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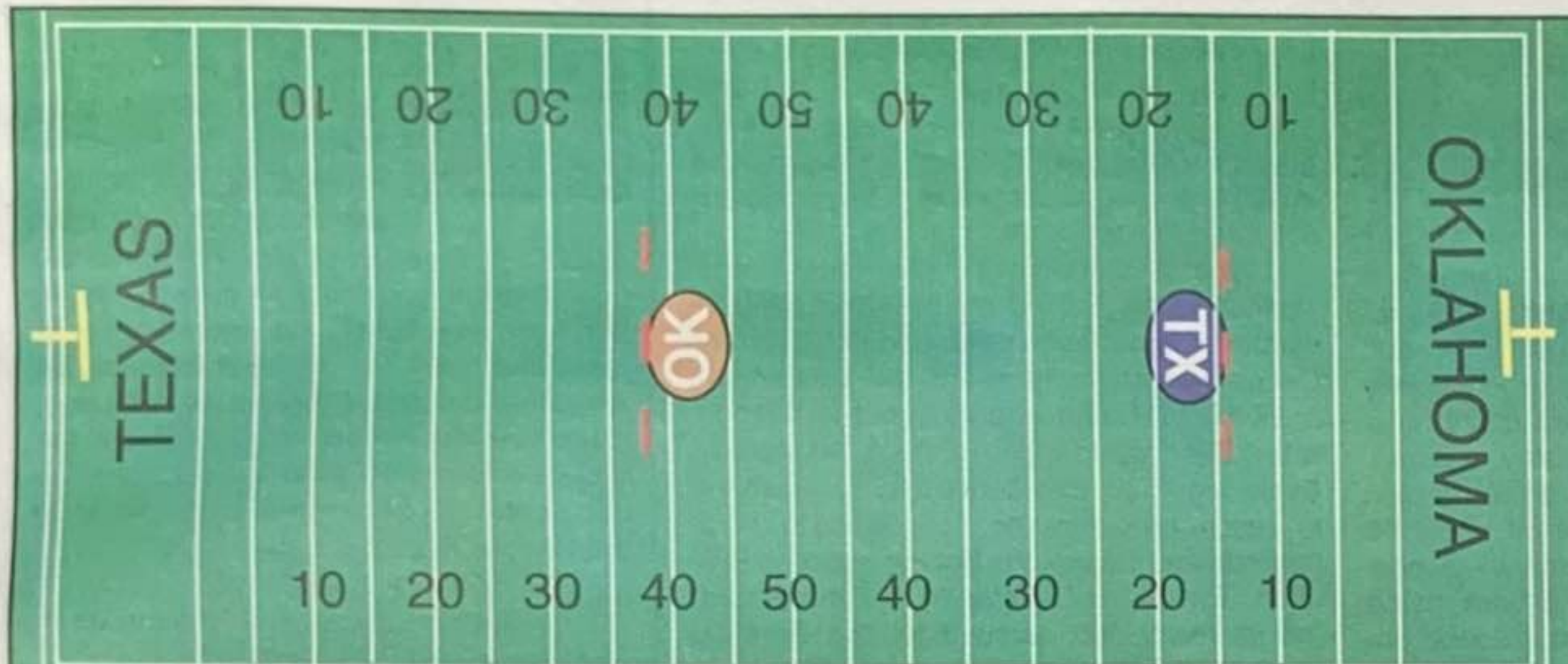
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Step Up



Texas

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RED RIVER RIVALRY
MEMBERSHIP SCOREBOARD

Oklahoma

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AS OF February 4, 2011

TOTAL MEMBER ADDS OR YARDAGE: Texas +286 Oklahoma +63

Total Member Delete or Penalty Yardage: Texas -233 Oklahoma -151

As can be seen by the placement on the field, Oklahoma is on the Texas 43 yard line, and needs 37 more members for a second TD. Texas has five touchdowns and 36 yards, placing them on Oklahoma's 14 yard line.

Register by March 15 to receive T-O Convention best rate

All aboard for the next Texas-Oklahoma District Convention!

The Convention sets sail August 25 out of Galveston, Texas, aboard Carnival Ecstasy Cruise Ship. The ship returns to that port on August 29, after a visit to Cozumel, Mexico.

While at sea, Kiwanis business will be conducted daily. Everyone will have the day off when the ship arrives in Cozumel to take any excursion they wish.

On board the ship are plenty of activities for children of all ages, such as Ecstasy's sparkling pool, water slides, playing deck games in the sunshine, video arcades, and supervised children's activities, with specially trained counselors.

Plan now to bring the whole

family for a fun and exciting cruise and convention.

Deposits for the cruise convention need to be made by March 15 to guarantee the special Kiwanis prices. Clubs may reserve a cabin without names at this time for a deposit of \$300 per person. Registration for the convention may be made after March 15, however, current prices are not guaranteed and some categories may not be available.

A reservation form is inside this issue of Ki-Notes for your convenience.

For further information contact Marellie Robinson - Marellie2@aol.com or (918) 299-5425.

Step aboard and "Don't miss the Boat!"

Wilkins announces for Governor-elect

"Hello fellow Kiwanians,"
For those who I have not had to pleasure to meet, permit me to introduce myself. My name is Ann Wilkins and I am a proud member of the Tahlequah, Oklahoma Kiwanis Club. After long and careful considerations, and with the full support and encouragement of family, fellow Kiwanis members and friends, I have submitted my name as a candidate for Governor-elect, Texas Oklahoma District 2011-2012. I do so with confidence and full knowledge and acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of this office, and pledge to serve. I respectfully submit my record for your consideration.

As a Kiwanis member, I have been honored to be recognized as Distinguished Club President and chaired numerous club projects ranging from Kiwanis One Day and Relay for Life to Christmas Angel Tree, Pan Cake Day and the painting of the CASA office among others. I was awarded Distinguished Lt. Governor of the Texas Oklahoma



Ann Wilkins

District and served as District Chair for our BUG & Terrific Kids programs, Young Children Priority One and currently as District Achievement and Administration Chair. In addition, I am privileged to serve as a member of our Texas-Oklahoma Foundation Board of Trustees.

See Wilkins, page 4

THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth by 2015, 129 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 \$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.

This project officially kickoff during the 96th annual Kiwanis International Convention this summer in Geneva Switzerland, and continues until 2015 when Kiwanis celebrates its 100th anniversary.

For more information about The Eliminate Project, go to www.TheEliminateProject.org.

The Project's campaign leadership team has been appointed. Randy DeLay from Houston, Texas, was named chair. Dave Curry from Butte, Montana, Sue Petrisin from Lansing, Michigan, and John Button, M.D. from Ridgeway, Ontario, were named vice chairs.

The campaign's international team will lead the largest fundraising campaign in Kiwanis' history. The appointment of the leadership team is the first step to building a worldwide team of more than 9,000 campaign leaders at the regional, district, division and club levels. The global team of campaign leaders will work in unity with the entire Kiwanis family to raise US\$110 million and help eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus.

The remaining members of the team are being identified in consultation with Kiwanis leaders from around the world. The complete committee will be announced in several weeks.

Each chairperson has a strong background in service and has held prestigious leadership positions at Kiwanis.

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Step UP



By
Governor
Sam Curry



Greetings Kiwanis Family.

On the final weekend of January, I traveled to Indianapolis to attend a Mid-year conference with the other District Governors. I will confess that I was not especially looking forward to the trip as it could have been a rare free weekend to stay at home. I am also not a great fan of airline hassles and Indiana weather dropped off about 40 degrees from our brief stretch of almost spring temperatures. Traveling back home and reflecting on the weekend, I sorted out my latest Kiwanis memoirs.

Governors' Class of 10-11: What a classy team! Led by the inspiration of President Sylvester "Sy" Neal, we have such an array of talent and imagination. It was only the third time to gather as a group, but friendships are bonding strong. Their accounts of what is happening in such spots as California, the Carolinas, Michigan, Tennessee, Canada, and so on, filled my mind and notebook. Intently and with many questions, they were anxious to see how Step-Up Check-Up Clinics and the Rivalry were going. We had some tremendous exchange of goals and plans for the year. Just like it did with the Lt.

Governors' class of 2000-01, I am finding long lasting friendships to cherish.

International Headquarters: My third time to visit our 3 story central office on the north loop of Indianapolis brought even more intrigue for the impressive layout and respect for the staff that gets things done for Kiwanis members and clubs. If you are ever in Indianapolis, go for a visit. They are very delighted to show it off.

