Hello Kiwanians from the great states of Texas and Oklahoma!

As we finish up our second month into the Kiwanis year and begin the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, now is a good time to pause and reflect on all we have to be grateful for as Kiwanis members. We hope you will enjoy this short reflection from the book Now is the Time by Patrick Lindsey.

Now is the time…

to give back

Consider the good things in your life:
Family, friends, loved ones, achievements.
We have so much for which we should be grateful.
Whenever you can, return the favor:
Give something back.
Support your community, or school,
Or those who helped along the way.
They’ll be validated and encouraged.
You’ll be gratified.

THANK YOU for giving back to your communities and the world by simply first choosing to be a member of Kiwanis! “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” – Winston Churchill (1874-1965)
2016-2017
Governor’s Visits & Board Meetings
as of August 13, 2016

Governor’s Visits in 2017:

SOUTH TEXAS  JANUARY 7
BIG COUNTRY  JANUARY 21
METROPLEX  FEBRUARY 4
HILL COUNTRY  FEBRUARY 11
BAYOU BUNCH  FEBRUARY 25
HEARTLAND  MARCH 11
RED RIVER  MARCH 18
PINEY WOODS  MARCH 25
PANHANDLE PLAINS  APRIL 1
NORTHERN OUTPOST  APRIL 8

Board Meetings:

October 15, 2016  District Office
February 18, 2017  District Office
June 10, 2017  District Office
August 4-6, 2017  District Convention

Circle K District Convention  March 2-4, 2017
DFW Airport Marriott

Key Club District Convention  April 20-23, 2017
Dallas – Sheraton
Governor’s Corner – Who is John Sheridan?

John is focused on growing Kiwanis, both in membership and service. He looks to the future as well as recognizes the past. He realizes we have to know where we have been to plot a path to the future. John often expresses “Kiwanis is about three things: service, fellowship and education. We are a service organization and that is our core; the friends and relationships that are developed as we meet and work on projects are priceless; learning about the world around us through programs at meetings and Ki training allows us to grow and expand.”

John was born and raised in Monmouth, Ill. He attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and graduated in 1971. 1974 proved a busy year for him as he married his wife of 40 years, Susan, and earned his MBA from Texas A&M at Commerce. John and Susan have three children and four grandchildren. They have resided in Kingwood, Texas, for over 30 years, and they are active members of the Atascocita Presbyterian Church.

John’s career with Exxon started in Kingsville, Texas. Early in his tenure he joined the Kingsville Kiwanis Club where he served as a Director on the board. His career led him many places including Corpus Christi, New Orleans and Houston. John retired from Exxon in 2001 and started a second career with Insperity, retiring in 2013.

John became a member of the Kingwood Kiwanis Club while employed at Insperity. He has served as Distinguished President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member and numerous Committee Chair positions.

John was elected and served as Division 3’s Lieutenant Governor in 2009-10. It was during this period, he became more aware of the relationships between the Membership, Clubs and District. Since then he has served in many District capacities including: PLGA Board Member, CLE Instructor, ELIMINATE Speakers Bureau, T-O District International Liaison Chair, Long Range Planning Committee member and The Formula as Certified Club Counselor. During John’s term as LTG, two new clubs were opened in Division 3, and he was recognized as Distinguished LTG.

John has also conducted numerous workshops for Kiwanis at District and International Conventions.

John is a Servant Leader whose experience goes beyond Kiwanis. Other leadership positions include Chairman of the Lake Houston YMCA board, Chairman of the Lake Houston American Heart Association board, and Insperity Invitational Pro Am Chairman. Awards include Lake Houston YMCA Volunteer of the Year, American Heart Association – Barbara Newman Award and Insperity Invitational Volunteer of the Tournament.

Who is my trustee? What does a trustee do?

The Trustee position is an elected official in the Texas-Oklahoma governing system who represents one of ten regions of the T-O District. Bylaws state that the “Trustee represents the Governor and, under direction of the Governor, liaison with their respective regions. They shall perform such other duties and responsibilities as usually pertain to such office or may be assigned by the Governor.” The Trustee serves as a member of the Board of Trustees to develop the programs and policies of the District. As the leader of his/her region, the Trustee should understand their role as a facilitator and resource to the needs of Lt. Governors and communicate necessary information to the region from the Board of Trustees and from the region to the Board.
2016-2017 BOARD of TRUSTEES

**Metropolex**
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Region 8

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Region 9

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Hill Country
Region 10

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Term (3) 2016-2019

Not Sure What Region You Are In?

