

Need some ideas on how to recruit during this time?

1. Invite Community Members and Friends to your on-line Zoom meetings. Need a Zoom membership? All Lt. Governors were given a budget to buy a Division zoom membership. Sign up with your Lt. Governor for a time slot to host meetings.
2. Schedule a Membership Contest. The member that brings in the most members gets a gift card from a local restaurant so that when the time comes, they can go and sit down and have a nice meal!
3. Schedule a Service Project....
  - a. Help a local Food Pantry deliver meals
  - b. Help a local Food Pantry stock their shelves
  - c. Order coloring books and crayons through Dollar Tree who will drop ship to your local Dollar Tree. Pick up books and place a sticker with your Kiwanis Club name on them. Stickers can be ordered from Amazon or Office Depot. Donate them to a local pantry and Elementary School to be handed out with food.
4. Host an online Fundraiser (here are just a couple of examples)
  - a. We Help Two Sock Fundraiser <https://www.wehelptwo.com/>
  - b. Flower Sales from local nursery
  - c. Flower fundraiser of seed and bulbs shipped directly to individuals <https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/>

Be sure to use your Facebook page to highlight your projects and fundraisers. The District puts at least one new post up every day on their Facebook page for the clubs to use. Be sure to go to our page and share it on your Club page.

I wish your club the best of luck, and I look forward to seeing our numbers grow!

If you are needing any help with recruitment or a further explanation of this grant offer please contact Susan Hennem, our Membership Chair, at [susan.hennem@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.hennem@hotmail.com) or our Marketing Director, Marshall Kregel at [mkregel@hotmail.com](mailto:mkregel@hotmail.com)



# COLORING BOOK CONTEST

The Texas Oklahoma District is looking for artists!

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

The Texas Oklahoma District has come up with a fun project! The district is looking to create a series of coloring books to publish. These books will represent what Kiwanis is all about. The pages will be filled with designs of service projects, events, and goals that represent who we are. Who better to draw what we do than the people who do it? Thus, the district is in search of artists! Since we have so many projects and events, the district will assign a topic to each artist to depict.

If you are interested in participating visit our google form:

<https://forms.gle/pEuqTDNLN38K31Ja7>.

100 designs will be chosen, those artists will receive a \$10 gift card.

## WHAT TO KNOW

When you fill out your entry form, a member from the district will contact you using the information you have provided. This will be to assign you your design topic. By entering the contest you agree to relinquish ownership rights of the design you submit, if it is chosen. We want to be completely transparent with artists. Because the design will be for TX-OK Kiwanis material, the district wants to be able to have control of the use of the image. Fear not, artists will still be given credit for their work in the coloring book. We recognize all the creativity and talents of all artists and simply wish to be as transparent as possible. Thank you for making Kiwanis so great!

# FEATURES

TEXAS OKLAHOMA KIWANIS DISTRICT

## TX-OK Club Leadership Education (CLE) e-Education



With the cancellation of in-person education, Club Leadership Education has gone virtual and your 2020 – 2021 club leaders are invited. This year, education for presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership committees will be offered online in a two-part series. Kiwanis International is offering virtual CLE training the week of **June 8-13**. Officers, reported through the club secretary's dashboard by June 1, will receive an invitation to attend training the week of June 8. An email from the Texas-Oklahoma district office was sent out earlier with specific information about the June 8-13 training opportunities.

The Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis will offer sessions specific to our district. Those dates will be communicated to our clubs once they are confirmed. Please watch your email and the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis Facebook page and website for updated information. Club Leadership Guidebooks, 5 copies for each club, are being distributed to current clubs by regional and divisional leadership.

# FEATURES

## TX-OK WEBPAGE & FACEBOOK CONTEST

MARSHALL KREGEL • TX OK KIWANIS MARKETING DIRECTOR

For 2019-2020, we have expanded the annual website contest to also include a club Facebook page. Each club entering the contest must submit both a website AND a club Facebook page for judging. Judging Criteria is now split between the club Facebook page and club website. If your club does not have either a website or a Facebook page, contact your Marketing Director, Marshall Kregel at [mkregel@hotmail.com](mailto:mkregel@hotmail.com) and we will get you set up.

### JUDGING CRITERIA – MAIN CATEGORIES (10 POINTS EACH)

#### FACEBOOK

- ❑ Facebook pages up to date? Have at least 1 new post per week for 3 months prior to the contest entry. You can find plenty of great posts on the district Facebook page to share to your club page if you go through a week without any projects or programs to brag about! The point here is that consistent content creates audience interest.
- ❑ Is the "About Us" page filled in? You should have a contact email and show the location and time and day of your club meetings so someone could make the effort to visit your club.
- ❑ Have a link to a video either on the KI YouTube page, your own club's YouTube page, or the District YouTube page. Video is important in attracting attention to a page or just a story.
- ❑ Have a proper "Branded" header for your page? (no old "birdcage" Kiwanis logos) Contact Marshall at [mkregel@hotmail.com](mailto:mkregel@hotmail.com) if you need help here, or go to [www.Kiwanis.org/Brand](http://www.Kiwanis.org/Brand) to see header options for your Facebook page.
- ❑ Pictures of your club's service programs are very important for people to see. You get these points if I can find pictures and descriptions of your club members doing cool projects in the community.

#### WEBSITE

- ❑ Good "success" story about how one of the club programs benefited the local community? Include some pictures or a bit of video.
- ❑ Links to Kiwanis International and to T-O District website AND Facebook pages? [www.txokkiwanis.org](http://www.txokkiwanis.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/texasoklahomakiwanis/>
- ❑ Must have the Kiwanis mission statement on the home page or 'about' us page.
- ❑ Is there a "Contact Us" page or page listing email and postal address for the club along with a meeting location, time and day?
- ❑ Information for new members: How to join and what is expected of members in the club?

## JUDGING CRITERIA – BONUS CATEGORIES (5 POINTS EACH)

### FACEBOOK

- ❑ Have a minimum of 40 “likes” for your club Facebook page.

### WEBSITE

- ❑ An email link inviting folks to join the Club Email List.
- ❑ An “Honor” page on your club website that lists all your club sponsors or partners and mentions how much they have helped your club. Every club should have a page like this.

### WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK

- ❑ A link to a local news story (TV or Newspaper) about one of your club’s projects in the community. Or...just about how cool your club is!
- ❑ A video of a few of your Key Clubbers talking about how great Key Club is and how it has changed their lives. You can use CKI or Aktion Club members also.

## **FINAL RULES AND DEADLINE FOR ENTRY INTO THE CONTEST**

1. Notify the District Office ([txokdist@swbell.net](mailto:txokdist@swbell.net)) of your club’s website and Facebook entry into the competition by **June 30th, 2020**. Any notification received after that date WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR CONTEST PURPOSES.
2. Include club name and division number.
3. Include the URL addresses of club website and club Facebook pages.
4. Include the webmaster and contact information and the names of those who work with the webmaster on the page, if any.