What's happening: Somehow one weekend was packed neatly with a week's worth of information and updates. Randy DeLay was there to share the excitement of ELIMINATE and what is about to happen with this world-wide service bonanza. Achieving Club Excellence (ACE) is about to reach into hundreds of clubs to help upgrade and inspire. We got the latest on this effort. Executive Director Stan Soderstrom got us ready and pumped for the Geneva International Convention.

What a ride! So staring from the plane window and thinking back on my latest Kiwanis weekend, I was reminded very vividly why we interclub, conduct Division Council meetings, conduct conferences, and hold annual conventions. Each time you take in such events, you and Kiwanis are so enriched with new ideas, new memories, lasting new friendships, and even more determination and confidence to Step Up for Kiwanis and for all it can offer. Take the time to step into some new Kiwanis journeys.

Governor Sam Curry



Who's on first?....that's Governor Sam playing a competitive game of softball at the CKI retreat in Hunt, TX.

First Lady's Reading Project



By First Lady
Joyce Curry

Thank you to all the clubs who have already donated to the Galveston ISD Library Recovery Convention Project. At this writing, we have raised over \$1,000. A donation of \$15 will purchase one book. If your budget allows, try to purchase one book per member or at least one book per member who will be attending the convention at sea. Online, go to www.funds4books.com, fill out the donation form and send in your donation or fill out one of the forms available at all the Check Up clinics and mail to:

Funds4Books

% Mackin Educational Resources

3505 County Road 42

West Burnsville, MN 55306

Mackin is a book vendor which has the Galveston ISD book lists. They will bar code each book and send it shelf-ready to the libraries. The librarians will place your Kiwanis club's name inside each book as the donor. Don't forget to include the GISD code (57b9) so that it goes to the correct school. Kiwanis will make a huge impact in this recovery effort. If you prefer to hand me a check for a photo op, I will be glad to mail it for you. This is our convention project and not the "First Lady's Project", although I am happy to coordinate this project as well.

Big news at Reading is Fundamental (RIF). T-O Kiwanis now has a link on the www.rif.org website. Go to: <http://erams.rif.org/Markup/Tools/FAQ/StartingProgram.aspx> to start your two-year book program with RIF online. Click on "My RIF" in the left-hand column and you will see questions and answers, which will be helpful to your chairperson. Scroll down and click on "service request" in blue. Fill out the simple form and then you will be assigned a programs representative who will contact and help set up your program. If you prefer, call Caroline Phillips at 202-536-3455 or cphillips@rif.org for help.

Also, remember, you may order the multicultural book collection directly from the Book Source company by using the website: <http://www.booksource.com/Customforms/RIFKiwanis.aspx>. These websites are for being offered to T-O Kiwanis only at this time, and, if successful will be offered to other districts in the future.

First Lady Joyce Curry

Register for the
T-O Convention at Sea
by March 15
to receive
best rates!

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 changes for convenience of Kiwanis and members at all times. Personal 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.

Premier Travel Tours, nor its employees, nor the T/O District of Kiwanis nor its employees nor officers are responsible for supervision of travelers or shipboard activities. Premier Travel Tours, LLC is acting in good faith as the booking agent, and is responsible only for booking package, applying payments made to its office and delivery of documents.

REGISTRATION

To register for the convention, complete the Registration Form and mail, fax or e-mail to Marellie Robinson, Convention Chairman, 492 East 111th, 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 Marellie, or Premier Travel Tours: 972-444-8339, or email pttmc@airmail.net

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DON'T
MISS THE
BOAT



Wilkins

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Let me share my recent Kiwanis story with you. Our Tahlequah club has been very fortunate to continue the work I started with the BUG program for elementary school children. On Tuesday, January 18th our club was scheduled to present BUG and Super BUG certificates to children at Grand View Elementary and because the flu had forced the current "LULU the BUG LADY" from attending they needed a person to stand in for her. I volunteered to present certificates to the 3rd and 4th students. The best part of the morning was the drawing for the coveted bicycles. I drew the first name and he was thrilled. When I drew the second, the next name he was shocked. This was a child with "down syndrome" his excitement enthralled the building and every child and adult started to clap their hands. It was the best time I have had in sometime!!

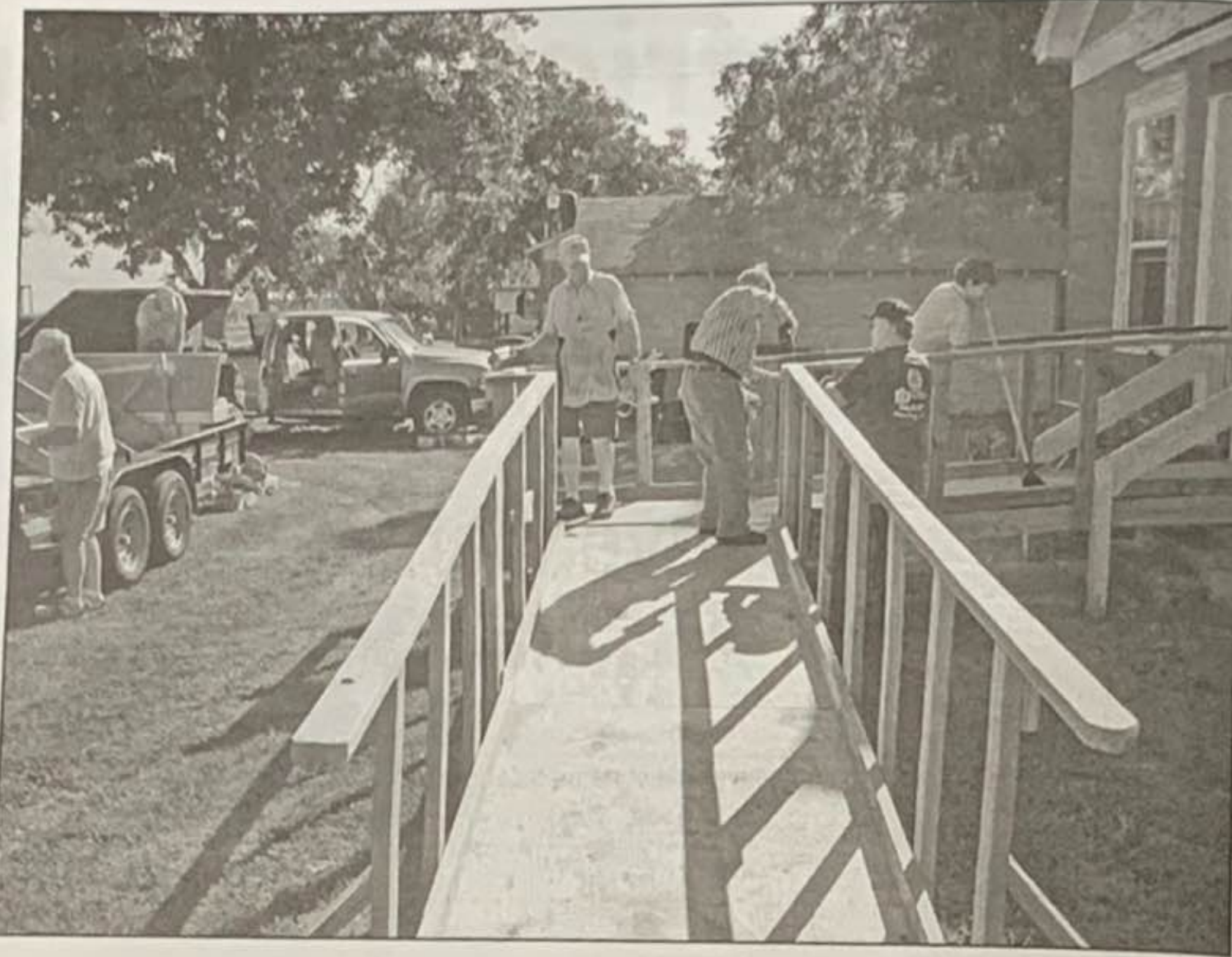
I am married to Leonard Wilkins, Doctor of Optometry and have two children Lacy and Tim, a daughter-in-law Amy and two fabulous grand children Stella Ann and Jonah. We are members of the First Baptist Church in Tahlequah. I earned my Bachelor's degree and two Masters degrees from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

My community involvement and experience include serving as President of the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce, I led a membership drive which had the largest percentage increase in

membership in over 20 years), Vice-President of the Tourism Council, Outstanding Graduate Leadership Tahlequah Class VII, President of The Cherokee County Cultural Center, Certified volunteer for the Salvation Army National Disaster team. Participated in the Northeastern State University adopt a Student Athlete Program. I have had the opportunity to travel abroad and deliver school supplies to elementary school children in Mexico, Egypt and the Dominican Republic. This past year I was the recipient of the prestigious Heritage Award, bestowed by the area Chamber of Commerce for Exceptional Community Service.

