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"Teach the Children Well & Let Them Lead The Way" *Linda Creed, lyricist*

At a recent Kiwanis meeting at Robson Ranch, TX the President of the club, Michael Lams, stated, "Everything Kiwanians do, they do for children." He was speaking to a standing room only crowd of Kiwanians from several divisions, guest speakers and potential new members.



This newsletter speaks so much to that statement. School is out and it seems that all clubs are sharing their success stories. Stories that involve their BUGs programs, Terrific Kids, K-Kids, Builder's Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K. As editor of this rag I have never seen an edition that held so many stories about each of our Service Leadership Programs. (SLPs)

And they are not only success stories about the SLPs but also about the time and commitment that Kiwanis Clubs all over Texas-Oklahoma are making to insure that the next generation will be ready to face challenges, look problems squarely in the eye and not be daunted by the task before them.

Terrell, Tx K-Kids...case in point. Raised over \$11,000 for Eliminate. K-Kids, elementary school children got behind an idea that they could save a mother and a baby's life. They saved over 6,000 lives. Did they have adult help? Yes...*teach the children well.*

In Oklahoma a new Circle K Club at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah... saw a need of two elderly residents who could no longer take care of their property....Done. Did they have adult help? No...*Let them lead the way.*

As you read this edition of Ki-Notes you will find story after story where Kiwanians have stepped in when they have seen children struggling. It's not all about hunger. Although Kiwanians certainly work at the food banks and conduct food drives. It's not all about handing out money. Although you will see many stories where scholarships and donations to worthy causes were made. It's also about taking the time to mentor a child. To provide and attend a party to celebrate and reward those children who have dug in and achieved a better grade at school. It's about our generation finding the hope in life and transferring it to the next generation. It's about telling and showing the children that they can succeed. That they can build on each success so one day they too will hear the call of service to others and know the joy and the peace that comes with helping the children of the world. As the song says:

*I believe the children are our future
teach them well and let them lead the way
show them the beauty they possess inside
give them a sense of pride.....*

Samantha Bruce

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District Offers Training for Building Young Professional (YP) Clubs



How can we build a Young Professional Club? This is a question that is being asked throughout our District because many Kiwanis clubs see great opportunities and want to know best practices before getting started. The good news is twofold. First, Key Club and CKI alumni are looking for YP Clubs they can join. They enjoy the 3-2-1 concept club that allows for only one meeting a month, but 3 hours of service (SLPs and projects) and 2 hours of social events (dancing, theater, sports event, community receptions, etc.). There are some great new leaders willing to take up the challenge of serving the youth. The second item for good news is that the District New Club Building (NCB) Committee has developed a special 45 minute presentation on how to build a Young Professional (YP) Club. The first presentation of this program was for the Waco Kiwanis Club on Feb 21, 2012. The program provides helpful background information, how YP Clubs are built, available NCB tools, and special help provided by District. Requests for this presentation should be sent to your Zone NCB Chair or the District NCB Chair at j.walther@sbcglobal.net



New Club Building (NCB) Program for Division Council Meetings



Lt. Governor Kent Tucker, Division 20, asked the District NCB Chair to attend his Division Council meeting and present a program on how to do a site study. He wanted his club presidents to know how to select a potential site, study its demographics, school district, and businesses, and then recommend that it be included in the divisions 5-year NCB plan. The District NCB Committee prepared a program that was tailored to his needs and presented it at the Jan. 28th Division Council Meeting. So far, Kent has two locations that are being

evaluated by various clubs. These two clubs may also become sponsor clubs since they now know the area, the key leaders, and potential meeting locations.

If you would like a special program presented at your division council meeting, please contact your Zone NCB Chair or the District NCB Chair at: j.walther@sbcglobal.net.

Sharing the Kiwanis Story By Governor Susan Hennum

Welcome again to our online newsletter. Please remember as a Kiwanis member this is your marketing tool. Send this newsletter out to all contacts in your address book. Share all the great things your Kiwanis club does in Texas Oklahoma with your friends and neighbors. Use the information in here to recruit new members by sharing our story.

It had been a wonderful year for First Dude Tom and I. Where has the time gone? I can't believe it has been 8 months already. We have been blessed to share some great times with others in our District. We were so excited to attend the 65th annual Strawberry Festival in Stilwell. Gov.-elect Ann and I got to ride on the float with the Strawberry Queen and wave to the crowd. Afterwards First Dude and I served up free strawberry sundaes to all in attendance. The Stilwell Kiwanis Club is making a difference in their town. What a great festival.

I also got to go to Gainesville where we celebrated 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis with Division 8. I can not begin to tell you how it warmed my heart to look out into the crowd and see my friend of 25 years, Ernie Sturch from Durant. He looked exactly the same as when he used to wheel and deal as T/O's PAC Chair. Division 8 clubs honored me with donations totaling \$1,000 for my Governor's Project, Shoes for Orphan Souls. www.shoesfororphansouls.com I was truly touched by their generosity.

Another amazing afternoon was in Terrell, Texas where I was asked to be the MC for the morning program when the 3 Terrell K-Kids Clubs donated \$11,000+ to Eliminate. We had representatives from Kiwanis International, our own Randy Delay and his team and UNICEF there to celebrate. Can you believe that - elementary students raising \$11,000 to save over 6,111 mother and children from tetanus. Many thanks to Margaret Davis and her amazing K-Kids Team who are the driving force behind this.

Stephanie Ursini, our KI area Director has been hard at work in Dallas and Houston helping us put together a working growth plan for large Metropolitan Areas. We are seeing a difference. People are responding to our call to join us in providing service to the youth. All Divisions have a current working growth plan thanks to the hard work of the T/O Growth Team. I encourage you to get with your Lt. Governor to discuss your club's growth plan and help us get Texas Oklahoma back on track and riding strong.

