



Kiwaniis
TEXAS-OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

2026 District Convention Schedule

Welcome to Texarkana

Thursday, July 23

DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

BALLROOM - D

9:00am - 4:00pm

Speakers: Brad Boyd, Kiwanis International, and T-O Governor-Elect Marty Mullins

****For all incoming and returning Lt. Governors 2026/2027****

This session is for all Lt. Governors whether you're new or a returning LTG. Lunch will be served during this session. Trustees and invited guests will join the LTGs in the afternoon for additional training and relationship building. Trustees and invited guests will be joining for the afternoon session from 12pm to 4pm

PAST GOVERNORS LUNCHEON

BALLROOM - G

12:00pm

[Ticketed Event]

This is the annual Past Governor's luncheon. This is a Ticketed Event so be sure that you have registered and RSVP'd so we can have an accurate headcount. Spouses are welcome to attend.

REGISTRATION OPENS

Prefunction East Hallway

1:00pm - 5:00pm

All attendees and delegates are asked to stop by the Registration Table for check-in, credentials, and your name badges. Badges will be required for all events.

Vendor/Exhibitor Set Up

Prefunction South

1:00pm - 5:00pm

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DINNER

BALLROOM - B

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Annual District Leadership Dinner hosted by the current Governor to celebrate all the accomplishments during their leadership term. This is an invitation only event. The dress code is Kiwanis Casual.

CONVENTION RECEPTION

OUTDOOR PATIO

8:30pm - 10:00pm

Our annual evening reception is a wonderful time to gather as old friends and meet new Kiwanians from across the District. Light refreshments are served. The dress is Kiwanis Casual.

Friday, July 24

REGISTRATION OPENS

Prefunction East Hallway

7:30am – 4:00pm

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OPENING SESSION

BALLROOM - B

8:30am – 10:30am

Join us as we kick off the **108th Annual Texas-Oklahoma District Convention** with an inspiring Opening Session led by Governor John Cano. Highlights include the Parade of Clubs, presentation of the Colors, greetings from community and Kiwanis leaders, recognition of our CKI and Key Club Governors, and introductions of District leaders from across Texas and Oklahoma.

We'll also celebrate the outstanding achievements of Kiwanians through recognition of **Ruby K Award recipients, Distinguished Clubs, and Distinguished Lt. Governors**. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to honor service, leadership, and the impact Kiwanis is making for children and communities across our district!

EXHIBITOR BOOTHS

Conference Hallway

8:30am - 4:00pm

- The PLGA will have a table with tons of items for sale, come check it out.
- Aptco, is our designated District Vendor who will have a table with lots Kiwanis Branded items and things you can order/buy to help market your club.
- Silent Auction items are helping raise funds for this years charity Beds for Kids

****Please bring your silent auction items and donation items (books or canned goods) to support local charities to the exhibit hallway in the convention center.**

WORKSHOPS - SESSION 1

10:45am - 12:15pm

CLE Treasurer Training

Room 1 Hotel Side

Speaker: Mark Crouch

Whether you're stepping into the treasurer role for the first time or looking to sharpen your skills, this session is for you. Come with your questions and leave with the confidence to be a strong steward of your club's finances.

Recruitment & Retention of Individual & Corporate Members

Room 2 Hotel Side

Speakers: Brad Boyd, KI / Chris Bunkoff, Club Opening Chair

Come learn about the ways your club can recruit new members and retain those you have. Plus we'll explore how you can leverage Corporate Memberships to support your club's success.

***If you are a Membership Chair, you can receive your CLE training by attending one of the Membership Recruitment and Retention of Individual and Corporate Members sessions.**

B.U.G., K-Kids, Builders Club, and Youth Protection

Room G

Speakers: Randy McDaniel & Brian Walker

Learn about the great programs for Elementary and Middle School students that your club can be involved in to impact kids. Plus, learn what your club needs to know about how to protect these students from background checks to Annual Youth Protection.

Kiwanis gives your club powerful tools to reach kids at every stage — from elementary through middle school — through K-Kids, Builders Club, Terrific Kids, and BUG. Alongside those programs, every sponsoring club must ensure advisors complete Kiwanis-specific background checks and annual youth protection training to keep every child safe.

Marketing & Promotion - Using AI Tools for Club & Cyber Security

Room H

Speakers: Marshall Kregel and Glenda Rast (First Part) / KI President-Elect Cathy Szymanski

Get a practical overview for club leaders, volunteers, and members attending this session — covering how AI can supercharge your club's operations, and how to stay safe online.

PLGA Board Meeting

Room F

Speaker: Sandie Howard

Join fellow Past Lieutenant Governors for the PLGA board meeting at DCON. Agenda items will include officer reports, financial updates, committee business, and discussion of association priorities for the coming year. Open to all PLGA Members

PLGA LUNCHEON

BALLROOM - B

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Sponsored by the PLGA - Ticketed Event

Guest Speaker: Byron Williams

The PLGA Luncheon is always a conference favorite and serves as the annual meeting for the PLGA with your chance to win a Yeti Cooler (get your tickets) and hear from an inspirational Guest Speaker.