For the past 14 years, I have been employed at Northeastern State University as the program Director for the Early Settlement Northeast Mediation program provided by the Oklahoma State Supreme Court. As a mediator I do a lot of listening each day, I tell you this because my focus as Governor-Elect will be to "listen" and I ask for your suggestions so that we can reach our potential as Kiwanians to serve the children of the world. We must continue with service programs and look for new and innovative ways to capture ideas for growth. It is not the time to sit back, each of us must recommit to tell everyone their Kiwanis story and what impact the Kiwanis Clubs have in our communities, our nation and to our international community. I ask for your vote.

Register for the T-O Convention at Sea by March 15 for lowest prices



ARC Golden K members are shown working on one of the many ramps they helped build.

ARC Golden K helps homebound

Four years ago the ARC Golden K club became involved in building wooden wheelchair ramps for homebound individuals in the San Antonio and surrounding area. The project started in Dallas and quickly became a state-wide project called the "Texas Ramp Project." San Antonio was the fourth city to join. Funding comes from state organizations that help the elderly, churches, grants, clubs like Kiwanis, and individuals. The ARC Golden K has helped build 200 ramps, over 80 in 2010. Funding is always needed and donations can be made through the website "Texasramps.org."

A "build" typically starts at the Club's warehouse on a Thursday or Friday, building the modules for a Saturday build site. Personal trucks are utilized for hauling the modules. Three teams consisting of church members doing mission work, Golden K club members, and individuals then build the ramp at the designated location which sometimes can be several miles from the warehouse.

An average size ramp is around 20-25 ft. The longest ramp built by the ARC Club was 90 ft. All ramps must be built to ADA (Americans with Disabilities) specifications.

Just one success story involves a young man who had been in a wheelchair most of his life. After the ramp was completed, he came roaring down the ramp, went across the yard and up and down the block! He did that several times. He had been confined to his house for a long time and now he had some freedom and independence! The builders are always humbled and proud to see the fruits of their labor.

Helpers are always needed, too, if only to give moral support to the builders and families. Contact the ARC Golden K Club if you would like to participate.

CMN successes!

From Auggie Augenstein, Chair Children's Miracle Network

Time and time again OUR children and our neighbors' children get sick. Where do we turn to for help? First to God, and then to a Texas/Oklahoma Children's hospital. Here are two stories from Amarillo, Texas that shows why Kiwanians support CMN with our work and gifts. Sometimes a bunch of "Quarters" makes a difference!

Emma Claire Brown had just turned 2 years old when she was diagnosed with cancer... every parent's worst nightmare. It did not make any sense. She was not sick. We found a lump under her right rib cage one afternoon while she was napping. The following morning we took Emma to her pediatrician, and the next thing we knew we were sent

immediately to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo, for an ultrasound. That's when our life was suddenly dumped upside down. The doctor delivered the worst news we could ever imagine.

Cancer... Metastases... Surgery... Radiation Therapy... Chemotherapy! Emma was admitted immediately. Emma was so strong and courageous.

As parents we were so thankful for the exceptional care that Emma received. We wanted the best for our child, and that is exactly what was given. The hospital staff was exceptional. They truly cared for Emma. Now after two surgeries and two years, our precious Emma runs around like a typical, energetic 4 year old; happy and healthy. We are truly thankful for our blessings.



Tyler Don & Jaxyn Edward Ball

Thirty-eight weeks had passed and the twins were ready to be born. Tyler Don Ball, 6 lbs 5 oz, 19 1/2 inches long, and Jaxyn Edward Ball, 6 lb 6 oz, 18 inches long came to the world at 3:35 pm. on June 24, 2003. Tyler developed a pneumothorax and Jaxyn wasn't breathing very well on his own. After a week and a half and all the excellent care and compassion from the Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo, NICU nurses, we went home. The boys were on apnea monitors and caffeine for another month, but received a perfect health check from the pediatrician soon after. They are healthy active four-year-olds enjoying riding bikes, playing soccer, and attending Pre K at Bushland elementary. Thank you Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo!

Official call to the 93rd annual Texas-Oklahoma District Convention

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Texas-Oklahoma District, Governor Sam J. Curry hereby gives the official call for the 93rd annual Texas-Oklahoma District Convention.

The convention will be held on the Carnival Cruise Ship Ecstasy leaving from Galveston, TX on Thursday, August 25, 2011 and returning on Sunday, August 29, 2011.

Each chartered club in good standing with Kiwanis International and the District shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, one of whom shall be the president of the club.

Each chartered club at the time of selection of its delegates for the convention may choose one (1) alternate for each delegate, including the president.

At the convention, the officers for the 2011-2012 year will be elected, amendments to the bylaws considered, resolutions adopted, and other such District business as may properly come before the delegate body.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws, if in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International, may be adopted

by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates and delegates-at-large present and voting at any convention. Proposed amendments, which shall be submitted only by a club in good standing or by the District Board of Trustees, shall be received by the District Secretary at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the convention to which they are to be submitted. Any amendments timely and properly filed by a chartered club must be presented to the convention for action. The District Board of Trustees may by a majority vote of the Board, recommend and submit to

any convention of the District any Amendments proposed by any standing committee or by any member of the Board or Officer of the District if the approval by the Board is at least by the meeting of the Board of Trustees during the International Convention. The Secretary shall send a copy of all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each chartered club not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the convention.

RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions submitted sixty (60) days prior to the date of the District Convention shall be referred to

the Committee on Resolutions for its consideration and recommendation to the convention. No resolutions other than those timely submitted to or originated by the Committee on Resolutions shall be considered by the Committee on Resolutions unless consideration thereof shall be recommended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees. Debate on such resolutions in the House of Delegates shall not be in order until they have been reported out to the House of Delegates by the Committee on Resolutions.

David I. Ross
District Secretary

2010 Texas-Oklahoma District Convention at Sea DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORMS

TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES
93rd Annual District Convention At Sea II
August 25-29, 2011

This is to certify that the following member(s) of the KIWANIS CLUB of _____

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 _____ Secretary _____

NOTE: Each chartered club in good standing shall be entitled to three (3) delegates to the District Convention. The Club Board of 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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TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Past Lt. Governor Delegate Status
93rd Annual District Convention At Sea II
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: _____ (Past Lt. Governor) Year Served: _____

Division: _____, Texas-Oklahoma District

Member of _____ Club

CLUB ID K _____

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 or 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 LIETENANT GOVERNOR SERVING AS ONE OR OUR THREE (3) ELECTED DELEGATES.

Date: _____ Signed: _____ Club President

Signed: _____ Club Secretary

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Emma Claire Brown

Builders Club members and sponsors invited to weekend of "Life Builders"

Builders Club Administrator Delores Booth extends an invitation to T-O District Builders Clubs to attend the first-ever leadership camp for this service organization.

"It will be an opportunity not to be missed, and the beginning of preparations for the rest of your life," Booth said.

You will learn the art of public speaking, leadership, proper club management, ideas for fund-raising, and new community projects.

You will make new friends, develop new ideas, and build for your future.

The location is a beautiful camp near Waxahatchie, Texas. Events begin at 4:00 p.m., April 8. Cost is

\$90 if paid by March 15, and \$100 after that date.

For more information, contact Booth, 3806 Piedmont Rd., Piedmont, OK 73078, or by calling 405-373-1814.

Facts About Builders for the Future

- Builders for the Future is a leadership and personal development program designed for any member of your club.

- Builders for the Future is for students of Builders Clubs, their adult sponsors, and members of Kiwanis.

- Members of Builders Club should register as soon as they have a confirmed sponsor. Adult sponsors are encouraged to register

along with their respective students. Space is limited, so be sure to register early.

•Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. and we encourage all to arrive before 6:00 p.m. Dinner is provided if you arrive before 6:00 p.m. the first evening. A meeting for all adult sponsors begins at 6:30 p.m. the first evening. Everyone is encouraged to remain through the entire weekend which will conclude before noon on the final day.

After you fill out the form below, make check or money order payable to: Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation Inc., and mail to 624 Six Flags Drive, Suite 265, Arlington, TX 76011-6342. Send to the attention of Builders for the Future.

Builders for the Future Group Registration Form

Friday, April 8-Sunday, April 10, 2011

Registration Procedures: Each school sends in only one group registration. Copy form if you need more space; register everyone who will be attending from your school; payment must accompany this form; refunds cannot be offered after April 1, 2011; and, if conference is not sold out, registration may be available on a walk-in basis after the final postmark date.

ORGANIZATION		SPONSORING KIWANIS CLUB:	
School	School Phone	()	-
Contact Name	Mobile/Home Phone	()	-
Contact E-mail Address			
CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
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Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club's 28th bicycle rally was the most successful, ever. Shown here are bikers in the countryside north of Denton.

