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## Step Up



## Ki-Notes final printed edition

Delegates to the 93rd Texas-Oklahoma Convention August 28, 2011, ended the 88-year run of *Ki-Notes* as a printed edition.

An electronic newsletter will come into being on the T-O website in the 2011-12 administrative year, starting October 1.

The two bylaw amendments abolishing the printed version of *Ki-Notes*, were part of a plethora of amendments considered by 256 delegates representing 150 T-O Kiwanis clubs.

Delegates also elevated Governor-elect Susan Hennum to governor, effective October 1.

The race for governor-elect was contested between Alton Gardner, Oklahoma City; and Ann Wilkins, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Wilkins won the position of 2011-12 Governor-elect.

A total of eight amendments were considered by delegates.

Amendment #1 was submitted by the Texas-Oklahoma District Board to add the requirement of criminal history background checks for district officers. The amendment was approved with no debate.

Amendment #2 was submitted by the T-O Board to add a require-

ment of criminal history background checks for candidates for governor and governor-elect. This amendment was also approved after little debate.

Amendment #3 was submitted by the T-O Board for the discipline of district officers. The actual wording added a section reading: *Whenever a district officer is removed from office for reasons involving conduct unbecoming a Kiwanian or failure to perform the duties of office, or if such officer resigns from office under such circumstances, that person may be declared by the district board to be ineligible to hold a district office or appointment.*

This one was hotly debated, with several questioning how and by whom "unbecoming conduct" was determined. An amendment to the amendment was approved which would prohibit an officer so disciplined from using the word "past" as in "Past Governor" in front of their name.

However, the amendment, as amended, failed on a ballot vote.

Amendment #4 was submitted by the T-O Board to add the option of an office of vice-governor for the district. It would not mean the dis-

Dear T-O Kiwanians:

Our first year as *Ki-Notes* editors came when '93-94 Gov. Fred Seals asked us to do the publication. We missed '94-95, then returned for Gov. Roy Brazell in '95-96, and we end with Gov. Sam Curry. We've never asked for the job, but have always been glad to do it when asked to do so. When we started, *Ki-Notes* was mailed to nearly 18,000 members. Postage was not much. This final issue will go to just under 10,000 members, and postage has increased exponentially. All of which gives you an idea of why district leadership felt it necessary to look at other means. Doesn't mean we aren't sorry to see *Ki-Notes* go, as we know most of you are, but we fully support our leadership in what they think is best for the district.

Some have asked why we didn't choose to continue as editors of an electronic newsletter. Simply put, our backgrounds are "print media", and we felt the district would be better served by those more inclined toward electronic or social media.

Thanks for allowing us to serve you all these years.

—Gary and Linda Hicks

trict was required to have an office of vice-governor. The amendment failed after only moderate debate.

Amendment #5 was submitted by the Robson Ranch Kiwanis Club in an effort to align T-O with how and when Kiwanis International does billing on dues and fees. It does away with new member add fees for anyone joining an existing club and provides for a graduated enrollment fee. For charter members of a new Kiwanis club the charter member enrollment fee is \$20, and for clubs organized during Jan-Sept they will not have to pay dues until 13-21 months later. Now clubs have to pay dues the following Oct. So clubs organized in September have to pay dues the next month.

Delegates overwhelmingly approved this proposal.

Amendment #6 was submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Jones, Oklahoma. It would limit sales of Kiwanis-See Convention, page 10



Lauren Perkins  
Circle K International  
Subregion D Representative



Steven Spriggs  
Circle K International  
President

## Spriggs, Perkins elected to Circle K International Board

If you're thinking déjà vu, well you are right. Just a bit over a year ago, in 2010, Amanda Marfisi, a Texas-Oklahoma CKI member was elected Circle K International president, and Juan Juarez, also from T-O CKI, was elected Subregion D representative.

And, at the Circle K International Convention, on June 22, 2011, in Virginia Beach, Virginia, it has happened again!

Steven Spriggs, a past Texas-Oklahoma CKI governor who hails from Texas A&M was elected Circle K International president.

Lauren Perkins, also a member of the Texas A&M Circle K, was

elected Subregion D representative at the CKI International Convention.

Jace Venters and Neal Wright, Texas-Oklahoma CKI Family Relations co-chairs, said, "In announcing these accomplishments we, the Texas-Oklahoma District would like to offer a special congratulations to these two outstanding District Board members. We certainly can look ahead with confidence to the future of our Kiwanis Family relations not only on the District level, but also on the International level. The future for the International K-Family relations is brighter than ever and we are so proud!"



### YOUR TEXAS-OKLAHOMA LEADERSHIP TEAM

At the recent Texas-Oklahoma District Convention, Governor Sam Curry, center, Governor-Designate Susan Hennum, left, and Governor-elect Ann Wilkins, exchanged banners.



**ITS NOT OVER, BUT RIGHT NOW TEXAS HAS THE FOOTBALL AWARD!** If Oklahoma were to make a rally in September, they could take over this trophy. At the T-O District Convention, Governor Sam, left, awarded Texas this "temporary" trophy for winning the rivalry. Earned by Texas Coach Jerry "Mr T" Wright, his Div. 1 Lt. Governor, Gordon Stone, accepted on his behalf. However, Oklahoma's Coach Chuck "Big O" Rager still has time to steal Texas' thunder before October 1.



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# Step Up



By  
Governor  
Sam Curry



Greetings Kiwanis Family.

A common exercise at many Kiwanis events is to invite members to state their "Kiwanis Moment", that defining snapshot that answered the question, "this is why I chose Kiwanis membership". This past year has collected a pocketful of "Kiwanis Moments" for me. In this final message, please allow me to share perhaps my "Top Ten".

Installation: One year ago in Abilene, with my two families present (personal and Kiwanis), the installation signaled the beginning of the journey.

Team picture: After a training weekend at the Lakeview Conference Center, our Step Up team gathered in unity for the group picture. That close connection prevailed throughout the year.

Directory Cover: My first view of Linda Hick's design for this year's Directory. Linda, once again, you nailed it.

Megan Steps Up: Key Club leader Megan Iselin stepped up on the ladder in Baytown to declare that, after attending this Step Up Check Up Clinic, she was certain of a future Kiwanis membership. There were some 700 such step-up's, but this was one of the more inspiring. Later in the year, Megan was elected Key Club District Governor. She is on her way.

The Catch: Off the ricochet of the first baseman, my catch in a kick-ball contest

with CKI leaders at the fall retreat; part of an amazing weekend of bonding with our college family membership.

K-Family Kids: My first view of the Fun Fair room at K-Family; a room filled with all members of the Kiwanis Family. K-Family truly was a reunion of the entire family. I hope that continues.

Lewisville email: One of what must have been 10,000 emails this year, Linda Isbell reported how inspired her club's Step Up Check Up Clinic attendees were. Three members who had never been to a District Kiwanis function were inspired to take on new projects. This one was a good example of the nice responses to the clinics.

Past Governors March: To a Souza march, the Past Governors marching to lunch at Mid-Winter to host tables and report on the awesome projects of our clubs, who gathered for lunch with the Governors.

Getting the Keys: The "closing" on the new T-O headquarters building that climaxed four months of searching and working with the incredible talents of Laura Lammons.

Allow me to reserve the last for what will be the viewing of positive final membership and Step Up Club Achievement reports of the year. My pocket of "Kiwanis Moments" will be complete if our Step Up programs this year resulted in more Kiwanis members than when we began and, even more important, more clubs and members commit to continue to "Step Up" and collect their own Kiwanis Moments.

Joyce and I feel blessed to share this amazing year with you. We hope you join us in pledging full support for Governor Susan and her team as we work to "Elevate" the T-O District.

Governor Sam Curry

# Introducing the T-O Counselor

Jerome E. "Jerry" Peuler Jr. of La Plata, Maryland, was elected to a three-year term as a trustee of Kiwanis International in June 2009, at the 94th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jerry, a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, Mississippi, is a 26-year member and past-distinguished president of the Kiwanis Club of Waldorf, Maryland. He is a past-distinguished lieutenant governor and past governor of the Capital District, where he served as chairman of numerous committees. Is a Legion of Honor member. While serving on the KI Board, Jerry has been Board Counselor to Key Club International, member of Programs, Convention, and Audit and Finance committees.

For Kiwanis International, Jerry has served on the resolutions and bylaws committee and as an advisory committee member to former International President Dave Curry. He is a life member of Kiwanis International is a Charter Member of the Zeller Fellowship in addition he is a Diamond-level George F. Hixson Fellow, Hixson Ambassador and Heritage Society member.

Jerry is the retired treasurer of Charles County, MD, and a retired U.S. Air Force officer.

Along with his Kiwanis service, Jerry has been a servant leader with the United Way of Charles County, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, the Military Officers Association of America, Habitat for Humanity, the U.S. Air Force Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans the Boy Scouts of America, the National Eagle Scout Association as well as with his church.

Jerry has one married daughter. His wife, Judith, is also a Kiwanian.



Jerry Peuler, Jr.

# First Lady's Project report



By First Lady  
Joyce Curry

What a fast and exciting year this has been as your First Lady. We have met so many new Kiwanis friends this year. We have loved visiting your clubs and cities and hearing how proud you are of the services you provide in your community. It is truly amazing what Kiwanians are able to provide for humanity.

I want to thank you for your support of the First Lady's project of Reading is Fundamental. We were disappointed that the government funding had to be cut for RIF. Why is it that educational projects are the first to be cut from state and national budgets? At any rate, some of you were able to purchase the RIF Multicultural book collection and give it to your favorite school, church, community center or Boys and Girls Club. Some of you even donated money to a local RIF program that was already established, but needed extra funds.

You also, generously donated money to buy books for the Galveston ISD Libraries Convention 2011 project. We met with school officials, members of the Galveston Kiwanis Club and the Galveston newspaper for a ceremonial presentation of a \$4,000 check given by you the Kiwanis Clubs of the T-O District. I thank you for your participation in that endeavor and a special thanks to Gilbert Zamora of the Galveston Kiwanis Club for coordinating this with the GISD.