*Have Questions? Contact the Marketing Director @ 972-741-1551 or email: [mkregel@hotmail.com](mailto:mkregel@hotmail.com).*

Visa Gift Cards will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in each of the following categories:

Small Club (White) – 35 members or less;  
Medium Club (Blue) – 36 to 64 members;  
Large Club (Gold) – 65 or more members.

First Place winners in each category will receive a \$100.00 Visa Gift Card for any purpose the club wishes to use it for. Second Place in each category will get a \$75.00 Visa Gift Card. If 2 clubs tie in the point totals, then both clubs will be awarded the top prize gift for that category.

# FEATURES

## OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING AND VIRTUAL CONFERENCE OF THE TEXAS - OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

ROBIN MEYER • TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR • JULY 9, 2020

During this unprecedented time in our history and in an effort to continue as “normal” as possible, the mighty TX-OK Kiwanis District Board of Directors have canceled the annual district convention. What does this mean? In place of the standard convention, a BUSINESS MEETING has been called of all persons, having the status of **delegates-at-large\***, to conduct business transactions for the District. In conjunction with this business meeting we will also conduct a VIRTUAL CONFERENCE, a very condensed version of our regular convention.

This will all take place the morning of **August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 9:00 am to Noon, with the Business Meeting from 10-11 am** (more information will follow closer to the meeting/conference). You will be able to see all the activity by clicking on the video link that will appear on the District Facebook Page. Just sit back and watch from your phone, tablet, iPad or computer.

Just think, attend the conference/business meeting in your PJs with no makeup, no travel required, eat good food at home (NCC or No Convention Chicken), no delegate forms to send in, sleep in your own bed and only one morning in duration. What's not to love?!

### Virtual Conference & Business Meeting

9-10 am Memorial Service

10-11 am Business Meeting

11 am – Noon Governor's Closing Speech,  
Installation of Lt. Governors,  
Recognitions & Awards

**\* Delegates-at-Large are the officers and past governors of the district. The officers of the district shall be the Governor, Governor-elect, Immediate Past Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Lieutenant Governor for each division and/or a Trustee for each region of the district. (There will be a secure method to verify/certify delegates. No delegate forms needed.)**

[District Bylaws: *ARTICLE VI. CONVENTIONS*

*Section 8. All officers and past Governors of the district who are active members of a club in the district shall be delegates-at-large to all district conventions.*

*Section 16. In the event the District Board shall determine by resolution that there exists a condition of emergency that compels cancellation of the annual district convention, the Board shall notify Kiwanis International and district clubs immediately and shall determine one of the following methods to transact any and all business that was to be transacted at the annual convention, as soon as practical. The preference will be to reschedule the convention, if possible, or, alternatively, to call a meeting of all persons having the status of delegates-at-large at district conventions, a quorum of which shall be a majority.]*

# NEWS

## OUR DISTRICT

KIWANIS TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT



### FACEBOOK & WEBSITE COMPETITION DEADLINE

The Facebook & Website competition deadline is coming up soon. All entries must be submitted by June 30th, 2020. Winners will receive a monetary prize.

### CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 TX-OK KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION



In consideration of the well-being of the membership and the on-going restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board declared during its March 28 meeting that emergency conditions existed and canceled the annual District Convention, scheduled for August 7-8 in Georgetown, Texas. Instead the District will be holding a virtual conference.



### PAINTING SMILES

Harker Heights High School Key Club volunteered at the City of Harker Heights Frost Fest painting faces and helping take pictures with the children and the "characters" at the Fest.

### VOLLEYBALL FOR THE WIN



The Allen Kiwanis Club and Lovejoy volleyball players, coaches, and families helped package for Kids Against Hunger at the FUMC Allen. Way to go as many meals were packaged and the help was needed.

### LIKE A ZOOMER



In light of changes caused by the pandemic many clubs are taking up Zoom to host their meetings. Governor Robin Meyer is doing her best to make a guest appearance during these online meetings. If you would like her to attend one of your meetings send her your meeting information at [noblenellie42@aol.com](mailto:noblenellie42@aol.com).

### FIRST CALL



President Nicole Carr calls to order the first face to face meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield since March. The meeting was held in a city park. The club awarded three scholarships to MISD graduating seniors.



### FIRECRACKER 5K

The Lake Granbury Kiwanis Club moves forward with their 7th annual July 4th Firecracker Run. You can Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Granbury/LakeGranburyKiwanisFirecracker5K>.

### SWASHBUCKLER DAY



EHMS Builders Club students in Harker Heights volunteered at the Stewart C Meyer Public Library making crafts, painting faces and helping with games.

### LTG BOXES

The TX-OK District worked diligently to put together boxes for Lieutenant Governors. The box includes treats, a mug, and a LTG Guide. LTGs are essential to our district, and we want them to know they are appreciated. Welcome, new Lieutenant Governors!

## PAINTING SKILLS

Key Club Advisor, from the Heiker Heights Kiwanis Club, Lisa Youngblood gave the Builders Club a face painting class at the library where she is also the Director of Library Services. The face painting class prepared them for painting all the kids faces at the Scooby Doo Halloween Party. The Key Club also painted faces and helped with the games at the Halloween Hoopla in the HH Community Park.



## VETERAN'S DAY PARADE AND CHRISTMAS PARADE

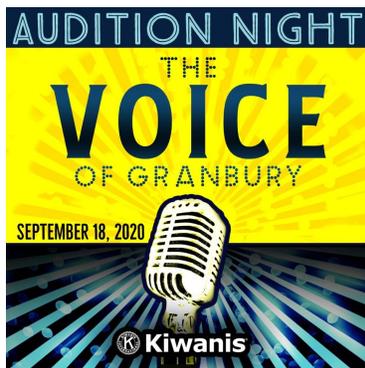


The Kiwanis Club of Harker Heights along with the Key Club and Builders Club enter the local community parades to show community support.

## FOOD FOR FAMILIES



The EHMS Builders Club of Harker Heights heads up the food drive at their school then works an 8 hour day at the Killeen city collection point sorting the food donations and boxing them according to what they are such as beans, corn etc. Over 50,000 lbs of food was sorted during the hours they worked that day.



## THE AUDITION

The Lake Granbury Kiwanis Club is looking for singers to fill their Audition Night lineup.

## BUILDING A RAMP

The Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club worked diligently to build a handicap ramp for a member of their community. Emmett Miller, Royce Roberts, Doug House, Don Holland, Morris Horton, Ralph Watts, and Rusty Roberts completed the project Saturday, May 16.