28th bicycle rally most successful, ever

When the Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club looked for a promising fund-raiser 28 years ago, most options in Denton were already taken by other clubs. Joe Holland, who was familiar with the success of bicycle rallies in other cities, initiated one that would not find much competition from other such activities, by scheduling it for the very end of the riding season, just before Thanksgiving.

It quickly became known as the "Turkey Roll" and now has to be mentioned by its full name, the "Turkey Roll Bicycle Rally", after someone suggested the club needed a food permit for turkey sandwiches.

The event has become an ideal

activity to involve the Kiwanis family organized around the Breakfast Club.

In addition to requiring participation of every member of the club in managing the rally, all seven of its sponsored youth clubs - Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and a Circle K at the University of North Texas - are finding roles in staffing registration and rest stops along the 4 courses, ranging from 25 to 67 miles in lengths.

Changing traffic patterns and road conditions in the Denton area present challenges to the planning every year. Over the years, a clientele of riders has gradually reached a level of participation close to 1,000 in 2010.



Baby Reader Books

Garland Kiwanis members presented Catherine Johnson, director of Women's & Children's Services of Baylor Medical Center of Garland, with Baby Readers Books for new moms to take home and read to their babies. The books are given in an effort to encourage parents to read to their children at an early age. This was a YCPO (Young Children: Priority One) project, adopted this year by the club. Baylor is willing to partner with Kiwanis for the continuation of this project. After the presentation, Ms. Johnson took the group on a tour of the Women's Center. This hospital has a water birthing room. Pictured are, from left, Catherine Johnson, Kiwanis President Elvia Flores, and Kiwanians Nila Wilhelm, Rose Young, Jo Garcia, and two nurses from the Neo Natal Unit.

Kiwanis Christmas tragedy

Submitted by John Sheridan
Kingwood Kiwanis Club

Tragedy struck the first annual Kingwood and Lake Houston Kiwanis Ugly Sweater Christmas party! The event started out great with all the guests showing up in the tackiest, ugliest, out of date and some hard to look at Christmas apparel. Fellowship was being enjoyed and good tidings concerning the holiday season exchanged. The unofficial photographer was circulating like a hunter following a prey and

when he and the subject were in the perfect position....tragedy! As he pushed the shutter, a loud crack was heard and all conversation stopped. Guests gathered around the photographer and with a tear in his eye, realized that his prize lens was cracked.....the sweater he so carefully tried to photograph was sooooo ugly it cracked the lens!

After an appropriate amount of lament (10 seconds) the party proceeded with a good time had by all. In addition to wearing ugly Christ-

mas sweaters, the club members brought gift items that were donated to Family Promise, a local organization that helps homeless families. In addition several Kiwanis members spent their Christmas morning cooking and serving breakfast for the Family Promise families.

Both Kiwanis Clubs found the joint party a great way to celebrate and plans are already underway for next year's event. But next year, adjustments will be made so pictures can be taken and posted.



T-O District CKI Administrator Scott Kimball stands behind Randy DeLay, chair of Kiwanis International's "The Eliminate Project." The two are admiring a Unicef poster which thanks Service Leadership Programs for support. The photo was taken at a Service Leadership event.

APRIL 1
is the deadline for the next
issue of Ki-Notes.



The Kiwanis Club of Comanche recently donated \$300 to the Salvation Army of Comanche. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The donation to the Salvation Army meets the objective of Kiwanis as last year the Salvation Army in Comanche assisted over 5,074 families in Comanche County with food donations. To give to the Salvation Army, contact them at 325.356.3258 or visit their location on the east side of Historic Downtown Comanche. Pictured are Chamber Members and Salvation Army volunteers Truman Hazelrigg, Nancy Hazelrigg, Kenneth Hagood, Bill Works and Mike.

Kids Against Hunger



Members of the Kiwanis Club of East Tulsa County were recently joined by students belonging to the Key Clubs of Union High School and Broken Arrow South Intermediate High School in a project benefitting the Tulsa satellite of Kids Against Hunger.

Kids Against Hunger is a humanitarian food-aid organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. The organization's approach to achieving its goal - the eradication of world



hunger - includes the packaging of a highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified soy-rice casserole by volunteers at numerous locations within the USA and Canada, and the distribution of those meals to starving children and their families in over 70 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide.

Thirty participants from the Kiwanis family met at the packaging center located in the Promenade Mall. Working in three assembly lines, the group packaged



3,816 meals in about forty-five minutes. Additionally, the Kiwanis Club and its members donated \$910 to provide funding for the packaging ingredients and supplies.

The Kiwanis Club of East Tulsa County serves local youth and community organizations by providing funds and manpower for various projects. It has 45 members and sponsors eight High School Key Clubs in Tulsa, Broken Arrow and Bixby.

A glimpse of Mid Winter Conference happenings



Past Governor Darrel Booth, left, served as auctioneer Friday night during the PLGA Dinner. Beautiful and creative wax tea pots, made by Armelda Moody at right, were among items auctioned. At center, Stephanie Ursini, KI Regional Trainer, and District Secretary David Ross assist in the auction. Half the proceeds will be donated to the Eliminate Project, with the remainder assisting the PLGA in its many efforts in the district.



KI Trustee Pam Fleming, Alabama, visits with Div. 17 LG Bob Sharp and Div. 33 LG Bill McCarty during a break at the 2011 Mid Winter Conference. Fleming is the KI Counselor to the T-O District.



The hospitality suite at Kiwanis functions is always popular. Here, Jane Rager, left, and Past Governor Nancy Miller, center, visit with a Kiwanian from the Adco Kiwanis Club.



Past Gov. Guy Orr visits with David Fleming as Pam Fleming looks at a scrap book. Pam is a KI Trustee and Counselor to the T-O District.

Past Gov. Guy Orr, left, regales YCPO Co-Chair Michael Starega, center, and another Kiwanian with some tall tale.



Past Governor Bill Crump expresses his thanks to participants in the Friday night auction. He is president of the Past Lieutenant Governors Association (PLGA).



This group posed for someone for a photo and the T-O Photographer sneaked one in also.



There was a lot of brass available during the PLGA Dinner on Friday Night at Mid Winter. Billed as the "Tea Party", all past governors present were allowed to rave about their accomplishments during their tenure, as long as they kept within a time limit. Posing here with spouses, from left: are Guy and Rose Orr, 00-01; Gene and Renee Jantzen, 02-03 & 04-05; Jack and Shirley McGee, 89-90; Darrel Booth, 03-04; Nancy Miller, 01-02 & 08-09; Bill and Ann Gay Bishop, 09-10; Jerry Ward, 07-08; and Bill and Jane Crump, III, 06-07.



Past First Lady Ann Gay Bishop, left, visits with Ann Wilkins and another Kiwanian at the hospitality suite.



Spiritual Aims Chair Richard Witte and Joyce enjoy the hospitality suite.



Another couple enjoys the hospitality suite.



Governor and First Lady Sam and Joyce Curry presented Marellie Robinson with a "Queen" Pin during the Mid Winter Conference, in recognition of her tireless work as T-O Meetings Coordinator.



During Opening Session Saturday morning, Past Gov. Bill Bishop prepares to hand out club growth awards for his 2009-10 administrative year.



SOTY Chair Fran Hutchins, right, identifies Sophomore of the Year winners and hands out scholarship awards.

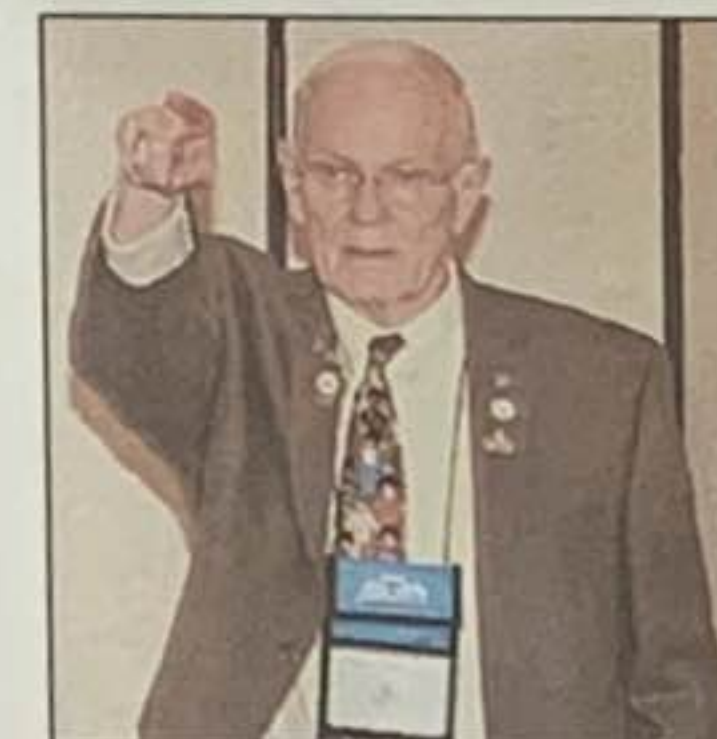
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A big feature of the Saturday Noon Luncheon was the Parade of Governors. Shown here, lined up outside the meeting room, are the several past governors and some staff members. The group was led by Past Gov. and current chair of the Past Governors Association Nancy Miller with her baton.