Besides, our trips all over the T-O District, we were privileged to attend the KI Convention in Geneva, Switzerland. Just prior to that, we traveled with twenty-seven Kiwanis friends across the beautiful country of Italy and then brought the "Step Up" year to a close on a great district convention cruise to Cozumel, Mexico.

Thank you Kiwanians for making our year special.

First Lady Joyce Curry

When you give a child the gift of reading, you open up the world to their futures.

# Eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus

What if YOU could save a baby's life?

## Saving a Baby's Life, For Less Than the Price of a Cup of Coffee

DO YOUR PART  
WHAT IF YOU COULD SAVE A  
BABY'S LIFE?

There are few events more joyful than the day a new baby is welcomed to the world. But in 38 countries, a dreaded disease quickly turns that joy into tragedy.

Maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) kills one baby every nine minutes — that's 60,000 babies every year who will never grow up, make their mothers laugh, play with friends or dream about the future. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. A significant number of women die from MNT each year too.

### PREPARE

Grow your club. A strong club will be better prepared to take on the challenges of the campaign. The more Kiwanians who are united in the cause, the greater our ability to eliminate this devastating disease.

### EDUCATE

Educate yourself about MNT, and share what you learn with your club, your community, your family and your school.

### ADVOCATE

Let the world know that the poorest, most vulnerable babies and mothers need our help. Rally others to get involved. Add a link to [www.TheEliminateProject.org](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org) on your club website.

### INVEST

Be among the first to invest in this global campaign for children. Make an initial gift today.

### ELIMINATE

Over the next five years, the work you do to eliminate MNT will change the world. Together, Kiwanis and UNICEF will eliminate MNT and give the poorest families the chance to lead the healthy lives they deserve.

With The Eliminate Project,

Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Kiwanis and UNICEF joined forces to tackle iodine deficiency disorders, achieving one of the most significant public health successes of the 20th century. Now, they are eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth. And in doing so, the project will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families.

### BE AMONG THE FIRST TO GIVE TO THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

Make your initial gift and be among the first to help save and protect millions of women and their future babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus. Donations can be made by using our online donation form or by cash or check. Please make checks payable to Kiwanis International Foundation and write "The Eliminate Project" on the memo line and mail to:

The Eliminate Project  
c/o KI Foundation  
3636 Woodview Trace  
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Credit card. Use our online donation form or call the Kiwanis International Foundation.  
Toll free: 1-800-KIWANIS, dial 254.

Stock/Securities. Call the Kiwanis International Foundation.  
Toll free: 1-800-KIWANIS, dial 254.

## Charter gift Opportunities end Sept. 30

Make a gift before September 30, 2011 to become a charter donor for The Eliminate Project. You or your club can be part of a group that leads the way through the commitment of early gifts.

Charter gift opportunities include:

- Charter Zellers: US\$1,250+ paid in full;
- Charter 100K Clubs: US\$100,000+ paid in full;
- Charter Model Clubs: Club per-member average of US\$750 paid in full; and,
- Year of Leadership Clubs: US\$2,000+ paid in full from club and/or individual members.

Charter-status gift recognition ends on September 30, 2011, but



there are many ways you and your club can be recognized for your gift to The Eliminate Project. To learn about all of the recognition available throughout the campaign, review the recognition flier on The Eliminate Project website.

See page 13 for a whole host of Charter Zeller recipients.



Kiwanis International President-elect Alan Penn holds a four-month-old baby girl named Pong Sokea at a UNICEF-supported health and immunization outreach post at the at Damnak Kroam health center in Chamnak village, Cambodia, April 6, 2011. (Courtesy UNICEF)

By MANDANA MOFIDI  
July 9, 2011

Some people never discover their mission in life. Others do, but usually not at the tender age of six. For Alan Penn, that is the precise age he discovered his purpose.

The year was 1954. The place: Honduras. Penn was brought there by his missionary parents who were giving tetanus vaccines to women and children. His job was to hold the babies while their mothers were being immunized.

Fast forward some 50-odd years later, and Penn, now the president-elect of Kiwanis International, is in Cambodia holding a child who can live a healthy life due to his organization's efforts to vaccinate mothers against maternal and neonatal tetanus, a painful disease that kills one baby every nine minutes, or 60,000 babies each year, in some of the poorest places on earth.

"I had tears in my eyes because I flashed back to when I was a little kid with my mom in the mountains holding the babies," Penn told ABC News. "And now, I am helping to eliminate this terrible disease."

### THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

At its 96th annual convention in Geneva during July, Kiwanis International pledged to raise \$110 million by 2015 in a final push to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, a preventable disease that is typically contracted through unhygienic childbirth practices.

The global campaign, called The Eliminate Project, is a partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund. The goal of the project is to eliminate this disease by vaccinating women of childbearing age, which will not only protect the mothers but also their future newborns.

"This will impact 61 million women and their children in just un-

der 40 countries around the world," Penn said, noting that the cost of the vaccine is roughly \$1.80, less than a cup of coffee.

### A Trail of Broken Hearts

Three years ago Caryl Stern, the president and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of tetanus when she traveled to Sierra Leone. "It was the first and only time I sat with a mom and watched her baby die in her arms," Stern told ABC News. She said the newborn had contracted tetanus after her mother, who gave birth at home, used a sharp piece of metal to cut the umbilical cord.

"I watched the color drain out of the baby's face. It was heartbreaking. What's really sad about that is that had we immunized the mom, she would have been able to pass on that immunization to her child during her pregnancy," Stern said.





Randy Delay, Kiwanis International Eliminate Project chair, and T-O Past Governor, is planting a kiss on his wife, Drue, following his presentation to her of a Walter Zeller Fellowship during the Ki Convention. The goal of this project is to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus. Proceeds from a Walter Zeller Fellowship goes toward this goal. The initial cost of the Zeller is \$1,250. Each additional contribution to the Zeller Fellowship earns a Diamond Level Zeller Pin. Visit the Kiwanis International website for more information.

## T-O at KI Convention: few in number, mighty in Kiwanis spirit

As Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanians converged on Geneva, Switzerland, to join other districts in conducting business and becoming better informed about their organization, another entertaining and informative convention was ready to let loose.

While there was a lot of scenery to work in while traveling overseas to this convention, organizers had taken that into account.

Between great speakers, such as Jane Goodall, and Jamie Lee Curtis, there were wonderful forums, and great tours to take in.

While T-O was not at this convention in full strength, the voices of this district were heard.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the convention was learning about the Eliminate Project from T-O's own Randy DeLay, the Ki Eliminate chairman (see page 3 for details).

DeLay addressed the assembly, and held several forums which included very informative speakers.

On this page, pictures tell the story of the adventures T-O Kiwanians enjoyed.



This was quite possibly the first and largest Texas-Oklahoma group to head to Europe for the Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva Switzerland. Lead by Governor Sam and First Lady Joyce Curry, these Kiwanians and guests toured Italy for a week before heading to Switzerland by rail. Here, they are shown in Rome, at the Coliseum, following a tour of the Vatican. They traveled by motor coach from Rome to Milan, with stops in Assisi, Florence, Verona, Venice, and other stops inbetween. To say a great time was had by all is an understatement.



During the opening session of the Kiwanis International Convention, District governors and their partners were introduced. Texas-Oklahoma Governor Sam and First Lady Joyce Curry wave to the crowd as they go across the stage.



2009-10 Texas-Oklahoma Governor Bill Bishop and Secretary Dave Ross are shown on stage at the Kiwanis International convention in Geneva, Switzerland. They were recognized for earning Distinguished.



T-O Kiwanis First Timer at Kiwanis International Convention

**Paul Golay**



**Your 2010-11 Texas-Oklahoma Delegation  
at the Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva, Switzerland**

## Congratulations Achievement Program participants

During 2010-11, T-O District Clubs stepped up to the challenge issued by Governor Sam Curry, and have achieved recognition at various levels, see information below.

"I would like to remind clubs that they can still get recognized by reaching the Step Up levels," said Governor Sam.

"I congratulate all clubs who Stepped Up to service in Texas-

Oklahoma this year," the Governor said.

Achievements reported below were as of August 25 and recognized at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention at Sea. By the time of this publication, other clubs may have been added. To see if your club has achieved a level or another level, visit [www.txok-kiwanis.org](http://www.txok-kiwanis.org)

### T-O's Highest Steppers as of August 25, 2011

#### Extension Ladder Clubs

Abilene • Austin Northeast • Brownwood  
College Station • Mansfield Afternoon  
McKinney • Mineola • Oklahoma City  
Oklahoma City NW-Casady  
Paris • Robson Ranch • San Antonio ARC Golden K  
South Oklahoma City • Sun City Georgetown  
Texarkana • Tyler-Rose City



#### Stepladder Clubs

Div. 01 - Delmar - NE Tarrant County - West Side Fort Worth  
Div. 02 - Garland - Terrell  
Div. 03 - Greater North Houston  
Div. 04 - Padre Island  
Div. 05 - Bandera County - Greater Randolph Area - Kerrville  
San Antonio ARC - San Antonio Olmos  
Div. 08 - Gainesville  
Div. 09 - College Station  
Div. 12 - Brownwood - Pecan Valley-Early - San Angelo  
Div. 13 - Texarkana  
Div. 16 - Stillwater  
Div. 19 - Mayfair, Oklahoma City - Oklahoma City  
Oklahoma City Northwest Casady  
Div. 20 - Lone Grove - Murray County - Sulphur  
Div. 23 - Waco - Waco Seniors  
Div. 24 - Austin Northeast - Cedar Park  
Golden K Austin - Sun City Georgetown  
Div. 25 - East Tulsa County - Sapulpa  
Div. 26 - Bullard Area - Jacksonville  
Div. 28 - Baytown - Galveston  
Div. 30 - Mustang - South Oklahoma City - Southwest OKC  
Div. 31 - ADO-Stilwell - Tahlequah  
Div. 32 - Greenville Golden K - Paris  
Div. 33 - Amarillo - Amarillo-Hi-Plains - Canyon Palo Duro  
Div. 34 - Hide Away Lake - Holly Lake Ranch - Mineola  
Tyler-Rose City - Winnsboro  
Div. 35 - Abilene - Greater Abilene  
Div. 37 - Allen - McKinney  
Div. 39 - Arlington - Arlington North Star - Arlington Sundown  
Denton - Denton Breakfast - Greater Lewisville - Mansfield  
Mansfield Afternoon - Robson Ranch