## ADOPT-A-SPOT AT HARKER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK

EHMS Builders Club along with the HHHS Key Club and the Kiwanis Club have adopted the playground and pavilion at the Harker Heights Community Park. This day the Builders Club picked up trash around the entire park and we had a great cookout and a good learning experience on one of the items that the students found.

# CLUBS

## PECAN VALLEY KIWANIS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY DON HOLLAND

### Mask Production



One of our Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club member's (Morris Horton) wife, Janice Horton and a group of her friends from the Austin Avenue Church of Christ (Carolyn Rogers, Julie Washburn, Darlene Gressett, and Darla Keesee) are going the extra mile in helping our community during this pandemic. This group of ladies has made over 400 face masks so far, and will continue to produce masks as long as they are needed. Carolyn Rogers is leading this effort by coordinating with medical providers and nursing homes in our area, They have even distributed in San Angelo.

According to Janice Horton, "we are using 100% cotton fabric of the type used by quilters, and 1/4" wide elastic, although that has become scarce and 1/8" or 3/8" elastic can be used instead. It's fun seeing the variety of fabrics we have on hand, or that are being donated, put to this good purpose."



Thank you, Ladies, for going well above the call of duty with these efforts.

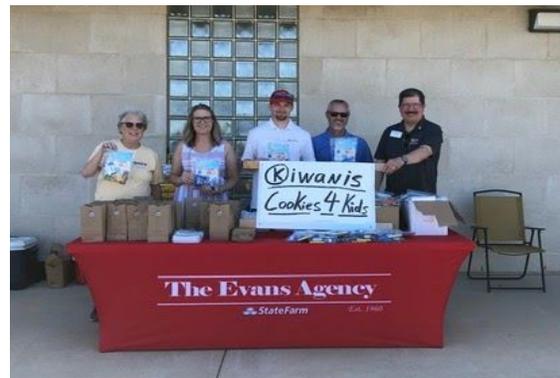
# CLUBS

## MOORE KIWANIS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY ANDY EASON

### Cookies 4 Kids

On June 5th, the Moore Kiwanis Club contributed to the Moore school system food distribution program by giving out approximately 200 packets containing cookies, coloring books, and crayons. The school system welcomed them and Kiwanis was present to help contribute to a worthwhile endeavor. Even in times with much uncertainty, the community can be enhanced with small acts of kindness. Everything adds up!



# CLUBS

## KIWANIS CLUB OF ALLEN

SUBMITTED BY BILL CARDER

### Adapting to Change



The Kiwanis Club of Allen has historically always been an active organization. The COVID-19 restrictions caused a major disruption in both our service projects and fundraising efforts. Luckily our American Flag holiday display program has seen considerable success, so a base funding level has been maintained. Our expenses have been reduced as stay at home orders were issued. The unfortunate result was that we were required to temporarily curtail several popular, high profile community projects and fundraising efforts.

With every challenge, opportunities develop. For example, our service project supporting a family grieving support organization morphed from a service project to a funding project as the organization we supported was forced to change their programming efforts. The hiatus of our weekly meeting, however, created great difficulty in maintaining friendships within the club and the service community spirit. To counter this difficulty we embarked on several initiatives.

- **A new project.** We established an emergency fund to assist individuals confronting financial problems due to COVID-19 restrictions. Within a week we raised a couple thousand dollars from club members, established award criteria, a process for administering awarded funds, and awarded funds to a family in need.
- **A second new project.** We are in the process of establishing a community recognition effort for “Unsung Heroes”. This program intends to provide recognition and appreciation for individuals who we realize are going out of their way to provide high levels of service during this period of stress, and who would otherwise not be recognized for their service commitment.
- **Revamped meetings.** We acquired a discounted Zoom account (only available to not-for-profit organizations) allowing us to hold an unlimited number of no time limit meetings. We now hold weekly Zoom group conference calls held on the same day of the week and time as when we had our weekly meeting. We re-established community program/service information presentations in our weekly Zoom meeting and have maintained our opening/closing ceremony procedures. We also are holding our monthly Board meeting and committee meetings via Zoom so discussions needed for bringing projects to action can occur.
- **New written communications.** We have a Tuesday meeting notice email, which includes a link to the weekly quiz game, and a Thursday Zoom meeting summary email, which provides the answers to the weekly quiz game as well as lets members unavailable for the call to not miss out on summarized Club activities. Our quiz game plays on the concept of “alternative facts” by presenting three sets of five alleged facts, and asks the player to identify which “fact” in each set of statements is the false statement. If interested, you can access a former quiz (with answers) at this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMKSVVJ>.
- **Expanded program.** We revised our American Flag holiday display project by allowing for prolonged displays, under certain conditions, and established a spring and fall food collection effort as a means to assist our local food pantries. This modification of the display service project is unlikely to have occurred if it was not for the trying times we confront.
- **New potential initiative.** We are in initial stages of exploring an initiative to translate some of our written communications into Spanish. Our hope is this would expand our presence and outreach to an underserved segment in our community.

During this time it is impossible to maintain the status quo in traditional Club activities. We did want the Club to maintain its viability and purpose to serve which led members initially to join us. We welcome ideas others may have about how they are modifying their efforts, and we are willing to share any details of what we have developed if it is of interest.

# CLUBS

## PECAN VALLEY KIWANIS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY DON HOLLAND

### A Spring Raffle



(L-R) Don Holland, President of PVKC; Robert Porter; Sally Porter; David Strickland, Hawk Hill Sales; Michael Welle, Owner Hawk Hill Sales.

The Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club has been working hard to continue to serve their community during this pandemic. Not only have they built handicap ramps and sewn masks, they have also just finished fundraising! The club has reached out to members of their community to join in on their raffle. This spring the grand prize was the Hustler Zero Turn Lawn Mower! That beauty was awarded to Sally Porter of Brownwood! As much as people were excited about the prize, it was wonderful to see people purchase raffle tickets during these difficult times. All of this was possible with the help of Hawk Hill Sales. To learn more about the Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club, visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PecanValleyKiwanisClub/](https://www.facebook.com/PecanValleyKiwanisClub/). You can watch the raffle name being drawn right on their page!

# CLUBS

## THE PARIS KIWANIS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY DAVID PHILLIPS

### Lovely Newsletter

Many clubs have been looking for ways to communicate with their clubs during these trying times. Some clubs have found that one of the best ways is through a newsletter. One of these is the Paris Kiwanis Club!