Our numbers are building but we can't stop now; Share your story with others. Wear your Kiwanis shirts, put a sign in front of your house and most importantly invite your contacts to your meeting. **Let's stop being the best kept secret and start being a household name!**

*I look forward to seeing you all in
New Orleans and then Killeen, Texas!*



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Tom McAllister Named "Unsung Hero"



Tom McAllister of the Greenville Golden K Kiwanis Club in Greenville, Texas was named one of 2012's "Unsung Heroes" by the Greenville Herald Banner. On March 27th, Tom received his award from Lisa Chappell, the Greenville Herald Banner publisher, at a reception recognizing people committed to community projects. Tom was recognized for his untiring leadership in the Texas Ramps Project as the coordinator and lead constructor for the ramps in Hunt County, Texas. Tom was accompanied by his wife, Judy, and nine of his club members and their spouses.



Tom McAllister receives plaque from Lisa Chappel of the Greenville Herald Banner

Golden K Kiwanis Ramp Up



Mrs. Dedra Culp of Royce City is pictured enjoying her recently built ramp. Greenville, TX Golden K Kiwanians, (l-r) Tom McAllister, Cliff Riggins and Wiley Fults recently completed this extra large ramp. The size is determined by available space and ramp building codes which must be in compliance

Magic at Caldwell Elementary

As part of the McKinney Kiwanis Club "Terrific Kids" Reading Program, students of Caldwell Elementary that reached 100% of their individual reading goals for the school year were treated to a Magic Show on Friday, May 25th at the year end Terrific Kids celebration. Main Street Magic of McKinney donated the Magic Show that was presented by Erich Biggs. "What a Magic Show!" Students and teachers were energized and entertained during the celebration.

The Kiwanis Club of McKinney has sponsored the "Terrific Kids" Reading Program at Caldwell for the last four years. At the end of each nine-week period during the school year, students that reached their reading goals received a gift from a local merchant and the class with the highest percent of achievement in each grade level was given an in-class celebration.

227 students qualified to participate in the 2012 year-end celebration, which was a 26% increase over 2011. Chris Clark, principal, and Kelly Flowers, assistant principal, are very pleased with the reading program and the impact it seems to be making on the students.

The local merchants that supported the "Terrific Kids" Reading Program at Caldwell during the year were: Main Street Magic, Dairy Queen, Hutching BBQ, CiCi's Pizza, McDonalds, Barnes & Noble and The Kiwanis Club of McKinney.



Magician Erich Biggs pulls a scarf from Asst. Principal Kelly Flowers' ear



Jacob Harsch & classmates take part in magic show



Magician takes time to talk w/students after show



Erich gets help from audience w/ his rope trick



Asst Prin. Kelly Flowers, Kiwanian Bob Cole & Principal Chris Clark, enjoy the show

MLK Parade

Denise Ayers, Texas/Oklahoma Kiwanis Division 32 Lt. Governor and Greenville Golden K Kiwanis Past President, along with President Elect Rich Ryan participated in the 2012 Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade



Harker Heights Sponsors “Awesome” Builders Club



The Harker Heights Kiwanis Club (TX) is extremely proud of the Eastern Hills Middle School Builders Club. Under the leadership of their faculty advisor Lisa Burden they have had an amazing year. Twenty-nine (29) students earned a Presidential Service Award for 50 or more hours of community service. The club logged 2,616 hours over the 2011-2012 school year. Every month they had at least one service project completed in addition to the hours each individual does for other groups. They are an awesome group of students who love giving back to their community.

January 31, 2012 the students presented a slide show of their projects, upcoming calendar and the

school wide fundraiser they had just begun for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for the Harker Heights Kiwanis Club. Over about a 4 week period the students counted out change from hundreds of collection boxes they had put together and given to all the students to take home. In partnership with Olive Garden the classes competed against each other to see who could raise the most funds. They held their own fundraiser on the side. The Administration staff from EHMS volunteered to be “taped” to the wall to raise additional funds. Web sites were set up to collect funds on-line from friends and family. The winning class won a pasta lunch from Olive Garden. That particular class had run into many obstacles with their attempts at fundraising but in the end someone anonymously donated \$2,700. The total raised was an amazing \$7,751.57. Their goal was \$2,400 for a school their size and demographics.

EHMS Builders Club Schedule for the 2011-2012 School Year

- ◆ Sept 30 - Youth Conference Training - 14 attended
- ◆ Oct 15 - Training class for making balloon animals and face painting
- ◆ 21 - Installation of Officers
- ◆ 22 - Officer training class
- ◆ 29 - Central Bell Co Fire & Rescue Halloween Carnival -raise funds for the all volunteer force
- ◆ Nov 18 - Food for Families
- ◆ Dec 3 - Killeen Christmas Parade - handed out candy to children lining the parade route
- ◆ Jan 23 - School Assembly to kick off the “Cancer Bites” fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Partnership with Olive Garden’s Pennies for Pasta
- ◆ 31- Presentation to the Kiwanis Club of their projects and to promote their fundraiser
- ◆ Feb - Conducted the fundraiser, collection boxes, web site donations, “taped admin staff to the wall”
- ◆ - Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper, helped guests and cleaned up
- ◆ Mar - Completed the fundraiser, raised \$7,751.57
- ◆ 31 - Easter Egg Hunt in Nolanville Community Park - made balloon animals and did face painting and helped clean up
- ◆ Apr 14 - Youth Arts Festival at Harker Heights Library- face painting, balloon animals & assisted The librarians with art projects
- ◆ May - Recruit new members for next school year
- ◆ 21 - Presidential Service Awards at the Killeen Civic & Conference Center
- ◆ 26 - End of the year celebration

Caldwell Elementary Celebrate Reading Achievement



Mrs. Susanna Bryant's 1st Grade Dual Language Class

Caldwell Elementary School has focused on reading achievement for the past three years and the students have really responded with enthusiasm to the "Terrific Kids" program. The program is designed to allow for each student to read at his or her own level. The overall goal of the program is to improve students' reading fluency and comprehension, while instilling a love of reading. Each student meets with their teacher and sets a reading goal for each nine week period during the year. When a student reaches their nine week goal, they are rewarded with a certificate for a free item at a local merchant. Chris Clark, principal of Caldwell, is very pleased with the improvement in reading levels at Caldwell.