A portion of this group represented the Kiwanis Club of Lone Grove (OK) at Mid Winter. From left are Gary Hicks, Past Gov. Jerry Ward, David Wall, Joyce Wall, Misty Middleton, Billy Early, and Carlene Campbell. Ward, from Edmond was the group's "table sponsor and question answerer" at lunch. Campbell is pictured because she is head of Disaster Relief efforts for the district, and Early was trained in the disaster relief program.



Jim Walther, New Club Building Guru for the T-O District, takes questions during a forum.



Past Gov. Marvin Sapaugh, shy and reticent though he is, managed to strike up a conversation with Past Div. 14 LG Judi Morgan.



The District CKI board met during Mid Winter weekend.



Past First Lady Rose Orr seems to be saying, "No Guy, I haven't been shopping!"



Governor-elect Susan Hennum, standing left, and SLP Risk Management Chair Colleen Biggerstaff ham it up during the event. KI Trainer Stephanie Ursini says, "What was that, again?"



Past Gov. Jack Carlton shows his moves with KI Trainer Stephanie Ursini and Div. 13 LG Tanya Dickert.



Pam Fleming, KI Trustee and Counselor to the T-O District, took a "step up" for Kiwanis. She appears to be giving Governor Curry a pat on the head for having such a great theme for his year.



Bill Haley, Kiwanis Club of Sweetwater (TX) led his club to double in membership this year. He was presented a Starfish Pin by KI Trustee and Counselor to the T-O District Pam Fleming.

2012 Killeen Convention Team firms up golf tournament location

A message from
Dr. Gerald Honaker
2012 Convention Chair

After you have attended The Texas Oklahoma District fun filled Convention at Sea this August, be sure to mark your calendar for the 2012 District Convention in Killeen. Over the next 15 months we will be bringing you teasers and updates on Speakers, Workshops, Family Tours and various fun events. We will even have a special video giving the guests on the Ecstasy the first peek at our convention site!

As a Ki-Notes reader, your first peek at what is coming is the golf

tournament to be hosted by Fort Hood. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to visit our beautiful area, Fort Hood is the biggest military installation in the free world. The gracious personnel on base have agreed to host the tournament at the magnificent Clear Creek Golf Course. This is a tough course but an enjoyable one. The event will be a fund-raiser for our own Texas Oklahoma District Foundation. So dust off your clubs as you will have this summer to practice and get ready to get into the "swing of things".

Stay tuned for more Bits from Dr. G



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Lake Kiowa, Texas, and Santa's helpers distributed 50 food boxes and toys for over 150 needy children before the holidays. Their many fund-raising projects culminate in this activity each Christmas.



Above, Key Clubbers attend the General Session at the Magic Leadership event. At right is Key Club 3S LTG Kelly Haug. Below, from left, are Diane Perry, Kingwood Kiwanis, Div. 10 LTG Miranda Faubion, 2009-10 Div. 3 LTG John Sheridan, and 2010-11 Div. 3 LTG Heather Harrington.



The Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club had 11 members attend the Piney Woods Step Up-Check Up Clinic in Tyler, January 22. In the top left photo are Tom and Margaret Sheffield, and at right, Governor Sam Curry gives Tom the mike so he can explain why he is stepping up. In the two left pictures are school children from Velma Penny, located in Lindale, Texas, who are part of the Read to Succeed Program. This program is for grades pre-k through 4th grades. The Kiwanis Club has read and given books to each child in these grades. This program is in its 12th year and involves 1500 children and many hours of Kiwanians volunteering. On Monday, May 16, Hideaway Lake will hold its 25th annual Kiwanis Golf Benefit. 150 to 200 players are expected. There are over 100 sponsors.



The Woodlands Kiwanians support first responders

Three members of The Woodlands Kiwanis Club recently graduated from the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) eight week training course provided free of charge to anyone interested in participating in this beneficial program. Pictured are, from left, Past President Paul Lancaster, President Tony Motto, and George Van Horn, director of publicity. As graduates of the program, team members are outfitted with the essential knowledge and tools to assist in a variety of emergency situations thereby strengthening the support of the area's first responders.



Oklahoma University CKI sponsored iContribute November 12. This project was a huge success, with organizations donating canned goods which they used to create their logos and other symbols in a competitive effort to win prizes. One group, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship donated 900 cans.

All together, this project collected 1,741 cans, six cases of water, 176 dog toys, 100 letter openers, 107 Farkle bags, 50 turkey hand decorations for Faith Hospice, 10 fleece blankets, 1,997 lbs. of food, and 1,520 meals to Oklahoma families. In the right photo, Callie Doherty, CKI treasurer, helped American Indian Student Association by outlining their symbol with donated cans for the competition. Above, a participant is organizing cans into shapes and colors. This group won by using these cans to create an owl.



Oklahoma University CKI visited the Kiwanis Clubs of Downtown Oklahoma City and Mayfair. Above, as can be seen on the banner, the group is visiting with the Mayfair Club. At right, they are shown with newly appointed Oklahoma Supreme Court Judge Norma Gurich of the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Pictured, from left, are Callie Doherty, Rachel Renebarger, Gurich, and Steve Dragosljovich.

OU Circle K/FAR help Better World Books, a CKI service partners program

Right before the end of fall semester, Circle K and Facilitating African Rehabilitation joined forces to help one of the leading literacy programs— Better World Books!

As many know, this program is one of Circle K International's service partners (along with March of Dimes, UNICEF, and Students Team Up to Fight Hunger).

Books donated to Better World Books are generally resold on their online store with the proceeds going to promote literacy and education. If the books donated are not available for resell, they are put to other good uses, such as recycling.

As a service partner with Circle

K International, CKI members are given 10% off the already low prices by using the code Circlek217.

Considering that Better World Books has extremely low prices, and there is free shipping for those in the United States, it is an easy way to support underprivileged areas around the globe. Don't forget to shop here for all of your school textbook needs!

Better World Books makes it easy for student groups; even more easy through the book drive option. Campus organizations request a packet which gives them everything they need! They have scanners so groups know which books are accepted and which are not. For every

acceptable book, the groups are given a certain amount. Depending on the group's dedication, it ranges from .50- \$1.10.

The groups are able to fund-raise and BWB receives books for their literacy program. It is a win/win!

So far, Circle K and FAR together have raised over:

- 2200 books to resell
- 300 books that couldn't be sold (therefore will be donated)
- 2000 books for recycling

Congratulations to all of those who helped participate in making this book drive successful so far! You can still help by donating at the green boxes around campus!

Honor a deserving Kiwanian with the Extra Mile Award

Time is running out for nominations for the Extra Mile Award.

The month of May is just around the corner. Darrell Hawkes, of Division 32, is now the chairperson for this prestigious award and is awaiting your nominations.

"There are numerous personnel in our great district who have demonstrated outstanding qualities that go beyond what is required for the extra mile award," Hawkes said. "All nominations can be sent to my address at Darrell Hawkes Sr. 2150 County Road 43500, Paris, Texas 75462."

Please have nominations dated prior to the deadline of May 15.

"I realize there were some from last year dated long past the deadline and were well written, however, that did the nominee no good," he explained.

"So please, take the time, express deeply the traits of the individual and do a great write up. Me and my staff will diligently read and evaluate each and every one to ensure everyone's resume is treated with respect."

"Until next time when I write on this subject, 'GO BUILD'."

In Memory

It is with sadness that the Texas-Oklahoma District reports the passing of the following Kiwanians:

MR. KIWANIS Roy Welch of Paris, Texas passed away February 10. Roy recruited hundreds of members, organized several clubs, and was awarded a car by Kiwanis International for being the top recruiter in the organization.

In recent years, Roy was not as active in Kiwanis as he had been for many, many years, but he will not soon be forgotten by all who knew him in his club and around the District.

WALTON "WALT" PARKER passed away, according to Kelly Wood, CKI Administrator. Wood said, "As you all know, Walt was an amazing man and loved CKI a lot. He will be greatly missed."