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19, 21, 30 and 40
23, 24 and 38
Texas – Oklahoma Kiwanis
District Goals for 2016-17

By September 30, 2017 TO District will:

Inspiration
Grow by 1 net new member thereby inspiring future growth

Impact
Identify signature projects in 50% of clubs thereby increasing the club’s impact

Image
Increase Kiwanis’s Image by placing news articles for Club’s projects for 100% of Clubs that have a signature project

Investment
Increase youth support and scholarships by encouraging 100% of TO District clubs to support the TO Foundation
Texas – Oklahoma Kiwanis

District Plans for 2016-17

Inspiration

District Regional I-Plan team members will provide support to Kiwanis International T-O Formula Team to reach out to each club in their Division/Region to provide workshops and assistance thus enabling clubs to grow by net 1 member.

Impact

T-O District will identify signature projects by 50% of the clubs submitting a form recapping their signature project. Banner patches will be awarded to each club submitting the form. Regional teams are available to assist clubs that don’t have a signature project.

A signature project is a fundraiser or act of service that addresses a need so effectively that it establishes Kiwanis’ reputation in the community. It answers the question, “What is Kiwanis?” Clubs of all sizes can have signature projects. Just choose one that makes a difference—a significant difference.

Image

Increase Kiwanis’s Image by placing news articles for Club’s projects for 100% of Clubs that have a signature project. Signature projects are important for the future of Kiwanis. They help to elevate awareness of Kiwanis in local communities, engage current members and remind them why they joined, provide valuable and needed service to a community, and maximize community resources.

Investment

The T-O District Foundation Board will develop a plan to support the youth of the T-O District by encouraging all clubs to support the T-O Kiwanis Foundation through annual gifts, honoring Kiwanians at the club and division level through C.T. Bush Awards, and Gary Hicks Awards, and increase awareness and giving to the Foundation Endowment through the Legacy Society and specifically endowed scholarships for CKI and Key Club.
T-O District Club Webpage Contest
For 2016-2017, we invite you to submit your Club Webpage for the District Webpage Contest

Judging Criteria – Main Categories (10 points each)
1. Site up to date?
2. “Upcoming Events” posted?
3. Information for new members: How to join and what is expected of members in the club?
4. Links to Kiwanis International and to T-O District websites?
5. Does the website include pictures of members working with kids? (Remember, to have photo release forms when posting pictures of children, even if they are with parents)
6. Good “success” story about how a club program benefitted the local community? (can be posted anywhere on main page or “past events,” etc.)
7. The website must be listed on the Clubs Listing on the Ki and District websites. (your secretary can do this when he/she logs in through the Ki portal)
8. Does the website have the Kiwanis mission statement?
9. Is there a “Contact Us” page or page listing email and postal address for the club?
10. Lastly, does the website invite non-members to participate in club Programs or attend a club meeting? The definite wording would begin with “We invite you…”

Judging Criteria – Bonus Categories (5 points each)
1. A link to a video on the Ki YouTube Channel (for example: the ELIMINATE Program) It can be any video you choose though.
2. A link to a short video or interview conducted by the club and stored on the Club YouTube Page. (a great one would be a 2 or 3 minute interview with one of your SLP sponsors or SLP club leaders)
3. A link to the club, division, or district Facebook page
4. An email link inviting folks to join the Club Email List.
5. Is the club website linked on the local Chamber of Commerce website, or does it have a link posted in the local newspaper under “local service organizations”. (Obviously, the more links, the better. But only 1 outside community link to your club website is needed for these bonus points).

Deadline for entries is July 1, 2017
1. Notify the District Office of your club and/or district web page entry in the competition by July 1, 2017. Any notification received after that date WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR CONTEST PURPOSES.
2. Include club name and division number.
3. Include the URL address.
4. Include the webmaster and contact information and the names of those who work with the webmaster on the page, if any.

Questions: Contact the District Office @ 817-640-7711 or email: txokdist@swbell.net.

There will be 3 winners in each state. A winner will be pulled from each of 3 categories: Small Club – up to 20 members. Medium club, 21 to 45 members. Large Club – greater than 45 members in size. Each winning club will get a special District Logo for their page denoting that this website is considered the Best in the District for 2016-2017. Winning clubs will also be recognized at the District Convention in August.
2016 - 2017

Bulletin / Newsletter Contest

Deadline for entries: June 15th, 2017

Read All About It !!

Does your club produce a newsletter or bulletin? If not, why not? Whether you publish a one page synopsis of the last meeting or a six page production of all events over the last quarter, a printed bulletin or newsletter keeps your members informed and helps to promote your Kiwanis club and all you do. No matter if you simply hand out copies of your latest publication at a meeting, post it on the internet, or mail to current members, past members or community sponsors, your publication helps to get the word out that Kiwanians are making a difference in communities all over Texas, Oklahoma and the world.

If your club has a newsletter GREAT! Read on about our contest!
If your club does not produce a newsletter - START ONE and read on about our contest!