In addition to the individual awards, each grade level class from grades 1-5 with the highest achievement level receives an in-class award celebration. These celebrations include healthy snacks, a presentation by the Kiwanis and often times a guest speaker. The class with the highest overall achievement also earns their teacher a special gift and a gift card to Barnes & Nobles.

The classes winning celebrations for the third nine weeks were: Ms. Bryant - 1st, Ms. Robinson - 2nd, Ms. Amlin - 3rd, Ms. Mellado - 4th & Ms. Cea - 5th. ***Ms. Amlins 3rd grade class earned overall highest achievement level.***

The "Terrific Kids" program is sponsored by the McKinney Kiwanis Club and supported by local merchants. Local merchants participating during the 2011/12 school year are: McDonalds, CiCi's Pizza, Dairy Queen, Hutchins BBQ and Barnes & Noble.



Mrs. Amy Robinson's 2nd Grade Class



Ms. Susana Mellado's 4th Grade Bilingual Class



Mrs. Vilma Cea's 5th Grade Class



Ms. Laura Amlin's 3rd Grade Bilingual Class



Ms. Laura Amlin, 3rd Grade Bilingual Teacher, is awarded a gift card by Joe Sparling, McKinney Kiwanis Club President

KI Convention - "You Should Have Been There!" By Stephanie Ursini

Don't be the only one at your next club meeting that hears.. "You should have been there!". Kiwanis International Conventions have proven to be even more memorable year after year. There are a lot of great reasons for that statement and it starts with the friends you've made over a lifetime. Belonging to this organization has and will continue to build lifelong friendships in your community and around the world.

This year will be no exception. Deep in the south, New Orleans, Louisiana - you can already hear the Cajun music and smell the shrimp and crawfish cooking. Another special treat to look forward to is the beautiful inflection of the host District Kiwanian's voices welcoming you and making sure you have an unforgettable experience.

The "Kiwanis fun" experience begins on the convention floor. It will spectacularly mirror the vibrant Cajun style by not only offering you musical entertain-

ment/concerts but feature booths in the gigantic exhibit hall, forums that will enhance your club, entertain your members, and revitalize your spirit of service. As a voting delegate at the convention you are able to cast your vote for by-laws/amendments, International Trustees, and the next Vice President of Kiwanis Interna-



tional. The convention is as wonderful for the first time attendee as one that has attended for 50 years or more - it's absolutely magic and guaranteed to make you feel 10 years younger - guaranteed!

To date, we have 4,200 registrations and of those over 2,000 members have pre-registered for the educational sessions on Wednesday (Lieutenant Governor Training); Thursday (Growth, Marketing) Thursday and Saturday (Achieving Club Excellence Workshops). These are record numbers but we do have a few spaces left, so make sure to get pre-registered as only those with a ticket will be allowed to enter to ensure enough materials and seats are available. Don't forget to stop by the Kiwanis Clinic to get your prescription for a healthy club. Our clinicians are on call with our Kiwanis stethoscopes to hear how your club beats and listen to how it breathes and to make sure you get back to 100% of health.

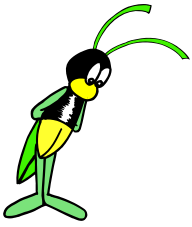
**Are YOU Ready for some Kiwanis Magic?
See you there!**

ELIMINATE Celebrates Lives Saved @ KI Convention

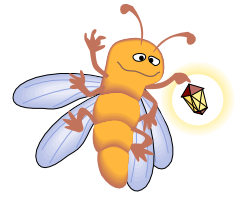
690...? Is it 27 Kindergarten classrooms, a graduating class of scholars, a fleet of school busses? None of the above... six hundred and ninety represents the lives saved or protected with each Walter Zeller Fellowship.

The Eliminate Project will honor all of the Walter Zeller Fellows at the 97th Kiwanis Convention in New Orleans. Everyone who either gave a gift of US\$1,250 or received a gift in honor of a donor will be invited to attend a special reception to celebrate their generosity and dedication to The Eliminate Project.

All of the Walter Zeller Fellows will receive an invitation to join us as we honor this special society of donors, Thursday, June 28, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. This reception is exclusive to the 1,700 or more Walter Zeller Fellows and their spouses. Refreshments will be served throughout the event as guests mingle and enjoy a special presentation



BUGs Infest Coleman Elementary



The Kiwanis Club of Cleburne offered a (BUGs) "Bringing Up Grades" program at Coleman Elementary School for the 4th six weeks grading period. The students pictured with Club President, Curtis Barnett and the Club Secretary, Jim Tinsley are from Mrs. Cody's class and are: Kaycee Bock, Haylee Dilbeck, Malachi Hall, Madeline Hargrave, Tilman Haverly, Evangeline Hesa, Sarah Howe, Cooper Madison, Aiden Perez and Joyclyn Shipman.

From Mrs. Bailey's class are: Michael Pearce, Addison Moore, Daizie Ebbens and Graycen Rasmussen.

From Mrs. Lehmann's Class are: Kendyl Cochran and **Super Bug**, Angela Main. (A Super Bug is a student who improves their Grades and assists another student to bring up their grades.

Character Network Program Works!!



Researchers at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas say this is a anti-bullying program that actually works. Jim Lord, a Kiwanian and founder of The Character Network has developed a research based program that speaks to a child's heart to change behavior. Teachers and Administrators who have the program laud it's success.