PAST LT. GOVERNOR DIV 22 IN 1974-1975 - **HANK MYERS** has passed away. Hank was a Kiwanian for 48 years, a Ki Life Member, and PLGA Life Member.

If members of your club pass away and you would like to see a short memorial in this column, send their names and Kiwanis history to ki-notes@cableone.net.



Brewer High School sophomore, Rebecca Craft, was honored Wednesday, December 21, by the Westside Kiwanis, as their nominee for the Walter Hurst Sophomore of the Year scholarship. Students are selected based upon leadership potential and service to the community. Approximately 10 students from Brewer, Castleberry, and Western Hills were eligible to apply. Rebecca, who leads by example, will be attending a leadership conference this March with the Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D.C. She is currently ranked third in her class. She is active in band, plays the saxophone in the marching band, and the oboe in concert band. Her plans are to be a writer. Rebecca is the daughter of Robert and Twila Craft, a teacher at Tannahill Intermediate School.



Divisions 30, 40, and 19 came together January 29 for the first project in the Oklahoma Ramps Program. This program, started more than 20 years ago in Texas, is led by Kiwanis Clubs, and uses volunteers from other civic groups, churches, schools, and commercial enterprises. The Oklahoma project was led by Mike Starega of South Oklahoma City Kiwanis Club. This ramp was built in Norman for a young lady who has been paralyzed since child birth. She can now get in and out of her trailer, thanks to the group of Kiwanians shown below. Another ramp will be built in Yukon. Starega said more workers, of all ages, are needed. Also, they are looking for a warehouse to store supplies for the Oklahoma Ramps Program.



For 20 years, the Kiwanis Club of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, has organized a community-wide project to help families in need, at Christmas, with food and toys. Families apply for help and some are nominated by schools, churches and welfare workers. Funds are provided by contributions from the community. Some toys come from the Marines' "Toys For Tots" program, obtained through a local retired Marine officer. Others are purchased by the Kiwanis Club. The food baskets are assembled by a local food market and each family receives a smoked turkey donated by a local rancher. Some families are adopted by churches, and others provide food and toys directly to the families. On December 22, Kiwanians organized toys into age groups, then into bags for each family. On December 23, the food and toys were delivered to 48 families by Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and friends of Kiwanis. This picture was taken as toys were being organized. Kiwanians involved at the time were, from left, Project Chair Jenny Perrier, Karen King, Yvonne Rose, Joyce Ward, Nancy Woodyard, Lori Loftis, President Ken Woodhams, and Ed Ward.



The Kiwanis Club of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, celebrated its 87th anniversary, recently. The club currently has 98 members. Pictured are Kiwanians that attended the festive celebration.

During a recent Kiwanis International Service Leadership Program in Indianapolis, Indiana, Debra Lack, second from left, presented a \$500 check for The Eliminate Project, on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Tahlequah. This donation will purchase around 1,000 tetanus vaccines. Pictured with Lack are, from left, Eliminate Chair Randy DeLay, KI Executive Director Stan Soderstrom, Lack, and T-O Governor-elect Susan Hennum. Lack said each club is being asked to pledge \$2,000 over the next four years to The Eliminate Project.



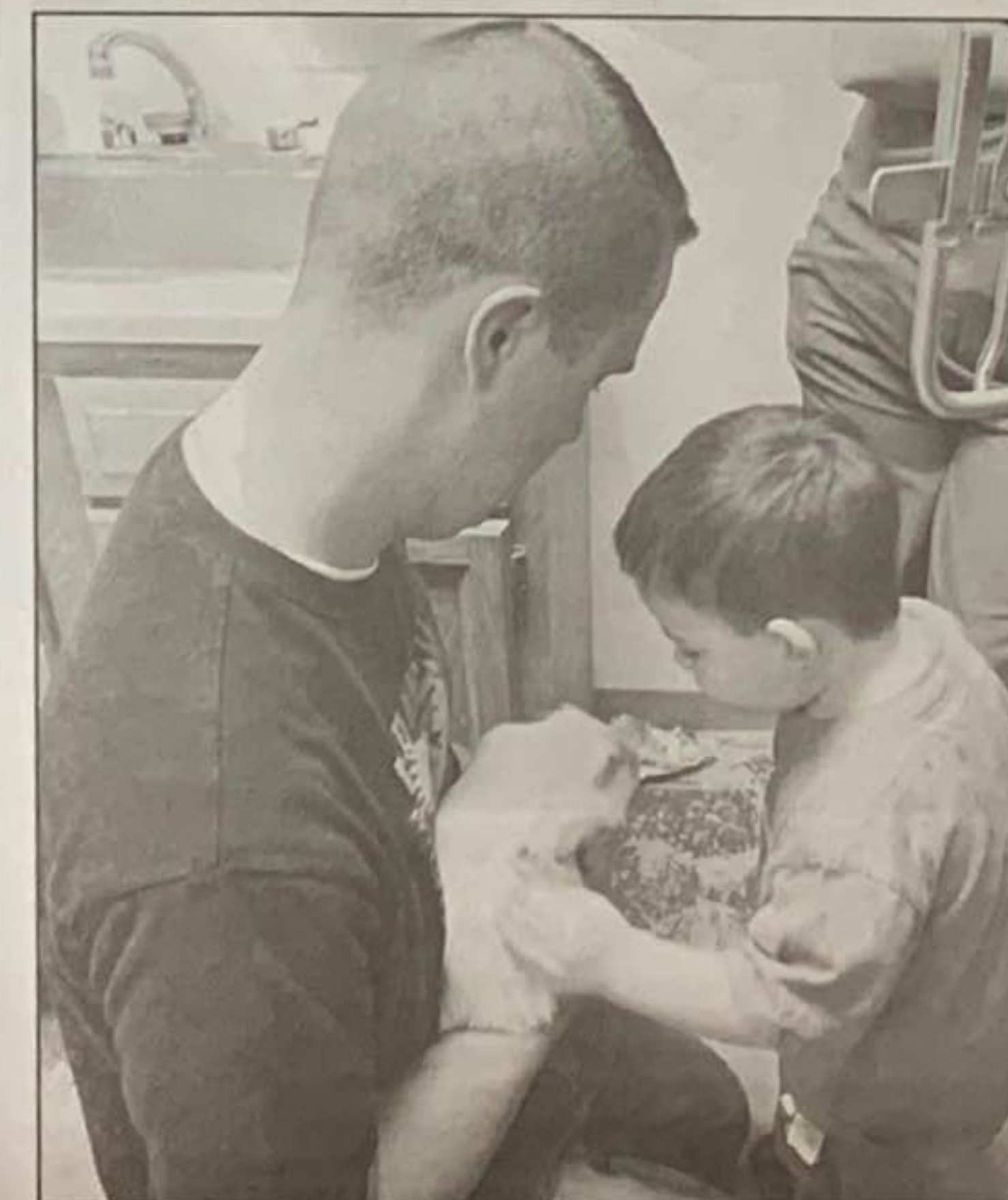
The San Angelo Kiwanis Club was chartered January 11, 1921, as club number 380. On Tuesday January 11, 2011, there was a 90th anniversary celebration held during the regular club meeting. The meeting was attended by Lt. Governor Don Holland, and members from Early, Brownwood and West Angelo. A brief history of the club was made and Suzanne Campbell from the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University presented the close work between the San Angelo Kiwanis, The Circle K Club and Angelo State through the years. There was special music and birthday cake for all that came. Above is the banner which the club proudly displayed. At left are the club's most senior members, from left, John Kouvelis, Francis Bachman, Roger Dolliver and Lee Elder. Kouvelis and Elder are former lt. governors.



Three generations in the Kiwanis Family

This Kiwanis Family is three generations strong. Father, daughter, and grandson are all involved. Howard Young, back right, has been a Kiwanis member for 29 years. He began his membership in California, and is now a T-O Kiwanian. His daughter, at left, Marla Makley-Alden, used to tag along with her dad to Kiwanis events when she was young. Now, her father is Div. 5 lt. governor and president of the Olmos Kiwanis Club of San Antonio; and she is a member of GRAK (Greater Randolph Area Kiwanis) and is the Builders Club chair. Her son, Matthew, is a member of Builders. In California, Marla organized a K Kids Club at Gault Street Elementary and

Matthew was president of the club. Every year she would take some of the kids to decorate the Kiwanis Float in Pasadena. Below is Chris Hutton, Builders Club sponsor and a science teacher at Dobie Junior High School in Cibola. He is shown at the Shertz Animal Shelter with Marla's youngest son, Jordan Alden, who is 2. Builders Club kids go to the Shelter to help clean out cages and take care of animals. They clean floors, dishes, laundry, and wash animal trucks. Altogether, Marla has six children. In addition to Matthew and Jordan, there is David, 16, Danielle, 11, Samantha, 7, and Taylor who is 3 months. All of the children enjoy Kiwanis work and participate when they can.