## Distinguished Lt. Governors announced for 2009-10

#### 2009-2010 DISTINGUISHED LT. GOVERNORS

LT. GOVERNOR JOHN  
SHERIDAN  
Division 3

9 CLUBS IN DIVISION  
4 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS  
44% OUTSTANDING  
LEADERSHIP

LT. GOVERNOR DON HOLLAND  
Division 12

8 CLUBS IN DIVISION  
3 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS  
38% OUTSTANDING  
LEADERSHIP

LT. GOVERNOR  
TANYA DICKERT  
Division 13

6 CLUBS IN DIVISION  
3 DISTINGUISHED CLUB  
50% GOVERNOR'S CITATION

LT. GOVERNOR DARRELL  
HAWKES, SR.  
Division 32

8 CLUBS IN DIVISION  
3 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS  
38% OUTSTANDING  
LEADERSHIP

LT. GOVERNOR WILLIAM  
RAUHAUSER  
Division 39

14 CLUBS IN DIVISION  
9 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS  
64% GOVERNOR'S CITATION

LT. GOVERNOR KELLY POLAND  
Division: 40

11 CLUBS IN DIVISION  
4 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS  
36% OUTSTANDING  
LEADERSHIP

TOTAL DISTINGUISHED  
CLUBS = 68  
TOTAL DISTINGUISHED

DIVISIONS - 35% OR  
BETTER = 6

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUBS IN  
DISTRICT = 341  
PERCENTAGE OF  
DISTINGUISHED CLUBS = 20%

#### Distinguished Division

To qualify, the clubs of the division must have achieved distinguished recognition as follows:

• If 50% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished recognition, the lieutenant governor will be awarded the Governor's Citation as a Distinguished Division.

• If 35% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished recognition, the lieutenant governor will be awarded the Outstanding Leadership Citation as a Distinguished Division.

The lieutenant governor of a distinguished division who also has received Distinguished Member recognition will receive a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor lapel pin.

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There's still time to earn  
"Step Up" Awards



# K-Family: a weekend of true Kiwanis family fun

Go to [www.kiwanisconvention.com](http://www.kiwanisconvention.com) to register

by Tanya Dickert  
Chairman of Fun

October 28 - 30, 2011 marks another K-Family. In case you are wondering what we have in store for you... here is a preview!

You can now register for K-Family on line! Go to our new Convention website [www.kiwanisconvention.com](http://www.kiwanisconvention.com) and click on the K-Family link.

The weekend begins with our board meetings on Friday at 1:00 p.m. These meetings are open to any member wishing to attend.

The fun starts Friday night with our salute to CMN and Key Club.

Key Club Governor Megan Iselin and her board will lead the charge for CMN.

Come hear from the Children's Medical Network Director all about their great campaign and what your club can do to be involved.

And of course... we will have a special FUN surprise for you after dinner!

## Saturday -

Start your day right with a Texas Oklahoma Foundation sponsored breakfast. We will have speakers from Key Leader to tell you all about this great program.

## Open Session

Our Program features Ed Burnett, a local newscaster from the DFW Metroplex. Burnett will be speaking on how to get publicity for your club.

Our Sponsored Leadership Program Governors Megan Iselin and Donnesh Amrollah will be there to let you know their great plans for the upcoming year.

Steve Montgomery, Eliminate District Chairman will be bringing us up to date on our progress with the Eliminate Campaign. I am sure he will also have some Zellers to sell!

There will be breakout sessions for all zone and Division Chairs.

For the general membership we will have informative speakers to help you jump start your year and get a better understanding of what our mission is.

Carlene Campbell will be holding Salvation Army Disaster Training.

We will also be having our carnival again so we hope to see you all there for sure!

Saturday Night - This is our time to highlight the Governor's Project and our Circle K board. Donnesh Amrollah and his board will be hosting the dinner.

Executive Director for the Shoes

for Orphan Soul's Program will be on hand to highlight the Governor's Project. Please help us celebrate this wonderful project by bringing a new pair of shoes or socks.

Saturday Night Fun Night - MOVIE NIGHT!! Join our Key Club and CKI board after dinner for a movie.

Our weekend ends Sunday with a joint board meeting for Kiwanis, Key Club and CKI.

BRING A NEW PAIR OF SHOES OR SOCKS! Key Club members will be helping to collect new shoes and socks for the Governor's Project Shoes for Orphan Souls.



Twenty-one Kiwanians and guests took the Cowboys up on their offer to tour the new stadium at a special rate. Part of the tour price was donated to the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation.

## One day at Bell School

On Kiwanis One Day, ADCO Kiwanis sponsored a work day at their adopted school in the Bell Community. Bell School has been through several legal battles to stay open and just last year it was ordered by the State of Oklahoma to close its doors and the students sent to another school. None of the other schools in the area wanted to take responsibility for these Pre-K through Eighth Grade students, many of whom are underprivileged and/or Cherokee.

Belfont, a neighboring school that sits across the state line but only a few miles down the road from Bell, came to their rescue. The two student bodies were joined together though each attends classes in their respective school buildings. Bell School has about 125 kids enrolled with a staff of six teachers, one janitor, one cook, one coach, a principal, and volunteer music teacher. The kids and staff all join together to keep the school going. Most of the staff come early, drive vans throughout the community to get the kids to school, and are taking on extra duties to make sure the school is safe and clean so the kids have an opportunity to receive an education.

ADCO Kiwanis received its charter in 1978, and has worked with Bell school in various service projects until they formally adopted the school in January of 2009. Some of their members are retired school teachers who go out and volunteer at the school. ADCO Kiwanis is working to help rebuild the school's library by donating books that are signed by the speakers at our meetings. Our club president, Fay Dodwell, is working on getting the school connected with Kiwanis First Lady's RIF program. Fay and her husband, Bob, have made so many trips to Bell School that the students

have come to recognize them. They call Bob the cowboy and run to give them each a hug.

For Kiwanis One Day, ADCO Kiwanis decided to take their Key Club students from Stilwell High School and go to Bell School to do some painting in the parking lot and treat the wood on the playground equipment. ADCO Kiwanis bought the supplies and supplied sandwiches and drinks for the kids. Leah Reynolds, the Key Club sponsor, had the kids meet at Stilwell High School and they carpooled out to Bell School. The weather was great and everyone had a great time.

The kids painted new lines for the parking spaces, walkways, handicap parking areas, and themselves. The men from ADCO Kiwanis got together with the janitor and treated the wood on the playground equipment. Students and staff from Bell School came and everyone pitched in mowing the lawn, redoing flower beds, and picking up trash so the school will look nice for some upcoming events the school had planned for the month of May: Cherokee Cultural Day and a visit from world-renowned opera singer, Barbara McAllister.

Those who attended from Stilwell High School Key Club were Leah Reynolds—leader, Kinzie Bowen, Lauren Chastain, Katie Cruz, Brandon Doyle, Shelby Gipsen, Jeff Hobbs, Heather Means, Rachel Morris, Krys Reynolds, Shane Reynolds, and Katie Squirrel. Other who attended included Bell School Staff and Ad Co Kiwanis members Betty Bolin, Tony Davidson, Bob and Fay Dodwell, Hershel and Penny Dotson, Johnson Fourkiller, Kathy Francis, Paul Pinkerton, Harry Sawney, Jodie Sawney, Oddette Saxon, and Iva, Jerome, Tina, and Leslie Hume.



Twenty high energy Key Club members from Pathways Middle College High School, Oklahoma City, OK attended the Key Leader camp in Quapaw, Oklahoma on June 3-5, 2011. They were part of a group of 60 youth in attendance for the camp. These students came to learn how to work better as a team and as a school. They were sponsored by the Southwest OKC Kiwanis and the Tahlequah Kiwanis Clubs. Pathways students came to learn what service leadership is and how to best demonstrate it in their community.

## Bullard Key Club joins forces with Habitat

The Bullard High School Key Club worked with Habitat for Humanity of Smith County to build a new home for a deserving local family.

This is the first time the Key Club has joined forces with Habitat, and everyone seemed to enjoy the project and will likely participate again in the future, according to sponsor Tabitha Hippler.

In addition to 10 Key Club members, the Bullard crew included Hippler, co-sponsor Jennifer Dorsey and Kiwanis member Mark Maple.

Although she was unable to attend the work day on July 9, Key Club member Vanessa Yeley is credited with getting the project started.

The 10 Bullard High School Key Club members who worked with Habitat for Humanity on July 9 are (pictured at right): Billy Tomlin, Josh Maple, Cameron Sanson, Katy Shumate, Morgan Young, Taylor Morris, Kristina Parcher, Carolanne Anderson, Tiana Ballard and Cullen Hippler.



