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Step Up



Come cruise with us! Rooms still available

You still have time to reserve your cabin for Convention at Sea

There is no Texas-Oklahoma District Convention like a "Convention at Sea."

Dress up or go casual, four course meals or all-you-can-eat buffets, Vegas-style shows or Karaoke lounges, hottubs or waterslides, bingo or dancing, you will enjoy all the choices you have in regards to activities, food and entertainment.

Let the Carnival staff pamper you as you sail to the Western Caribbean for a special day of exploring Cozumel, Playa Del Carmen, or Cancun. Play golf, visit Mayan Ruins, or enjoy the beach and water sports in some of the most beautiful waters you'll ever experience.

You still have time to reserve your cabins for the 2011 Convention at Sea. The ship is filling up rapidly, but there are still a few cabins avail-

able under our original pricing, some with ocean views.

We have sold out of balconies in our reserved block, but we can still book balconies outside of our block, just not at the discounted price.

Availability is changing daily, so please don't wait too long.

Don't miss the boat!

Editor's note: A registration form can be found in this issue of Ki-Notes, on page 3.

Delegates to the Convention at Sea need to fill out the Delegate Registration Forms which can also be found in this issue.

For questions or more information, contact Marellie Robinson, 918-299-5425 or e-mail: marellie2@aol.com; or Premier Travel Tours: 972-444-8339, or email pttsmc@airmail.net

Texas

49

RED RIVER RIVALRY
MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

Oklahoma

7

AS OF April 1, 2011

TOTAL MEMBER ADDS OR YARDAGE: Texas +359 Oklahoma +87

Total Member Delete or Penalty Yardage: Texas -307 Oklahoma -176

As can be seen by the placement on the field, Oklahoma is on the Texas 13 yard line, and needs 13 more members for a second TD. Texas has seven touchdowns and 9 yards, placing them on Oklahoma's 41 yard line.

Check out the new face of the District web site

www.txokkiwanis.org has a new look. A new version to the Texas-Oklahoma Web Site debuted around April 1st. The new site is using the standard format as many other Kiwanis Districts that has a natural linking to the Kiwanis International web services.

"We felt that the marriage with the International web service will give our membership a better access to all of the services Kiwanis International already has in place" said Governor Sam Curry.

"The on-line monthly reporting and numerous reports available from our parent organization are now quickly available at one web site".

Governor Sam also named Marshall Kregel from Richardson, Texas to handle the webmaster duties for the new site. Marshall is a past Lt. Governor who was a key leader in

the Rockwall District Convention and has been a leader in Division 37, especially in the advancement

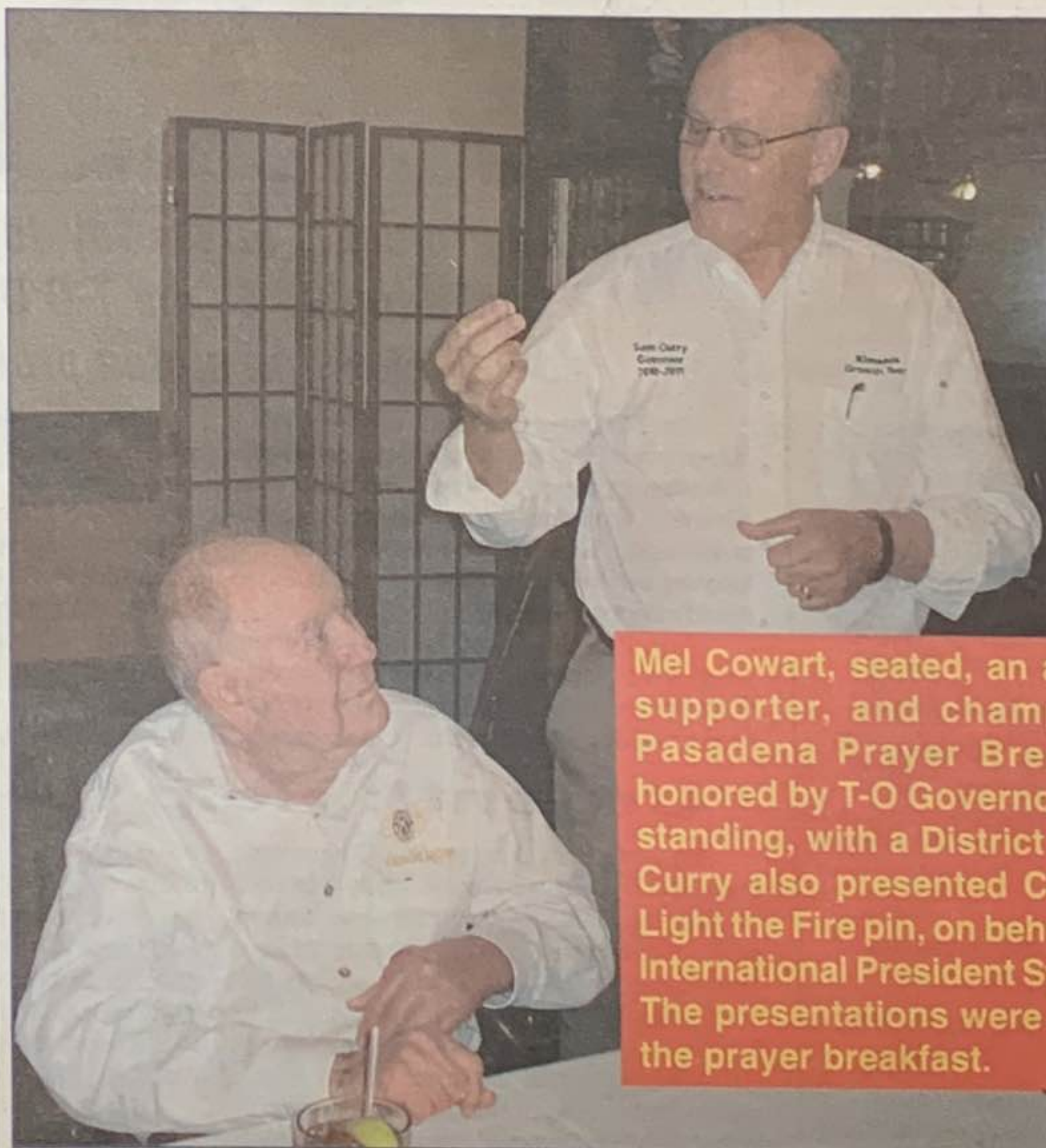
of technology development. "I am very grateful to Marshall for moving us forward in the creation of the new web site and for continued maintenance. He will become the Technology Chair for Governor-Elect Susan so his work this year will naturally lead into the next Kiwanis year. I am also grateful for the work by Sean Raich for preliminary work in this development,

especially in the establishment of a web page to service new club building".

The revised web site will include some new features with some enhancements, mainly on the Home Page. Watch for timely reports and photos that capture the spirit of Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis.



Webmaster Marshall Kregel



Mel Cowart, seated, an avid Kiwanis supporter, and champion of the Pasadena Prayer Breakfast, was honored by T-O Governor Sam Curry, standing, with a District Step Up pin. Curry also presented Cowart with a Light the Fire pin, on behalf of Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal. The presentations were made during the prayer breakfast.

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Step Up



By
**Governor
Sam Curry**



Greetings Kiwanis Family.

Joyce and I traveled recently through the "heartland" of Oklahoma. Besides Step Up Check Up Clinic number 9 at Oklahoma City, there were great visits with the Downtown Oklahoma City and Ponca City Clubs.

Re-building: Construction crews everywhere in downtown Oklahoma City made it tough to get around and to the 36th floor of the Chase building to have lunch with the club. With pride, some of the members showed off what was to become a new look to their downtown from this elevation. Talk about stepping up! A few days later, I caught a cable news feature on the revitalization of this downtown area. The mayor of the town made a comment along the lines that "people will come when you have an attractive place to come to".

New look clubs: The concept got me to thinking about many of our own Kiwanis clubs. Is some re-building needed? Could your club use a fresh look? If you were a prospective new member coming to your club for the first time, would it be the kind of place and people you

want to spend your time with? Our Step Up Check Up Clinics were designed to show our membership what other clubs are doing in video presentations. There are countless resources in T-O and K.I. to assist clubs in applying a fresh coat of paint; do some landscaping to make things more inviting; and install some new bright welcome mats.

Preserving our basics: Our trip took us farther north to Ponca City where Chuck and Jane Rager were filled with pride as they showed off their richly historic town and other Kiwanis members with the same attitude. This community is a classic at preserving its foundation as the birthplace of one of our major oil companies and the pioneer spirit symbolized by the Pioneer Woman statue. A visit to the club reinforced our feeling that we were in a spirit of traditional club service programs.

Kiwanis Excellence: So, could the work to build a more inviting and welcoming Oklahoma City and preserving our foundation principals exemplified by Ponca City serve us in Kiwanis? Achieving Club Excellence might very well be a matter of identifying repairs needed, going into a re-construction period, opening the door wide for all to see a new spirit and look, and preparing for the growth that will surely come, all while preserving the foundations of service and fellowship.

Thank you, Oklahoma, for your good examples of how we can put things in perspective.

Governor Sam Curry

Help fill GISD libraries



**A sub-project of First Lady Joyce Curry,
and adopted as the T-O District
Convention at Sea project**

The T-O District Convention at Sea Project, a sub-project of First Lady Joyce Curry, is helping the Galveston Independent School District libraries. Kiwanians know that libraries play a critical role in increasing literacy among students, assisting teachers with their curriculum, and contributing to a child's lifelong joy of reading.

Why does GISD need Kiwanis help. There simply is not enough money in the GISD budget to fill the libraries with books students and teachers need for reading and research.

Urgent!: Help Needed!

Governor Sam Curry urges T-O Kiwanians and clubs to assist our Kiwanis family members of Alabama. Tornado destruction has caused severe loss and pain to many, including children. The Alabama Kiwanis District is serving the many needs with donations that will go, in part, to purchase much needed supplies for children.

Alabama District Governor Colean Black, reports the best way to help is through donations to the: Alabama District of Kiwanis International,

For every \$15 donated to this project, a new book can be purchased for the library. And, most importantly, 100 percent of your donation goes to the library. Governor Sam Curry said, "Participating in this project earns any club a STEP in the Achievement program this year."

To donate online, go to funds4books.com; enter code 57b9 to view Galveston ISD's personal web page; and then make an easy, online donation. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

85 Bagby Drive, Suite 206, Birmingham, AL 35209.

They are in partnership with the American Red Cross in supplying comfort kits and school supplies to children. "I encourage all TX-OK Kiwanis Clubs and Service Leadership Programs to Step Up to this need for our Kiwanis friends in Alabama," said Curry.

"I look forward to hearing of your efforts to assist in this critical need, Curry continued.

First Lady's Reading Project



By First Lady
Joyce Curry

Sam and I have enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Step Up Check Up clinics around Oklahoma and Texas.

The clinics provided a great opportunity for T-O members to get that "booster shot in the arm" of Kiwanis spirit. We hope you took that spirit back to your club members. The three videos used at the clinics make good programs to use at club meetings. Just contact Laura at the district office to order them.

Your clubs have graciously donated almost \$2,000 to the Galveston ISD Library Recovery Convention Project at this writing. Remember the online address to donate is: www.funds4books.com. You may mail your check directly to:

Funds4Books
% Mackin Educational Resources
3505 County Road 42
West Burnsville, MN 55306

Be sure to include the GISD code (57b9). You may also mail the check to the T-O District office or to me directly.

Reading is Fundamental (RIF), my First Lady's Project is being supported by many clubs in both Oklahoma and Texas. Even though RIF's funding by the government has been cut, we are moving ahead with our present programs.