If you need assistance on preparation of a newsletter, most word processing type programs offer suggestions regarding layout and formatting. You are also welcome to contact the District Office if you have any questions. Send an email to txokdist@swbell.net.

Not a Professional?

You don’t have to have experience or have the latest equipment to get this job done. If you have a typewriter (oh yeah) you can still make your club shine. Black and white, or color... the news is the news. Professionally printed or Xerox copies, it’s the content that matters to both your readers and the judges of this contest. Everyone is on a level playing field. Overall attractiveness counts but content is the key. Please print three of your 2016-2017 newsletter issues and enter the contest. You won’t be sorry and you may be pleasantly surprised!
Judging Criteria for Entries

Do you produce a bulletin or do you produce a newsletter? Symantec's...we will throw them all in the same hopper for this contest, then separate the publications into categories based on the size of your club. Once again, it's not the volume, it's the quality of the content. Some clubs put out a one page bulletin each week and others put out a six page newsletter bi-monthly, which is why we are asking for 3 different issues of your publication.

Points will be awarded for inclusion of the following items:

- Membership information
- Contact Information
- Meeting times and places
- Use of pertinent club information
- Information about the club in the community
- Division, District and Kiwanis Int'l Updates
- An invitation for visitors to join you at a meeting
- Use of Kiwanis logos
- Information about SLP programs

75% content and information
25% creativity in layout

Awards
Awards
Awards will be presented to 1st and 2nd place in each Club category and in the Division category.

Winners will be announced at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention in August 2017 and in Ki-Notes!

Club Categories
White: 35 members or less
Blue: 36 - 64 members
Gold: 65 or more members

Division newsletters/bulletins will be judged separately from clubs

Mail or email three different issues of your club's 2016-2017 publication by June 15, 2017 to:
TX-OK District Office, 3010 W Park Row Dr #100, Pantego, TX 75013 or to bokdiss@swbell.net. Be sure to include the category your club fits. Direct questions to Laura Lammons at the above email address.
TO: All Kiwanis Club Presidents
FROM: Past Lieutenant Governor’s Association
DATE: November 29, 2016
SUBJECT: 16-17 PLGA Youth Leadership Award

Please review carefully the attached description and nomination form for an award presented by the Past Lieutenant Governor’s Association. The purpose of the award is to recognize the adults who give countless hours of dedicated service as mentors and leaders to our Service Leadership Programs. This year I hope you will give serious consideration to nominate your Faculty Advisors and Kiwanis Advisors. These men and women get very little pay or recognition. The intended result of this effort is to strengthen the bond between local Kiwanis clubs, schools and your Service Leadership Programs, and contributing to the growth of the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation.

I urge you and your board of directors to consider applying for this award for a deserving individual serving your youth. Winners will be announced at the Service Leadership youth convention for Key Club and CKI. If your nominee is granted the award, I suggest you present it at the school during assembly so the principal and others are recognized for their contributions. I also suggest you find ways to involve dignitaries, past lieutenant governors, members of your local club, and district leaders in the presentation. This is an excellent way to publicize the activities your club is contributing towards the Service Leadership Programs.

The cost of this award is funded by the Past Lieutenant Governor’s Association. The award consists of a certificate announcing a $100 donation to the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation, in the name of the person recognized for distinguished and dedicated service to the sponsored program named, and an inscribed desk award (paper weight or obelisk).

You, the sponsoring Kiwanis Club, would be responsible for completing the Nomination Form to nominate a worthy individual and to give appropriate recognition locally to the recipient. A minimum of ten awards are to be granted annually by the Past Lieutenant Governor’s Association. This will total $1,000 for a scholarship from the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation each year.

The submission deadline for the applications should be postmarked by **February 15, 2017** and sent to:

| Past Lt. Governor’s Association  |
| Armelda Moody, Chair            |
| P. O. Box 243                   |
| Washington, OK 73093-0243       |

If you have any questions about the award or need additional information, please contact me at 405-613-4273 during the day. Please leave your name and phone number and I will return your call. My email address is armeldamoody@yahoo.com.

COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION CAN BE FOUND AT [http://txokkiwanis.org/forms-and-reports/](http://txokkiwanis.org/forms-and-reports/)
2016-17

RECOGNITION PROGRAM
FOR KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS, CLUBS & DISTRICTS

2016–17 GOALS FOR KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
By September 30, 2017

• Every club will create a strategic I-Plan.
• Every club will conduct at least one signature project.
• We will add more than 35,000 new members.
• We will open more than 300 new Kiwanis clubs.
• We will support our Service Leadership Programs.
• We will collect more than US$10.4 million in previously committed Eliminate pledges.

Energize the dream

Kiwanis
# Club Recognition Program

## Achievement Qualifications

- Club must achieve at least 10 points in each of the four I-PLAN topic areas.
- Club must be in good standing with Kiwanis International and their district and must be at least at charter strength in membership.