If your club would like to learn more about this great program and how you can help to bring it into your school systems go to: www.thecharacternetwork.com

New CKI Club Can't Wait to Serve

On April 4th a group of students from Northeastern State University, Okla. gathered with Tahlequah's Kiwanis Club to officially be recognized as a chapter of Circle K International. Even though they were not officially a recognized group, they did not wait for the initiation to begin serving their community.

On March 31, members for the newly founded CKI part-



nered with Northeastern State University to participate in The Big Event, a service day in which NSU Students complete volunteer requests on both the NSU campus and in the community of Tahlequah. The CKI members were sent to two different job sites but both ended up helping elderly members of the community with projects they are no longer in condition to be doing. Seeing as both resi-

dences have handicaps, the CKI members helped landscape their backyard and clean up around their homes.

Mary Tyler, CKI member said, "You could really tell that the couple we worked for thoroughly needed our assistance and enjoyed us being there." CKI President and member, Jake Proctor obtained the couples information and will be checking with them in the near future to see if they need any more help.

The second group of CKI members joined with members of Tahlequah High School Key Club went to help an elderly widow. They quickly learned that her son was in the hospital, and that getting her lawn in reasonable shape without his help was almost impossible for her. Immediately, the CKI members got to work raking and bagging leaves and pine needles, cleaning out fences and mowing her lawn.

"It was really nice helping someone who would not have been able to help herself, and seeing how thankful she was made it all worth it", said Jessica Chupp, CKI Charter Member.

By the end of the day two households really appreciated the efforts of the CKI and Key Club members. This is just the beginning for this new chapter of CKI, they have a lot of different ideas for service activities and are excited about helping others.

"There is a lot more to be expected from CKI. We have members who are ready and eager to serve", said Proctor.

Caesar Chavez Elementary has Terrific Kids



Caesar Chavez Elementary School is the newest in the Oklahoma City system and has an enrollment of about 900 children. The South Oklahoma City Kiwanis Club sponsors Terrific Kids and this semester recognized 52 children for exemplary work. Kiwanis members, Ron Geurin, Pat Gordon & Tammy Brakebill made the presentation of two bikes to Jasmine Taylor and Moises Cardona-Medina



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By Nila Wilhelm

**Lisa McCoy Davis**

"Well hello, T-O!" was the familiar, enthusiastic greeting Texas-Oklahoma members heard wherever and whenever Governor Lisa McCoy traveled in our district. Just as enthusiastically, we shouted back, "Hello, Lisa!"

governor of the T-O District, earning the title of "distinguished". She praises Jack McGee, Ernie Sturch and Art Swanberg for their assistance in the District's successes during her term, especially in membership growth and contribution to our foundation.

Earning another "first" status, Lisa became the first woman elected as Kiwanis International Trustee in June, 2001 at the 86th Kiwanis International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan.

Our first woman governor inspired and motivated everyone during her term in 1998-1999. In the June-July issue of *Ki-Notes* she quoted Robert Burns: "The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

Living that purposeful life, Lisa now resides in Bellingham, Washington, with her husband of eleven years, Bill Davis, and two entertaining cats named Cooper and Lisa. Her Kiwanis service continues today as a member in the Bellingham Club and as advisor to Circle K at Western Washington University. She also still maintains an official membership in the Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis Club (Texas) -- not surprising since both she and Bill were life-long Texans before moving to Washington.

Many will remember Connie Hacker, Lisa's mother and constant supporter, who Bill says enjoys keeping in touch with Kiwanis friends here.

Other than her many Kiwanis positions and activities, Lisa founded EnthusiAction Associates, a public speaking company specializing in motivational speaking, sales training and personal coaching. For the past ten years she has worked for Sterling Life Insurance company (now Windsor Health Group) as Vice President of Agency Operations and currently as Manager of Human Resources Operations.

Her Kiwanis journey began in 1989, when she joined the Kiwanis Club of Amarillo Hi-Plains, where she served as secretary, bulletin editor, and later as club president in 1992-93. During that time she was honored as both Layman of the Year and Kiwanian of the Year.

As a member of the Jacksonville, Texas club, she became Distinguished Lt. Governor of Division 26 in 1994-95, giving much credit to Governor Tommy Riggs for his guidance. In 1998-99 Lisa became the first woman

During her term on the International Board, Lisa counseled districts in New Jersey, Southwest, Philippine Luzon, Alabama, Georgia, Norden, Carolinas, Michigan and Belgium/Luxembourg as well as Circle K. She also served on the following committees: Finance, Sponsored Programs, Policies/Procedures and Structures. She chaired the Conventions and Communications Committee.

Her honors include life member status with Kiwanis International, the Texas-Oklahoma District and the T-O Past Lt. Governors Association. She is a Diamond Level George F. Hixson Fellow, A Key Club G. Harold Martin Fellow, A Charter Walter Zeller Fellow, a Pacific-Northwest District Rusty Fellow, a Tablet of Honor recipient, a member of the Heritage Society and has received the Carthage Pullman Award from Circle K International. Lisa is also a member of the T-O Foundation's 21st Century Club and has been recognized with the C. T. Bush Award.

Lisa's activities in Kiwanis has focused on strengthening Kiwanis family relations and new club building. All through the years, she has maintained a 16 year perfect attendance record, making thousands of K-Family meetings, functions and projects with Key Club and CKI. She has served as Regional Advisor and is still active in Key Club activities and as a Kiwanis International Certified Trainer.

Loving travel, she has visited more than 30 countries and visited all 50 states before her 50th birthday.

Remembered with fondness, T-O members feel like Washington gained a jewel, but Lisa has not forgotten us and sends "Hello, T-O" greetings and well wishes to all her T-O Kiwanis friends.