Remember these websites to use:
www.rif.org - for more information about the RIF programs. <http://erams.rif.org/Markup/Tools/FAQ/StartingProgram.aspx> - our T-O link to start your two-year book program with RIF online.

www.booksources.com/CUSTOMFORMS/RIFKIWANIS.ASPX - our T-O website to order the RIF Multicultural books.

Sleach@rif.org - our temporary contact for getting programs started or 202-536-3473.

Stephen Leach is the VP of Government Relations & Community Outreach at RIF and was our presenter at the convention in Abilene. His assistant Caroline Phillips has taken a job with the Washington D.C. school system, so he will be helping T-O until he can hire a new assistant.

You have the opportunity through the RIF program to provide three new books to children each year at a cost of around \$2.33 per book.

In addition, RIF programs have easy access to all resources, activity kits, and brochures that can be found online in the special RIF coordinators section.

Both the Galveston Convention Project and the RIF project can earn you steps (one step for each program) in the Step Up Achievement Program.

First Lady Joyce Curry

T-O District Convention At Sea

Great Value!

- NO Convention Registration Fee
- \$80.00 per cabin donated to T-O Foundation by Premier Travel and Carnival Cruise Lines

Itinerary

DAY ONE • THURSDAY • GALVESTON
Arrive at the Port of Galveston to begin the second Texas/Oklahoma District Convention at Sea. Boarding begins at 1:00 p.m. Be on board no later than 3:00 p.m. The Ship sails at 4 p.m. Kiwanis registration and board meetings will begin immediately upon boarding.

Dinner this evening is casual with the evening free to enjoy any of a wide range of shipboard entertainment including a lavish Vegas-style Revue. Pizzeria, ice cream and room service are available 24 hours a day.
DAY TWO • FRIDAY • AT SEA

Opening session will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Breakout sessions and forums from 1 to 5 p.m.

Spouses, families and Kiwanis guests will have the day to take advantage of the many shipboard activities including the Spa/Carnival fitness center and salon, shopping in the duty free mall, playing cards, or simply relaxing on deck.

Children of all ages will enjoy the Ecstasy's sparkling pools, waterslides, playing deck games in the sunshine, video arcades and supervised children's activities with specially trained counselors.

After dinner you may wish to catch a great cabaret act, take in the Vegas-style Spectacular, join friends for a high-spirited sing-along, stroll along the ship-long promenade of themed lounges, chat with old friends or take this opportunity to make new Kiwanis friends.

DAY THREE • SATURDAY • COZUMEL

Today is yours to enjoy in beautiful Cozumel. We will arrive at 8:30 a.m. In the scuba-diving capital of Mexico, you will find unbelievably beautiful underwater scenery. Snorkeling here also provides a look beneath the magical world of the Caribbean's surface.

If you prefer land-based fun, shop for bargains in colorful local markets from silver to leather to Mexican pottery. You can also sunbathe on the fine-sand beaches and wade in the irresistible turquoise waters...or play golf on one of Cozumel's beautiful premier golf courses.

We will be back on board at 4:30 p.m. This evening enjoy your choice of dining options.

DAY FOUR • SUNDAY • AT SEA

The annual Memorial Service will be held at 7:30 a.m. General session convenes at 9:00 a.m., ending at Noon. The delegate session begins at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Governor's Reception and installation of the new board.

Final extravaganza in the show lounge tonight!
DAY FIVE • MONDAY • GALVESTON

Our 93rd Annual Convention becomes a memory at 8:00 a.m. as we arrive in Galveston and disembark. The 2011/2012 board will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. before disembarkation.

NOTE: Order of itinerary subject to change for convenience of Kiwanis and number of attendees. Annual spouse activities, committee meetings and small group gatherings will be announced.

Cruise Pricing

(per person based on 2 sharing a cabin)

Category	Price
Inside cabin	
4B	\$320.00
4C	\$330.00
4D	\$340.00
Ocean View	
6B	\$370.00
6D	\$400.00
Balcony Suites	
Ocean Suites	\$670.00
Grand Suites	\$770.00
1A (Single Inside Cabin)	\$583.50

3rd and 4th person rate available on request
Port taxes and fees of \$122.57, and gratuities of \$40.00 per person are additional. (Taxes & gratuities are subject to change)

INSURANCE

Cancellation insurance is available to protect you from penalties if you cancel due to injury, illness, or death affecting you, your immediate family or traveling companion. Also covers trip cancellation or trip delay, emergency medical and baggage. A full description of coverage, detailing costs, terms, conditions, and pre-existing condition exclusions is available by calling Premier Travel Tours, 972-444-8339. Costs range from \$49.00 to \$109 per person depending on cabin category.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Late payments and name changes after June 1, 2011, may incur a \$50.00 fee and could result in cancellation of your reservation. No refunds are processed until after the scheduled date of travel. All passengers must present a valid U.S. passport upon boarding.

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REGISTRATION

To register for the convention, complete the Registration Form and mail, Fax or e-mail to Marelle Robinson, Convention Chairman, 492 East 111th St, Jenks, OK 74037. Phone & FAX: 918-299-5425. E-mail marellie2@aol.com. We accept AX, VI, MC, DS. Make checks payable to Premier Travel Tours. For questions or more information, contact Marelle, or Premier Travel Tours: 972-444-8339, or email pttmc@aolmail.net

Convention at Sea II

August 25-29, 2011
RESERVATION APPLICATION

Name _____ Birth date _____
(Please print first, middle and last name as shown on your passport)

Name to be used on name badge _____ Birth date _____

Rooming with _____ Birth date _____

Name to be used on name badge _____

Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

Emergency Contact-Name/Phone No. _____

Kiwanis Club _____ Division _____

Cabin Category-Inside 4B _____ 4C _____ 4D _____ 1A (single) _____ Ocean View 6B _____ 6C _____ 6D _____

Suites with balcony- Grand Suite _____ (available but at a higher rate) Other cabins available upon request.

Dining options: 6:00 p.m. _____ 8:15 p.m. _____ 5:45 to 9:30 your time dining _____

Optional cancellation insurance STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

I wish to purchase travel insurance: Yes _____ No _____ Must be paid by final payment.

Inside categories \$49.00 per person; ocean view \$65.00; balconies \$79.00

PAYMENT METHODS-check or credit card. (Make checks payable to Premier Travel Tours)

Credit Card MC _____ VI _____ DS _____ AX _____ Expiration Date _____

Card number _____ Security number _____

Name on card/Signature: _____

I understand and accept the terms of the brochure.

Signature _____ Date _____

I wish to have the above credit card charged for subsequent payments automatically.* Yes _____ No _____

*Your credit card will be charged on dates shown on payment schedule in Convention Brochure.

Complete this form and mail, fax or e-mail to:

Marelle Robinson, Convention Co-Chairman

492 E 111th St, Jenks, OK 74037

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DON'T
MISS THE
BOAT



T-O District Convention at Sea

TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
of KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
Past Lt. Governor Delegate Status

83rd Annual District Convention in Abilene, TX - August 25-29,
2011

This form must be presented at the Credentials Desk at the Convention in order for you to obtain
your delegate Ribbon and Admissions Card to the House of Delegates.

IMPORTANT

TO REPRESENT A CLUB IN YOUR DIVISION, THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION
FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL:

Name: _____ Year Served: _____
(Past Lt. Governor)

Division: _____, Texas-Oklahoma District

Member of _____ Club

CLUB ID # _____

***FOR DELEGATE STATUS TO BE ISSUED THIS FORM MUST BE CERTIFIED AS
FOLLOWS***

This will certify that _____ is a Past Lt. Governor and is a
member of the stated club of this Division _____.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Lt. Governor of District Secretary

I am representing the following Club in my Division that is not otherwise to be represented by
three delegates:

Kiwanis Club of _____ Division: _____

City: _____ State: _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE LISTED CLUB WILL BE REPRESENTED BY
PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SERVING AS ONE OR OUR THREE (3) ELECTED
DELEGATES.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
Club President

Signed: _____
Club Secretary

RETURN TO:
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TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT KIWANIS
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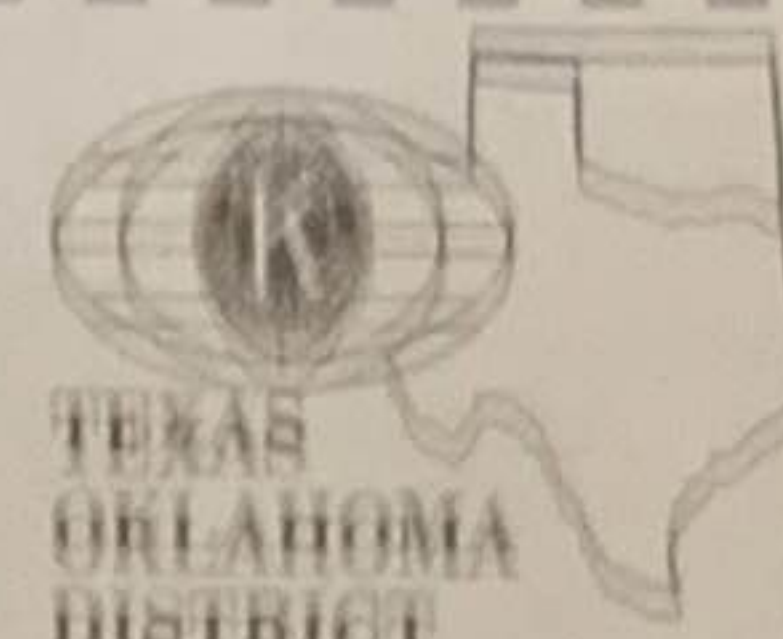
Fax no later than August 8, 2011 to 866-

If you cannot fax by August 8, 2011, please
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Past Lt. Governor Delegate Status

T-O District Convention at Sea



TEXAS
OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT
of KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES
83rd ANNUAL TX-OK DISTRICT CONVENTION IN ABILENE, TX
AUGUST 25-29, 2011

This is to certify that the following membership of the KIWANIS CLUB of _____
DIVISION _____ CLUB ID # _____
are duly elected DELEGATES and ALTERNATE DELEGATES of the Club to the Annual Convention.

NAME	DELEGATES	ADDRESS
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		

NAME	ALTERNATE DELEGATES	ADDRESS
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____
President
SIGNED: _____
Secretary

NOTE: Each chartered club in good standing shall be entitled to three (3) delegates to the District Convention. The
Club Board or Directors shall elect these delegates. An alternate may be chosen for each delegate. Each delegate
shall be entitled to cast one vote and in the absence of the delegate an alternate delegate may cast one vote. There
shall be no voting by proxy.

The delegates and their alternates shall be active, privileged or senior members in good standing of the chartered
clubs they represent, or occupy the office of Lieutenant Governor, or be a Past Lieutenant Governor of the Division of
which the club is a member, and shall be elected by such clubs not less than thirty (30) days prior to
the date of the annual convention. This year that date is July 26, 2011.

No club shall be considered in good standing which is delinquent in the payment of District dues or interim dues
(new member add fees), International dues, (new member add fees), Magazine subscriptions, Liability Insurance
payment, or other payments to Kiwanis International.

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Delegate & Alternate Delegate Registration

If you are attending the T-O District Convention at Sea: PASSPORT NEEDED

If you have already registered for or are planning to register to attend the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis Convention at Sea II, this is just a reminder that you will need a passport.

It is important to go ahead and apply for your passport, if you do

not already have one. However, if you do have a passport, it is very important that you make sure it is up-to-date.

This link will provide all the information you need to get started: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR U.S. CITIZENS

Apply for one or both, it's your choice

U.S. PASSPORT BOOK



Valid for international travel by air, sea or land.

Validity:
• 10 years for adults
• 5 years for minors under age 16

Size:
5" x 3 1/2" (when closed)

Cost for First Time Applicants:
• \$135 for adults
• \$105 for minors under age 16

Cost for U.S. Passport Book Renewal:
• \$110 for adults

Cost for First Time Applicants When Applying For Both:
Adults: \$165
Minors: \$120

For additional passport information please visit our website, Travel.State.Gov.