Step Up, Check Up Clinics

Two Step Up, Check Up Clinics remain. If you are not aware of these clinics, Governor Sam Curry is traveling around the Texas-Oklahoma District, holding Kiwanis Conferences, making himself and the Kiwanis message accessible to all.

If you have missed the Clinic in your area, you are more than welcome to attend the Heartland or Northern Outpost Conference.

The Heartland Conference is scheduled March 26 for Divisions 19, 21, 30, and 40, and any other Kiwanian or prospective member who would like to attend.

This Conference is being held in Oklahoma City at Highland Hills Baptist Church on Northwest Expressway/Council Road. This Conference begins at noon.

On April 29, the Northern Out-

post Conference is set for Divisions 16, 25, and 31, and any other Kiwanian or prospective member who would like to attend.

This Conference is being held at Freddie's in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and begins at noon.

Below are pictures of some recent clinics. Watch for more coverage in the April/May issue of Ki-Notes.



Austin Walls, stepping up, is the first Builders Club member to attend a Step Up Check Up Clinic. He is from Governor Sam Curry's hometown of Mineola, and had the opportunity to attend the Tyler, Texas, clinic. Austin is the son of Mineola President-elect Tracie Walls.



A sizeable gift was made on behalf of Governor Sam and First Lady Joyce Curry to the T-O Foundation Scholarship Fund. District Treasurer Erby Eikner, right, is making the presentation to Gov. Sam, on behalf of the Div. 34 PLGA Chapter. "Joyce and I are so appreciative of the donations being made on our behalf," Gov. Sam said. There were 104 Kiwanians, from Divs. 13, 14, 26, and 34, present at the Piney Woods Clinic where this gift was presented.



The picture above shows some of the 152 Kiwanians who attended the Metroplex Conference in Mansfield on Jan. 8. They represent Divisions 1, 2, 37, and 39, with several visitors from other places in the District. At right are members of the Denton Breakfast Club watching questions on a screen in preparation for their answer in the Kiwanis Quiz Bowl, just one of the features of the Step Up Check Up Clinics. Each clinic has three or four teams competing for the "Conference Champ" title. The Quiz Bowl updates members on Kiwanis history.





A shot of some of the 400 or so Key Club members who showed up on the Jan. 14 opening session of this year's Weekend of a Lifetime at the Lakeview Conference Center near Maypearl. The weekend of leadership training and fun has become a well established attraction to Key Club members. It is a function of the T-O Foundation.



Borman Elementary School requested from their mentors, donations in the form of gloves, school supplies, and toiletry articles for their students. Mentor groups that participate in the Borman Elementary program originate through the Denton School District (DISD) and the Communities in Schools North Texas (CISNT). Borman Elementary student body is 80% composed of students from poverty and sub poverty homes with one parent, an uncle/aunt, or grandparent as the primary care provider. The Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch provides mentors on a weekly basis, and was part of the group asked for donations. The Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch provided a check for \$100 to supplement the donation program. Pictured, from left, are Kiwanian Michael Lams and Rob Gonzales, school principal.



A George F. Hixon was awarded to Carol Rauhauser for her many contributions to the Robson Ranch Kiwanis Club. She was a founding member of the club, and a Distinguished club secretary, Distinguished Division 39 treasurer, and a Distinguished club treasurer. Carol joins four other George F. Hixon awardees in the Robson Ranch Club. They are Jim Galbraith, Bill Rauhauser, Susan Galbraith, and Rich Keehn. Pictured, from left, are Rich Keehn, Susan Galbraith, Bill Rauhauser, and Carol Rauhauser.



The Kiwanis Club of South Oklahoma City celebrated the holidays with a baby shower - sort of. Deborah Young from Hope Pregnancy Center spoke to the club on December 15th. The club and President Tammy Starega surprised her with donated diapers, onesies, bottles, etc. which they will pass on to new mothers and mothers-to-be. Club members brought gifts for her to take back to the office, seen in the left photo; and the club presented her with a check for \$150.00 to purchase more things, picture above. Support to organizations like this one is part of the Young Children Priority One projects sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs.

SW Oklahoma City has BUGs

The Southwest Oklahoma City Kiwanis Club has started another year by encouraging students to excel at school. The club presented another bicycle in its ongoing program with 'FIVE' elementary schools to enhance the B.U.G. program with the incentive of the New Bicycle Drawing. The most recent winner of a bicycle was Ritchie Ortiz, a fifth grader at Pierce Elementary school.

Three years ago the principal, Jenny Vesper, approached the SW OKC Kiwanis Club for "help" to improve her failing school. The Club Secretary offered the Kiwanis B. U. G. program to the school. But, Jennifer said she needed something that would catch the attention of the students and the teachers. Since we were already providing the "Terrific kids" program to the school we needed something "New". The Club Secretary approached the club about providing a Girl's bicycle and a Boy's bicycle as incentive in a school wide drawing.

All Students that raised a grade one grade point would have their name entered into a drawing for EACH grade that they raised one grade point. All 'A' students were automatically entered, as long as they maintained their grades. That first year, the Pierce Elementary School exceeded the principal's wish of 25 - 30% increase, by raising student grades 87.9%.

Jennifer Vesper is very appreciative of the support of the Southwest Oklahoma city Kiwanis Club at Pierce Elementary. The club also for the last several years has sponsored the Fifth Grade class trip to visit the University of Oklahoma, where they have lunch with the college students. The program is to encourage these students to want to graduate high school and go on to college.

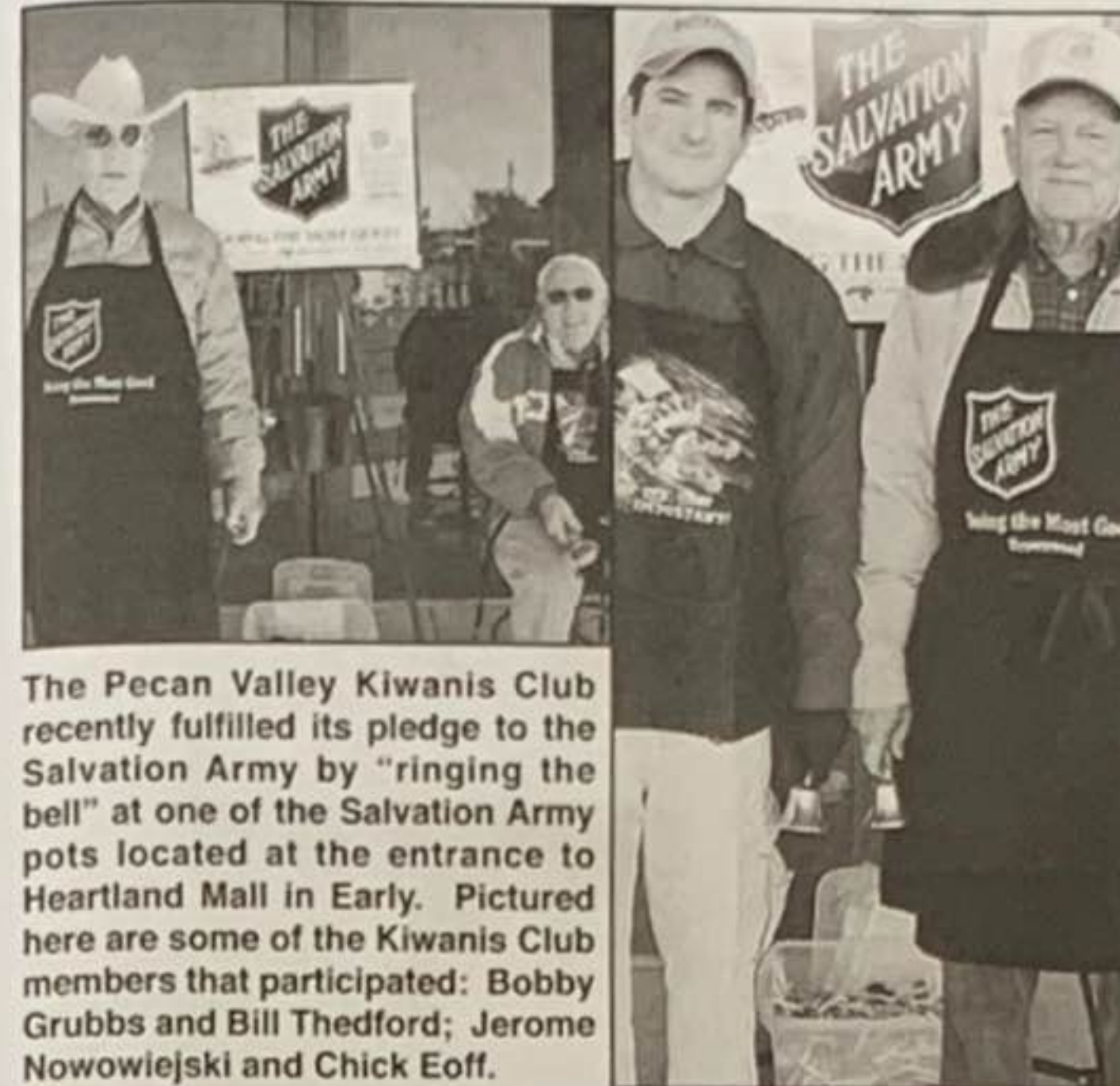


Southwest Oklahoma City treasurer, Bob Towe, watches as Ritchie Ortiz tries out his new bike. The bicycle was won by Ritchie who participated in the Kiwanis BUG (bringing up grades) program.