## Communication winners announced

### DIVISION NEWSLETTER WINNER

1ST PLACE • DIVISION 1 • LES MINEAR, EDITOR

### WEBPAGE WINNERS

1ST PLACE • TEXARKANA • DAVID COOK, WEBMASTER

2ND PLACE • ABILENE • CHARLES KIRKPATRICK, WEBMASTER

3RD PLACE • GREATER NO. HOUSTON

ROBERT MURRAY, WEBMASTER

### CLUB BULLETIN / NEWSLETTER WINNERS

#### GOLD DIVISION (65 OR MORE MEMBERS)

1ST PLACE • ABILENE • DOUG WILLIAMSON, EDITOR

2ND PLACE • TULSA • BRAD GEMEINHART, EDITOR

3RD PLACE • SUN CITY GEORGETOWN • BOB BARNES, EDITOR

HON. MENTION • MCKINNEY

SANDRA WILLIAMS/BURINDA FISHER, CO-EDITORS

#### BLUE DIVISION (36 TO 64 MEMBERS)

1ST PLACE • DENTON, BREAKFAST • FRITZ SCHWALM, EDITOR

2ND PLACE • TYLER-ROSE CITY • FRANCINE EIKNER, EDITOR

3RD PLACE (TIE) • COLLEGE STATION • DENISE MORGAN, EDITOR

WACO • BOB HERNDON, EDITOR

#### WHITE DIVISION (35 MEMBERS OR LESS)

1ST PLACE • FORT WORTH • CHERI SCHARRINGHAUSEN, EDITOR

2ND PLACE • AMARILLO-SOUTH • DICK PHILLIPS, EDITOR

3RD PLACE • MANSFIELD AFTER NOON • CHERYL LITKE, EDITOR

HON. MENTION • WEST HOUSTON • ALYSON WHITE, EDITOR

## Mills is Layperson of the Year

Robert Mills was named 2011 Layperson of the Year. He is a member of the North Dallas Golden K Club, and serves on the board of directors. He is past president of the club and has participated numerous times in club activities such as Christmas Kettle program, CASA, and Children's Medical Center programs, this year donating more than \$1,000 in coloring books and crayons.

His church involvement includes serving as Deacon, chairman of Missions Committee, Finance Committee, Committee on Committees, president of Prime Time Council, Sunday School department director, Church Moderator, Pastoral Care hospital and in-home visitor.

Other activities representing his faith include: member of the Funding Committee for new churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Benefactor of cowboy churches.

His community activities include serving as a CASA advocate, mentor for Kid's Hope School at Rogers elementary school, North Dallas Shared Ministries, establishing a medical clinic, chairman of the board of "Brother Bill's Helping Hand" in West Dallas, Bill Glass Prison Ministry, and works with the "Church of the Called Out Ones" for men who are exiting prison.

Mills is a veteran of World War II, serving as First Lt. in the Air Force. He was a three-year letterman in basketball at SMU, making all conference two years and serves on the SMU Alumni Board.

He has a true gift of encouragement and uses this gift to mentor young businessmen, advising how one should conduct life as well as business. He has also given financial help to young men to see them through hard times.

In all aspects of life, Robert seeks to be a Christian influence. At his Retirement party, he gave Christian testimony which was just in keeping with his Christ-like character. Mills was unable to attend the Convention at Sea, and Div. 37 Lt. Gov. Norman Dotson, accepted for him.



Robert Mills

## Volunteers provide new playground

BY SUSAN SCHROCK

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ARLINGTON - With new slides, basketball goals, climbing walls and monkey bars, there will be a lot more play in the playground for kids at Roquemore Elementary School.

After learning that the North Arlington school had only a dozen swings for its second-through fifth-graders, volunteers spent months applying for grants and raising thousands of dollars in donations to buy additional playground equipment, outdoor tables and benches to make the playground a nicer place for Roquemore's 600-plus students and the surrounding community.

"What has happened is when the playground equipment became deteriorated, it wasn't replaced," said Arlington North Star Kiwanis Club member Deanna Palla, who has led the fundraising effort with fellow member Ron White. "The children that go to school there have very poor parents.

They don't have a PTA. Unless someone steps up and takes the place of that, nothing is going to happen."

More than 80 percent of the students who attend the school, which has a heavy concentration of low-income apartments in its attendance zone, are economically disadvantaged.

Volunteers working with area businesses have already raised about \$20,000 for the project, but they are seeking another \$20,000 to pay back a loan that one donor provided so the playground equipment could be installed before the first day of class. Palla said. Two new basketball goals, paid for by Duncan Disposal, have been installed, and a large play structure is set to be completed by Aug. 10, she said.

"It's going to be totally transformed," said Palla, adding that volunteers are also working to build a teaching garden and to recruit mentors and tutors for the kids. "I feel like we're really going to get this school

turned around."

The new basketball goals have already been a hit this summer with children in the Boys & Girls Club branch on the campus, said branch manager and basketball coach Ylonde Burns. Until recently, the club's teens had no place to practice their jump shots or 3-pointers because the basketball goals inside the school's gymnasium were not regulation size.

"It's a game-changer," Burns said.

Having new playground equipment will not only provide more opportunities for students to have fun getting fit, but also instill more pride in the campus, said Burns, a former Roquemore student whose children also attended the school.

"This brings a whole new level of health and fitness at the Boys & Girls Club," Burns said. "A lot of these families live here. They can walk over now in the evenings and share the parks as a family. It's affecting the whole community."

The Kiwanis Club of Mustang, OK welcomes new member Heather Leonard, center. She was sponsored by Sydney Felder, left, and installed by Past Div. 30 LG Cecil Wolf.







David Callender of the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne, Texas, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in chartering a new Builder's Club at Wheat Middle School and continuing the Bringing Up Grades program at Santa Fe Elementary School. Presenting the award is Kiwanis Club President, Jim Tinsley.



Members the Kiwanis Club of Burleson, Texas, brought a presentation of Red River Seed Bombs to the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne to offer an opportunity to help beautify the city with an array of spring flowers. The guests pictured with Jim Tinsley, president of the Cleburne Club, are, from right, Doris Butler, president of the Burleson Club, Cyndy Garrett, vice president, Wayne Davidson, treasurer, and new member, Bernise Williams.



Jim Walther, New Club Building District chair, presented the program at the Division 1 Council meeting at Papa's Burgers in Ft. Worth Texas. A raffle is held to benefit the PLG program and Jim won free tickets to the Cat's Baseball game. Walther donated the tickets to Key Club Lt. Gov. Amritha Gourisankar to be used by the Key Club as she sees fit.



At the June Division 1 Council meeting at Papa's Burgers in Ft. Worth, Curtis Barnett of the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne, Texas, was elected 2011-2012 Lt. Gov. Elect. Curtis was nominated by Jim Tinsley, president of the Kiwanis Club of Cleburne and the nomination was seconded by Past Lt. Gov. Debbie Muelker of the Kiwanis Club of Saginaw, Texas.

Kiwanis Club of Del City, Oklahoma, held its annual Division Council meeting, recently. Once a year Del City hosts the Division Council meeting at Eagle Lake. Attending this year were members from Division 19, 30 and 40, and a host of guests. The Del City club provided hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, soda pop and a lot of deserts, free of charge. "Must have been good as the food disappeared pretty fast," said Del City Kiwanian Darrol Evans. Donations at this event exceeded a couple of hundred dollars. Evans said The money will be split between the Children's Miracle Mile of Quarters and Ronald McDonald Family Room at Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City.



Division 14's Past Lt. Governor's Association has new changes which include a changing of the guard. In this picture, PLGA Past Secretary Carl Lively and PLGA Past President William "Dub" Cox, both of the Kiwanis Club of Lufkin, present a check to PLGA President Judi Morgan of the Greater Lakeport club, and PLGA Secretary Brenda Allums of the Longview Noon Club. Division funds will now be held in account in Longview. Morgan is hoping to boost participation in Division 14 and looks forward to assisting the Texas-Oklahoma Past Lt. Governors Association.



On July 28, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lewisville presented Past Lt. Gov. Bill Johnson with a Diamond Hixson. Johnson made a \$1,000 donation to the ELIMINATE project in the name of the club. In the picture, from left, are Past Lt. Gov. Linda Isbell, Past Lt. Gov. Bill Johnson and Club President Donna Barron.

## Kiwanian a driving force in club and community

A Kiwanian for over 55 years and a life member, Mickey Deison has been a driving force in the growth of Conroe and Montgomery County.

Past President, at least 4 times, of the Conroe Noon Club, Mickey has served over and over again to the betterment of the Conroe area through his leadership in the Conroe Noon Club.

Instrumental in the formation of the children's home which the Conroe Club ran for many years until state regulations made it impossible for a non-governmental organization to provide those services, this was turned over to Montgomery County. The Club still actively supports this agency.

Serving as County Judge for several years, Mickey laid the

ground work for expansion that has led to Montgomery County becoming one of the fastest growing areas in the US.

Mickey also served as mayor of Conroe where he led efforts to bring expanded services which brought Conroe out of being a lumber and oil based community into a multi-focused community eager to bring in industrial and technical industries.

At 85 +, according to who you talk to, Mickey is still one that it is hard to keep up with. A practicing attorney he is on the job every day and still has the handshake of a 20 year old.

On September 29, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., airport users, county and city officials, aviation enthusiasts, and friends of the airport will join together to honor Mickey by dedicating the air

traffic control tower in his name. For over fifty years, Mickey has been an instrumental force in the guidance and development of the airport. His dedicated efforts to improve the airport and help shape its future have contributed much towards developing the airport into a facility that serves almost every type of aeronautical user, from Piper Cubs and RV4s to helicopters, medium and large business turboprops and jets, and military aircraft. Not one to claim credit, he'd be the first to point out that many people over the years have made the airport what it is today.

Mickey's vision and dedication have made a major impact over time, and for that all Kiwanians are invited to join in honoring Mickey at the base of the tower on "9/29@9".



A Kiwanian for over 55 years, Mickey Deison has served at least four times as president of the Conroe Noon Club. He is a life member of Kiwanis.

## Cowboy for the Cure

Three year old Caleb Larson lost his battle with Neuroblastoma cancer. His mother, Brandi Larson, has turned her devastation into a challenge to find a cure.