**Paris Kiwanis News**  
Vol. 4, Issue 2 April 2020

**Kiwanis and COVID-19**  
Sometimes things take an unexpected turn. 2020 has been that way. On the very week before the long-planned Pancake Days, club members found out that, because of a novel virus, the country was going to be essentially shut down, including the club's biggest fund-raiser. This world-wide event has had a major impact on Paris Kiwanis. From meeting in person at PJC, the club is now using Zoom--see a screen shot above-- and some plans have had to be postponed: Pancake Days, recognition of scholarship awards, and Kiwanis International has cancelled the convention. Of course, Kiwanians are praying for everything to return to normal, but waiting on the powers-that-determine when that will be.

**Events**  
Ballots for officer and board elections will be sent by mail this week in order to maintain anonymity. Texas-Oklahoma District officers will make a decision soon on how and when to conduct this year's convention. Lynn Patterson says Kiwanians will build ramps this Friday and Saturday.

**Programs**  
May 5 - TBA  
May 12 - Citysquare Paris, Laura Woodroof  
May 19 - Main Street Project, Cheri Bedford

**Feeding the Community**  
Klwanian and Executive Director of the Downtown Food Pantry Allan Hubbard says that the pantry has continued to be open and serving those in need in the Paris area during the COVID-19 situation. And Kiwanians have been right there helping stock shelves, bag produce and distribute food like they normally do! The food pantry usually sees 700 or so families each week on their two serving days (Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings). The pantry has seen a normal number of clients coming to receive food during the virus, but has seen an increase in new clients and those who have not been in a long time. Safety protocols were put in place such as disinfecting shopping carts, providing hand sanitizer to all clients entering the building, and limiting the number of people shopping at any one time. Most volunteers wear gloves and masks and these measures have helped the pantry continue to maintain their crucial service to those in need. Paris Kiwanians are pictured after stocking shelves.

**Board Notes**  
Because the club has not been able to meet, board and officer elections will be done by mail to allow for anonymous voting. Lynn Patterson and Thom Callaway are working on scholarships to be presented to this year's seniors. Since the Paris Kiwanis Club has not been able to meet in person for the last month, you might enjoy seeing some pictures from past months.

**Passage for April:** "You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noon-day." Psalm 91: 5-6 We've seen a lot of fear lately. Fear of COVID-19, fear of exposure, fear of the failure of businesses, fear of, well, each other. That's the most dangerous part, I think. Some of that fear has been because of forecasts that were wrong by huge statistical margins. Some of it has been encouraged by media sensationalizing, magnifying, and politicizing the pandemic. Perhaps the worst thing we can do right now is to make decisions based upon fear, but maybe even worse is to allow this event in American history to divide friends and members of the community. Some need, because of health conditions, to remain quarantined. Others need, because there is a threat of losing everything they've worked for and being financially ruined, to go back to work. Those who need to open businesses and go back to work ARE NOT trying to endanger others. Those who need and want to quarantine (and who can afford it) ARE NOT indifferent to the plight of those who need to get back to work. Let's all work at respecting each other and giving others room to do what they must. It's the right thing to do.

Take a closer look at their May newsletter in the following pages!



## Still Doing Good!



Usually, we take a picture of our graduating scholarship recipients. This year, we're Zooming instead of meeting in the PJC Ballroom, so a screen-shot is the best we can do. Including members, teachers, parents and graduates, we had almost 75 people joining by Zoom, so the three sets of images include everyone who was signed in.

Lynn Patterson, who is responsible for the award of the scholarships, says that the criteria are: applicant must be a graduating senior and a member of Key Club. Each one must also maintain a 3.2 GPA and do a minimum of 40 hours of community service during their high school career. There are 28 recipients this year.

There are two very special awards: the Norm and Patsy Davis Community Service Scholarship, \$1,000



awarded to Kaitlyn Conlin of North Lamar High School, and the Logan Hoffmaster Community Service Scholarship (Logan was a Key Club Member at Chisum HS who died last year), awarded to Jason Cullum, graduate of Chisum High School.

Other awards of \$800 went to the following: From North Lamar-Symphony Hill, Jaden Franklin, Matthew Vukcevic, Catherine Hodgkiss, Brittany Harrison, Riley Cregg. From Paris-Allena Taylor, Kayanna Washington, Sydney Hines, Jackson Gibo, Destiny Millard, Lauren Malone, Sydney

Walter, Ariana Epperson, Aislinn Taylor, Shealyn Dial. From Chisum-Harmony Edwards, Allyson Moffitt, Christian Cheek, Hannah Hurst, Chase Dillard, Samantha Williams, Jenna Thurman, Alexis Brown, Kaleb Ball, Melody Edwards.

The funds set aside for these scholarships come from the hard work club members do at Pancake Days and the Flag Program, Paris Kiwanis Club's two fundraisers.

It's important for members to know that the work they do is of great value to young people right here in

Lamar County. Great work Kiwanians!

## Events/News

The club election results are:

Past President: Denise Kornegay,  
 President: Jimmy Steed,  
 President-Elect: Jerry Patton,  
 Vice-President: Donna Burnett,  
 Treasurer: Karen McDowell.  
 Board of Directors: 2020-2021:  
 Rudy Kessel  
 Gary Pirtle  
 David Phillips  
 Jerry Williams

Tentative date for Pancake Days: October 9-10, 12-14

## Programs

- 6/2 Carrie Hogue - Samaritan's Purse NYC
- 6/9 Jodie Ingram - Online Learning in 2 Weeks
- 6/16 Becky Semple - Paris Visitor's Center Update.

## Board Notes

President Denise Komegay presented a coloring book that promotes Kiwanis to children. She will order copies to consider.

The board considered ways to revive and support the Aktion Club.

The board considered and approved \$6,000, which would normally be spent on the conventions that have been cancelled to go to community efforts to meet needs arising from the virus: \$3,000 to United Way rent assistance, \$1,000 each to Paris Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, and Impact Paris.

The board approved \$2300 to Pump Track Paris to purchase a table advertising Kiwanis Club.



One ramp finished and ready for use, another under constructions. Those who have not been involved in ramp-building would, perhaps, be surprised to see the level of teamwork that can only result when people have worked together on many projects and everyone knows what to do. Every ramp is different, but each builder is both capable and willing, so the ramp goes together very quickly, and clients are always very happy to get a brand new, sturdy ramp in just a few hours' time.

Below, a great group of volunteer stockers at the food pantry. Kiwanians include Dave and Suzanne Patty, Don and Emma Dickerson, Jimmy and Liz Steed, Larry and Nancy Beall, James Mazy, Woody Woodson, Denise Komegay, Thom Callaway, Bill and Deanna Halliday putting up Old Glory.



**Thoughts for May:** *“Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.”* Psalm 31: 24 This Memorial Day, we remember and honor those who have given their lives in defense of, not only America, but also of the principles upon which this nation was built. The flag, and the hundreds of flags Kiwanis members put up all over town is the symbol we recognize of those principles. As we recognize the sacrifice of those who died, so many thousands in every war from the Revolution to the War on Terror, let us honor them by holding those principles dear, our freedoms to worship together, to assemble and to speak without fear, to petition our government for redress of grievances, to keep and bear arms, the right to be secure in our person and possessions, and other rights. Every American should know these rights and hold them very dear. They are preserved at an infinite cost.