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<td>Invite 4 new members to join the club; finish the year with a net gain of 2 members. Increase of membership must meet both requirements. (Clubs that increase membership by at least 10 percent above their starting membership for the year will receive additional recognition.)</td>
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<td>Sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis club.</td>
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<td>President and secretary participate in Club Leadership Education before taking office. Personal attendance is preferred but online CLE is acceptable.</td>
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<td>Club representation in attendance at the district, regional (if applicable) and international conventions.</td>
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<td>Appoint club membership chair; participate in membership committee education. The club secretary must report the membership chair in the Secretary's Dashboard and report that the chairperson and committee have taken the online education for the membership committee.</td>
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<td>Conduct an annual signature project involving at least 25 percent of the club's membership. In selecting a signature project, consider something that will elevate the public's awareness of your club while providing a needed service for the community.</td>
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<td>Contribute a minimum of 25 Kiwanis service hours per member. Service hours must be sanctioned by the club's board of directors. Volunteer work performed individually or through other organizations cannot be included.</td>
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<td>Sponsor or co-sponsor at least two Service Leadership Programs. (Aktion Club, K-Kids Club, Builders Club, Key Club, CK, Terrific Kids, Bring Up Grades and Key Leader)</td>
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<td>Sponsor 4 or more Service Leadership Programs or charter a new one during the year and receive additional points.</td>
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<td>Establish or maintain an active partnership with a Kiwanis international or local partner.</td>
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<td>Receive positive media coverage for a signature or other service project.</td>
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<td>Document at least 2 news releases prepared by the club during the 2016–17 administrative year. Clubs should send news releases about signature projects and community support. See communication resources.</td>
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<td>Complete Youth Protection Guidelines Education. In October, distribute Youth Protection Guidelines to members and conduct a program on how it impacts club’s activities with youth.</td>
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<td>Appoint a club public relations chair to ensure the activities of the club are recognized in the community.</td>
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<td>Donate at least US$10 per member to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund or national Kiwanis Foundation outside the United States.</td>
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<td>Create and maintain a club strategic plan as an investment in the future and to help increase the effectiveness of its service to the community.</td>
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<td>Donate a minimum of US$55 per member to your district foundation. In the absence of a district foundation, make an equivalent donation to a local or regional children’s charity.</td>
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<td>Fundraise and contribute at least US$100 per member in the community.</td>
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**AWARD RECOGNITION ITEMS**
- Presidential letter of recognition
- Club president pin
- Club secretary pin
- Club banner patch
- Kiwanis magazine listing
- Kiwanis website listing

**PRESENTATION**
- To take place during the district convention or other district conference by the district’s Kiwanis International board counselor
MEMBER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS
- Sponsor at least 2 new members
- Participate in at least 1 service project of your home club
- Attend district or the Kiwanis International convention

AWARD RECOGNITION ITEMS
- Presidential letter of recognition
- Recognition pin

PRESENTATION
- To take place during a club meeting by the Kiwanis club president

DISTRICT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS
- Net gain in membership and achievement of the new club opening goal (based on 300 clubs) established jointly between the 2016–17 Kiwanis International president and the 2016–17 governor before the start of the administrative year.
- Districts that achieve the higher new club opening goal (based on 400 clubs) receive a special citation.

AWARD RECOGNITION ITEMS
- Presidential letter of recognition
- District governor pin
- District secretary pin
- Kiwanis International convention program listing
- Kiwanis website listing

PRESENTATION
- To take place during the Kiwanis International convention by the Kiwanis International immediate past president

SUBMISSION
Club and district secretaries should track their progress towards member, club and district recognition status throughout the year on the secretary dashboard.

Secretaries will receive information on how to submit an application for recognition status in October 2017.
PAST LT. GOVERNOR ASSOCIATION

PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION EXTRA MILE AWARD 2016-2017

November 21, 2016

TO: All Club Presidents, Secretaries and Members of TX/OK District

PURPOSE: To explain the Past Lieutenant Governors Association requirements for nominations for the Extra Mile Award.

The Past Lieutenant Governors Association (PLGA) awards a plaque each year to that deserving individual who has demonstrated, through devoted duty and dedicated deeds, above and beyond all other members of the District, that desire to go the extra mile in service to their fellow man, their community, and world as a whole. In turn, that person exemplifies and lives out the principals of Kiwanis.

The Extra Mile Award is given only via nomination by that member’s club, and every club in the District is welcomed to nominate a candidate. The club member whom you feel has demonstrated these traits is eligible for consideration. The winner will be recognized at the TX-OK District Convention to be held in August of each year at predetermined locations throughout the District and will be awarded a TX-OK Foundation C.T. Bush Award.