Brandi created an annual benefit rodeo called "Cowboy for the Cure". It is held each August in remembrance of Caleb. This rodeo is comprised of rodeo competition, a silent auction, raffles, monetary donations and donated items to be auctioned or sold. To date, she has raised over \$20,000.00 given directly to Neuroblastoma research.

Of approximately 13,000 new cases of childhood cancer in the U.S. each year, about 650 are Neuroblastoma. This is the most common solid tumor cancer found in infants. About half of these cases are classified as high risk, therefore, the children un-



As a fund-raiser, the Kiwanis Club of Graham, Texas, donates, annually, a flatbed trailer to raise money for "Cowboy for the Cure." Pictured are, from left, Ron Wickson, Wayne McCallum, Jimmy Stiles, Lee Biebighauser, Rick Pennycuff, Gayle Briscoe, Brandi Larson, Pat Swan, Betty Clark, Oneida Stiles, Sheryl Mahaney, Debby Reynolds, Del Lee and Shannon Bozeman.

dergo aggressive treatment. Kiwanis Club of Graham donates a flatbed trailer each year to be raffled at the rodeo. Each of our members proudly endorses this cause.

## Graham pancakes earn scholarship funds

The Kiwanis Club of Graham, Texas started the day early on the 4th of July. The kitchen door of the American Legion Building opened at 3:30 am and the annual Pancake Breakfast had officially begun. Each member settled in their place of service, whether it is in the kitchen, at the grills, filling cups with coffee or wiping down tables, everyone was busy.

Red, white and blue balloons filled the room with color and small American Flags were on each table. The entire setting inspired patriotism and a deep love for our country.

The pancake breakfast is our most challenging and most rewarding fund-raising event each year.

Long-time member Donny

Choate passed away in April 2011. Our Club created a new scholarship, "The Donny Choate Memorial Scholarship". All proceeds will be used to help students seeking vocational degrees.

Together with donations and a raffled BBQ cooker, we have received over \$2,700.00. Donny was loved by us all and is greatly missed.

For the last few years our Club donates a flatbed trailer for the benefit of "Children's Neuroblastoma Research".

This raffle is incorporated in our annual pancake breakfast. Three year old Caleb Larson, from Graham, was a victim of this disease. His mother, Brandi Larson, has raised thousands of dollars for neuroblastoma research.





# Stepping Up on the High Seas

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branded merchandise to only Service Leadership Programs, the Kiwanis International Store, International Foundation, Texas-Oklahoma Foundation, and the Texas-Oklahoma Past Lt. Governor's Association at T-O conventions.

This proposal also occasioned spirited debate among delegates. An amendment to the amendment was approved which would allow vendors; i.e., for profit companies or groups outside Kiwanis selling merchandise in the exhibit area should be charged a royalty of sales, or equivalent contribution to the Past Lt. Governors Association. The amendment passed as amended.

Amendment #7 was submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Richardson, Texas. It amends Article XV, Section 1 (Dues). It changes language regarding the \$3.50 subscription price of the District Bulletin. The \$3.50 would no longer be designated to printing and mailing a District Bulletin, but instead would be used to make the District Bulletin available as a service of the District Website. Surplus funds would be used to assist clubs and divisions in website or technology development and the use of this technology and other media to spread the word about Kiwanis activities in their communities.

Members could still receive a printed copy by request from the District Office.

Amendment #8 was also submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Richardson, Texas. It amends Article XV, Section 1 (Bulletin). It proposed the use of Ki-Notes as a marketing tool through the new District Website instead of printed (paper) form and creates a media fund for helping clubs around the district "Get the Word Out" using new technology and media tools.

Amendment #8 was considered first, and both amendments were approved by wide margins.

Prior to the dissolution of the printed version of Ki-Notes, members paid a subscription fee of \$3.50 annually as part of their dues. This money paid for the production, printing, mailing and postage. Since it was a subscription publication, Ki-Notes was admitted to the U.S. Mails as second class matter. In the past year, subscription fees amounted to approximately \$37,500. In future years, that money will revert back to the district.

Gov.-designate Hennen has already designated \$11,000 to go back

into the divisions to help with technology and website building.

T-O Webmaster Marshall Kregel will be setting up a team of geeks to travel the district assisting each of the Lt. governors, according to Hennen. She asks anyone interested in serving on this committee to contact Kregel at mkregel@hotmail.com

Kregel said he expected to have the new electronic newsletter available in about a month. Starting now, all email should be sent to Kregel at: mkregel1@brr.com. All snail-mail should be sent to him at: 708 Gatewood Drive, Richardson, TX 75080.

Hennen also asks that all club secretaries make the newsletter available for those members who do not have Internet access. "If your club secretary is unable to do so, please contact Laura at the district office and she will put you on the mailing list to receive the newsletter via mail," Hennen added.

According to the masthead, this is the 88th volume (year) of Ki-Notes. That would fit since the T-O District came into being with the Dallas club in 1918. Also, the earliest copy that T-O Administrative Supervisor Laura Lammons found in the district office was a September 1947 issue showing Vol. No. 22. Prior to the early 1990s, there was no district office as such, the "office" moved around the district with the district secretary, so it's entirely possible that earlier copies are not still around.

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Just prior to the T-O District Convention, on August 25, Governor Sam and First Lady Joyce Curry, presented Galveston ISD and the Ball High Key Club with a check for \$4,000. The District raised the money as part of the First Lady's Project: Reading is Fundamental (RIF). First Lady Curry, a former school teacher, chose to collect donations specifically allotted for Galveston schools in the wake of Hurricane Ike devastation that destroyed thousands of library books. She presented the check to GUSD Lead Librarian Margaret Scofield and the Ball High Key Club, which is sponsored by the Galveston Kiwanis Club. Pictured from left: Amber Boening (BHS Key Club Historian), Bahar Zendeheel (BHS Key Club Vice-President), Emily Gao (BHS Key Club President), Gilbert Zamora (Galveston Kiwanis Board Member), First Lady Joyce Curry, GUSD Superintendent Larry Nichols, Governor Sam Curry, Lead Librarian Margaret Scofield, Past Lt. Governor Greg Samford, Quinicy Seigel (BHS Key Club Editor), Alex Brown (BHS Key Club Treasurer). Not Pictured: Katie Fisher (BHS Key Club Secretary)



T-O Administrative Supervisor Laura Lammons presented Gov. Sam and First Lady Joyce with a special appreciation plaque.



Past Gov. Jerry Ward, Credentials and Elections Chair, recognized Div. 19 LG John Martin whose division was the only one at convention with all clubs represented. Martin received the Kiwanis Car Bank, "to give him a better place to keep his money than the stock market."



Here, "Queen" Marellie is congratulated by 2011-12 KI President Alan Penn and Past KI Trustee Randy DeLay.



Robert Mills, North Dallas Golden K Club, was named Layperson of the Year. Spiritual Aims Chair Richard Witte, left, presented the award to Div. 37 Lt. Gov. Norman Dotson to be delivered and presented to Mills.



Past Gov. Gene Jantzen, district chair of the KI Foundation, recognized Div. 7 LG Glenn Morgan whose division was the only division in the '10-'11 year in which all clubs contributed \$5.00/member to the Annual Gift Campaign.



Immediate Past Gov. Bill Bishop, assisted by Past KI President Paul Palazzolo, presented Distinguished awards to 2009-10 LGs: Tanya Dickert, Div. 13; Kelly Poland, Div. 40; Darrell Hawkes, Sr., Div. 32; Don Holland, Div. 12; John Sheridan, Div. 3; and Bill Rauhauser, Div. 39.



Stephani Ursini is the KI area director in membership growth for T-O. Recently in the OKC area, she conducted a clinic and stayed around, according to Past Gov. Jerry Ward for several days, walking the streets and recruiting members. The local clubs were so appreciative that they raised the necessary \$1,250 to present Ursini with a Charter Zeller award. Ursini was overwhelmed by the gesture.



KI Pres.-elect Alan Penn presented Randy DeLay and Drue (not pictured) with a Charter Zeller award. See more Zeller presentations on the following pages.

ALSO SEE PAGES 12 & 13.



This group is accepting Extension Ladder Awards in the Step Up Program from Gov. Sam Curry, left. These awards go to clubs who were T-O's highest steppers.



These LGs, Tom Denney, Jay McCauley, Norman Dotson and Gordon Stone, represent the divisions with the highest turnout of members to Step Up Clinics. The presentation of made by Gov. Sam, left.