Jack Leggett (L) UBM Exec. Dir. Receives Check from Pres. Johnnie Arnold



Ray Cline, V.P. (L) presents check to Dr. Charles Gongre, LSCPA

Port Arthur Kiwanis Club Distributes Funds

Salvation Army Captain, Ed Cheshire was recently inducted into the Port Arthur Kiwanis Club by Division 10 Lt. Gov. Walter Land. He received a presentation of \$250 for the Salvation Army at the end of the meeting. Other recent contribution by the Port Arthur Kiwanis Club include United Board of Missions (\$250) and Lamar State College, Port Arthur (\$500). The LSCPA presentation was to begin a scholarship endowment fund for long-time member Sam Aquilina who died in 2002. This will make the third scholarship endowment at LSCPA by Port Arthur Kiwanis Club. Earlier endowments are for Pat Wood and Leland Lacy, charter members of the club.



Salvation Army Cpt. Ed Cheshire (L) installed by Lt. Gov. Walter Land (R). Conrad Cooper (C) presents S.A. check

2012 KI CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS **Reminders**

Tx-OK District caucus is set for Friday, June 29, at 7:30 a.m. at the Marriott Convention Center Hotel in New Orleans. The room is Blain Kern Ballroom A-C



TX-OK District Dinner at the

Kiwanis International Convention will be at the

JACKSON BREWERY

If you want to take the shuttle from the District's Hotel (Marriott) to the Jackson Brewery, please include the \$10/ person fee with your registration.



Not Registered for the New Orleans Convention Yet????

It's too late to register online but you can register onsite.

Find out more at: <http://sites.Kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/NewOrleansConvention>

Gone But Not Forgotten



Tommy Badgett
1922 - 2012
Kiwanis Club of Dennison, Tx
Past President, Kiwanian of the Year
and Respected Member



Neil Moseley
1950 - 2012
Mineola, TX Kiwanis Club
A 23 yr Kiwanian at both Mineola and Amarillo Clubs

Cynthia Russell Receives Women In Kiwanis Award

Kiwanis of Marble Falls, TX members welcomed TX-OK District 38 Lt. Governor, Frederick Case to their April 13th regular meeting. The Lt. Governor presented member Cynthia Russell with the Women in Kiwanis Award for the TX-OK District for her work as Chair of the Winter Wonderland event held in November of 2011. The event raised an amazing \$9,000 in profit for the club. Congratulations Cynthia!



(L-R): Club President, Gilbert Bennett,, District 38 Lt. Gov. Frederick Case and Cynthia Russell

South Oklahoma City Kiwanis Has Terrific Kids



Kali Turner and Jordan Lofton are proudly showing off their new bikes at Parkview Elementary School. Principal Brian Kalsu, Assistant Principal Dr. Tammy Roberson and Teacher Mrs. Kelli Harris made the selection from students who were part of the 195 Terrific Kids awarded during the school year. Principal Kalsu says the impact of the Terrific Kids program this year has brought about better effort by the children in the classrooms and more pride in their studies. The bikes were provided by the South Oklahoma Kiwanis Club with a donation from the Parkview Neighborhood Association.



Tech Corner

By Marshall Kregel,
District Webmaster (and all things Geek)

Team collaboration on documents by using Google Docs, and sharing information with the community by using Hootsuite

First off, what is Google Docs? (From Wikipedia.org) - "Google Docs (now known as [Goggle Drive](#) is a free, Web-based office suite and data storage service offered by [Google](#). It allows users to create and edit documents online while collaborating in real-time with other users". Why is this important to me? Over the years, various programs have been developed to allow corporate work-groups to share documents. Each work-group would be able to write parts of the document and share it with others. But, these programs were normally only available in the corporate world and were expensive tools. Now, if you have a Google Docs account, available for free, you can have access to these same tools and create and share documents with other club members before posting them to the web or sending them to the newspaper or local magazines. It's possible to store images online and include them in your docs and a free Google Docs account gives you a minimum of 1 gb of online "cloud" storage.

From the Google.com website: "Create basic documents from scratch or [start from a template](#). You can easily do all the basics including making bulleted lists, sorting by columns, adding tables, images, comments, formulas, changing fonts and more. And it's "free". Also, upload your existing files. Google Docs accepts most popular file formats, including DOC, XLS, ODT, ODS, RTF, CSV, PPT, etc. So go ahead and upload your existing files.

If you are using a Tablet computer, you may find that you have limited storage on your computer, or minimum "ports" for getting information off your tablet and into the world. This is where programs like Google Docs (Microsoft Skydrive is another one) come in very handy. All your important files and folders can be stored online, accessible only to you unless you choose to share a file or folder with other users. Accessing these files and folders can be done from any computer, anywhere in the world! Also, you will find that Kiwanis.org has a huge library of files stored in the KI Google Docs account.

It's easy to get started. Follow this link to take a tour of the program. The last page of the tour will invite you to create your

Recently, I was using my Ping.fm account to update my twitter and facebook pages simultaneously and noted that Ping.fm was going to discontinue services. It seems the company is sold to seesmic.com and seesmic will not continue to support Ping. There are several programs similar to Ping, like tweetdeck and Hootsuite. Both of these programs are very successful and easy to use. I created an account with Hootsuite.com and added my WordPress website, twitter account, and Facebook page to my account. Now, I can go to 1 location, type an update, hit "Send" and all of my social media programs get updated at the same time. Include images and they are linked to your updates! You are allowed up to 5 social media programs in your account as a FREE service. If you have more media programs, you can purchase a Pro account from Hootsuite for a small monthly fee. Try this program, it makes updates easy and painless.