This year, we're proud to welcome Byron Williams, a Texarkana native whose life has been shaped by football, faith, and a deep commitment to giving back. You can read his full bio in the Speakers Tab on the YAPP.

WORKSHOPS SESSION II

2:15pm - 3:45pm

See the afternoon Workshop Session options below so you can learn and grow as a leader, serve in your club, and impact your community.

CLE Secretary Training

Room 1 Hotel Side

Speaker: Al Richard, District Secretary

This practical training session is designed to equip club secretaries with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to carry out their role effectively. Whether you're new to the position or looking to sharpen your practice, this session covers the essentials of running a well-organized club behind the scenes. This is a required training for ALL Club Secretaries.

Leadership Skills for Club Officers

Room 2 Hotel Side

Speaker: Immediate Past Governor Bobby Quinten

This interactive workshop teaches officers how to lead so that members follow. You will learn five foundational components of servant leadership that can move your club and your community to a better place.

Governor-Elect's Vision for 2026-2027/ District Leadership Roles

Room G

Speakers: Governor-Elect Marty Mullins, Past Gov. Kathy Culbertson, Trustee Randy McDaniel & Lt. Governor Lauren Layne

Come hear what Governor-elect Marty Mullins has in store for the 2026-2027 Kiwanis Year and the opportunities to serve in leadership.

Are you considering stepping up to take on a District Leadership Position...come and hear all about the job from a panel of district leaders.

Disaster Relief/Disaster Preparedness/Kits for Kids

Room H

Speaker: District Disaster Director Marshall Kregel is joined by Disaster Committee member Glenda Rast.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

4:00 pm - 5:00pm

Region 1 - 10 attendees will meet together, room locations TBA

Our Regional Meetings are a great way for you to meet and mingle with your Regional Trustee your LT. Governors and meet other leaders from your Region.

Room Assignments will be posted as we get a better headcount of registrants from each Region.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

6:00pm - 9:30pm

[Tickets on Sale at Registration]

Cost: SINGO Cards - \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Food and beverages are available at the venue and throughout downtown Texarkana.

One of the highlights of our 2026 Texas-Oklahoma District Convention will be the **1923 Banana Club Family Night Fundraiser** in beautiful Texarkana! This is more than just a fun night out, it's an opportunity to connect, give back, and experience the spirit of Kiwanis in action.

The evening will feature a lively game of SINGO, combining music and fun in a way everyone can enjoy. Prizes will be awarded in each round. To make the night even more festive, guests are encouraged to dress in their best 1920s inspired attire. Whether you go full Gatsby Glam or

add just a touch of Roaring Twenties flair, it's sure to make the evening even more special. Stick around for Karaoke after SINGO.

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Saturday, July 25

Registration Open / Delegate Check-in

7:30am – 12:30pm

All attendees and delegates are asked to stop by the Registration Table for check-in, credentials, and your name badges. Badges will be required for all events.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

BALLROOM - B

7:30 am – 9:00am

[Ticketed Event]

Pastries & Coffee Sponsored by the Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation

Memorial Service to honor and remember those Kiwanis Members that we lost this year. All Lt. Governors please be sure to arrive early and line up. We'll also present the Annual Lay-Person of the Year Award, which recognizes an outstanding individual who is both active in Kiwanis and their place of worship while encouraging others.

Exhibitor Booths Open

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SPOUSES TOUR

8:30am - 1:30pm

[Ticketed Event]

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure through the heart of downtown Texarkana designed especially for Kiwanis Spouses' Tour! The new Texarkana Trolley will pick up in front of the Hilton Garden Inn.

Your day begins with a visit to the one-of-a-kind Ace of Clubs House, where unique architecture and fascinating stories set the tone for a truly memorable experience. From there, indulge in a delightful lunch at Cafe Lucille, where great food and warm hospitality come together perfectly.

Continue your journey with a stop at the Museum of Regional History, where the rich heritage of our region comes to life. Then sit back and relax on a scenic drive past some of Texarkana's most beloved landmarks, soaking in the charm and character of our twin cities.

And of course, no visit is complete without a photo opportunity at the iconic State Line Post Office and Federal Building, where you can stand in two states at once!

This thoughtfully curated tour is the perfect blend of history, flavor, and fun, you won't want to miss it!

WORKSHOPS SESSION III

9:15am – 10:45am

Today we have another great Workshop Session planned with a variety of options below to bring value to you and your club.

CLE President Training

Room 1 Hotel Side

Speaker: Trustee Paul Heinz - CLE Trainer

This workshop is required training that prepares incoming and current Kiwanis club presidents to lead their clubs with purpose, passion, and effectiveness. It will provide presidents with the leadership tools they need to strengthen their club, inspire their members, and deepen their community impact.