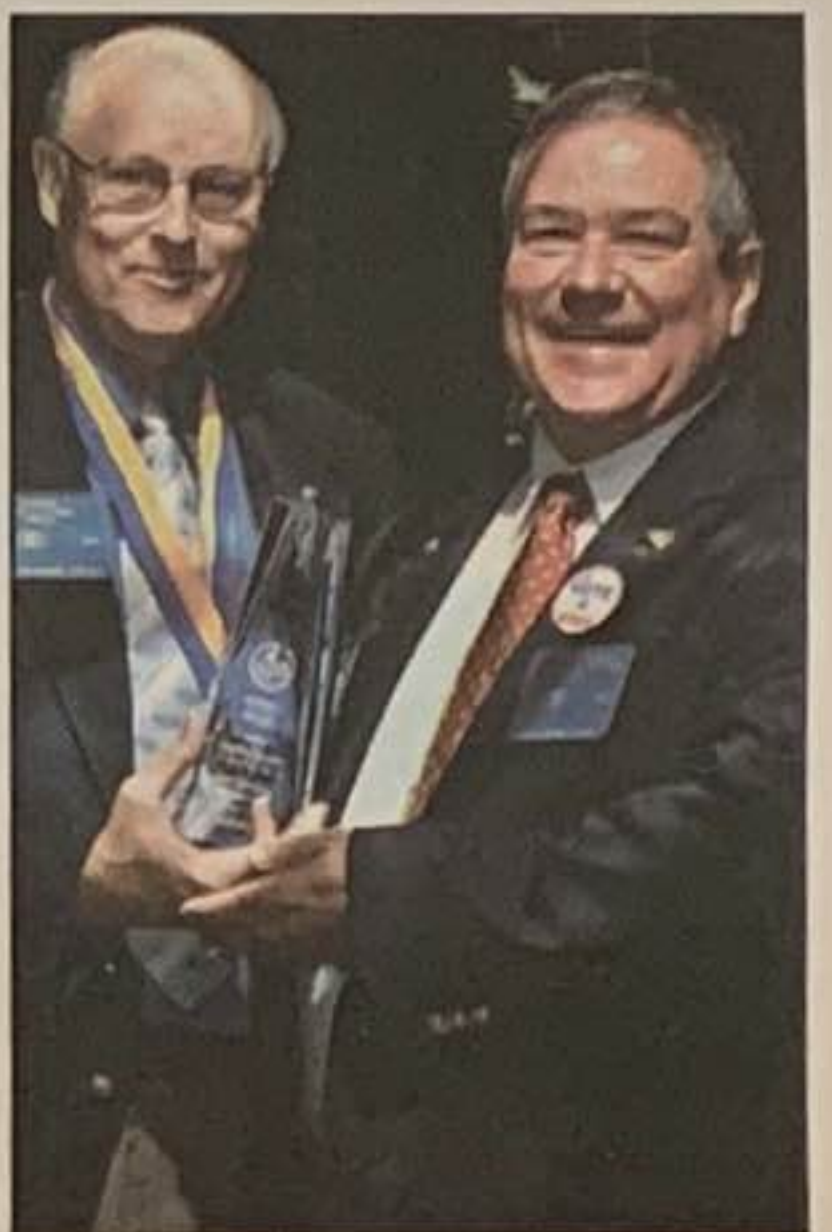
Francine Elkner conducted the largest rally in the Step Up program.



Tom Denney's division had the most steps (59) achieved by a division.



Charles Christian's division had the most yardage in the Red River Rivalry.



Charles Crozier's division had the least penalties (lost members) of any division in the Red River Rivalry.

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Convention coverage on  
pages 11, 12 & 13





Immediate Past Gov. Bill Bishop presented the "Most Valuable Lt. Governor" award to 2009-10 Div. 39 LG Bill Rauhauser.



T-O SLP Chair Dennis Mitchell prepares to introduce Key Club and CKI governors.



Key Club Gov. Megan Iselin regaled and entertained the audience as she spoke of her desire to "leave a legacy of continuity."



Circle K Gov. Donnesh Amrollah asked Kiwanians to reach out to their Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs.



T-O District Secretary David Ross was diligent in keeping convention goes up to the minute on schedule and other program changes.



KI Trustee Jerry Peuler, Capitol District, is the T-O Counselor for the coming year. He was honored during the PLGA Annual Meeting with a Roadrunner, presented by PLGA President Bill Crump, left.



Gov. Sam Curry was honored with a Roadrunner, presented by PLGA President Bill Crump, left.



Past PLGA President Ray Poland, presented Past Gov. Bill Crump with a Roadrunner.



T-O Gov.-designate for 2011-12, Susan Hennum, introduced KI people at the convention, and told Kiwanians, "if we do nothing else but work with kids, we'll have accomplished greatness."

No, it's not cereal. Gov. Sam and First Lady Joyce Curry used this novel method to distribute personalized gifts to Lt. governors and staff members in appreciation for their service during the year. Chairs were treated to a book with their name on it donated by the Curry's to the Galveston Library on their behalf which will be a lasting memorial.



Members of this group were either editors of winning district or division bulletins, or webpages, or receiving the awards on behalf of winning editors. See results of this contest and the website contest on page 7.

## T-O supports ELIMINATE; charter Zellers awarded at Convention



Zeller Recipients with Kiwanis International President Alan Penn



### T-O Foundation C.T. Bush Awards

During the T-O Convention at Sea, four T-O Foundation C.T. Bush Awards were Presented. At top left is Governor Sam presenting a Bush to First Lady Joyce; and next to her is T-O Administrative Supervisor Laura Lammons being honored; and at top right is Becky Herron with her Bush; and at bottom right is Doris Faye Dodwell.



KI Trustee Jerry Peuler and T-O Past Gov. Nancy Miller confer on a point of order during the delegate session.



Greg Beard extolled the virtues of New Orleans, site of the 2012 KI Convention.

On to Killeen, TX for the 2012 T-O Convention. Start making your plans to attend!





Greater Abilene Kiwanians James Estes and John Gassler pose for a photo before cooking chili for the annual Greater Abilene Kiwanis Chili Day.



Greater Abilene Kiwanian and club president, Vance Cooksey, displays a donation check to Children's Miracle Network (CMN), presented during the CMN Telethon.



Jim Clark with Christian Service Center (CSC) receives a donation from Greater Abilene Kiwanian Mike Bannister for Operation Blue Jeans.

## San Marcos supports children's organization

San Marcos Kiwanis Club was presented with an outstanding program about Texas Parent to Parent organization by Jineane Pinner, Texas Representative, according to Gary Nelson, vice president of the Kiwanis Club.

Texas Parent to Parent is an organization for parents that have children with disabilities. The organization provides many resources for parents and children that don't know where to turn for help and support.

San Marcos Kiwanis member John Roppolo is one of those parents and has been successful in organizing a San Marcos Support group who meets regularly now at Central Texas Medical Center. "Way to go John!" exclaimed Nelson.

In support of the youth, San Marcos Kiwanis Club presented a check to Jineane at a recent meeting.

Texas Parent to Parent Organization held its annual meeting June 24 and 25 in San Marcos at The Embassy Suites, for the second year. President Kelli Whigham, said that The San Marcos Kiwanis Sponsorship Committee is proud to be able to offer support for this very worthy group of parents who are taking care of their children with disabilities.

San Marcos Kiwanis Club was presented with a program from The San Marcos Library's summer reading program director Susan. Susan explained how this program has



Glen Rydl of the Kiwanis Club of San Marcos, Texas, presents a \$1500 check to San Marcos Library's Summer Reading Program Director Susan.

grown to involve thousands of children in San Marcos and surrounding communities. The program offers many activities for the children to participate in each summer.

San Marcos Kiwanis has been a major supporter each year by providing funds for these children to have the materials for the different activities. Club member Glen Rydl presented our support check for \$1500 this year from funds our club members raised by placing flags in front of local business's each holiday that supports displaying

the American Flag that day in honor of our country.

"Supporting our youth, in our community is priority ONE for our club," said President Kelli Whigham. "The San Marcos Kiwanis Sponsorship Committee is proud to be able to offer support for our youth thru all the fund raising events our members do each year." Committee chairman, Lon Shell encourages members to increase these fund-raising events so the club can do more for the youth in San Marcos.

## "Golfing for Babies" partnership forms

The March of Dimes is working toward a future when all children will be born healthy! One in every seven babies will be born premature this year here in McAllen, and local business leaders are working with the March of Dimes to change this.

Golfing for Babies, one of March of Dimes' largest fundraisers, helps fund lifesaving research and educational programs aimed at helping moms have healthy babies. The tournament was held on Saturday, July 16, 2011 at the Palm View Golf Course with registration beginning at 9:30 am and shotgun at 11:30 am.

Terry Wilson, president of the McAllen Kiwanis Club, presented a check for \$2,200 to the March of Dimes to sponsor the 2nd Annual "Golfing for Babies". Wilson knows how important the March of Dimes mission is and as a Business Leader he took on the role to help raise awareness and important funding to provide for babies who are born premature or with birth defects. "One in seven of our babies here in McAllen



Pictured, from left, are Joaquin Orozco, Best White LLC; Luis Garcia, March of Dimes; Terry Wilson, president McAllen Kiwanis club; and Adan Salazar, AJS Wealth Management Group.

are born premature, and that's just not acceptable. Our goal is that every one of our babies is born healthy - it can be a reality, but it takes leaders in our community working together to make it happen," said Wilson.

About the March of Dimes

The March of Dimes is the lead-

ing nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Visit [marchofdimes.com](http://marchofdimes.com) or [nacersano.org](http://nacersano.org).



The Kiwanis Club of Woodlands, Texas, hosts an annual Kids Fishing Tournament. This year, the tournament was September 3 and marked the 28th annual event. The tournament is held for toddlers through 16 years of age, and trophies are awarded to all. There are usually over 150 kids and their families expected to the event to enjoy free food, drinks, and bait.



Another worthwhile project of the Kiwanis Club of Woodlands, Texas, is the trauma dolls. Members cut, stuff and sew these dolls which are given to children by hospitals, EMT teams, etc. Crayons accompany the dolls so children can draw and color them, making the dolls their own. On July 28, dolls were presented to Ann McAlpin, CASA executive director, which provides "Court Appointed Special Advocates" for abused and neglected children. In Montgomery County, where The Woodlands is located, nearly 1,000 cases of child abuse or neglect resulting in death were confirmed in 2010. Pictured are Suzanne Ulrick-Carr, Eula Malsom, Lon Frank, Fronica Gonzalez, Tony Motto, Ann McAlpin, CASA executive director, Steve Montgomery, and Tom Quinn.

Greenville Golden K Kiwanians, Tom McAllister, Bill Maberry, Cliff Riggins and Wiley Fults, are shown with Carlyn Parker whom this ramp was constructed for and dedicated to. This was the sixth ramp built this year. Material for these ramps is funded in part by the Day Break Rotary.



## "Kids Only Triathlon"

Hideaway Lake Kiwanis began placing American Flags at the entrance of Hideaway a decade ago to honor our United States Military serving in harm's way around the globe. This project is ongoing. The flags are out year round at the entrance of Hideaway. Hideaway Lake Kiwanians maintain the flags at the front gate, replacing the flags when torn or in disrepair.