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Validity:
• 10 years for adults
• 5 years for minors under age 16

Size:
Wallet size

Cost for First Time Applicants:
• \$55 for adults
• \$40 for minors under age 16

Cost for U.S. Passport Card Renewal:
• \$30 for adults

Catch a bus to the Convention at Sea II

Convention at Sea II attendees can leave the driving to someone else.

Past Governor Darrel Booth has chartered a bus to Galveston for the convention, and a bus will be leaving from Dallas, also.

Booth is taking reservations through June 15. Cost to take the bus is \$110 per person, round-trip. The bus accommodates 56, and departs Oklahoma City August 25 at 3:00 a.m., arriving dock side in Galveston at 1:00 p.m. On August 29, the bus departs Galveston at 11:00 a.m. and arrives in Oklahoma City at 10:00 p.m.

If there is enough demand for a second bus, Booth said it was a possibility.

Anyone who lives south of Oklahoma City on I-35, as far as Dallas, and on I-45, from Dallas to Galveston, and wants to make reservations to

be picked up, as was done for the Convention at Sea I, they will be able to jump on the bus, also.

Shirley McGee has also made arrangements for a bus leaving and returning to Dallas, at a cost of \$80 round trip. Persons interested in this bus should contact Shirley at 972-444-8339 (ptsmc@airmail.net) for further details.

Booth can be reached at 405-373-1814, or e-mail: togov0304@aol.com.

McGee and Booth believe these are good deals for all who participate because you leave the driving, and parking to someone else, and you get there in one day, eliminating a hotel charge.

Don't Miss The Bus!



Buddy Williams, left, a member of the Southwest Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award and Memory Book. Making the presentation was John Nagely, right.

Past District Editor honored by his club

Buddy Williams has been a big inspiration to the Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth Southwest, and Kiwanians in general. He joined Kiwanis over 40 years ago on April 1, 1970. He became president of White Settlement Sunrise and in 1974-75 became Div. 29 (now Div. 1) Lt. governor.

He, with Governor Don Wilson and Dick Barber, president of the University Area Club, founded the Southwest Club which was formed in 1973. Williams was a recruiter, and on Charter night, September 4, 1973, he was an organizer. Also helping was Roy Kilgore, president of the White Settlement Sunrise Club.

When the Eastside Club folded, leaving the Everman Key Club and Kewanette Club without a sponsor, he made it possible for his club to begin sponsoring those two youth clubs.

When the White Settlement Club became inactive, Buddy officially joined Southwest on March 31, 1987 and brought along Roy Kilgore. Buddy served as club secretary for many years and helped the club achieve many of its awards. In fact, he often trained the secretaries in Div. 1. He would help promote the Kiwanis Way and remind us of the established rules and regulations and bylaws in all his dealings with clubs at all levels. On February 7, 1984 Buddy helped the Southwest Club charter Trail Lake Club. He also has achieved many of the TO District and International awards.

He is a T-O District Life Member, and has a George Hixon Award and Life Membership in Kiwanis International, and on the District level, a C. T. Bush Award.

Buddy was instrumental in founding the Road Runners, a name dubbed for the Past Lt. Governors Association, and encouraged six of our members to serve as Lt. Governors.

Buddy served as the Texas-Oklahoma District Ki-Notes editor for several years.

With his doodle art work Buddy is known as the "Poison Pen," and with his easel and drawings and caricatures promoted Kiwanis across the City or wherever he went.

Thousands of kids have been amazed and amused by his Pen. Helping his club with projects from the Soap Box Derby involvement to our Cowtown Classic Bicycle ride which began in 1986.

His club sponsored the first K-Kids Club in the TO District at Bruce Shulkey. He was T-O District K-Kids Chair in 1997-98. The club started Key Clubs at Southwest and Crowley High School with the help of Buddy.

Buddy helped start a club foundation which has helped several over the years. Southwest has had many great activities in our club and other Division 1 Clubs that have been great successes because of the help and promotion of Buddy Williams. May the encouragement that he has created in the many projects that he has touched continue in our clubs, our division and our district.

Buddy Williams has left a legacy of lifetime achievements. Few, if any, have attended as many Key Club

meetings, Kiwanis meetings, conventions, planning sessions and events, or sponsored as many members, gone on more interclubs, or presented more programs than Buddy Williams.

His spirit is that of Mr. Kiwanis. Along with this award The Southwest Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth gave Buddy a Memory Book with 8.5 x 11 letters from old friends and colleagues about some of their experiences and memories in dealing with Buddy.

This is a work in progress and if you know Buddy Williams and would like to contribute your two cents worth to this effort please email your comments to the Southwest Clubs last surviving Charter Member John Nagely email John@Nagely.com or fax to 817-887-2431 or mail to 5117 Partridge Road, Fort Worth, TX 76132.

Your comments and Memories will be appreciated. "The richness of Life lies in the Memories we have forgotten." - Cesare Pavese.

Ki-Notes Editor Gary Hicks remembers when he took over the publication in 1993-94, and again in 1995-96, following Buddy's service, what an honor it was to get to know such a committed Kiwanian as Buddy Williams.

Register now for the Convention of a Lifetime! See page 3.



Steve Montgomery
Eliminate District Coordinator

Montgomery to coordinate Eliminate for T-O

Steve Montgomery of the Woodlands in Division 9 has been named Texas-Oklahoma District Coordinator to lead the campaign drive for the new Kiwanis Worldwide Service Project, Eliminate (MNT).

Nomination of Steve came from Governor Sam Curry and Governor-Elect Susan Hennessey and was approved by Kiwanis International. This followed a district-wide call for interested candidates.

"We had about a dozen respondents to this call and were pleased with that many willing to take on this important commitment" said Governor Sam. "Those who inquired were from all over our district and likely will be invited by the District Coordinator to take on regional direction of this massive effort."

Montgomery currently serves as the Lt. Governor for Division 9 and served two previous terms over the past four years. He is semi-retired and works part-time for Daktronics Aquatic timing. He has flexible time to devote to that position, which will allow him to devote adequate time to the ELIMINATE project. He has eight years experience in fund-raising as Assistant Director of Development at Texas A & M University and Chief Development Officer at Sam Houston State University. He is a retired U.S. Army Officer. He serves as the Executive Director of the Texas Swim and Dive Hall of Fame and on a national committee for the National High School Swim Coaches Association.

Montgomery will launch his duties as T-O District Coordinator for Eliminate by attending a training weekend with other district leadership in May.

He will return with plans to organize the district in the effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus that takes the lives of thousands of mothers and children around the world.

The drive to raise funding for saving as many as 129 million lives of mothers and newborns is expected to go for the next several years throughout the Kiwanis world.

ELIMINATE...the next Worldwide Service Project

Time for your club to nominate someone for the Extra Mile Award

By Darrell Hawkes, Sr.

The 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 enhances and demonstrates the principles of Kiwanis.

The club member from each club in the District, whom you feel has demonstrated those traits must be nominated for the award. The winner will be recognized at the annual TX-OK District Convention, and will be awarded a TX-OK Foundation C.T. Bush Award.

This award will be in recognition for any member who has never received an award from either the District or Kiwanis International. Some members who may have purchased their awards in the past, however, are still eligible to be nominated. No one can be disqualified for their past generosity to 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 each year, a letter, not to exceed two

Deadline...act quickly!

pages that delineates those outstanding qualities of the nominee. Please try to explain your rationale as to why this person is nominated and would become an outstanding candidate for the award. The nominee should be a club member. In your letter please describe to the Board why you have nominated that person and a description of all their services to the club, community and the world as a whole. There can be only one nominee from each club.

The letter should contain your club name, location and division number. Having accomplished all of this, please forward all paperwork to Darrell Hawkes Sr., 2150 County Road 43500, Paris, TX 75462-1731. Remember, all applications must be postmarked no later than the 15th of May of each year.

Thank you, one and all, for your great cooperation and participation. I'm sure the nominee who wins will greatly appreciate what the club thinks of that person.

For more information, contact Darrell Hawkes, Sr., C. 903/491-4384, H. 903/982-5937, or darrell@hawkes.net.

CMN testimonies



Laynie Hope Payne was born January 16, 2008 at OU Medical Center. She was diagnosed prenatally with mosaic trisomy 17, but tests conducted by Dr. Mulvihill and his team after she was

born resulted in a new diagnosis, Mosaic Variegated Aneuploidy Syndrome (MVA). It's a rare genetic condition characterized by multiple trisomies and specific physical features. Laynie lived her first week in the NICU at OU Medical Center under the watchful eye of Dr. Escobedo and excellent care from the wonderful nurses there.

She was released on hospice and sent home with little hope due to the rarity of her diagnosis. Through much needed faith and constant prayers from friends and family, she continues to thrive despite her odds. Everyone, her doctors included, are shocked and encouraged by her progress. She celebrated her one year birthday weighing in at nine pounds. She is a miracle. She's the happiest and most friendly baby. She babbles all day and loves playing with her toys. We are truly blessed by each day we spend with her.

Five weeks before my due date we went to a routine appointment and found that because of my elevated blood pressure and low fluid levels I would have to be induced that same day. We left the doctors office and went straight to BSA. I was admitted and Kiera Lockwood was born only 11 hours after my morning doctor's appointment. She weighed only 4

pounds and was rushed to the NICU before we could even hold her. I had to wait almost 24 hours before I could leave my own hospital room and go with my husband to see her.

The first time I entered the NICU and saw her in the isolate with an IV, a feeding tube and monitors hooked up I started crying. The nurse immediately hugged me and shared the story of her own son's stay in the NICU. For the next five days we went every three hours to make sure we did not miss any "touch time" or the chance to give her a bottle. Through out her stay the NICU the nurses and staff helped us learn all the techniques to make sure she would continue to gain weight so that she could be discharged and come home with us.

When we left the hospital the nurses gave us the phone number to call the NICU when we had any questions. Our first day home, we called to speak to one of the nurses. She spent 15 minutes on the phone with us giving instructions on how to give a swaddled bath so she would stay warm.

Kiera is now almost 2 years old and I still vividly remember the great comfort we received from all the caring nurses and staff in the NICU.

Sincerely, Megan & Jason Lockwood

Support your division's Miracle Network fund-raisers!



Solomon Omotoga, along with his mother Peggy, was a guest at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne. Solomon is the president of The Builders Club at A D Wheat Middle School, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne. Pictured with Solomon, center, is his mother Peggy and Club Advisor David Callender.



The Kiwanis Club of Cleburne's Sophomore of The Year, Jesica Flores, presented a program to Kiwanians, recently. She is a member of the Cleburne High School Key Club. Kiwanis Club President Jim Tinsley presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation. Her parents, Dora & Marcos Flores, also attended the meeting.

Kerrville meets here!



The Kiwanis Club of Kerrville, Texas, now meets here, The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 201 Holdsworth Drive. John Miller says if you plan to interclub, to notify Secretary Donna Kelly at dlwk@hctc.net, several days ahead of the 11:45 AM meeting.