# CLUBS

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF HARKER HEIGHTS

SUBMITTED BY VIVIAN MARSCHIK

### Time to Celebrate

The Kiwanis Club of Harker Heights had a busy Fall and Winter with our SLP students, Eastern Hills Middle School Builders Club and the Harker Heights High School Key Club.



We are very proud of our HHHS Key Club member who was chosen as the Sophomore of the Year 2019. Harker Heights Mayor Spencer Smith presented a proclamation to Kylie McKinzie who was awarded the Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year Award from the Texas Oklahoma Foundation. She is a member of the HHHS Key Club, JROTC Color Guard, National Honor Society, Bowling Team and other organizations. She plans to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

# CLUBS

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF HARKER HEIGHTS

SUBMITTED BY VIVIAN MARSCHIK

### Pancake Supper



We held our 49th annual pancake supper at the local elementary school in Harker Heights on Feb 29th. We fed about 350 people. We would not be able to do it without all the help from our student clubs. We had a live auction of art works of a local artist, a Branson vacation and a few other items. We also had over 100 free door prizes donated from our local businesses and individuals to give out.



# CLUBS

## THE MCKINNEY KIWANIS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL HIRSCH

### Key Club Finds Ways to Give Back During Quarantine

Throughout this quarantine, the McKinney North Key Club, in collaboration with the McKinney Kiwanis Club has remained quite active as well as positive during this confusing time. Keeping communication with each other has been key to keeping our spirits up as we inform one another about service events and opportunities.



We were blessed enough to get one more opportunity with our Halos T-Ball kids as we cheered them on one last time with signs as they drove by. That was awesome for us because with the season being canceled, we were able to see them and show our love and support to them by giving them signs for their yard.

We also all got together on a Zoom meeting where we were able to catch up and talk about what we've been doing throughout quarantine, which was very refreshing since we haven't seen each other in a few months.

Many service opportunities we do while quarantined include making cards for Meals on Wheels and sending notes for our teachers for teacher appreciation week. This year teacher appreciation week was extra special for us since we know how hard they worked for us to be able to learn in these conditions.



We also continue to make dog toys for the local animal shelter. All in all, with these conditions going on, making it harder to serve our community, we have still strived to the best of our ability to serve the community in any way we can.



# CLUBS

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF HARKER HEIGHTS

SUBMITTED BY VIVIAN MARSCHIK

### Wrap it Up!



The Killeen Education Foundation along with Central Texas College and Texas A&M CT holds a big scholarship fundraiser in December with decorated trees and high end items for auction. The EHMS Builders Club Faculty Advisor Lisa Burden taught the student volunteers how to wrap boxes that are part of the decorations for the event. They wrapped over 100 large boxes that evening.

# CLUBS

## THE GREATER RANDOLPH AREA KIWANIS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY MENDELL MORGAN

### Greetings from GRAK



While the Greater Randolph Area Kiwanis Club, Inc. (GRAK) has not been able to meet, the President has sent a weekly "GRAK Greeting" to its members. It has the KI logo customized for the Club and opens with a prayer and closes with a "Dad Joke" (ex.: "You should never write with a broken pencil. It's pointless".) and concludes with "The Objects of Kiwanis".

Each Greeting includes this statement:

We are still GRAK and remain an active club even though we are on a temporary hiatus.

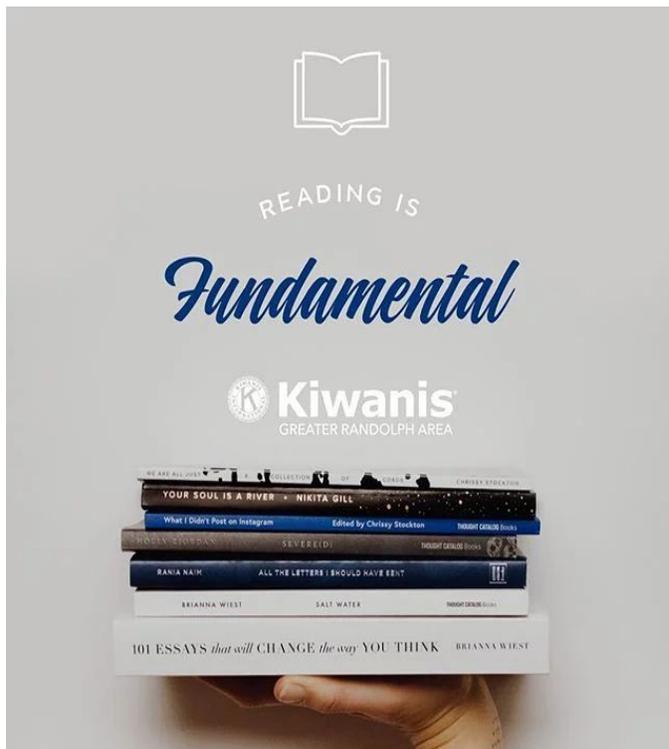
and

We are in a tough spot right now but "we are in this together and we will get through this together". Tomorrow is coming and our work in Kiwanis is more vital than ever.

They are also reminded that Kiwanis is still in business and is accepting donations for the Children's Fund and for Project Eliminate.

Each issue mentions:

- news bits coming from KI and/or other clubs.
- Materials from three candidates for International Trustee have been included.
- Members are reminded and encouraged to call one another to keep in touch as well as to share information for the Greetings. If members have been ill, they are included in the prayer.



The Club has been able to continue some of its normal activities such as:

- A limited distribution of backpack school supplies and snacks was also made at one of the schools served.
- We were able to forward a SOTY application and also to award two \$500 scholarships to members of one of the two Key Clubs sponsored by GRAK.
- In January 1,100 paperback books were ordered, stamped as a gift of GRAK and were ready for distribution to the four schools normally receiving a fall and a spring distribution. We were able to do the normal distribution by Club members on campus in the fall but COVID-19 prevented that for the spring. All four schools agreed to let Club members bring the books to campus so that they could be given along with lunches in the food distribution program or to parents coming to pick up report cards and other end of the semester items.

- A Nominating Committee was also appointed to prepare a slate.
- The Board of Directors voted to suspend dues for one month, but the Club Treasurer is working on a way to accept payment of dues, Happy Dollars and other financial donations through electronic payment means in the near future.
- The Club will be "flying the flags" on Memorial Day, Flag Day and July 4th as part of the contract for this service on six annual holidays at local businesses.
- We are considering a Zoom meeting if the Board of Directors needs to meet before we can resume our regular in-person meetings.