Members of the Hideaway Lake Kiwanis assisted with The Kids Only Triathlon held in Hideaway, Saturday, July 23rd. Kiwanians directed the vehicle parking, assisted the triathletes with positioning their bikes before the race and served as all around encouragers and cheerleaders. Marty Perry and his crew served hotdogs and all the fixings to the triathletes and their families and supporters.

The ballots are in and counted for the slate of officers and new board members for the Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club. Incoming officers for the 2011-2012 are Barham Fulmer, President, President Elect Bob Brewster and Vice President is Jeff Joven. Linda Henwood will replace Bob Brewster on the 2011-2012 Board. New board members for 2011-2013 are Linda Cox, Bob Ellis, John Kirton, Joy Lawrence and Dennis Taylor. Jack Davis will continue as secretary.

Some of us can remember back to the first day of school. Sometimes there was excitement mixed with a slight apprehension when faced with a new school or returning to your old one. In an effort to ease the transition for students in LISD, members of Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club will walk students to class on the first day of school, Monday, August 22nd. Kiwanians are prepared to walk students to class at ECC, College Street and Velma Penny. Kiwanians are easily identified by the blue Kiwanis' T-shirts with

Hideaway Lake Kiwanis logo on the left front.

Our Annual Day of Giving is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th and will be held at the Hide-

away Lake Community Clubhouse. A buffet lunch is available for a nominal cost at 11:30 AM. The Annual Day of Giving meeting begins promptly at 12:00 Noon.



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For 13 years, the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield has organized The Bob Noel Classic Tournament, in memory of Bob Noel, a Kiwanian and avid tennis player who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. The Bob Noel Classic has generated funds to support the Alzheimer's Association, youth tennis tournaments, scholarships, and the summer Feed the Kids Program. The tournament is held in the fall each year at Walnut Creek Country Club in Mansfield, TX. It is USTA sanctioned and attracts players from around the country. This year's Bob Noel Classic will be played the first weekend in November. Pictured are: Scott Kissinger, Kiwanis Club of Mansfield and organizer of the annual Bob Noel Tennis Classic; Theresa Hocker, executive director of the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimers Association; Ellis Langston, president-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield and an Alzheimer's Board member; and Claude Cunningham, president of the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield.



Every year the Kiwanis Club of Muenster, Texas, gives a \$500 and \$250 scholarship to two seniors from each high school in town - Muenster ISD and Sacred Heart Catholic School. This year we gave a \$250 scholarship to Sacred Heart High School Senior Haylee Hess, pictured above. Also, the club gave a \$500 scholarship to Haylee's Rebekah Hesse; issued a \$500 scholarship to Briana Bindel of Muenster ISD; and a \$250 scholarship to Garrett Walterscheid of Muenster ISD.



First place male finisher in the 2011 Firecracker (100km route), Stefan Rothe, accepts his bronze boot trophy and cash prize from Stephenville Kiwanis Club president, Cristie Campbell.



Andy Anderson, left, Ethan Love, center, and Mike Phinney, right, enjoy catching up at the 2011 Firecracker 100 in Stephenville, Texas. Andy and Mike are both members of the Stephenville Kiwanis Club and drove their pickups during the event, assisting stranded bicyclists. Ethan Love was a member the Stephenville Kiwanis Club before moving to Austin, Texas, where he now lives. He comes back to ride in the event most years.



Every year the Kiwanis Club of San Antonio Olmos, provides a picnic for the Children of Saint Jude's Children's Ranch, in Bulverde, Texas. The children reside at the Ranch, all on a temporary basis. Saint Jude's provides a residence for abused and neglected children. The members barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. The kids loved this special treat.

## McKinney Kiwanis Fish Fry provides family fun

The McKinney Kiwanis Club held their annual Fish Fry on Saturday evening, June 11th. The Fish Fry is a social event for the club members and their families to relax and enjoy themselves. The Kiwanis members appreciate Cotton and Martha Chandler for opening up their home, yard, and fishing pond for this event. The annual fish fry gives the members of the club an opportunity to visit with other members and their families.

Matt Johnson, Club President, stated that the annual "Fish Fry" is the one event that everyone likes to attend because it is so much "fun for the family".

The club members over the past year donated many volunteer hours benefiting local charities. During 2011, the club members worked with Meals on Wheels, Community

Lifeline, CASA, Wheelchair Ramp Program, Angel League Baseball, Angel League Bowling, Bingo at Homestead Nursing Home, Challenge Air, Community Food Pantry, Bell Ringing for The Salvation Army, MISD Reach Program, High School Key Clubs in two high schools and Terrific Kids Program in three elementary schools.

The club raised funds for their charity activities by hosting a Pancake Breakfast, Bar-B-Q Dinner & Silent Auction, Kids Triathlon, Adult Triathlon, 3 1/2 Mile Run/Race and a 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk.

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

For more information on the McKinney Kiwanis Club, go online to [www.mckinneykiwanis.org](http://www.mckinneykiwanis.org)



Cotton Chandler, Dan Fisher, Kent Van Meter & Mike Bhumgardner wait for the cooks to get hot enough to cook fish & hush puppies.



Glenn Coleman oversees the fishing activities at the pond while others are overseeing the cooks.



Above, Connie Thomason, Ronnie Thomason & Joe Sparling share a laugh at the McKinney fish fry. At right, Irmgard McClammy, Liz Norrid, Clema Myrick, Martha Chandler & Pat Bhumgardner take a break from visiting to pose for a group photo.



John & Shannon Patterson visit with Rob & Cynthia Nelson during the Kiwanis Club of McKinney, Texas, family fish fry.

## Sulphur raises \$21,000 for hunting accident victim

By David K. Allen  
Sulphur Kiwanis Club

On the first of June, Ty Kiser, a student from Sulphur High School, was shot in a hunting accident.

The Kiwanis Club of Sulphur, OK, organized a little league baseball tournament to raise funds for the family to try and help with bills. The tournament was held June 25th and 26th. Murray County Kiwanis partnered with Sulphur, as did other organizations, providing us with concession items, county ball teams, and referees, parents and civic and service organizations.

Over 350 man-hours, from just the Sulphur Kiwanis Club, were

donated over the short organizational time.

The bottom line... \$21,000 cash money was placed into accounts set up for the family, with more money to follow from collections brought in by other items, such as arm bands, T-shirts, etc.

What made this event a success was the overwhelming response from all the people involved, donating items, food, and time. Kiwanis didn't have any expenses and the money that came in went directly to the family of the young man laying in a hospital in Oklahoma City.

Joe DeArman, president of the Sulphur Club, and his wife Lanae,

worked getting the teams together from the several surrounding counties, and they worked hard getting the baseball fields into shape for the tournament.

There is a long list of people involved in this event, but had it not been for the idea burning inside President DeArman, it would not have been as big a success. Joe happened to be a coach of a Little League team, which included the little brother, Trey Kiser. Joe felt he had no choice but to try and help, and no better team other than his fellow Kiwanians to call on in a time of need. As always Kiwanis, as well as igniting a community, will come to the aid of children.

## It happened in SW Ft. Worth

In June 2011, The Kiwanis Club of Southwest Fort Worth, Inc. Foundation presented a \$500.00 Roy Kilgore Scholarship to Shea Santos. Shea, a recent graduate of North Crowley High School in Fort Worth, Texas (and past school Key Club President), plans to attend Texas Christian University this fall. Terry Slotsve, President of The Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth, Inc. Foundation, is shown presenting the scholarship award to Shea.





# Go to [www.kiwanisconvention.com](http://www.kiwanisconvention.com) to register for K-Family



Agnes Hatlelid and her daughter Anna Marie Haydock and daughter-in-law Kathie Hatlelid are shown above admiring Agnes' 95th birthday cake.

In the large picture, at left, Agnes is surrounded by Kiwanis members Don Long, Dolley Rolland, Bill Phillips, Chuck Rager

And, in the small, left picture, Jane Rager is presenting Agnes with a special pin from Gov. Sam Curry.

## Agnes Hatlelid Day declared by Ponca City Kiwanis

On Tuesday May 31, the Ponca City Kiwanis Club honored Agnes Hatlelid at Via Christi Village by proclaiming it Agnes Hatlelid Day in honor of her 95th birthday.

Cathy Sebring, Kiwanis president began the meeting by saying, "Agnes we know that you haven't been able to attend Kiwanis meetings lately so Kiwanis is bringing the meeting to you."

Agnes was honored with a corsage and a special DVD presentation of her Kiwanis activities

and community service. Members also shared their favorite Agnes stories which brought back many fond memories to all. After a delicious lunch served by the Via Christi Dietary staff, a birthday cake with the Kiwanis logo and motto "Serving the children of the world" and "Happy 95th Birthday Agnes" was presented. Kay Anthony played the piano and Don Long led the group in singing "Happy Birthday to Agnes." Special guests were her daughter and son-in-law Anna Marie and

Frank Haydock, daughter-in-law Kathie Hatlelid and Sister Esther Fiegel.

When it was time for members to give happy dollars for celebrations and special occasions, Agnes put in five happy dollars and read her prepared note, "I'm 95 and still alive!" She presented everyone at the meeting with her traditional yearly birthday pen that read, Agnes Hatlelid 95 years young in 2011. I'm not getting old..... I'm just getting older!!!

Texas/Oklahoma Kiwanis Governor Sam Curry sent Agnes one of his STEP-UP pins to honor her for her years of membership and service in Kiwanis.

Agnes attended Kiwanis for many years with her husband Bert Hatlelid. Bert served the Kiwanis club as president in 1971-1972 and served as Division 16 Lt. Governor in 1977-1978. When Bert's health failed Agnes faithfully took him to Kiwanis meetings so that he could keep perfect attendance. In Sep-

tember 1994 Kiwanis extended her an invitation to join Kiwanis and presented her with a one year paid membership. Bert passed away in 1997 but she continued to serve the Ponca City community through her membership in Kiwanis. Agnes had 16 years of perfect attendance until she was unable to attend meetings regularly.