Jennifer has said that the school went from an 'at risk' school to the NUMBER ONE elementary school in the district in two years and is still among the top schools in the district. Jennifer Vesper is

now serving as the President of the Southwest Oklahoma City Kiwanis club.

Southwest Oklahoma City Kiwanis anticipates giving away 24 bicycles this school year.



The Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club recently fulfilled its pledge to the Salvation Army by "ringing the bell" at one of the Salvation Army pots located at the entrance to Heartland Mall in Early. Pictured here are some of the Kiwanis Club members that participated: Bobby Grubbs and Bill Thedford; Jerome Nowowiejski and Chick Eoff.



The Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club of Early recently made its annual donation to the Early Childhood Intervention Program. "ECI is a very worthwhile program of which we, as Kiwanians, are very proud to be associated with, since Kiwanis is all about helping children, too," stated Don Holland, Lt. Governor for Division 12. Pictured above during this donation are (l-r) Kiwanis Lt. Gov. Don Holland, ECI Director Cindy Goodwin, and Early Kiwanis Club President Dale Courtwright.



The Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club of Early, Texas, distributed Christmas food baskets to area families so they could enjoy the Christmas holidays. The collection of canned goods was conducted by the Early High School Key Club and the Early Middle School Builders Club, both sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Hams for each basket were purchased by the Kiwanis Club which was also responsible for basket distribution. "Through the efforts of our youth groups, we were able to assemble and deliver approximately 45 food baskets this year," said Dale Courtwright, president of the Early Kiwanis Club. "I would like to thank and applaud our two youth clubs and their sponsors, for helping us to make this another successful project," said Courtwright. Pictured above are some of the Builders Club members and their sponsor, Kate Teston. Teston stated that the two highest contributors were, from left, Sam Cox with 45 cans and Conner Marsh with 30 cans of food items.

Mrs. Texas celebrates Caldwell's reading goal achievements

Shannon Patterson, Mrs. Texas 2010, attended the McKinney Kiwanis Club's Terrific Kids parties at Caldwell Elementary on Friday, January 28th. Kelly Flowers, Assistant Principal, stated that Mrs. Texas was a great hit with the kids. The kids loved talking with her and asking her many questions at the parties. Shannon is a resident of McKinney and also a member of The McKinney Kiwanis Club.

Caldwell Elementary School focuses on raising the reading level of each of its students during the school year. Chris Clark, principal of Caldwell Elementary School, has partnered with the McKinney Kiwanis Terrific Kids program to create enthusiasm among the students and to help reward them for their individual and class achievements. The overall goal of the program is to improve each student's reading efficiency and level.

Each student works with his or her teacher and sets their individual nine-week reading goal. At the end of the nine-week period, all students reaching their goal receive a premium from a local merchant and the class of each grade level with the highest percent of achievement receives a party sponsored by the McKinney Kiwanis Club. The teacher of the class with the highest percent of achievement in the school is given a Gift Card from Barnes & Nobles.

McKinney Dairy Queen provided the free gift given to each student for the first nine-week period and The McKinney Kiwanis Club provided the classroom parties and the gift card. Barnes & Noble provides a special



Ms. Henderson's 4th grade class share a moment with Mrs. Texas.

surprise gift to the winning teacher when they redeem their gift card.

The classes winning parties for the highest achievement level by grade were:

Ms. Brinkley/Conner (1st Grade), Ms. Bernal (2nd Grade), Ms. Robinson (3rd Grade), Ms. Henderson (4th Grade) and Mr. Moore (5th Grade).

Ms. Henderson's 4th grade class had the highest achievement level of the school for the second nine-week period and she was awarded a gift card to Barnes & Nobles.

Kids Triathlon April 30-May 1

The Kiwanis Club of McKinney has added a 3.5 mile and a 1 mile Fun Run to the Historic McKinney Kiwanis Wellness Weekend that is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st. All events will begin and end at McKinney High School. The weekend of events includes a Kids Triathlon to be held on Saturday Morning with the Running Events and the Triathlon being held on Sunday morning. The Wellness Weekend is a major fund-raiser for the Kiwanis Club of McKinney with all proceeds from the events being used to support local charities.

The Kids Triathlon is for youth from 7 to 14 years of age. The Kids Triathlon is a USAT sanctioned event that includes swimming, biking and running. You can obtain information on this event by going on line to www.playtri.com/mckinney_kids.php or by contacting Mark Carswell, Event Coordinator at 214-717-9212.

The 3.5 mile run starts at the McKinney High School and goes through historic McKinney, finishing back at the High School. The fun run will be in the surrounding area. The Triathlon will be running

simultaneously and you will experience first hand the excitement of all of the events.

The Historic McKinney Kiwanis Triathlon is a USAT sanctioned event and includes a 300-yard swim, 12.6-mile bike ride and 5K run. Information on this event is available at www.playtri.com/mckinney.php or by contacting Mark Carswell, Event Coordinator at 214-717-9212.

If your company would like to participate in this weekend of events by being a sponsor, please contact Mark Carswell, Event Coordinator at 214-717-9212.



Greenville Golden K Kiwanis President, Denise Ayers participating in the 4th annual Greenville's Martin Luther King Parade.



Greenville HS Key Club faculty advisor, Renae Bates, VP Joann Wade, Pres. Dariela Rodriguez, and Kiwanian Advisor Johnny Courts were the program speakers at a Greenville Golden K Kiwanis meeting.



The Kiwanis Club of Greenville presented the Greenville High School Key Club with a check. This Key Club is sponsored by the Greenville and Golden K Kiwanis Club. President and Vice President Dariela Rodriguez and Joann Wade along with sponsor Renae Bates of the High School Key Club accept the check from Greenville Kiwanian Dan Perkins. Johnny Courts of the Golden K Kiwanis is also a Key Club sponsor.

Deadline for the next issue of Ki-Notes is April 1. Send articles & photos to ki-notes@cablone.net

T-O District Sophomore of the Year Awards

Congratulations to the 20 students throughout the Texas-Oklahoma District that won Sophomore of the Year Scholarships.

Division 1
Olivia Gensheimer
Paschal High School
Fort Worth



Division 3
Aditi Luthra
Cypress Falls High School
Houston, Tx



Division 5
Jacob Vasquez
Byron Steele High School
Cibola, Texas



Division 12
Colten Meisner
Early High School
Early, Texas



Division 13
Kyle Price
Hayworth High School
Hayworth, Ok



Division 16
Jaci Ranea Hodges
Woodward High School
Woodward, Ok



Division 17
Jacob Stinson
Gracemont High School
Gracemont, Ok



Division 18
Alyssa Wesley
Petroli High School
Petroli, Tx



Division 23
Emily Dickson
Lorena High School
Lorena, Tx



Division 24
Peter Grady
Vista Ridge High School
Cedar Park, Tx




Division 25
Tom Wiseman
Bartlesville Mid High School
Bartlesville, Ok



Division 26
Amy Witt
Palestine High School
Palestine, Tx



Division 28
Shirley Gutierrez
Ross S. Sterling H.S.
Baytown, Tx



Division 30
Christine Nguyen
Westmoore High School
Oklahoma City, Ok




Division 31
Brayn Smith
Keys High School
Park Hill, Ok




Division 33
Andrea Britten
Amarillo High School
Amarillo, Tx



Division 34
Andrew Karlow
Wichita Falls High School
Wichita Falls, Tx



Division 35
Taylor Abercrombie
Jim Ned High School
Tuscola, Tx



Division 37
Matthew Scott
Kempner Forest High
Galland, TX



Division 39
Emily Edwards
Liberty Christian H.S.
Argyle, Tx