2009-10 Distinguished Clubs

DIVISION	Club NAME	First Name	Last Name	Officer	Points
Division 01	Cleburne	Herman	Gatewood	President	
Division 01	Cleburne	Curtis	Barnett	Secretary	100
Division 01	Fort Worth	Jacob	Richter	President	
Division 01	Fort Worth	Clyde	Haggard	Secretary	115
Division 01	Fort Worth-SW	John	Nagely	President	
Division 01	Fort Worth-SW	Keith	Pugh	Secretary	80
Division 02	Garland	Susan	Hennum	President	
Division 02	Garland	Nila	Wilhelm	Secretary	95
Division 02	Terrell	Barry	Hallmark	President	
Division 02	Terrell	Debra	Helm	Secretary	90
Division 03	Cy-Fair, Houston	Steve	Caton	President	
Division 03	Cy-Fair, Houston	George	Crowl	Secretary	85
Division 03	Greater N Houston	Robert	Murray	President	
Division 03	Greater N Houston	Stephen	Peters	Secretary	85
Division 03	Houston	Walter	Murphy	President	
Division 03	Houston	Bonita	Ramirez	Secretary	85
Division 03	Kingwood	Ronald	Tribolet	President	
Division 03	Kingwood	William	Grun	Secretary	125
Division 04	Corpus Christi	David	Lewis	President	
Division 04	Corpus Christi	Michael	Albright	Secretary	100
Division 04	Padre Island	Merida	Nardone	President	
Division 04	Padre Island	Nancy	Ludlow	Secretary	85
Division 05	Bandera County	Margaret	Tucker	President	
Division 05	Bandera County	H. Robert	Tucker	Secretary	90
Division 05	NE San Antonio	Mario	Ward	President	
Division 05	NE San Antonio	Thomas	Peterson	Secretary	80
Division 05	San Antonio				
Division 05	ARC Golden K	Martin	McKinley	President	
Division 05	ARC Golden K	Jim	Readnour	Secretary	105
Division 06	Victoria-Crossroads	Rick	Navarro	President	
Division 06	Victoria-Crossroads	Rebecca	Garcia	Secretary	90
Division 08	Durant	James	Dunegan	President	
Division 08	Durant	Betty	Clay	Secretary	110
Division 09	College Station	Larry	Ringer	President	
Division 09	College Station	Harvey	Montgomery	Secretary	115
Division 09	Woodlands (The)				
Division 09	S Montgomery Cnty	Carol	Knott	President	
Division 09	Woodlands (The)				
Division 09	S Montgomery Cnty	Fronica	Gonzalez	Secretary	80
Division 10	Orange	Christopher	Smith	President	
Division 10	Orange	Ben	Culpepper	Secretary	80
Division 12	Brownwood	Rex	Tackett	President	
Division 12	Brownwood	Jimmy	Jones	Secretary	115
Division 12	Pecan Valley, Early	William	Pursch	President	
Division 12	Pecan Valley, Early	Ricky	Marks	Secretary	90
Division 12	W Angelo, San Angelo	Antoinette	Hoelscher	President	
Division 12	W Angelo, San Angelo	Mark	Crouch	Secretary	85
Division 13	Broken Bow	Charles	Hubbard	President	
Division 13	Broken Bow	Sharon	Payne	Secretary	80
Division 13	De Kalb	Roe	Burrow	President	
Division 13	De Kalb	Martha	Butler	Secretary	100
Division 13	Texarkana	Joanna	Pridgen	President	
Division 13	Texarkana	Jimmy	Reese	Secretary	105
Division 14	Henderson	Jimmy	Jones	President	
Division 14	Henderson	Patti	Miller	Secretary	90
Division 14	Longview	Anthony	Fail	President	
Division 14	Longview	James	Mobley	Secretary	95
Division 18	University, Wichita Falls	Michael	Luebke	President	
Division 18	University, Wichita Falls	Susan	Marrs	Secretary	85
Division 19	Oklahoma City				
Division 19	Northwest-Casady	John	Birks	President	
Division 19	Oklahoma City				
Division 19	Northwest-Casady	Cindy	Fuller	Secretary	115
Division 20	Ardmore	Jacob	Charnock	President	
Division 20	Ardmore	Mark	Ross	Secretary	90
Division 20	Murray County	Marvin	Barbee	President	
Division 20	Murray County	Charlotte	Collins	Secretary	100
Division 23	Waco Seniors	Rebecca	Herron	President	
Division 23	Waco Seniors	Lona	Raymond	Secretary	80

**The Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis
Congratulates each one of these Distinguished Clubs**

2009-10 Distinguished Members

DIVISION	CLUB	DISTINGUISHED MEMBER
Division 3	Kingwood	John Sheridan John R Sheridan Addie S Wiseman
Division 4	Corpus Christi	Michael T Albright Maria Medina Humberto Montemayor
Division 4	Padre Island	Merida Nardone John H Vaughn Leslie Rice Hart
Division 5	Bandera County	Margaret Tucker Debbie White Jess Edwards
Division 5	Bandera County	William M Bishop Anthony Richards Willena F Jacobs
Division 5	NE San Antonio	Mario Heinz Ward Shari Jeanette Ward Dora Oliveri
Division 5	San Antonio ARC Golden K	Martin E McKinley James E Rose Mike Lively Haggard
Division 9	College Station	Shana Elliott Bobbi L Brooks Lauren Piscatello
Division 12	Pecan Valley Early Club	William L Pursch Jane L Pursch Mark E Fisher
Division 12	W Angelo, San Angelo	Paul Shero Milton M Langston Patsy Shero
Division 28	Pasadena	Melvin E Cowart Kevin J Kaizer Jack A Womack
Division 35	Greater Abilene	Neil Tatom, Jr Rudy Fernandez David W Koons
Division 37	Rockwall County	Pat Turner Anthony Catania David Waller
Division 39	Mansfield	Gregory Barberee Manuel Martinez Dorothy Langston
Division 39	Robson Ranch	Carol Rauhauser Eric Borchardt Scott Brandt Dr James Galbraith Bruce Walker Michael A Lams Larry R Brown Glenda R Brown Leon L Patterson, III Michael A Lams Debbie Hudson Mary Jo Warren Ralph Bunker Mrs Barbara R Kuhns Dale H Kuhns Susan Galbraith Joan P Price Elma Walker William Rauhauser Thomas Thye Mr Donald Duff

**The T-O District
CONGRATULATES
everyone of
the 2009-10
Distinguished
Members!**

East Tulsa awards matching grant to Museum of Military History

The Kiwanis Club of East Tulsa County recently awarded a \$1,000 matching grant to the Museum of Military History.

The local museum is a collection of over 1,800 military artifacts that have been collected by Colonel Robert W. Powell. While some of the artifacts have been purchased, many of them have been donated from the personal belongings of veterans. The collection includes everything from uniforms to hand-written notes and letters. The mission of the museum is to provide education about the history of the United States military, especially for younger generations.

Bob McKim, a board member of the Kiwanis Club and a retired Army Command Sergeant Major, was recently named to the museum board. When he became aware of its funding needs he approached the Kiwanis Club about a donation. The matching grant was offered and a local auto dealer, Henry Primeaux, contributed \$1,000 so that the museum could receive the Kiwanis grant. Mr. Primeaux is a veteran and a very generous supporter of the museum.



Bob McKim and Kim Smith, left and center, present a check to Colonel Robert W. Powell of the Museum of Military History in Tulsa.

Kim Smith, President of the Kiwanis Club of East Tulsa County, stated that teaching our children about the sacrifices made by our veterans is of utmost importance. She recently joined Board Member Bob McKim in presenting the check to Colonel Powell.

Central Key Club continues to serve others

By Katie Findlay, President
Central High Key Club

The Wesley Soup Kitchen volunteer project has definitely been a favorite among the volunteers of San Angelo Central High School Key Club.

We began volunteering at the Soup Kitchen last year and have worked various Saturday's, including those during the holiday breaks, and we have enjoyed every minute.

This year our volunteer hours have gone towards the Texas-Oklahoma District Project called "The Heart of Key Club." This project entails service that helps improve areas of communities that lack in food along with various other services.

Our main contribution has been spending time working at the Wesley Soup Kitchen by preparing the meals and serving them to various citizens in San Angelo. Also, we have been able to donate canned goods, thanks to the help of Angelo State University's Circle K members, and many Key Club members.

Key Club is definitely not the only



San Angelo Central High School Key Club and Angelo State University Circle K Members are shown with canned items that were donated to the Wesley Soup Kitchen.

organization that volunteers at soup kitchen, especially in San Angelo. You don't have to be a part of any organization to help out!

Wesley's soup kitchen is open almost every day, and serves around 100 grateful citizens, and nobody leaves with an empty stomach!

Be proud of what your club is doing by submitting your special project news for publication in Ki-Notes. Send articles and jpg-format photos to ki-notes@cablone.net.

T-O HEALTH REPORT

- 700 Kiwanis Members received the Step-Up, Check-Up
(Average of 70 per the 10 Clinics)
- 171 of the 324 T-O Clubs Participated in the Clinics
(Just over half of the clubs in Texas-Oklahoma)
- 217 of the Participants were T-O Event First Timers
(Checked the registration forms that they were attending their first Kiwanis event outside their own club)
- 95 Clubs in Texas-Oklahoma had at least 1 first timer
(Represents about a third of the clubs)

Governor's Statement on Clinic Results

Our tour of the Texas-Oklahoma District concluded in Northeast Oklahoma at Sapulpa (Tulsa area) with the final of the ten Step Up Check Up Clinics that began in South Texas back in November. The clinics were combined with the official Governor visits to each Division. Three or four divisions were combined into Conferences where the clinics were held.

Those who attended received a five hour session that mixed video presentations of the Kiwanis scene, group activity, Kiwanis Trivia Quiz competition between clubs in the Divisions, presentations from T-O chairpersons (including SLP's), and a lunch with address by the Governor and First Lady.

All present were invited to make the Step Up for Kiwanis on a stepladder that was carried throughout the District. To receive the District Step Up pin, each one had only to make a statement how he or she would "step up for Kiwanis".

"We were thrilled by the many and varied ways the members stated their intent to step up their Kiwanis service. Many pledged to bring in a new member, step up to leadership in their club, or take in additional motivation and information events in Kiwanis. Since a primary purpose of the clinics was to search for potential new leaders in the District, we were delighted that nearly a third of the attendants were attending their first session on the Division, District, or International level."

"My special thanks to each of the Lt. Governors who helped organize and facilitate the clinics and to each person who came and had their Kiwanis spirit checked out. We will have to declare that the T-O District is now healthier to serve their communities and the children."

Governor Sam and First Lady Joyce



At the final Step Up, Check Up Clinic, Debra Lack, president of the Kiwanis Club of Tahlequah, OK, stepped to the top of the ladder, stating her club stepped up to help provide scholarships to those who attend the Key Leader Leadership Camp. Lack is also a leader in the Key Leader program.



At each Step Up, Check Up Clinic, Governor Sam Curry, shown at left, has conducted a Kiwanis Quiz Bowl. He is shown here with the winners of the final bowl which was held at the clinic in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The winning team has a strong Kiwanis background with Dale Baird and his wife Carlotta, center, of the Kiwanis Club of Bartlesville, having served as Div. 25 Lt. governor and first lady. At right is Ed Ward, also a past Lt. governor of Division 25, and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Pawhuska.

Final Step Up, Check Up Clinic held in Sapulpa, OK



Governor Sam Curry, left, had the privilege of installing five new members at his last Step Up, Check Up Clinic in Sapulpa, OK. These members are from the Adco-Stilwell Cub, and they are Kathy Francis, Karen George, Tim Jaylay, Tony Davidson, and Kenny Davidson. The clinic served as a perfect orientation into Kiwanis for these five new members, which meant another five yards for the Oklahoma team in the T-O Rivalry contest.



Cathy Sebring, president of the Kiwanis Club of Ponca City, Oklahoma, took her step on Stepper, the step ladder, as it makes its rounds in the District calling on members to state their ways of stepping up their Kiwanis experience. Cathy is pushing the Eliminate World Wide Service program in her club and guiding the club toward Step Up Achievement this year. She was among several that Governor Sam Curry honored for various services to the club and Kiwanis.

Step Up Achievement Awards

Thirty of the 324 Texas Oklahoma Clubs are the first to receive the initial Step Up Achievement awards that were mailed out at the mid-point of this Kiwanis Year. All 30 clubs have accomplished the first level, the Step Ladder Award, and one has already reached the highest level, the Extension Ladder Award. The new achievement program was launched this year by Governor Sam Curry. "We are delighted to honor the initial clubs for supporting our basic T-O programs and look for many more before the end of the year".