Tip of the Day: By the way, if you are trading large files (pictures, videos, etc) with club members, don't clog their inbox, or make it difficult for them to open the files if they have a slow internet connection. Instead, create your own Dropbox.com account and you will be given 2gb of space to use as your own, for free! Simply upload your files to your "cloud" account and then send a link to this account to the folks with whom you want to share your files. Dropbox is a cool tool and one that I use quite frequently

Ramp Up



This is the ramp the Golden K Kiwanis members built Tuesday afternoon Jan 31 for Leon Blunt of Caddo Mills. Builders were (L-R) Bill Whitehead, Tom McAllister, Cliff Riggins, Rich Ryan. Mike Peterson and Wiley Fults not pictured. Mr. Blunt in wheelchair.

“One Day” in Marble Falls, TX

The One Day Project was a nationwide event where Kiwanis members served their community. The Marble Falls Kiwanis Club chose to assist the Boys and Girls Club of Marble Falls with spring maintenance and painting.

Kiwanis members painted both restrooms, touched up the four walls of the activity room and cleared all the flower beds from weeds and unwanted growth. The event started at 10 am and finished around 5 pm. Members involved included Virginia Roberts, Sandee Taylor, John Chalmers, Jack Sargent, Tom Butler, John McGrew and Gilbert Bennett. The Director of the Boys and Girls Club, Bill Drake commented “Everything look GREAT - Thank you”!



(L-R) John Chalmers, Sandee Taylor, Jack Sargent

Lt. Governor Officially Visits Cleburne Club



The Kiwanis Club of Cleburne, Tx was honored to have an official visit from our Lt. Governor, Dennis Keifer and his wife Susan at the Grand Buffet ..

Lt. Gov. Keifer spoke about our upcoming project to help sort food at the Tarrant County Food Bank.

Pictured with Lt Gov. Keifer and Susan is Club President, Curtis Barnett.

Key Leader Weekend - June 22 - 24

A Key Leader Weekend is scheduled June 22 -24 on the Southern Methodist University Campus in Dallas.

Key Leader is a youth leadership training program started by Kiwanis International in 2005. With the successful conclusion of the 2011 program year, Kiwanis Key Leader has served 16,369 students in 316 leadership conferences. Since 2005, events have been held in 39 US states, 5 Canadian provinces, Malaysia, Brazil, Cayman Islands, El Salvador, and Singapore.

Students arrive on Friday afternoon and the class sessions begin after dinner. Classes resume after breakfast Saturday. Saturday afternoons are reserved for outdoor activities and some free time for the participants. Depending on local conditions, Saturday evenings conclude with a bonfire or ice cream social. Activities conclude before noon on Sunday.

The theme of all Key Leader events is Service Leadership. The core curriculum for the weekend stresses the five Key Leader principles of GROWTH, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, COMMUNITY and EXCELLENCE.

Key Leader events are open to all students in grades 9-12 plus 8th graders in spring sessions.

The cost to attend a Key Leader event is \$200. Key Club and Builder's Club members are granted a \$25 scholarship by the Kiwanis International Foundation. The Texas-Oklahoma Foundation has offered a \$25 scholarship to all registrants for T-O Key Leader events. The T-O scholarship is available only to students with a Texas or Oklahoma home address. To obtain the Texas-Oklahoma scholarship, enter the phrase "kleader" in the coupon code field and click "redeem". The code should be in lower case without the quotation marks.

Early registration is open through June 8. After the 8th, a \$25 late registration fee is required. All registration is online. To register go to Key-Leader.org, click on "register" and follow the prompts.

Questions about Key Leader in Texas-Oklahoma can be directed to John Curlee, Key Leader District Chair @ 361.222.1947 or e-mail keyleadertxok@gmail.com

Summary of the price for Key Leader

Non Key Club Tuition	\$200
Kiwanis Int Foundation Scholarship	<u>\$(25)</u>
Net Price	\$175

Key Club & 8th Graders in Builders Club Tuition	\$200
T-O Foundation Scholarship	<u>\$(25)</u>
Kiwanis Int Foundation Scholarship	<u>\$(25)</u>
Net Price	\$150



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now for a
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Meet 2012-2013 T-O Key Club District Governor

Hello Texas-Oklahoma! My name is Brian O'Hara and I am the 2012-2013 Texas-Oklahoma Key Club Governor. I am currently a Junior and I will be a Senior next year at Manor New Technology High School, just outside of Austin, Tx. I have been part of the K-Family for the last three years and have enjoyed every second of it! From attending local CKI events to attending my local Kiwanis club events, everything has been incredible. Besides Key Club I am actively involved in Cross-Country, Track, Ultimate Frisbee, National Honor Society, College Forward and my studies.



Throughout high school I have found that your goal after graduation shouldn't just be to be accepted to an amazing college or get a high paying job, but rather it is more rewarding to find something you're passionate about. Something you love, and then do that. I never could have imagined that I would have found this at such a young age, but I truly love service and giving back to the community that gives us so much.

My Governor's Project is the B.R.O Project (Brothers Reaching Out) which will help raise funds for Children's Miracle Network hospitals and promote direct service to hundreds of other hospitals across our District. Being a Lieutenant Governor last year and having attended K-Family Board meetings, I had the opportunity to meet a truly inspiring young boy by the name of Sim. Sim was a little kid, just like my brother or sister, and he wanted us all to know who he was before he went into what he had gone through. His story of triumph was truly inspiring and I want to see each and every one of my clubs to see that passion and that direct cause in each and every one of our communities this year.

In addition to my Governor's Project, I want to make sure that Key Club in Texas-Oklahoma is thinking in the long term mindset, so we will be drafting a strategic plan for our District and it's goals for the next 10 years or more. I would also like to see our District Convention rebound with a higher number of attendees this year. Last year we dipped just below 1,000 for the first time in several years. We will be encouraging our clubs to fundraise in addition to planning an amazing event this year that will be the perfect event for clubs to celebrate their accomplishments and start off a new year on the right foot. Finally, I would like to educate our members, motivate them and see them set new records for this year.