In 2012, Kiwanis looks forward celebrating the 96th birthday of this very special lady and Kiwanis member.



"CRUMP YOU SHOT ALL MY BIRDS!!!" Past Texas-Oklahoma Governors Bill Crump, left, and Randy DeLay, now Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project chairman, are shown here on a pheasant hunt in South Dakota. This picture is a testimony to Kiwanians forming everlasting friendships....a great recruiting tool for an organization that puts children first.

## T-O newsletter going electronic

By Marshall Kregel  
T-O Webmaster

Over many years, Linda and Gary Hicks have published one of the best District newsletters in the country. It is a source of pride within the district and every two months, it is anxiously awaited by thousands of members across Oklahoma and Texas! Gary and Linda own a publishing company and their professionalism shows in the newsletter. But, they have donated their time (and some money) to making the newsletter a reflection of Kiwanis values and a story of Kiwanis efforts to improve the lives of children in our communities. For these years of service, we are deeply grateful!

Now, we have a new opportunity and a new focus for the newsletter that takes it from a printed format and into a digital format. The reasoning for this is mostly marketing. While it is imperative that our members receive good information on events within the district, it is extremely important that we are able to share these events with people outside our organization so that more people hear about the great Kiwanis programs. This we can do by moving the newsletter to a new location on the District website and making it an integral part of a larger marketing effort. In this way, we can share the newsletter with many thousands of people who would not ordinarily have access to the pictures and stories submitted by Kiwanis clubs every month.

We have hundreds of members in Oklahoma and Texas who rely on the printed newsletter for information every 2 months, and we intend on con-

tinuing to provide them with a printed copy of the digital form of the newsletter which will be printed at the District offices and mailed out. It only takes a simple request by the members who want the printed copy and this can be done through the club secretaries. The club secretaries can then inform District headquarters which members would like the printed copies.

The money saved on printing and mailing of the newsletter each year will be used to help the clubs and divisions in their efforts to "get the word out" to their communities about their great programs. The District website will become a better tool for marketing Kiwanis, and the divisions will be given additional tools that will help in promoting club activities and media access using some great new technology and media programs. These types of changes may be hard to get used to at first, but our district will be following the examples of many other districts across the country who are successfully reaching people who have been unfamiliar with Kiwanis programs.

While the format will change for our great Ki-Notes newsletter, we won't be losing the great team of Linda and Gary! They are an integral part of our organization and we are so fortunate to have them. We will continue to take the club stories each month as a new team of editors work on the new format for the newsletter that will be a part of the District Website. We look forward to hearing from the clubs and ask you to keep sending us your upcoming events, as well as stories on your past events.

## CUT OUT AND KEEP THE DATES HANDY Zone Conference dates announced

Governor-designate Susan and her group of Lt. Governors have set the dates for their upcoming zone conferences. The year will start off with a bang as Governor Susan and her team takes to the road to provide training in all areas of the District. Staff will be bringing their traveling training show to your neighborhood soon! Listed below are the dates. Individual workshops will be provided for all club and division chairs regarding SLP, New Club Building, Membership, CBI Risk Management and many more. This would be a perfect opportunity for new members to come and learn all about Kiwanis. Check the District website for times and locations.

Oct. 1	Panhandle Plains	Divs. 18, 33, 7 & 17
Oct. 8	Metrolplex	Divs. 1, 2, 37 & 39
Oct. 15	South Texas	Divs. 10, 5, 6 & 11
Oct. 22	Heartland/Northern Outpost	Divs. 19, 21, 30, 40, 16, 25 & 31
Oct. 28-30	K-Family	
Nov. 5	Big Country	Divs. 12, 35, 36 & 22
Nov. 12	Hill Country	Divs. 23, 24 & 38
Nov. 19	Red River	Divs. 8, 20 & 32
Dec. 3	Bayou Bunch	Divs. 3, 9, 10 & 28
Dec. 10	Piney Woods	Divs. 13, 14, 26 & 34
Feb. 10-12	Mid Winter	
June 27-July 1	New Orleans Convention	
August 9-12	Killeen Convention	



The Galveston Kiwanis Club awarded scholarships to three Ball High School seniors who are also members of the school's Key Club, sponsored by the club. From left, are: Kiwanis Key Club advisor Gilbert Zamora, Jr., scholarship winners Michelle Chen, Dominique Hellmich, and Hannah Cleveland, and Kiwanis scholarship chairman Jeff Kilgore. Hellmich, a past president of the Key Club, also received the Walter Parker Award, and Chen received the George Hausinger Award.

## In Memory

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

**ROBERT "BOB" CARLSON** joined Alamo Kiwanis Club in January 1979 and served as Division 5 LTG from 1989-1990. He passed away Thursday, June 9, 2011.

**CHARLES BARNETTE** died June 13, 2011. He was a member of the Texarkana Kiwanis Club.

Past Governor (1971-1972) **ROBERT S. "BOB" HOLT** died July 9, 2011.

Past Lt. Governor (1981-1982) **THURMAN JASPER** died Thursday, July 14, 2011. He was a charter

member and past president of the Arlington Sundown Club.

Past Lt. Governor of Division 39 (1981-1982), **DALE PETERS**, a member of the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club, passed away on Saturday July 16 after 51 years of service in the Denton Kiwanis Club.

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# T-O has a new home...its own office building



Mel Cowart makes a deal with Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Governor Sam Curry to match up to 50K on the building campaign. See story for details.

The Texas-Oklahoma District now has a new home to call headquarters. Moving day is coming this fall to a much larger location. After years of leasing office space near Six Flags in Arlington, the move of 7 miles will locate all operations in the town of Pantego, located within the City of Arlington. The two story brick building with some 6600 square feet is some 6 times larger than the present 4 room leased office space.

"We have discussed finding our own office for years", stated T-O Governor Sam Curry. "Now, thanks to a tremendous gesture of the T-O Foundation, it is a reality".

The Foundation is essentially making a loan to the District, by purchasing the property with the District leasing the building from the Foundation. The lease payment will amount to more than the investment rate earned by the Foundation from other sources. The District is also paying less than the current lease payment. Both parties are benefiting from the arrangement. In the meantime, the District is launching

a district-wide campaign to pay back the Foundation the borrowed funds over a targeted campaign period of the next 4 to 5 years. Governor Designate Susan Hennum has asked outgoing Governor Sam Curry to lead the campaign.

"We envision a truly grassroots drive throughout the District by inviting each member to consider pledging a \$40 donation over this 4 to 5 year period. This way, each member will feel a part of the ownership. The District has enough members to pay off the loan with this amount".

The campaign will kick off with the new Kiwanis year with complete details coming. Campaign leaders will be set up at Division and Club levels and progress reported on the T-O Web Page, email communication, and update reports at the Zone Conferences by Governor Susan this fall.

"Another great development in this effort was a pledge by long time Kiwanis supporter Mel Cowart of Pasadena. This most generous gentleman has once again stepped



T-O Foundation President Chuck Rager hands the T-O Kiwanis new office keys over to District Administrative Supervisor Laura Lammons, while Governor Sam Curry looks on. The projected date to move into this new office building is sometime in November.

up to assist a T-O project. Mel has pledged to match the first \$50,000 raised by membership in the coming year. This means that each dollar given by a member will mean two dollars to the campaign. We are so grateful to Mel for yet another major contribution to our Kiwanis programs."

Part of the campaign will be some recognition to donors. A big board in the new office may begin a listing of all member contributors. Discussions of a "brick walk" at the building will honor major donors or 100% contributing clubs and other similar programs. There are also discussions of an open house in the holiday season coming with invitations for all membership to come and take a look.

The building project was unveiled at this year's Convention at Sea. One of the members aboard became the first contributor. Gilbert Zamora of the Galveston Club decided to pay his share by four times with a \$160 check that became the first donation. With the Mel Cowart matching plan, that contribution became \$320.

Both Governor Sam and Governor Designate Susan emphasized that this effort should be a member based drive. It must not conflict at all with the traditional annual Tom Duncan Memorial donations to the Foundation at club level. Both agreed that the ultimate goal is that our District will be lease-free and debt free and annual budgets for office rentals will go to better usage.

The donation by members *might* very likely eliminate any need for a dues increase to help support office costs for years to come.

Other benefits of this move are that the size of the new headquarters will allow additional income for sub-leasing some of the space. Already, an insurance agent remains at the property, paying a lease that amounts to more than the District lease payment to the Foundation.

In addition, the new property will allow much more Kiwanis activity. Space will be available for future training events, meetings of Kiwanis clubs or our Service Leadership Program organizations' events.

Watch for additional details on the development of the new T-O Kiwanis Headquarters.

## New Year—New Policies

As a result of actions taken at this year's District Convention and actions of the District Board, the T-O family should become aware of new policies and programs now in place.

By unanimous approval of the District Board, there is a new section of the Background policies that require all new applications for membership in T-O to receive the criminal background

check. Clubs should establish the background check application with all applications for membership. Existing policy required each club to establish its policy for background checks and each member in direct contact with serving our youth must have a C.B.I. check. The policy should be updated to the requirement for all new members. The new addition becomes effective October

1, 2011.

In addition, delegates to the most recent District Convention elected to add amendments to the District Bylaws that support what Kiwanis International already requires in regard to District Officers and Candidates for District offices. Requirements that these individuals successfully pass a C.B.I. are now in place in the T-O Bylaws.

Also approved by the House of Delegates are new graduated fee schedules for new members to existing clubs and a new charter fee for new clubs. Texas-Oklahoma followed the same general plan now in place by Kiwanis International.

The graduated fee schedule will mean the T-O fee will gradually decrease during the year in the same way it reduces in Kiwanis

International fees. And any new club chartered in the final 9 months of a Kiwanis year will see a new District fee of \$20 but this will pay charter member's dues for both the remaining portion of that Kiwanis year and the entire year to follow.

Further details of these new policies and fees are included in the exact text of the amendments elsewhere in this edition of Ki-Notes.