The first 30 clubs to receive their banner emblem were:
Cleburne and West Side, Fort Worth in Division 1
Greater Randolph Area, San Antonio-Olmos, and San Antonio ARC in Division 5
College Station in Division 9
Brownwood and San Angelo in Division 12
Texarkana in Division 13
Austin-Northeast, Cedar Park, and Sun City Georgetown in Division 24
Baytown in Division 28
Mustang and South Oklahoma City in Division 30
Paris in Division 32
Amarillo and Amarillo-Hi-Plains in Division 33
Mineola and Tyler-Rose City in Division 34
Abilene and Greater Abilene in Division 35
Allen and McKinney in Division 37
Arlington, Arlington-North Star, and Denton Breakfast, Greater Lewisville, Mansfield After Noon, and Robson Ranch in Division 39
Robson Ranch in Division 39 has the distinction of becoming the first club to earn both the Step Ladder and Extension Ladder awards this Kiwanis Year.

Clubs earn steps by supporting such as programs as the T-O Foundation, Inter-clubbing, attendance at Step Up Check Up Clinics, the First Lady's R.I.F. project, the Galveston Book Library program, and participating in the Sophomore of the Year, Lay Person of the Year, the Club bulletin/web page contests, and the PLGA honors programs. Full details are available on the T-O Web Page.

It takes six of the 12 steps to achieve the Step Ladder level and 10 of the 12 steps will earn the Extension Ladder Award. "There are at least a dozen clubs with 5 steps and close to stepping up to the first level and several clubs are very close to joining Robson Ranch at the top rung of the Extension Ladder" said Governor Sam. "We look forward to further recognitions of our outstanding clubs who are stepping up this year."



Robson Ranch first club to achieve Extension Ladder Level!

Congratulations to Robson Ranch, the first club in the T-O District to achieve Extension Ladder Level and has now accomplished all 12 steps in this program. This club is rich in achievement since it was chartered in 2007. Governor Sam Curry, right, is shown handing President Ralph Bunker a Ladder Banner Patch and a letter of congratulations.

San Antonio Spurs award \$20,000 grant to Key Club

By Lisa Knight
Key Club Co-Sponsor

For how many days could you forego eating? Could you live each day eating only breakfast and lunch? Imagine leaving your job or school on Friday afternoon and not having anything to eat until Monday morning. Hundreds of local school-age children experience this type of hunger every weekend. The Johnson Key Club combined efforts with the San Antonio Food Bank in hopes to combat childhood hunger.

Under the direction of club president Lauren Tsai, the club applied for a grant from the San Antonio Spurs Silver and Black Give Back Campaign on behalf of the Food Bank and its Kids Cafe program. We were one of twenty finalists to be awarded \$2500 to seed the project. The seed money provided the resources to package fifty-pound food boxes to donate to Kids' Café sites that serve at-risk children hot meals and offer mentoring and tutoring.

Our club has volunteered numerous times this school year. On November 13, 2010, over twenty club members, sponsors, and parents volunteered at the Food Bank and as-



sembled 500 two-gallon bags of food that was sent to local schools to be placed into the backpacks of children who would otherwise go hungry each weekend. We also volunteered at the Food Bank's annual Sort-A-Thon alongside San Antonio Spurs player James Anderson, and in January we mentored elementary students at a

Kids' Café location. We have plans to return to the Food two more times before the end of the school year.

On Friday, April 1, the Spurs notified our principal, Mr. John Mehlbrech, that we were one of five local schools to be awarded the generous prize of \$20,000 to continue our work with the Food Bank. On Sunday, April 3, the



The San Antonio Spurs awarded a \$20,000 grant to the Johnson Key Club. When the grant was applied for, the Key Club was acting on behalf of the Food Bank and its Kids Cafe Program. This program serves hot meals and offers mentoring and tutoring to at-risk children. Key Club members are shown at left, and representatives are shown at right outside the Food Bank.

five winning schools were recognized during a half-time presentation at the Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns game. Several students were interviewed about our journey, and the footage will be aired at a later time.

"Caring: Our way of life" is our motto. Members of the Johnson Key Club exemplify this statement in all

facets of their lives. The time and energy they have given, as well as the kindness they have demonstrated has made an impact on hundreds, if not thousands, within our community.

Congratulations!



Governor Sam Curry is shown presenting the Pampa Key Club Charter to Charter President Haylee Clark. Officers of the Key Club and the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Pampa, Texas, are shown. The tallest person in this photo is Div. 33 Lt. Governor Bill McCarty.



As Governor Sam Curry has traveled the T-O District on his journey with the Step Up Check Up Clinics he has taken the opportunity to visit Kiwanis and SLP clubs along the way. Above, he is shown, in center, with the Bowie Key Club, which was recently chartered by the Kiwanis Club of Bowie, Texas, in Division 18. Also in the photo are leaders of the Bowie Kiwanis Club, and a few high school representatives. Below, he addresses the Key Clubbers.



Typical of a planning session prior to each Step Up Check Up Clinic is a meeting of the organizers. Here, Governor Sam Curry meets with the Lt. governors for a Red River Planning session. Pictured, from left, are Curry, Div. 8 Lt. Governor Johnny Leftwich, Div. 20 Lt. Governor Kent Tucker, and Div. 32 Lt. Governor Charles Christian. The discussion was the last minute briefings on the plans for various presentations and activity for the clinic.

Palestine Club brings bullying prevention program to local schools

The Kiwanis Club of Palestine, Texas, partnered with Jim Lord and The Character Network to bring a bully prevention program to its community.

Westwood Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Ed Lyman, accompanied local Kiwanis Club President David Bratz, and Character Network founder, Jim Lord, to Westwood Elementary and Westwood Primary schools to visit administrators and students on both campuses.

The Character Network produces two sets of stories for broadcast on elementary school intercom systems during morning announcements, "The Beginning of a Hero," and "Bully Alert." One story from each is played weekly for all students and faculty.

Currently, there are 474 schools in Texas using this program, according to Lord, who said he would love to make it available to all schools, nationwide, free of charge by sponsorship. "It's a perfect fit for Kiwanis!" Bratz said.

According to Lord, the program

starts at the elementary school where it can be proactive and where hearts can actually be changed.

"Through the short stories that I write and record, the children learn a consistent academic language," Lord said. "A bully is a person who hurts others on purpose, even if it's just hurting their feelings, but a hero is a person who helps others, therefore, a bully is opposite of a hero."

On any given school day, according to the U.S. Department of Education, 160,000 students are absent for fear of being bullied. Teen and preteen suicides, because of bullying, are at an all-time high.

"There is always a choice," Lord said. "You can choose to hurt others and be their bully or you can choose to help and become their hero."

The Kiwanis Club of Palestine is also placing the program in other schools.

**Don't miss the boat!
Register for
Convention at Sea III!**



When Governor Sam Curry visited Ponca City, Oklahoma, he had the opportunity to observe veteran Kiwanis members Fran Long and Jane Rager use puppets and rhythmic verse and song to grab the attention of head start students. Known to the children as Miss Fran and Miss Jane, they are quickly recognized and admired with their regular visits to the center.

Abilene celebrates 90 years of service

By Walter and Jayne Naff

In the winter months of 1921, members of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth traveled all the way to Abilene — more than 150 miles — to form a new Kiwanis Club. In the days of the "tin lizzies" this was no small feat. On Saturday, February 26, Don and Cheri Scharringhausen and Walter and Jayne Naff made that same trip to help the Abilene Kiwanians celebrate their 90-year anniversary. We could not help but wonder, as we traveled along on Interstate 20, how many trips the Fort Worth folks made to Abilene while building that club. They could not have imagined, in 1921, what a large footprint that new Kiwanis club would make on that city, or how many hours of service and the lives that would be touched through the next 90 years. By the way, our club was only two years old that year, having been chartered on January 6, 1919. What an achievement!

One example of their service — in 1953 they held a banquet to celebrate

the chartering of Circle K clubs in each of the three universities that call Abilene home. That same year, they held their first Pancake Supper at the Hardin Simmons Field House, and Aunt Jemina visited grocery stores in town as she paraded downtown in a red convertible. The three colleges provided entertainment throughout the evening, and 6,437 tickets were sold for the event. Through the years, many celebrities have come to Abilene for special events. Just a few of them were Senator Lyndon B. Johnson and Past California Governor and U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Across years of outstanding service to the city, they also helped charter other Kiwanis clubs in that area, all of which are now active in their own ways of Kiwanis service to their communities. It was thrilling to watch them honor their oldest member, Henry McGinty with his 60 years of membership. We celebrated with them as they gave their latest gift — a gift of \$50,000 to the remodeled Children's

wing of Hendrick Medical Center and Hospital. They had raised this gift over a three-year period. They responded enthusiastically when Don presented them with the card of congratulations and the engraved rosewood gavel as gifts from our club. About 70 of their 90 members in their club were in attendance at the banquet.

It was a wonderful evening and we were treated warmly and enthusiastically as the "Guests from Fort Worth." They spoke of their appreciation of our club making the trek to Abilene those many years ago to plant their club.

As the late T-O Governor Don Wilson used to say, "When you cast a pebble into the water you never know how far the ripples will reach."

**Congratulations
Abilene!**



The Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth, Texas, traveled west to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Pictured, from left, are: Cheri Scharringhausen, Don Scharringhausen; Lora Lynn Christensen, Abilene President, 2010-11; Immediate Past Governor Nancy Miller; and Jayne and Walter Naff, Past Div. 1 Lt. governor, and former president of the T-O Foundation.



Harker Heights Kiwanian Dick Dinwiddle cooks up pancakes.

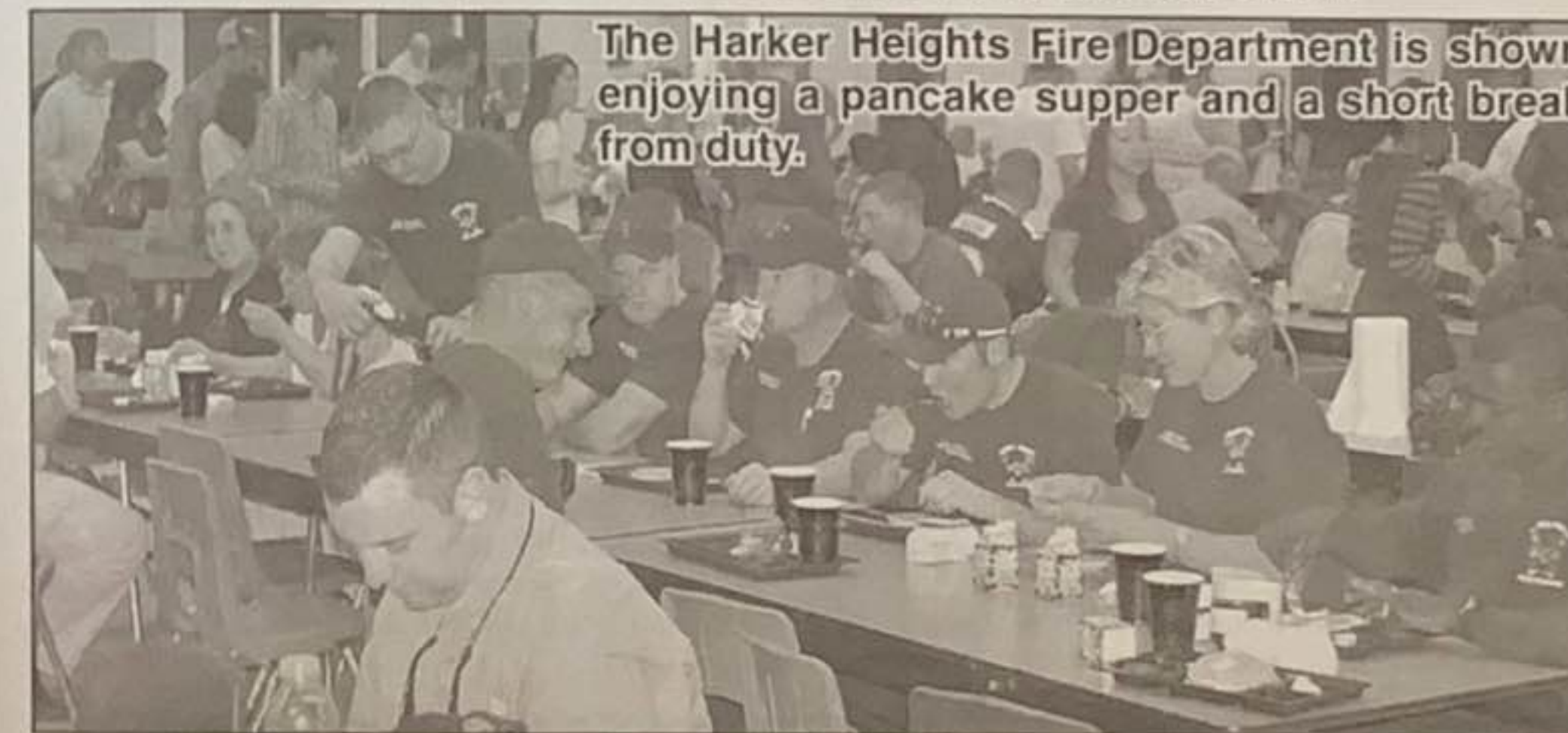
300 show up for Harker Heights' pancakes