As Governor, I have many goals, but they all go back to strengthening the District. This goes for CKI and Kiwanis just as much as it goes for Key Club. Through service and each of your clubs reaching out, I am confident that we will grow stronger together! I look forward to working with all of you this upcoming year and setting new records!



Are You Ready For Killeen? Texas-Oklahoma 2012 District Convention Aug 9 - 10



It's that time of yeartime to gather and exchange war stories, new ideas, ask questions, hook back up with old friends and to play a round of golf in the "I'm For Kids Scramble".

Time for the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention. It promises to be a fun weekend with something for everyone in Killeen, Texas. Here's a look at what the convention has in store:

Thursday - August 9, 2012

9 am - 6 pm - Registration
Golf Tournament (Shotgun start at 9 am)
11:30 am - Past Governors Luncheon (invitation only)
11:30 am - Past Governor's Spouses Luncheon
(invitation only)
1 - 2 pm - 2011-12 District Board Meeting
1 - 2 pm - 2012-13 Incoming Board Meeting
2 -3 pm - Combined Board Meeting
3 pm - Spouses Reception (invitation only)
6 -7 pm - Welcome Reception
8 pm - District Board Dinner (invitation only)

Friday - August 10, 2012

7 am - 6 pm - Registration / Credentials
7 am - PLGA Breakfast
8:30 am - Opening Session
12 noon - Luncheon
1:30 pm - Reception for Women In Kiwanis
(hosted by Margaret Davis & K-Kids Committee)
2 - 5 pm - Forums
6:30 pm - Family Fun Night

Saturday, August 11, 2012

7 am - Noon - Registration / Credentials
7 am - Prayer Breakfast
8 am - Memorial Service
11:30 am - Luncheon
1 - 4:30 pm - General Session / Delegate Session
5:30 - 7:30 pm - Governor's Banquet
8:00 pm - John Branyan Comedy Show
(open to public)

Sunday, August 12, 2012

7:30 am - 2012-2013 Board Breakfast Meeting

**To register for the convention please register online BEFORE August 4th, 2012.
Visit our convention website: <http://www.kiwanisconvention.com>**

You will find hotel information, registration information, pricing and much more.

Hola! From the Mighty T-O District of CKI!

My name is Sanjuana Zavala, and it is an honor to serve and represent as District Governor so many passionate, dedicated and service-minded individuals that proudly live in Texas and Oklahoma. I would hear this all the time throughout my life, *you will meet the best people in your life during your college years*, serves them right because it's true. The people that I have met are not the best, they are of the extraordinary. I had never heard the word Kiwanis or much less Circle K International, until after my first year of college. Little did I know that it was going to change my life as I know it. I wouldn't have met these individuals if I did not join CKI and if I was not a part of the Kiwanis family. Most CKI members agree with me ways wanted to *give back*, *serve* the in college and a young adult one does *give back*. Many times a person feels do?...I'm just *one person*". That's the

It took one organization, one district, make a difference in every Circle K *loves to serve* every single day. Liv-Kiwanians as a district we have es-the support of all of our Kiwanis fami-

We plan to raise 5,000 dollars for the *One family will ELIMINATE* maternal efforts are being made by CKI clubs clude eliminating one thing for a year tablishing bake sales, 5K walks for chose to *eliminate* coin change from getting will be saved for a year and donated to the Eliminate Project. Also as the District Board we decided to donate half of all profits made from district events to the Eliminate Project! Every time a CKI member or a guest attends a district event part of the registration fee will go to the Eliminate Project.



and feel the same way. Growing up I al-less fortunate, and inspire someone. Being not actually know where to start or *how to* alone or discouraged, feeling "what can I root word here, it only takes *one*.

one Kiwanis club and one Kiwanian to member that proudly *lives to serve* and ing by the support and guidance from our tablished goals that we wish to reach with ly.

Eliminate Project with our district slogan and neonatal tetanus. Various fundraising around Texas and Oklahoma. Many in-(money will go to the eliminate project), es-eliminate and many more! For example, I my purse, so all the coin change I will be

I would like to personally invite every Kiwanian to get involved with Circle K and support our district efforts. Circle K International members do have a lot of passion, energy and drive to become the leader and the Kiwanians of tomorrow.

May your summer be filled with love, family and service!

Your friend in service,

Sanjuana Carlina Zavala

Governor

Texas-Oklahoma District of Circle K International

governor@txokcki.org

Marble Falls Club Gives Youth Baseball Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Marble Falls is always looking for new opportunities to help the youth of the Marble Falls community and when the opportunity came to help the Marble Falls Youth Baseball and Softball League, the Club stepped in. The Kiwanis Club donated \$600 to the MFYBSL which paid for eight underprivileged children to play ball this Spring. Here is some of the feedback the Club received from the mothers of some of the donation recipients.

"I don't know how to thank you. My boys are having so much fun with this and it's really taking their mind off of everything going on in our lives. I have no problem working the concession stand. Thank you again."...Misty S.

"Thank you so much! I really appreciate the help, and will be glad to help out in concessions or any other way I can manage. Thank you to all of the Kiwanis for giving Aaron this opportunity. He is already enjoying practices and is looking forward to his first game "... God Bless you all, Rachel F.

"Hi and thanks so much! I have spoken with someone from the club within the past two weeks and was notified that Jesse was up for a scholarship. It is so appreciated and with five kids playing ball, I am sure we will have time in the concession stand but I will do whatever else I can to help. Thanks again!"... Crystal J



Kiwanis Club of Marble Falls President Gilbert Bennett presents the donation check to MFYBSL President Erik Smith

Greenville's Golden K Assist In Cover-Up !!