We even received an encouraging letter from KI President Daniel Vigneron congratulating GRAK on its 45th anniversary which was April 25th.

# CLUBS

## THE MINEOLA KIWANIS CLUB

SUBMITTED BY JOYCE CURRY

### Fries with Friends

“Social distancing “ has become a familiar phrase in the last few months. When the Mineola Kiwanis were able to start meeting again, they chose to meet outside of the Mineola Civic Center in the Jack (a member) & Peggy Jones Pavilion. Members were able to keep their social distancing and enjoy a picnic atmosphere with hamburgers and French fries.



At the last meeting in May member and County Commissioner, Jerry Gaskill cooked fish, and others brought the trimmings and desserts. In June the club headed back inside the civic center to one of the larger rooms so that social distancing could be maintained.

# CLUBS

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ARLINGTON

SUBMITTED BY EVELYN HERRERA

### Surveys to Serve



#### Survey for Those in the Arlington Community

This survey was created by the Kiwanis Club of Arlington, a nonprofit club working with local organizations and schools within the Arlington, Texas community. The club is seeking out community members for feedback and input. Anyone can take this survey. This will allow the club to better serve its community. You can learn more about the club at [www.kiwanisclubofarlington.com](http://www.kiwanisclubofarlington.com).

Have you heard of the Kiwanis Club of Arlington prior to this survey?

Yes

No

The Kiwanis Club of Arlington created a survey for its club members and community members to review aspects of the club. As the club pauses its usual activities to prevent the spread of the virus, it has taken on a goal: *improvement*. There is no better time to reevaluate the way a club runs than during a break. To better evaluate the club, a survey was created to collect information. The

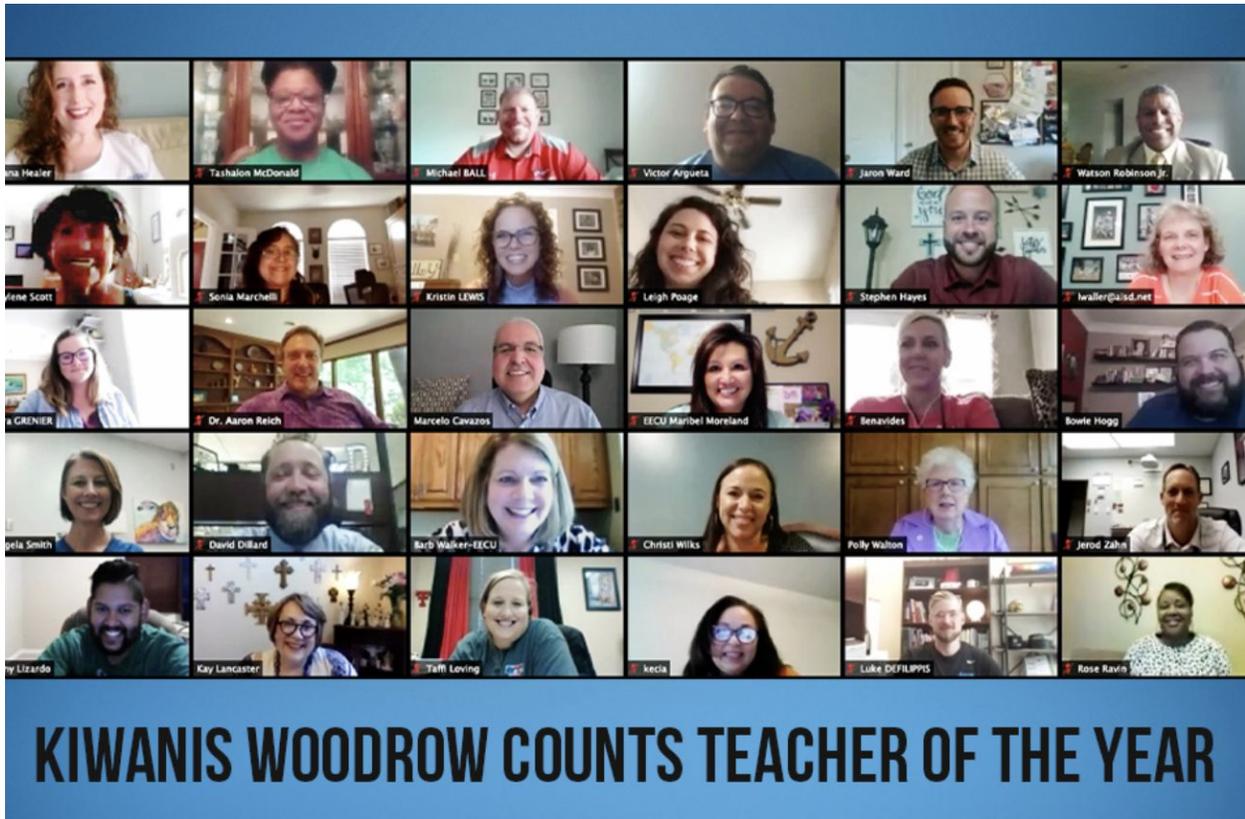
survey would range in questions from how members felt about the most recent fundraiser to what their favorite parts of meetings were. Not only were members given a link for a survey, so were people in the community. The club not only wanted to hear from members but also from the people they serve. The community survey includes questions about outreach as well as the well being of community members. Their answer would allow the club to better assess what the community needs. These surveys garnered a lot of information from members and will create for wonderful discussion amongst board members. The club used google forms to create and share their survey.

# CLUBS

## THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ARLINGTON

SUBMITTED BY EVELYN HERRERA

### Teacher of the Year



The current pandemic has disrupted the lives of many. Due to the virus, the Kiwanis Club of Arlington had to rethink how to tackle their Teacher of the Year event. The committee leader for TOY, Janette Workman, had worked diligently to make the event wonderful and it was very unfortunate that it could not come into fruition as she hoped. This, however, did not stop Janette!

Since 1962 the Kiwanis Woodrow Counts Teacher of the Year has been implemented and Workman was determined to make it work. With wonderful planning, the Kiwanis Club and the EECU Credit Union, came together to surprise Arlington ISD teachers. Teachers were told to join a Zoom meeting, which they were told was to discuss at-home learning. Boy were they surprised!

The Arlington ISD Superintendent, Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, joined the meeting and revealed that the meeting was to honor the top teachers of the year! Dozens of teachers, school board members, principals, and assistant principals joined. The winners of the reward will receive \$100 and a plaque from the Kiwanis Club of Arlington and \$500 from EECU.