The Harker Heights Kiwanis Club hosted their 40th annual "Salute to America Pancake Supper" on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Harker Heights Elementary School, Harker Heights Texas.

Over 300 people attended this annual affair. Local merchants in support of the scholarships and community youth projects donated over 100 door prizes along with Raffle items that raised additional funds. Kiwanis member and former Mayor of Harker Heights, Stewart Meyer, was the master of ceremonies for the door prize drawings and entertainment with timely placed humor. Alice Kolin, wife of member

Ray Kolin provided relaxing music for the attendees before and after the drawings.

The evening and event was under the direction of Vice President Esabell Zellmar and her committee consisting of club President Norm Dunbar, President Elect Darrel Charlton, Secretary Gayle Honaker, and Board members Mariko Cross and Vivian Marschik. All of the members worked in some capacity, from selling tickets, cooking, serving to washing dishes. Also working the event were Eastern Hills Middle School Builders Club members who had a Reactivation of their Charter Ceremony at the start of the evening.



The Harker Heights Fire Department is shown enjoying a pancake supper and a short break from duty.



The Kiwanis Club of Idabel partnered with Memorial Heights Nursing Center, and the City of Idabel, to provide the city park with a merry go round. Pictured, from left, are President Leigh Fielder, Sergeant at Arms, Everett Hime, Bill Jennings, Mayor Jerry Shinn, MHNC Sue May, MHNC John Cherry, MHNC Brenda Cubit, Tresa Coffman, Doc Devore (has 53 years perfect attendance), Vice President Barbara McClanahan, MHNC Michael Ebert, and Secretary Kevin Jones.



The Downtown Kiwanis Club of Lubbock, Texas, gave \$1,000 donations to several local agencies. Club president Jonathan Hill presented checks to Tammy Hester, top left, of the South Plains Food Bank and to Lt. Brian Mott, at right, of the Salvation Army. These are two of the many local non-profit groups that the Lubbock club supports. The club's primary fund-raiser is displaying of American flags on major holidays at Lubbock homes and businesses.



It's
Get Fit Month!

McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller has challenged his citizens to become the fittest city in America. He declared the month of May as "Get Fit Month." An avid marathon and triathlon supporter, he plans to participate in the historic McKinney Kiwanis Triathlon and Run. The mayor challenged citizens to sign up with him to participate in at least one of the events. Held April 30th and May 1st, the event was expected to be a huge success. The mayor also invites all to celebrate the end of Get Fit Month by watching professional and amateur cyclists compete in criterion racing during the second annual Bike and Bricks event.



McKinney Kiwanians who are ready to prepare pancakes are, from left, Terry Witt, Keith Reeder, Mike Malone and Bill Bradshaw.

McKinney holds pancake breakfast



Mrs. Texas Shannon Patterson autographs a picture for Donna Bradshaw and her grandson.



This team also prepared pancakes and sausage from the Kiwanis Club of McKinney, Texas, supper. They are, from left, Payton Brooks, Rob Nelson, Mike Livezey, Dandy Hart, Terry Sanner, and Lynn Couvillion.

The McKinney Kiwanis Club held their 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast on February 19th at the First Christian Church of McKinney. The club served several hundred people pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and/or coffee at the breakfast. Glynn Wingard, event coordinator, was very pleased with the number of participants at the breakfast. The Pancake Breakfast is a fund-raising event for the McKinney Kiwanis Club with all of the proceeds from the event used to support local children's projects and charities. Market Street helped with the Pancake Breakfast by donating the Orange Juice, Sausage, Pancake Mix and Syrup. Oak Farms provided Butter and Milk.

During the breakfast there was a 50/50 raffle. The winner of the raffle won half of the proceeds from the raffle and half of the raffle was added to the proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast. This year's winner was Kim Speck.

The pancake breakfast is one of three fund-raisers that the Kiwanis Club sponsors each year that support local charities. This year's breakfast is expected to generate over \$5,000 that the club will use to support charities such as CASA, Children & Community Health Center, Community Lifeline, Christmas Food Baskets, Dallas Ramps, Shoes for Orphan Souls, Children's Medical Center, Community Food Bank, Key Clubs at McKinney North & Boyd High Schools, Terrific Kids programs at Finch, Caldwell and Webb Elementary schools, and Bingo at Homestead Nursing Home.

Paris accepts \$5000 grant for Texas Ramp Project

The St. Joseph Community Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$5000 to the Texas Ramp Project at a recent Kiwanis Club of Paris meeting.

This \$5,000 grant is part of a \$10,000 matching grant awarded to The Texas Ramp Project from the SJCF Board. This funding was made possible by proceeds from the 2010 Annual Heart of Paris Gala-Masquerade Ball. The Texas Ramp Project will assist with the building of wheelchair accessible ramps at the homes of elderly and disabled individuals specifically in Lamar and surrounding counties. Since TRP's incorporation in 2006, more than 1,370 ramps have

been built across the state, using a local volunteer labor force for the actual construction. By utilizing the volunteer labor force they can build ramps at about one third the cost of a for-profit contractor. The Kiwanis Club of Paris has been providing this service since the fall of 2009 and has built 15 ramps to date in Lamar, Red River and Delta counties.

The check for \$5000 will be used to buy building materials for ramps in the four county area served by SJCF which includes Lamar, Delta, Red River, and Fannin. An additional \$5000 will be awarded as matching funds are donated from within the community. With the matching funds

the SJCF's grant will generate a total of \$15000 for the ramp project.

Lynn Patterson, Kiwanis ramp team leader said, "This is a great example of funds raised in the community staying in the community and being utilized to make Paris and the surrounding area a better place to live." Referrals for ramps can be made by health care professionals by going to texasramps.org and completing the online referral form.

**ELIMINATE...the next
Worldwide
Service Project**



A check for the Texas Ramp Project was presented to the Kiwanis Club of Paris, Texas. Pictured are, from left, Kiwanis President Robert High, John Kruntorad, St. Joseph's Community Foundation Grant Review Committee member, Chis Dux, Foundation Board Grant Review Committee chairman, SJCF Interim Executive Director Stephanie Huff, John Laine, executive director of the Texas Ramp Project, and Lynn Patterson, Kiwanis Club Ramp Team leader.



One of Mustang, Oklahoma's newest Kiwanis members is Jim Taylor, center. He is shown with his sponsor, Jeff Landreth, left, and Past Lt. Gov. Luke Ellis who installed Taylor to the Kiwanis Club of Mustang.



The Kiwanis Club of Paris, Texas, along with the Lamar County schools, United Way of Lamar County, and Denver Pyle Children's Charities, are bringing Imagination Library to Lamar County.

Imagination Library comes to Lamar County

In 1996, Dolly Parton launched an exciting new project to benefit the children of her home county in east Tennessee. Dolly wanted to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families. She wanted children to be excited about books and to feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she could insure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income.

So she decided to mail a brand new, age appropriate book each month to every child under 5 in Sevier County. With the arrival of every child's first book, the classic "The Little Engine That Could", every child could now experience the joy of finding their very own book in their mail box. These moments continue each month until the child turns 5—and in their very last month in the program they receive "Look Out Kindergarten Here I Come."

Needless to say the experience has been a smashing success. So much so that many other communities clamored to provide the Imagination Library to their children. Dolly thought long and hard about it and decided her Foundation should develop a way for other communities to participate. The Foundation asked a blue ribbon panel of experts to select just the right books and secured Penguin Group USA to be the exclusive publisher for the Imagination Library. Moreover a database was built to keep track of the information.

Consequently, in March of 2000 she stood at the podium of The National Press Club in Washington, D.C. and revealed the plan for other communities to provide the Imagination Library to their children. And as only Dolly can say, she wanted to "put her money where her mouth is" — and with such a big mouth that's a pretty large sum of money" and provide the books herself to the children of Branson, Missouri and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina — communities where her businesses now operate. If other leaders in their communities were willing to do the same, well, something big might just happen.

For a community to participate, it must make the program accessible to all preschool children in their area. The community pays for the books and mailing, promotes the program, registers the children, and enters the information into the database. From there The Dollywood Foundation takes over and manages the system to deliver the books to the home.

The Kiwanis Club of Paris, along with the Lamar County schools, United Way of Lamar County and Denver Pyle Children's Charities is bringing Imagination Library to Lamar County. To participate in the program, the child must be a resident of Lamar County and have an enrollment application on file with Imagination Library of Lamar County. Applications are available at pariskiwansclub.com.

The only other thing the parent/guardian is asked to do is read with your child, perhaps the most important thing any parent can do to improve school readiness and achievement.

**The next DCON will
be fun!
Register Now!**

In Memory

It is with sadness the the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International reports the passing of the following members:

DAN E. NEWBROUGH was a member of the NASA Area Kiwanis Club. His wife, Wilda, is president of the club. Dan passed away April 17. Anyone wishing to make a donation in his memory, the family request that be made to the Eliminate project at www.theeliminateproject.org. Condolences may be expressed to his wife at danwilda@msn.com.

JERRY COOPER was a past president of Arlington North Star Kiwanis and was serving as vice president—programs. He was very active with Arlington Alliance for youth, Arlington Boys and Girls Club, and Arlington Teen Court.



The Kiwanis Club of the Pecan Valley (Early) recently made its annual contribution to the Big Brother/Big Sisters Program of Brown County. Pictured during this presentation are, from left, Kiwanian Bill Belich, Big Sister Janice Horton, Big Brother/Big Sister Regional Executive Director Gina Jameson, and Kiwanians John Clifford and David Price.