Greenville Golden K Kiwanis assisted at the Annual Greenville Drug Free Walk-A-Thon. This volunteer event for the club involved club members assisting in the installation and securing of the tarps covering Appetite Alley.



And Forced to Build Own Dog House As A Result!

Well, maybe not **forced**... But Kiwanians Steve Frazier, Mike Peterson, Rich Ryan and Len Veak competed in Drug Free Greenville's Back Street Bash Dog House Construction contest. This is an annual contest of which the Golden K Kiwanis has placed second in each of the past three years.

Editors note: Looks a little small for 4 guys! ...just saying



Governor and Growth Committee Launch Two Task Forces

Growth in membership and number of clubs are important goals for every Lt. Governor and our district. While “just ask” is a necessary component for club membership, it has not been sufficient to produce growth in our district and nearly all divisions. New club building, in most cases, has been needed as a partner for “just ask”. Given that, the District Growth team and NCB Committee have studied this continuing trend and identified two major areas with great NCB growth potential for major cities. We now need a district plan to take advantage of this opportunity.

At Mid-Winter we announced two task forces that will develop our district NCB plan for Young Professionals and Active Adult (retired) communities. Membership in each task force will include Kiwanians and past K-family members from each of the metro areas. Each task force will identify areas with great opportunity, devise a plan for district support, list opportunities by division, and publish their plan.

Kiwanis International President, Alan Penn, encourages everyone to help support these efforts and build a growth trend that is the best in Kiwanis. Members interested in serving on these task forces should contact the following leaders:



Young Professional: Clint Carrens: president@akypg.com

Or

Jay Macaulay: jmacaulayfaia@aol.com



Active Adult (retired) Villages: John Sheridan:

John.Sheridan@insperity.com

Or

Jim Walther: j.walther@sbcglobal.net



Raquel Garza Receives Recognition

Greater Abilene Kiwanian Raquel Garza was recognized by Club President Kevin McSherry for recruiting a new member into the club. Raquel was also selected for the Big Brother Big Sisters, “Big Sister of the Year” award

Congratulations Raquel!



Videos For Club Use Available

Including video clips on district and club websites or in electronic newsletters is a powerful way to make Kiwanis activities come alive for your members. But don't let unfamiliar technology scare you off: Downloading, viewing and even embedding video into your website is not as hard as you think. You can easily learn how at <http://www.KiwanisOne.org/videos>.

And don't forget to subscribe to the Kiwanis International official YouTube video channel at www.youtube.com/kiwanisinternational by clicking the yellow "subscribe" button in the top left corner. You can be notified when new videos are posted.

Some of the videos available to download or view on YouTube include:

- The Eliminate Project
- On To New Orleans
- Imperial Beach--South Bay, CA One Day
- Kiwanis International President Messages
- From Past to Present



If a video cannot be obtained from YouTube or Kiwanis' Google file library (downloads), you may request a CD (date file) or DVD. This may incur a cost to cover production, materials, shipping and handling. Send all requests with exact video title to videos@kiwanis.org. For more information on accessing Kiwanis videos, visit <http://www.kiwanisone.org/getvideos>

\$12,500 in Scholarships go to Marble Falls Students



(L-R) MF Club Pres., Gilbert Bennett, Kayei Pittard, Trisha Keenan, Dorothea Wall and Kiwanis member & MFHS teacher, Jim Bryant

On Tuesday, May 15, 2012, Kiwanis Club of Marble Falls members welcomed two scholarship recipients from Marble Falls High School and one scholarship recipient from Falls Career High School to their meeting. The scholarship recipients shared their college plans and career goals with the club.

This year the Kiwanis Club provided a total of four scholarships to local students, two students from Marble Falls High School and two students from Faith Academy. Each student will receive \$2,500 distributed over two years (1,250 per year). Also, new this year the club sponsored a Trade School Scholarship of \$2,500 to assist with the cost of attending the trade school.

Funds for the scholarships were raised through the Winter Wonderland Event and the Flag Program that is sponsored by area business owners annually.

One Brick Short of A Full Load?

If so, you can obtain that brick by donating \$200 to the Texas-Oklahoma "Own Your Own Future" Campaign. The Texas-Oklahoma District is inviting you to be part of owning our own District facility and eventually assist your Kiwanis District with no leasing and no debt. The T-O Foundation has made it possible to purchase a beautiful two-story building to house all of our office needs and expand to much greater use. While we lease from the Foundation, our goal is to return the funds to the Foundation over a period of the next 4 years.

Honor a fellow Kiwanian friend or family member with a \$200 gift and a permanent brick will be laid in their honor near the entrance of our new building. A permanent message can be engraved on the brick. For more information please visit our T-O District website at:



<http://www.txok-kiwanis.org> and from the home page click on District News and then on "Own Your Own Future:

Greater Abilene Kiwanis In The News

Melissa Richardson, Consultant for Autism, receives a donation from Greater Abilene Kiwanian Angela Nicolini for the Autism Speaks Zoo Walk



The newest Greater Abilene Kiwanian of the week is Brent Womack

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Upcoming Events

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| Jun 1 - 3 | Key Leader Event - Sky Ranch, Cave Springs Camp near Quapaw, OK |
| Jun 8 - 10 | Governor's Trip - Flying L Ranch, Bandera, TX |
| Jun 27 - Jul 1 | KI Convention - New Orleans, Louisiana |
| Jul 5 - 8 | Key Club Int'l Convention - Hilton Lake Buena Visa, Orlando, FL |
| Jul 13 - 15 | Key Club Summer Board Meeting - DFW Airport Marriott, Irving, TX |
| Jul 14 | CLE Training for Officers for Divisions 5 & 38 for Kiwanis year 2012-2013, Army Residence Community, 7400 Crestway, San Antonio, TX , 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,. |
| Aug 8 - 12 | Kiwanis TX-OK District Convention - Kileen, TX |