Every T-O Kiwanis member is eligible for nomination, even if he or she already holds a C.T. Bush Award. This award is intended to recognize individual members on the basis of exemplary service, regardless of any previous purchased award by them or on their behalf. Nominations will be considered without regard for any past giving participation or generosity with either the District or Kiwanis International.

REQUIREMENTS: The Club President and Secretary shall submit to the Chairperson of the Extra Mile Award, no later than the 15th of May of 2017, a letter, not to exceed two pages that delineates those outstanding qualities of the nominee. Please explain your rationale as to why this person is nominated and would become an outstanding candidate for this award. The nominee should be a current club member. In your letter, please describe to the Board why you have nominated that person and describe all their services to the club, to the community, and beyond. There can be only one nominee from each club.

The letter should contain your club name, location and division number. Please forward the assembled paperwork to:

Michael Lams
1750 FM 423 APT 1237
Frisco TX 75033-0605

Remember, all applications must be postmarked no later than the 15th of May of 2017.

Thank you, one and all, for your great cooperation and participation. Given the many fine individuals with whom we serve in Kiwanis, I am sure the nominee selected will greatly appreciate being nominated by the club and recognized by the PLGA.

Sincerely,

Michael Lams
(940) 262-3336
mal1943@aol.com

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time!
SILENT AUCTION RAISES MONEY FOR ELIMINATE

According to the silent auction chair at the 2016 T-O convention, Joyce Curry, $2,412 was raised for the Eliminate Project. Nineteen clubs participated in the second annual convention fundraiser with each club receiving credit for their item’s sales.

The big ticket items donated by the Allen Kiwanis club were a Yeti cooler and an original oil painting. Items ranged from a golfer lamp to jewelry to wine baskets. Joyce encourages all clubs to bring one or more items to next year’s convention in Abilene for an even bigger and better silent auction benefitting the Eliminate Project. This year’s auction will save 1,340 lives.
Finish the fight.
Fulfill your pledge.

We’ve come to the most important part of The Eliminate Project: fulfillment. If you made a pledge, it’s time to make your gift ... and your impact. Help protect 55 million lives from maternal and neonatal tetanus.

TheEliminateProject.org/give
Kiwanis Club of Texarkana donated about $24,000 to area programs supporting underserved children.

Grants awarded to programs came from money raised at the organization's annual Pancake Day breakfast.

"These grants would not be possible without Pancake Day. It's our biggest fundraiser," said Lori Yates, president.

The motto of Kiwanis International is "Changing one child, one community at a time," and local clubs always refer back to that motto when trying to help children in the community, Yates said.

Organizations receiving funds were grateful for the donations.

"Our grant is able to provide a children's grief therapy program. We are able to have children's playrooms in both of our locations. The kids that visit can have a space of their own," said Cindy Marsh, Hospice of Texarkana director.

Texarkana College spokeswoman Suzy Irwin accepted the grant for the Kiwanis Scholarship at Texarkana College and praised The Kiwanis Club of Texarkana for its hard work.

"This Kiwanis group has a lot of tenacity. When you put your mind to something, you make it happen," she said.


This was the first year for the Texarkana, Ark., Transition Program to receive a grant.

The organizations help young people prepare for a job.

"We help students gain employment. But many of them live in poverty and they need uniforms, shoes and gas money to keep that job. So, thank you so much," spokeswoman Kim Miller said.
The Kiwanis Club of Texarkana gave more than $20,000 to local nonprofits and school programs at Williams Memorial Church.


Photo by Joshua Boucher /Texarkana Gazette.
Edmond Kiwanis Club Helps Baton Rouge, LA Through Cortana Kiwanis Club

The Edmond Kiwanis Club recently assisted those affected by the widespread flooding in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by sending 200 30 gallon plastic storage bins. Al Warren, Edmond Kiwanis Club President, coordinated this effort with Daryle Gauthier, Club President of the Baton Rouge Cortana Kiwanis Club. The bins costing $1,700 were purchased through the I-240 Wal-Mart Supercenter and shipped directly to the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Baton Rouge, where the Cortana Kiwanis Club members picked them up and distributed them to those needing a dry place to store their belongings.

"We developed a great relationship with the Cortana Club when Oklahoma experienced a severe tornado on May 19, 2013. The Cortana Club members came up and assisted the Town of Carney. They brought everything they needed to make jambalaya that was served to the local residents. They fed 500 to 600 people daily. We felt that since they helped us when we needed it, we would do what we could to assist them. It is the right thing to do to assist a fellow Kiwanis club and its community," said Warren.

The mission of Kiwanis is to serve the children of the world. The Edmond Kiwanis Club holds its meetings on Wednesdays at Noon in the Cherokee Room of the Nigh University Center on the University of Central Oklahoma campus. There is a guest speaker at the meetings and lunch is available. Visitors are invited to attend the meetings.