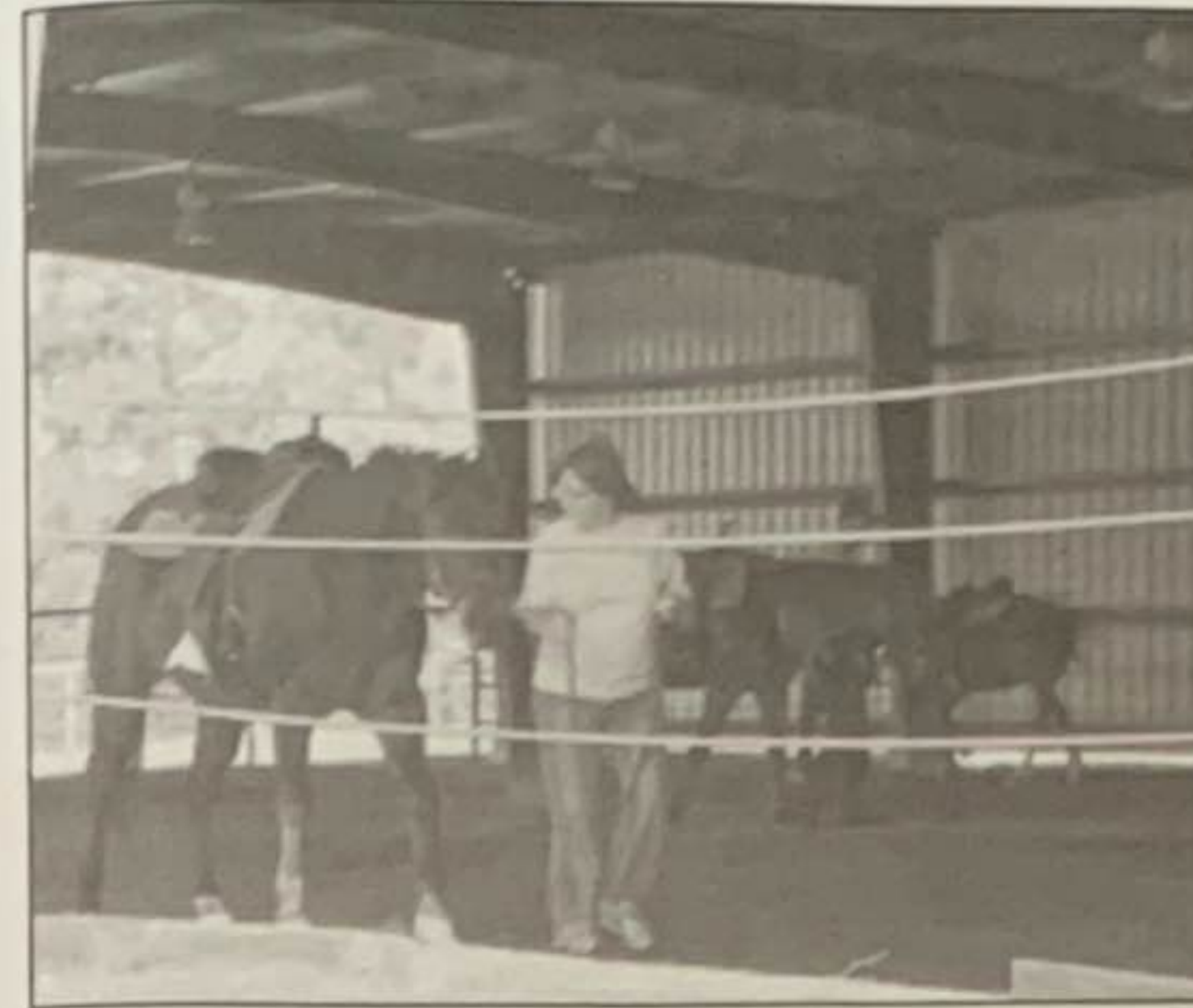
The Kiwanis Club of Sulphur Springs, Texas had pancakes ready to go when the doors opened on its pancake breakfast. Above, the Sulphur Springs Key Club assists the Kiwanis Club in serving. At right, Key Clubber Ty Rich teaches future Key Clubber Connor Hartzell how to flip pancakes.



The Kiwanis Club of the Pecan Valley (Early) recently teamed up with the Early High School Key Club in a community project to provide coats to the Good Samaritan. A combined total of approximately 140 coats were collected. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanian David Price, Key Club members Colton Meisner and Kaitlyn Levett, and Kiwanian Dale Courtwright.



The Kiwanis Club of Texarkana and Liberty Eylau Middle School Builders Club recently collected 1,117 books and a bookshelf valued at \$1,187 for the Silas H. Hunt Community Development Center to develop a reading program for at-risk African-American boys in kindergarten to 12th grade. The project was part of the annual Kiwanis One Day, celebrated nationally April 2. LEMS Builders Club, a school-based leadership club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Texarkana, collected more than 800 books with the book-drive.



The Kiwanis Club of Texarkana joined forces with the Aktion Club of Texarkana, Arkansas High Key Club, Liberty Eylau School Builders Club and Watersprings Ranch Residents and House Parents for Kiwanis One Day. The Runnin WJ Ranch was the sight for their service project. The Runnin WJ Ranch is a therapeutic horse riding facility that serves children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. The workers painted and water sealed the fence, cleaned riding track and planted flowers in planters. The group also led and side walked three riding classes. Total service hours for the day = 248 3/4 hours.



Kiwanian sworn into Oklahoma Supreme Court

Justice Noma D. Gurich was born on September 26, 1952 in South Bend, Indiana. In 1971, she graduated from Penn High School in Mishawaka, Indiana. She was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Indiana State University in 1975 with a degree in Political Science. Gurich received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1978. She was an editor of the American Indian Law Review and received the Professional Responsibility Award. Justice Gurich has lived in Oklahoma City for more than 30 years. Before she began her judicial career, Gurich was engaged in the private practice of law in Oklahoma City for 10 years. In 1988, Gurich was appointed by Governor Henry Bellmon to serve as a Judge on the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation. She served as Presiding Judge of that court for four years. She was reappointed for a second term by Governor David Walters in 1994.

After being appointed by Governor Frank Keating to the District Court bench in July of 1998, she won a county-wide election for District Judge that same year. She was re-elected without opposition in 2002, 2006 and 2010. Judge Gurich served as the Presiding Administrative Judge for the Seventh Judicial District, Oklahoma County from January of 2003 to December 31, 2004. Judge Gurich presided over more than 190 jury trials during her career as District Judge. While serving as a District Judge, Gurich served as the Presiding Judge of both the 11th and 12th Multi-county



Grand Juries (2007-2008 and 2009-2010) by order of the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Justice Gurich was appointed by Governor Brad Henry as the third woman Justice of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma and she took office on February 15, 2011. Justice Gurich served as President of the William J. Holloway, Jr. American Inn of Court from 2007 to April of 2008. She continues as a Master member of the Inn. She received the 2003 Mona Salyer Lambird Spotlight Award from the OBA Women in Law Committee. She is a two time Journal Record Honoree for Woman of the Year in 2005 and 2008. She is Past President and member of the Kiwanis Club of Oklahoma City

and was only the second woman President of the 90 year old club when she served in 2006-2007. She serves annually on the Application Screening Committee for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics. Justice Gurich is an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where she is a volunteer Mobile Meals driver and TV camera operator. Judge Gurich served as a missionary to Russia in 1993, 1997, 2000, 2002, and 2004.

Justice Gurich is married to John E. Miley, who is the General Counsel of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. The office of Justice Gurich is located in Room 238, State Capitol Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105; (405) 521-3839.



The Downtown Oklahoma City club's charitable fund owns a building that they rent out to a Head Start program for basically free. Members participate in a "Reading Buddies" program there on a monthly basis. Virtually every student comes from a VERY disadvantaged home!! After the "Reading Buddies" they normally try to help celebrate any special holidays that are near. Of course, there are not holidays every month. Just so happens that this month Easter is just around the corner. Members, from left, are: Judge John Amick, Club Treasurer Erin Batey, member extraordinaire Bob Sonnenfeld, President Jon Pennington, Past President (and coordinator) Kyle McClain, and new member Patrick Pahl. Picture by Past President Beverly Woodrome.



The Kiwanis Club of Texarkana participated in the 17th Annual Corporate Spelling Bee, which benefits the Literacy Council of Bowie & Miller Counties. Fourteen teams went head-to-head for the honor of being the best speller in Texarkana. The goal for the evening was to raise \$35,000 by silent auction, draw down tickets and teams entries. Members of the spelling Team are: Brandy Latham with club Satellite, Tanya Dickert, Lt. Gov. Div. 13, Leigh Abercrombie and Jennifer Walker. Other Kiwanians participating in the Bee were Bob Bell as Judge and Bob Bruggeman as timekeeper. The word that knocked the Kiwanis Cookers out of the Bee was POCHISMO.



"Wow, it's over and was it great," said Darrol Evans. "This year was one of the best. We exceeded our estimated goal." Pictured are club President Darrel Eike presenting a donation of \$500 to Boy Scout Leader Don Doherty. The Boy Scouts of America attend every year to support the club with setting up tables, serving the guests and clean up. "Do we old folks need their young help, you bet," Evans said. "This is such fun each year seeing our Kiwanis friend and community people attending. We donate all the leftover food, syrup, and drinks to the Ronald McDonald's Family Room at the Oklahoma City Children's Hospital. Isn't it great to help the community and children. I love it and can't wait till next year."



Golden K Kiwanis Club of Greenville, Texas members, from left, Tom McAllister, Steve Frazier and Bill Rapp, along with other members and the city of Greenville's park employees re-mulched Aunt Char Children's Park. This is a repeated effort accomplished periodically by the city and Golden K.



Palestine High School sophomore, Amy Witt, was presented the Division 26 plaque for 2011 Sophomore of the Year by Div. 26 Lt. Governor Bobbie Hawkins, during a weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Palestine. Witt was also presented with a Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement by club President David Bratz. As the Sophomore of the Year, Witt earned a \$600 Kiwanis Scholarship.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

✓ It's time to register for the T-O District Convention at Sea. Fill out Registration Form on page 3 and mail with check.

✓ It's time to fill out Delegate and PLG Delegate Registration forms for the T-O District Convention: see pages 4 and 5.

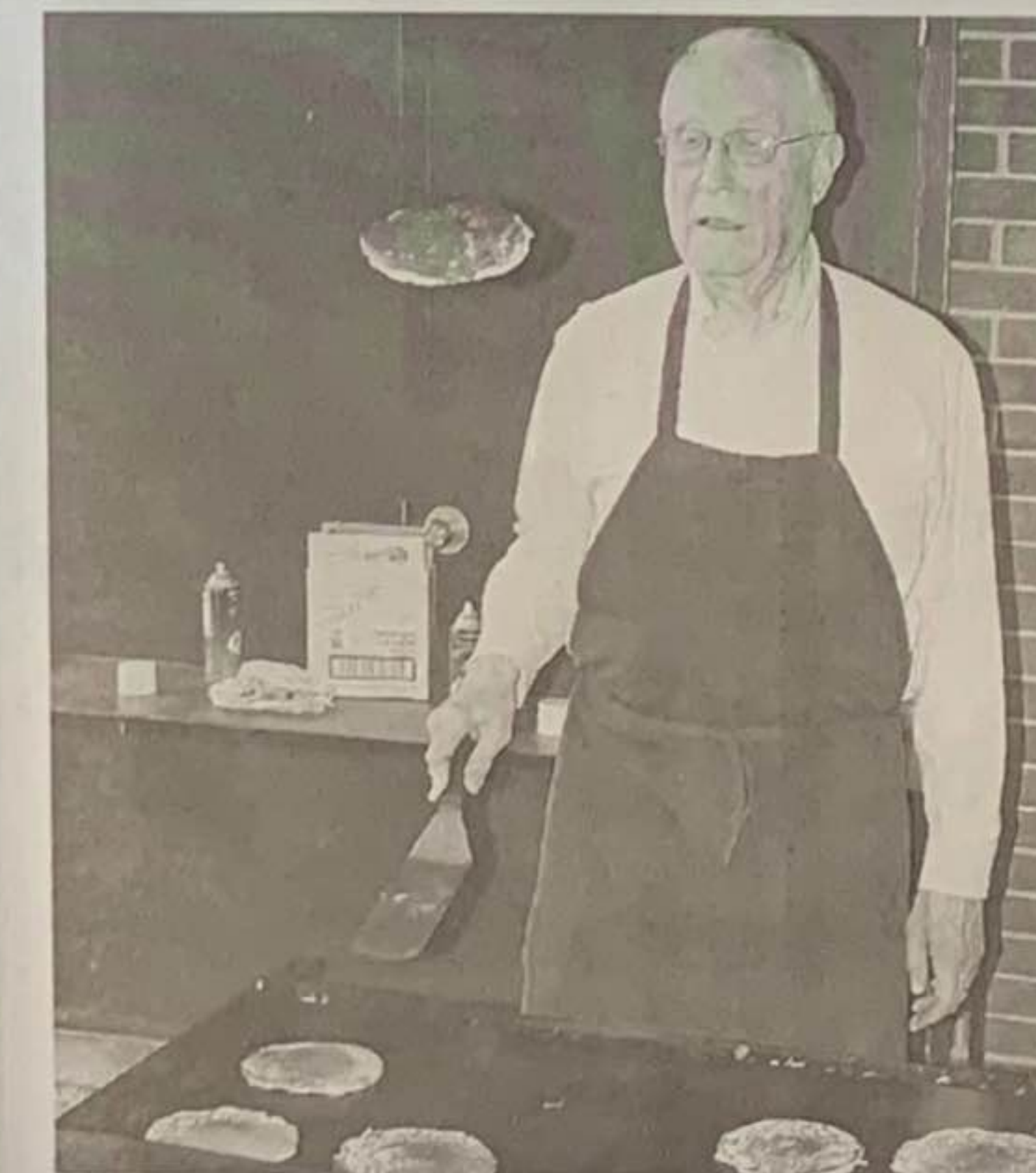
✓ An early Ki-Notes deadline of May 20th has been set for the June/July issue.