Recruitment & Retention of Individual & Corporate Members

Room 2 Hotel Side

Speakers: Brad Boyd, KI / Chris Bunkoff

Grow. Retain. Thrive. Come learn about the ways your club can recruit new members and retain those you have. Plus, you'll learn about the value we bring to Corporate Members and why they are important to your club's success?

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TO Foundation Awards & Grants / KI Children's Fund Grants

Room G

Speakers: Monty Murry, TO Foundation President / Ally Bright, Kiwanis Children's Fund

TO Foundation Awards, Grants, and Scholarships - learn more about the different awards available for member recognition, membership into our Legacy Society, grants for understrength clubs, student scholarships, and the general work performed by the TO Foundation throughout the year.

The Children's Fund presentation will bring to life the real impact Kiwanis clubs in Texas-Oklahoma are making for children in need. Through grant stories and campaign highlights, you will hear firsthand accounts of how your club's giving is changing lives. Come learn what is possible when Kiwanis shows up for kids and celebrate the difference your district is already making.

Marketing & Promotion - Using AI Tools for your Club & Cyber Security

Room H

Speakers: Marshall Kregel and Glenda Rast / KI President-Elect Cathy Szymanski

Learn best practices and procedures for marketing your club and developing new service programs and how to exploit the best social platforms for best results in reaching the communities. Discover how Kiwanis clubs can use artificial intelligence to write stronger, faster grant applications for service projects—plus simple cybersecurity tips to keep your club's data safe and secure.

WORKSHOPS SESSION IV

11:00am - 12:30pm

The learning continues with another great Workshop Session planned with a variety of options below to bring value to you and your club.

Leadership Skills for Club Officers

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Key Club / Circle K International (aka CKI)

Room 2 Hotel Side

Speaker: Key Club Governor Bisan Abdalla / CKI Governor Tinh-An Ha

Key Club and CKI are two of our most value-added propositions for any community and those students are the future. Our District is looking for clubs willing to step up and sponsor a Key Club or Circle K International (CKI) chapter. Join us for this inspiring session to learn why expanding these youth service programs is critical to our District's growth — and meet the remarkable students who are ready to lead. Come discover how your club can make a powerful, lasting impact on the next generation of servant leaders.

Incorporating Membership Into Your Service and Fundraising

Room G

Speaker: Blake Swarnes, Div. 40 Lt. Governor-elect, Jones Kiwanis Club / Jennifer Pittman Jones Kiwanis Club

The "Jones" Method: Turning Service into Membership

Join an interactive and engaging session to share ideas and learn new strategies or polish up existing ones to spread your budget or even make more fundraising potential. Learn how to attract members and have great service and fundraising experiences for your members and community.

Aktion Club & Key Leader

Room H

Speakers: Tanya Dunlap and the Texarkana AKTION Club / Chelsie Higdon, Key Leader District Chair

Aktion club – Where development has no disability

Interested in starting an Aktion Club or strengthening an existing one? Join us for an informative and interactive presentation designed to answer all your questions about Aktion Club. Topics include: How to start an Aktion Club, Our mission and core values, Planning meaningful service projects, roles and responsibilities of club officers, annual dues and membership information, conducting effective and engaging meetings. This crash course will provide the tools, knowledge and confidence needed to build a thriving Aktion Club that makes a positive impact in the community.

Key Leader

Invest in the next generation of leaders through Texas-Oklahoma Key Leader. Key Leader is a transformational leadership weekend for high school students focused on building confidence, communication, teamwork, and service leadership skills. Through interactive workshops, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, students return empowered to lead in their schools, clubs, and communities.

Come learn more about this incredible program at our informative and interactive workshop designed for those of you interested in sponsoring or sending students to attend this life-changing experience. Discover how your support can help develop future leaders who will make a lasting impact for years to come.

TO FOUNDATION LUNCHEON BALLROOM - B 12:45pm - 2:00pm **[Ticketed Event]**

Speakers: Tinh-An Ha - Texas Oklahoma CKI District Governor / Bisan Abadalla - Texas Oklahoma Key Club Governor / Monty Murray - Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation President

Join the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation for a special luncheon celebrating the spirit of service and generosity that strengthens our District and the children we serve.

This will include honoring recipients of the Women in Kiwanis Awards, recognition of clubs for their support of the Tom Duncan Memorial Gift, and a special award to the newest members of the Foundation's Legacy Society.

Attendees will also hear inspiring remarks from our CKI and Key Club Governors as they share the impact Kiwanis leadership and service are making in the lives of students across Texas and Oklahoma.

DELEGATE SESSION BALLROOM - B 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Agenda to be released at a later date

Come hear about next year's exciting convention in Shawnee, hear the Reading of this Year's Resolutions, Awards given for the Club Website and Club Newsletter Contests, the