Woodward Oklahoma Club

Picture Taken August 17, 2016

Lt. Gov Fay Dodwell, Will Yadon, honored student and Club President Brian Humphries
The Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club has completed a very successful 2015-2016 year. Thanks to our supporters, we were able to award five $1,000 scholarships and one $500 scholarship, built 7 handicap ramps for deserving Brown County residents, and make contributions to many deserving groups serving the youth of our community. Thanks to our outgoing officers and board members for their service to the community through our GREAT club. Now, let's dedicate ourselves to making 2016-2017 an even better year. At this morning's meeting, Ms. Becky Hartman, Division 12 Lt. Governor, officially installed the new Directors and the slate of officers that will lead the club for the next year. The new terms begin October 1, 2016. New Directors are: Morris Horton, Emmett Miller, and Don Holland. Officers are; President Deborah Price, Vice-President Gary Twiford, Secretary Ricky Marks, Treasurer David Price. Pictured left to right are Emmett Miller, Don Holland, Ricky Marks, Morris Horton, David Price, Gary Twiford, Deborah Price, Becky Hartman. Let's all pledge ourselves to support this group as we move into the next Kiwanis year.
Happy Birthday to my clubs who celebrated their birthdays for our Kiwanis year April-September.

Plano (46 yrs)
Pleasant Grove (66 yrs)
Lakewood (73 yrs)

Suburban Northwest (38 yrs)
Greater Plano (32 yrs)

To the Allen Club – Thank you for a wonderful T-O Convention and for the endless hours the Convention Committee put into the project. Thank you to all of the clubs in Division 2 for all of your support!

Pleasant Grove supports Jerry’s Dream Camp – a summer camp at Hidden Acres in Kaufman County. Founded in memory of longtime Kiwanian Jerry Diffee, his vision was to give children of all ethnic groups and backgrounds a chance to have good, old-fashioned fun, enjoy God’s great outdoors, experience new activities and learn character and values. This year marks 22 years of providing camp to 80+ children from area elementary schools each summer. The Pleasant Grove club is excited to see the camp grow even more.

Kudos to the Greater Plano club with their Butterfly Fundraiser and to the Plano club with their Hot Air Balloon Project and all of their continued efforts to support their local community.

Thank you to the Suburban Northwest Club for hosting the first annual Regional Banquet for Divisions 1, 2 & 39. What a success!! 60+ Kiwanis family in attendance.

Lakewood & Park Cities joined together to make a very strong club committed to service.

Thank you for all the memories that I will have forever!
Traveling over 3,000 miles made me stronger because of all of you.

God Bless,
Past Lt. Governor Margaret Davis
Marble Falls Kiwanis Club

From: Jim Bryant, VP Marble Falls Kiwanis Club, jim.ctsp@gmail.com, 830-220-3090

Bob Spalding, of the famous instrumental rock band “The Ventures”, made a visit to the noon Marble Falls Kiwanis Club weekly meeting on October 25, 2016. Mr. Spalding played four songs.

Each song had a history to it, and Bob explained the history of each song. The first song played was "Apache." Bob explained the original song was done by a group called the Shadows in the early 1960’s. The Ventures liked the song and did their own version of it. It became one of the more popular songs over the years.

Another song that became famous was called “Pipeline.” It was an instrumental surf rock song by the Chantays, which was recorded in 1962. "Pipeline" was a term used for surfing under the “tube” under a crashing wave.

"Walk Don’t Run" was another popular song which was done by Johnny Smith in 1952. It was also done by The Shadows and recorded by the Ventures in 1960.

"Perfidia" is the name of the fourth song played. "Perfidia" was recorded in the 1930’s with lyrics in Spanish. Xavier Cugat later made the song popular, but the Ventures made an instrumental version of the same. The Ventures released the tune in 1960.

Bob was explaining that the Ventures sound was categorized as surf rock, but most of their music is not surf related. A lot of popular songs were turned into instrumental hits.

Spalding has been playing with the Ventures since the early 1980’s. He is also a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In the photo, Bob Spalding is playing lead guitar, Kiwanis past president Rhett Ruiz on bass, and Jim Bryant, the club vice-president Jim Bryant on rhythm guitar.
GOT ’ER DONE!

Your Lake Kiowa Kiwanis Club members have completed another summertime project at Callisburg Elementary. This time, the Callisburg Elementary PTO joined with Kiwanis to fund and build a new playground for the children in the younger grades. Combined with the Outdoor Activities Center we built last year, the kids now have a fun and safe place to play, and a place to go to cool off.