## Winners of this year's Teacher of the Year

Kiwanis Woodrow Counts High School TOY  
*Lamar High School's Raylene Scott*

Kiwanis Woodrow Counts Junior High TOY  
*Bailey Junior High's Shana Healer*

Kiwanis Woodrow Counts Elementary TOY  
*Bryant Elementary's Stephen Hayes*



The Arlington ISD Superintendent, Dr. Marcelo  
Cavazos

*"We have a great community in Arlington, and it's because of people like you and the organizations you represent," Cavazos said. "You come together and show love for our teachers through good times and difficult times – you've always been there. It's one thing for the district to recognize teachers, and it's another for our community to recognize teachers. That says a lot. The love you demonstrate is certainly felt and appreciated on behalf of the district."*

# CLUBS

## THE KYLE/BUDA KIWANIS CLUB

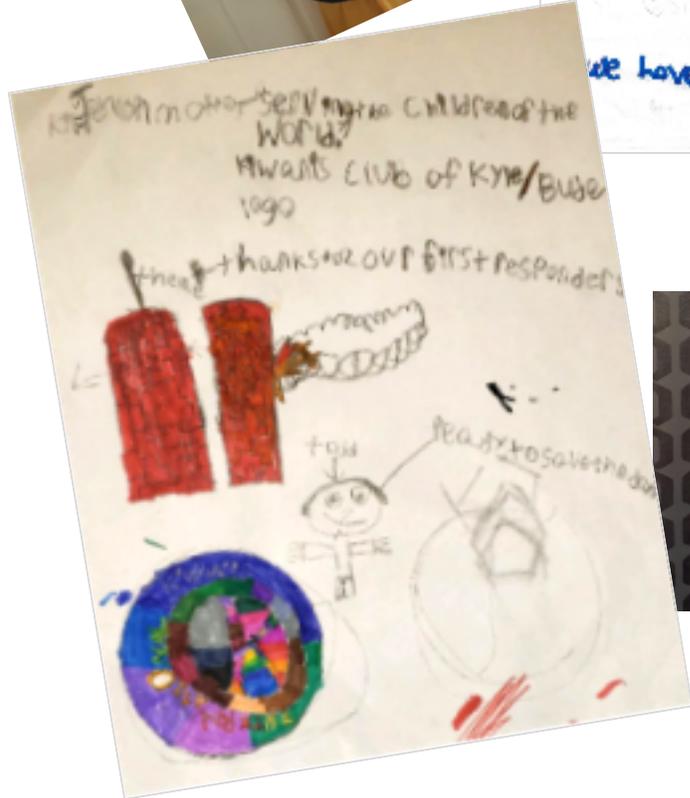
SUBMITTED BY REFUGIO PENA

### We are Thankful Poster Project



The Kiwanis Kyle/Buda Club partnered up with the Unforgettable Family and Friends organization to sponsor an art contest for children 12 years old and younger. The objective was for each child to create a poster of appreciation for essential workers during the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic.

The contest served as a tool for children to sympathize and reflect during these trying times. These Thank You posters included teachers, doctors, nurses, first responders, parents, grocery store workers, fast food workers, and more! Many beautiful works of art were received by the club. Every child that participated in the contest received a certificate along with prize money.



# How-to-ZOOM



Zoom has become a popular tool for many businesses, schools, and nonprofits. It is a cloud based video conferencing platform. The platform allows users to video conference, audio conference, use webinars, record meetings, and even live chat.

Zoom comes in several versions, free, pro, business, and enterprise. For personal use and meetings less than 40 minutes long, the free version will suffice. The Pro version is often recommended for use of club meetings. The Pro version caps meetings as 24 hours but allows you to record meetings to the cloud or personal devices.

Once you figure out which is best for you, simply download Zoom! This step is quick and simple. Simply create a login with your preferred information, download, and get started.

When getting started one of the first things you should do is sync Zoom to your calendar. This allows you to add Zoom meetings and even attach links to events in your calendar to share access with others.

You have two ways to start a meeting. You can schedule one to take place at a certain time and date or you can start one immediately. Once you have done this you will be given a link to share with others so that they can join your meeting. You have the option to make your meeting very accessible or private.

For more detailed information on how to use Zoom please visit:

<https://www.owllabs.com/blog/zoom>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>

# SHOWCASE

EVELYN HERRERA • KI NOTES EDITOR

## Stress During a Pandemic



As the nation faces COVID-19, we find ourselves facing unprecedented situations. Misinformation, evolving information, changes in income, and changes in lifestyle are sure to shake up the averagest of Joes. Outbreaks can be stressful and can change your lifestyle. Often the negative impacts of stress will depict themselves as:

- Changes in sleeping or eating patterns
- Difficulty sleeping or concentrating
- Worsened chronic health
- Worsened mental health
- Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs

You will find that some people take on more stress than others, this is natural as we all face different issues. To help cope with stress, take breaks from interacting with news outlets. It is important to evaluate your worries and to take a step back from what is causing your worry to worsen, be it social media or the television. To help cope with stress try out these things:

- Take deep breaths
- Stretch
- Meditate
- Exercise
- Eat healthier
- Connect with others

# SHOWCASE

FRANCINE EIKNER • KI WORLD SERVICE PROJECT- ELIMINATE

## K-Dollar Convention Challenge 2020



We sure didn't see this one coming! Due to constraints on activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kiwanis International Convention and the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention have both been canceled.

The question is: *What are we going to do with our K-Dollars?*

**Here's the answer!** We will continue to collect and save our K-Dollars until the convention in 2021. Then we will have the "outer ring" of the K-Dollar Challenge available to clubs that have donated a minimum of \$100 per year during the three years of the challenge.

We look forward to seeing you next year when we finally celebrate the successful completion of The Eliminate Project. Thank you to every club and every member participating in the K-Dollar Convention Challenge.



# SHOWCASE

PAUL HEINZ AND BRAD MCKENZIE • RUNNING FOR DISTRICT POSITIONS

## An Introduction

### RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR • PAUL HEINZ

Paul Heinz has been a member of the McLoud, OK Kiwanis Club for 13 years. He served two years as club president. Paul is a two time Lt. Governor for Division 40, serving from 2017-2019. He served as the Heartland Region advisor for CKI from 2018-2019 and enjoyed the time spent volunteering with CKI. He is a member of the Kiwanis Children's Miracle Network board in Oklahoma City and spends numerous hours helping with fundraising events. He is a lifetime member of the Past Lt. Governors Association.

Paul grew up in Illinois and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years. He has served as the Board President for Animal Rescue Center of Shawnee for 12 years but has been involved in pet rescue since 2005. He participated and organized volunteers to assist pets lost after two major tornadoes in Oklahoma and Hurricane Harvey. His wife, Kay, is a four-time McLoud, OK Kiwanis Club President, and serves as the adoption and intake coordinator for Animal Rescue Center.

Paul believes in the Kiwanis family and enjoys projects that involve the Service Leadership Programs.



### RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR ELECT • BRAD MCKENZIE

Brad McKenzie has been a Kiwanis member for about 7 years. He was a part of the Kiwanis Club of Pasadena and is now a member of the Kiwanis Club of Orange, TX. Brad McKenzie has held positions such as President and Lieutenant Governor. He currently holds the positions of Region II Trustee and Public Relations Chair for the district.

McKenzie grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he grew his love for serving and helping people. In his early 20s he embarked on a ministerial journey. Now Brad has relocated to Texas and has served 23 years as a Pastor. He continues to serve at the Orange Nazarene Church in Orange, Texas.

Paul wants to see children thrive, not be limited. He wants to be a part of that solution.



# SHOWCASE

## TEXAS OKLAHOMA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

### 34 Scholarships

The Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation awarded 34 scholarships to 2020 Key Club graduating seniors on June 2, 2020. Presentations were announced by a combination of Zoom and Facebook Live. The Foundation was formed in 1971 to serve the needs of youth in the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International.

The Foundation awarded 12 scholarships to CKI members during the CKI convention in early March, 2020. Sophomore of the Year scholarships, another program of the Foundation will be announced in August, 2020 For information about the Foundation please go to [www.tofoundation.com](http://www.tofoundation.com). Below is a list of the winners and the honoree or donor of the scholarship.

FIRST	LAST	SCHOOL	AMOUNT	Honoree or Donor
Sasha	Azua	Clyde HS	\$1,000	Bill Crump
Aneesa	Baloch	Mustang	\$1,000	Ruth Parker
Jade	Bisnar	Beaumont West Brook	\$1,000	Doyle Stalcup
Mya	Burris	Mansfield Lake Ridge	\$1,000	Jeff Moss
Aamilah	Chowdhury	Arlington Uplift Summit Intl.	\$1,000	Krishna Suthar
Jaci	Coley	Quitman	\$1,000	Nancy Miller
Meghan	Corbett	Moore HS	\$1,000	Foundation
Josie	Daniels	Durant	\$1,000	Nancy R. Woodyard
Paula	Dinh	Cypress Creek	\$1,000	Walt Roetter
Hannah	Hurst	Paris Chisum HS	\$1,000	Colleen Biggerstaff
Jatin	Kulkarni	Goose Creek	\$1,000	Jack & Sherry Carlton
Britney	Nguyen	West Brook	\$1,000	Foundation
Christeen	Nguyen	Mansfield Lake Ridge	\$1,000	John Schief
Christina	Nguyen	Mansfield HS	\$1,000	Galan W. Freise
Katelyn	Pasierb	Mansfield Legacy	\$1,000	Gene and Renee Jantzen
Linden	Patterson	Arlington HS	\$1,000	Foundation
Alec	Santos	Lawton MacArthur	\$1,000	Kris Kistner Past Kiwanian
Chloe	Tang	Langham Creek	\$1,000	Walt Roetter
Michael	Tolbert	Lawton	\$1,000	Galan W. Freise

FIRST	LAST	SCHOOL	AMOUNT	Honoree or Donor
Amy	Tran	Mansfield Summit	\$1,000	Stephen Sapaugh
Diana	Zamora	Georgetown East View	\$1,000	Foundation
Lauran	Zheng	Edmond Deer Creek	\$1,000	William & Ann Gay Bishop
Alisha	Arshad	Edmond North	\$1,500	Boyd Mize
Khyla	Bell	Early	\$1,500	Tom Halley
Sharlene	Garcia	Mansfield Summit	\$1,500	Bill Freeman
Angel	Gregory	Lawton	\$1,500	Ralph Keen
Makinley	Kennedy	Lawton MacArthur	\$1,500	Keith-Bippus Scholarship
Vanessa	Mendoza	Goose Creek	\$1,500	Eli Mize
Myngoc	Nguyen	Sugarland Harmony School	\$1,500	Past T-O Govs. Sam Curry, Erby Eikner & Wives
Kayla	Vo	Mustang	\$1,500	Nevin Starkey
Gavin	Wilson	Mansfield Summit	\$1,500	Mel Cowart
Madison	Green	Early	\$2,000	Beverly Starkey
Ashna	Patel	Klein Collins	\$2,000	Mary Cowart
Desiree	Rickett	Mustang	\$2,000	Bill Crump & Jerry Ward



# SHOWCASE

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## Communicating

During this pandemic we have been experiencing a change in how to socialize. We may have to distance ourselves physically, but this does not mean we stop socially interacting. Social isolation is detrimental to our well being. While being at home the opportunity has come to explore the many avenues of communication. From letter writing to social media there are many things to explore.



### LETTER WRITING

Now is the time to enjoy the feel of a pen in your hand as it zips across paper. Your words can find a home on paper and be sent far and wide. Perhaps you have been waiting to write to an old friend. Better yet, you could write to a new one, a pen pal! Don't be quick to dismiss taking time to write a letter, it can be quite fun!



### PHONE CALL

Hearing the voice of a loved one can put a mind quite at ease. During times of isolation always consider picking up your phone and dialing. Calling and holding a quick chat can fill up a good amount of time.



## VIDEO CHAT

What can be better than a phone call? A video chat! Not only do you get to hear the voice of your loved ones, you can see their smiles! Some worry about adapting to this method of communication, but once you get the hang of it, you can even play a few games with your friends!



## CHATS

Do you like typing instead of talking? Perhaps Chats are for you! You can download an app or simply send a group text. This form of communication allows you to carry on conversations with multiple people as long as you wish. You aren't limited to a specific time frame like a phone call or video chat.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Sometimes people look to connect with more than just friends. There is no better place to find people with common interests than social media. Facebook offers groups and pages for you to explore. Instagram allows you to explore creative content. Twitter lets you keep up to date on the up and coming. If you wish to connect with ease simply look into what the internet has to offer.

As technology advances new forms of communication and interaction are popping up. Netflix has come up with a way for you and your friends to watch a movie and chat together all at once. Talk about a movie night! Houseparty is a video chat app that allows you to play games with friends! Are you looking for a game night? Houseparty offers trivia, quick draw, and many other games to play with friends. Social distancing doesn't have to be lonely and boring! Take time to connect during this pandemic.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

*“Those we love and lose are always connected by heartstrings into infinity.”*

— Terri Guillemets

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>NAME</i>
April	5	San Antonio ARC	Michael H Alexander
April	12	Pecan Valley, Early	William L Thedford
April	16	Stillwater, Golden K	Robert J Roth
April	16	Stillwater, Golden K	Donald L Spurrier
April	33	Amarillo	Barry D Peterson
May	5	San Antonio ARC	Vernon H Wold
May	6	Longview Noon	John S “Jack” Carlton Jr (Gov.)

Everyone listed will be missed, but never forgotten. All were listed with sympathy and memory.