"AAMM" shows Andy Anderson (left) and Mike Masuda cooked and flipped several hundred pancakes during the Kiwanis Pancake Supper. Both Andy and Mike have been Kiwanis members for numerous years.

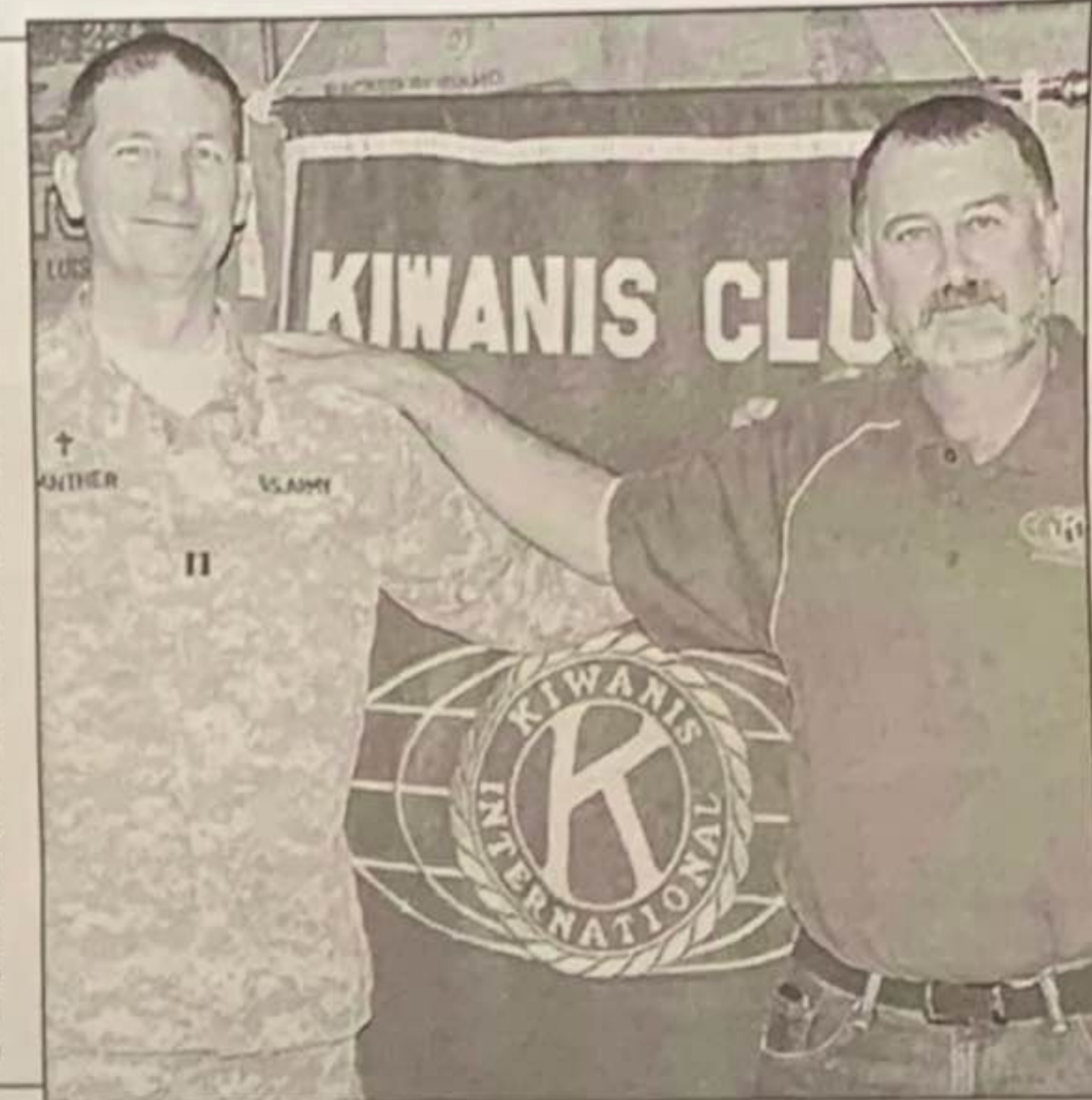


The Stephenville Kiwanis Club members kept pouring the batter and flipping the pancakes for the large, hungry crowd.

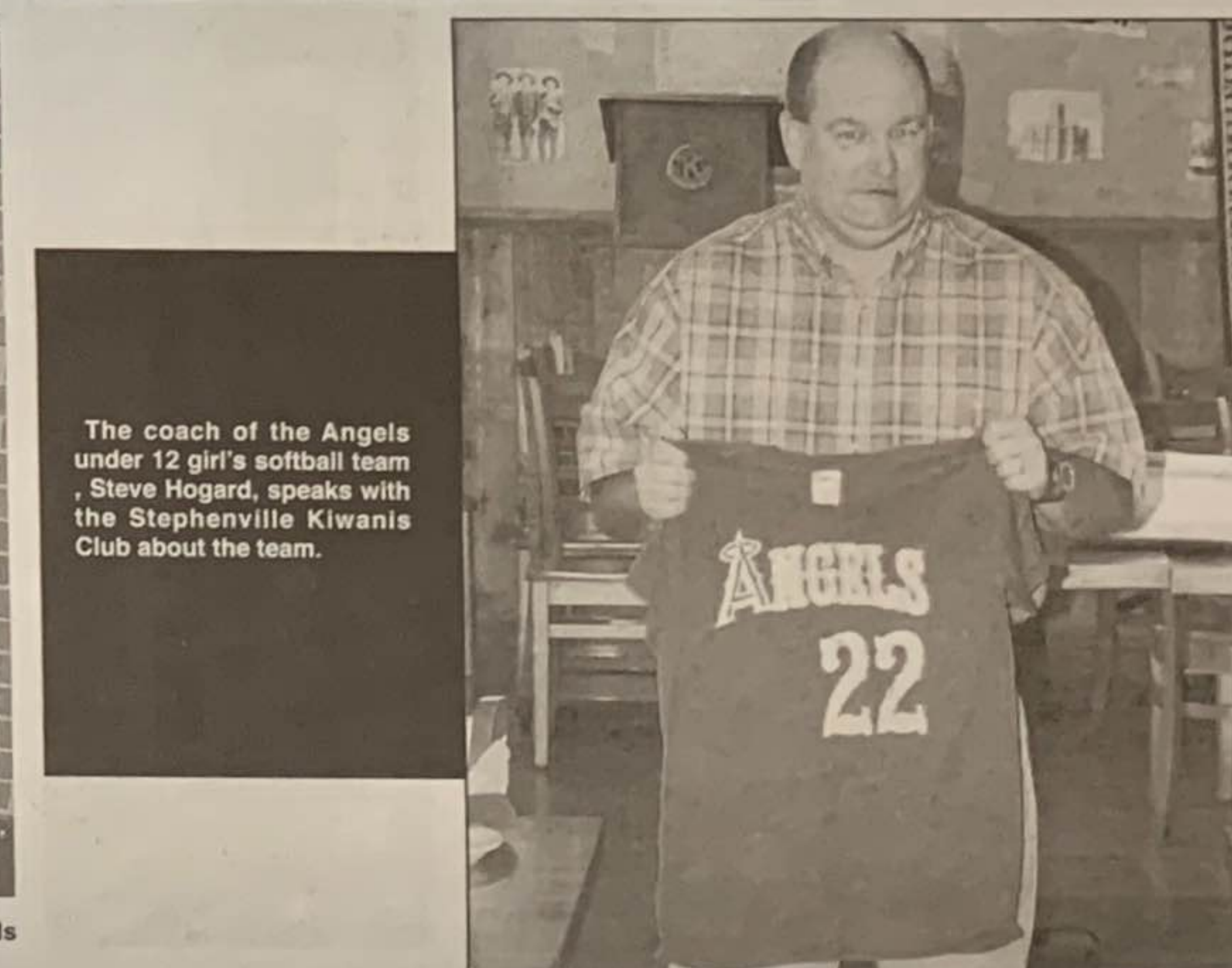


Kiwanis member, Dwain Bruner, shows off his pancake flipping skills during the event.

Chaplain (CPT) Ganther has been the pastor at the First Christian Church of Stephenville for the past 15 years. In his late 40's, Pastor Paul decided to join the Texas Army National Guard and become a Chaplain. He has been doing a lot of work and training in Brownwood, Texas as well as a few other places. In April, he and the rest of his 111th Engineer Battalion of the Texas Army National Guard are being deployed to Afghanistan. He will be greatly missed by the Stephenville community. Paul has been very active at the First Christian Church as well as with leaders from other community churches. He is a member of the Lion's Club and he has given his time very generously to Habitat for Humanity as well. He will be missed by his church and his family, his friends and the community. We wish him well and may God bless him and keep him safe.



The Kiwanis Club of Stephenville, Texas, President-elect Donna Kirkien pins the club's newest member, Donna Traweck.



The coach of the Angels under 12 girl's softball team, Steve Hogard, speaks with the Stephenville Kiwanis Club about the team.



The Heartland Step Up Check Up Clinic

In the top photo, Kiwanians from four Divisions gathered for the Heartland Step Up Check Up Clinic in Oklahoma. At left are three members of the Jones Kiwanis Club in Div. 40 that won the Kiwanis Quiz Bowl in this Heartland Conference. Governor Sam Curry, right, presents a certificate to, from left, Jim Selders, Bud Williams and Ray Poland.

Scenes from the Red River Step Up Check Up Clinic



Governor Sam Curry presents these three ladies with a certificate for winning the Red River Kiwanis Quiz Bowl. The event was held in Sherman, Texas and involved Divisions from North Texas and Southern Oklahoma.

Misty Middleton, secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Lone Grove, Oklahoma, tells Governor Sam Curry why she and her club are stepping up to the challenge.



Above, Key Clubber Elizabeth Flick and T-O Kiwanis Governor Sam Curry discuss the importance of Service Leadership Programs during the Red River Step Up Check Up Clinic. In the two center photos are gentlemen who have stepped up to accept Governor Sam's challenge. In the top center photo is Joe Barrett, and in the bottom center photo is Lee White.