Pictured are a number of the members who helped, and the stages of completion of the playground as they occurred. If you see one of your neighbors, give him a special thanks for his work for the kids. This project took about 75 man-hours and 49 bags of concrete! (I don’t know when you last lifted an 80 pound bag of concrete, but it will make you question your decision-making when you do!) As always, some helped who were not available for “picture time,” so it will be OK to say thanks to any Kiwanian you know. Obviously, these pictures tell the story of our accomplishment very dramatically, from the old to the new, but there is no way to picture the dedication these guys have to make sure the kids in our area have a little better life.

A lot of these same people help maintain the Lake Kiowa playgrounds as well. Let us know if you see any needed maintenance at any of the playgrounds. Current contact numbers are kept on our location on the Lake Kiowa website.

Our aluminum can collection centers are one of the ways we help fund our projects. If you are a weekender, bring those cans from home! We have two collection centers – one is a caged trailer near the fire station and driving range. The other is a small fenced area near the intersection of Iriquois and Kiowa Drive East. THESE ARE NOT DUMPING AREAS! Please dispose of your trash and solid waste through the standard processes. The can collections are to help the kids, not provide lazy people a place to dump.

Even if you are not up to tackling summertime building projects, Kiwanis still has lots of fun things to which you can contribute. Come to a meeting on either the first or third Thursday of the month and we’ll buy your dinner while you learn how much fun you can have while helping our area children have a little better life.

Rick Ramsey
Sulphur Kiwanis Club held their annual pancake supper on Friday, October 28, 2016, at the Sulphur High School Cafeteria in Sulphur, Oklahoma. It was one of the largest turnouts ever! The annual event raised funds for the Sulphur Kiwanis Club’s Senior scholarships. The scholarships have been renamed in honor of J. B. “Sonny” Bright. Bryce Chitwood is the Artesian Hotel general manager. The hotel donated the food ingredients for the fundraising event. We raised over $2300 at the pancake supper. Gary Jones, the president of the Sulphur Kiwanis Club, headed up the event and invited the Murray County Kiwanis Club to help out. In addition, former members Phil Key and Calvin Agee came to flip pancakes. Bedre Café donated the toppings for the pancakes and Sulphur Key Club members helped with serving them. Several of the hotel staff and Kiwanis members handled the preparation, serving and clean up for the event. This was a collaboration of efforts to honor J. B. “Sonny” Bright with an evening of eating pancakes and great fellowship. After the supper, several members attended the Sulphur football game against Dickson, Oklahoma. Dickson’s high school band performed at the event and ate pancakes too. Our club exists to serve the children of the world and Murray County.

Calvin Agee, right, teaches his grandson Bryce Chitwood the finer points of pancake flipping at the Kiwanis pancake supper.
The Kiwanis Club of Texarkana built their second ramp of this Kiwanis year. Our ramp project chaired by Maxie Johnson, partners with the Texas Ramp Project. The mission of this project is to use community volunteers to give low-income elderly or disabled people the independence for a better quality of life. The ramps are built on a Saturday morning and within a few hours, the recipient gains a new found sense of freedom. A team of 15 Kiwanians have aided in building seven ramps last year and we look forward to growing that number this year!
Children Services Projects From 'AUGGIE'

Bring Up Grades:

Bring Up Grades recognizes students who raise their grades to an acceptable range and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. Recognition includes being placed on the school's BUG Honor Roll, a food-themed party, and presentation of certificates, buttons and other giveaways (movie tickets or Fast Food Coupons).

** This program works well when adapted to Middle school or Jr. Highs.

Terrific Kids:

Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. Students work with their teacher to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance or schoolwork and to reach their goal during a specific time period. All students reaching their goals are recognized as Terrific Kids! Recognition includes being pinned as a Terrific Kid; a pizza, ice cream, or other food-themed party; and presentation of certificates and other giveaways.

Kiwanis One Day:

Kiwanis members serve their communities all year long. But the excitement for service really builds in April each year when Kiwanis members come together for Kiwanis One Day—a day of community service that is felt around the world. The entire Kiwanis family—Kiwanis Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, CKI, Aktion Club and Kiwanis clubs—joins forces for this large-scale service project. Projects fill a specific need in each community and have included everything from building playgrounds to volunteering at a shelter to stocking shelves at a food pantry.

Young Children Priority One:

Young Children Priority One (YCPO) is an ongoing community service program of Kiwanis International that addresses the needs of children age 0–5. All clubs are encouraged to carry out at least two YCPO projects per calendar year, though many clubs are able to do more—serving children, families and communities.
Young Children Priority One focuses on four key areas:

• maternal and child health “Pregnancy Crisis Centers”
• child care and development
• parent education and support
• safety and pediatric trauma

Some Additional IDEAS:

Musical instruments for low income students.
Outstanding Teen essays or speech contests. (part of Miss America)
Bill of Rights essay contest (What is the 3rd Amendment?)
Geography or Spelling BEE contests. (certificates from sponsors)
   (state, region, national or world)
School science competition. (ribbons, gift cards)
Art Fair Competition (ribbons, gift cards, certificates from sponsors)

Auggie Augenstein
T/O District Children Services Chair
The Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club just completed a very successful Smoked Holiday Ham fund raiser with our distribution of hams on November 19th. It is through these fund raisers that we are able to fund five $1,000 scholarships and one $500 Sophomore of the Year Scholarships. We make scholarship applications available to students at each high school in Brown County through the school Counselors. These applications are available about 6 weeks prior to graduation for the schools. We pick up the applications and have a board of members review each of them against a set of instructions provided with the application. The board scores each applicant, and awards the scholarships to the students with the higher scores. We are happy to sponsor the Early High School Key Club, and the Early Middle School Builders Club. In addition, the funds raised through this event are used to support the efforts of groups serving the youth of this area: groups such as, The Boys and Girls Club, Big Brother and Big Sister, Pregnancy Care Center, Rainbow Room, and several other worthy organizations. We are proud of the fact that ALL the profits from this effort stay here locally.

The way this community pours out their support to our club never ceases to amaze me, and we are truly thankful for this generosity. Our club is a breakfast club meeting at 6:30 AM each Thursday at Gomez’s in Brownwood. You are invited to come by for a visit to see what we are all about and enjoy the fellowship. We are always seeking new members with a service to the youth spirit. Also, check out our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/PecanValleyKiwanisClub/, to see more things we are doing in the community. Thanks, again, to the citizens of this area for their unselfish support. It is our pledge to do our very dead level best to be good stewards of your hard earned money.
The Cleburne Kiwanis Club hosted Pancakes with Santa. Many families were eager to enjoy breakfast with their kids and take a picture with Santa. In addition, children had the opportunity to shop for Christmas at the Camp Fire Elf House.

Holly Lake Kiwanis Club

On Monday, October 31st, the Holly Lake Kiwanis took a field trip to the East Texas Food Bank. It was a blast! Eight members volunteered and "bagged" 1200 lbs. of rice! They have two shifts - morning & afternoon. We worked the am shift - 8:30am-11:30am. If your Club wants to log some volunteer time, the East Texas Food Bank or a Food Bank in your area is where you need to go.
Holly Lake Kiwanis Builders Club and Key Club

This year Samaritan’s Purse, a ministry of Reverend Franklin Graham, expects to collect 12 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts that will be delivered to children in more than 100 countries. The shoeboxes are an opportunity to communicate God’s love and to share the Gospel with children in some of the world’s poorest, hardest-to-reach communities.

The Hawkins Builders Club & Key Club packed 32 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Holly Lake Kiwanis Club is very proud of these young people that we sponsor. Keep up the good work!
save the date

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A family-friendly weekend full of service, inspiration and a whole lot of fun!
Ki-Notes - Newsletter

We are excited to present a slightly new format to the newsletter including Club Celebrations, Governor’s Corner and of course District news. We really want to highlight the amazing work of our clubs so please read through the District News and e-mail us your club celebrations, service projects and pictures of your projects in action to txokkinotes@gmail.com.

Ki-Notes Guidelines:
We prefer pictures and articles to be sent via email. Pictures should not be embedded in articles or any other document formats. Pictures should be sent as an attachment with your article. Please send pictures in JPG or TIFF format with a resolution (dpi) of no less than 175 -200. All pictures may be sent in color. Articles should be sent in Word or simply written in the body of the email message block. Accompanying all articles and photos should include: The name of the Club AND a contact person with his/her phone number and/or email address. Information must be related to Kiwanis or Kiwanis Family.

QUARTERLY DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS
January 20th * March 17th * May 19th

TX-OK Website
If you haven’t seen the District website in a while, we encourage you to check it out at www.txokkiwanis.org as well as our Facebook page @txokkiwanis. There is a lot of information and resources there for members and club leaders! E-mail christinecurtis-carr.kiwanis@gmail.com if you have pictures and information for the Facebook page or website.
KI-NOTES - SEND US YOUR CLUB NEWS!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU...so write us, please.

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We publish all information received as long as it pertains to Kiwanis. If we receive pictures and articles of the same event from more than one person, we ask that they be sent to us at the same time in order for us not to duplicate the information in a later issue of Ki-Notes. Many clubs send more photos than can be published in a single issue. Please be sure to check out our photo gallery as all photos sent in, whether published or not, or placed in the photo gallery for all to see. We may also publish photos submitted on our Facebook page.

The email address to send all articles and pictures to is: txokkinotes@gmail.com.

You may copy and paste this address in your email contacts so it is handy when you are ready to submit a story. Those who do not have the capability to transmit via email may still use USPS.

The mailing address is: TX-OK District Office 3010 W. Park Row Dr. #100 Pantego, TX 76013 (817-640-7711).

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