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Introducing Governor Ralph Keen

Hello Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanians,

I'm excited to kick off the one-hundred-and-first year of the Great Texas/Oklahoma District as your incoming Governor. We have an outstanding district leadership team assembled and we are ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work! My rally cry for this year is "Growing the District from Good to Great - For the Kids." This is K.I. President Poly's growth theme, as inspired by the best-selling writings of motivational author Jim Collins.

Through the hard work and persistent efforts of Governor Patrick and the entire Growth Team, we've added three new clubs to the T/O family this past year, and have more slated to open this year. For the first time in many years, the T/O District is trending towards sustained membership and growth. We can all be very proud of our T/O Key Clubs. There have been eleven new clubs chartered (or in the process of chartering) since July 1st. We also have new clubs waiting to charter, but cannot for lack of a local Kiwanis Club to sponsor them. Clearly, this will be a high priority for the Growth Team this year. Our CKI Clubs are growing as well. Last year T/O topped the list for CKI growth in North America in terms of percentage with an 88% growth rate over a five-year period! We should all find this very exciting because every Key Club and CKI young leader is a potential future Kiwanian.

More good news! The District Board has taken a progressive step in investing in our future by hiring Disaster Relief Chair Marshall Kregel as our new Marketing Coordinator. Marshall is putting together a marketing team made up of television, radio, print and social media professionals who will be working hard to develop new projects and programs for our clubs, and the District as a whole, to inspire growth, increase our impact in the communities, and promote the Kiwanis image under the I-Plan and our overriding mission statement.

I'm also looking forward to personally visiting all ten Regions this fall and early spring. A complete schedule of these Governor's Visits will be in the District Directory and website very soon. These visits are designed to be both educational and inspirational, so please mark the dates in your calendar and encourage as many new members and new club leaders as possible to attend and become an active part of the T/O Kiwanis family.

Now, more than ever before, kids need Kiwanis, and the Texas/Oklahoma District needs you! Club secretaries; please make a special effort to ensure that each and every club member receives KI-Notes and knows how to access it. Our new Marketing Team, Public Relations Chair, and KI-Notes Team have worked very hard to produce a publication that is both informative and inspiring for you and your club. Please take full advantage of their hard work and enjoy.

*Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Ralph Keen,
Governor*



Video Message From the Governor



*Governor Ralph's
message to the district*

LINK:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J728_gQbs8s



Governor Visits

2018/2019 Governor Visits & District Board Meetings

Date	Event	Trustee	Location
Oct. 13	District Board Meeting		Pantego, TX
Oct. 27	Region 4 – Panhandle Plains	Dan Chilenski	Weatherford, OK
Nov. 3	Region 5 – Red River	Patrick McCage	Gainesville, TX
Nov. 17	Region 8 – Northern Outpost	Harvey Fields	Freddie's Conference Center, Sapulpa, OK
Dec. 1	Region 6 – Big Country	Mark Crouch	Southgate Church of Christ San Angelo, TX
Jan. 12	Region 3 – South Texas	John Curlee	Best Western Hotel, Kenedy, TX
Jan. 26	Region 1 – Metro-Plex	Claude Cunningham	TBA
Feb. 9	Region 10 – Hill Country	John Clifford	TBA
Feb. 16	District Board Meeting		Pantego, TX
March 2	CKI DCON		TBA
March 9	Region 2 – Bayou Bunch	Brad McKenzie	TBA
April 6	Region 7 – Piney Woods	David Lockridge	TBA
April 27	Key Club DCON		Dallas, TX
May 4	Region 9 – Heartland	Steven Brooks	TBA
June 1	District Board Meeting		Pantego, TX
June 27	International Convention		Orlando, FL
August 4	District Board Meeting		Convention Denton, TX





Introducing the *Marketing Team*



This year, the Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis District has decided to create a specialized team of marketing experts to help clubs around the district improve their “reach” into their communities. This team will provide training and resources to any club that needs assistance. It will also help the district with future programs.

The mission of the marketing team for the TX-OK District of Kiwanis is three-fold:

To assist clubs with their own marketing message, including a strong call to action (WHY Kiwanis and WHY their club).

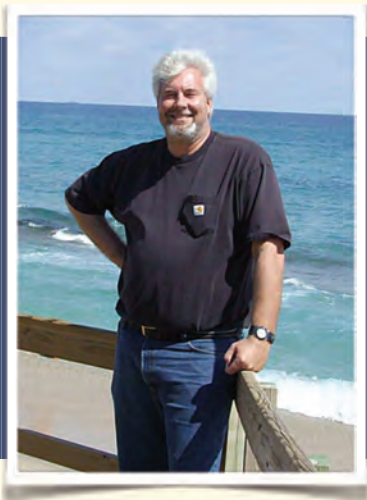
This will include training on how to establish a club website, social media presence, press releases, how to invite local media, information on club growth from the District, and more. We will also promote the new KI brand guidelines helping to create consistent brand awareness throughout the District.

To serve as a hub of information at the District level for all leaders (Gov., Staff, Trustees, Lt. Governors, Club leadership, and etc).

Communication from the District level will be geared towards current members whether it is offering inspiring stories they can share on their own social platforms via video or social media posts, club or leadership resources, trainings, calendar items, KI brand guidelines, webinars on topics of interest, celebrating clubs in Ki-Notes, promoting contests, setting up Zoom conferencing for meetings, or assisting clubs with their own marketing initiatives.

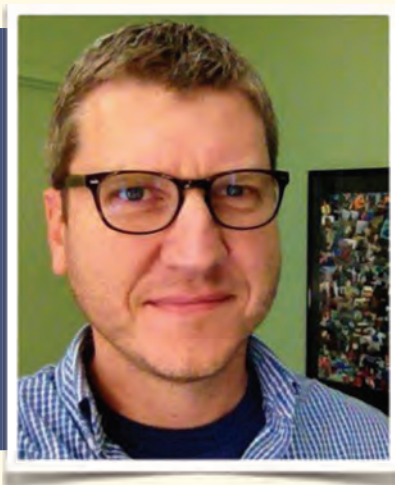
To promote District service projects (Ex. Harvey Relief efforts), leadership (i.e. new Governor), events (DCON, I-LEAD, etc.) to appropriate media outlets.

Introducing the Marketing Team



Marshall Kregel - For 30 years, Marshall served as an IT tech, software trainer, hardware technician, proposal writer, and worked on the marketing and PR teams for Automated Visual Communications, Inc. of Dallas, retiring from the computer world in 2016. Since joining Kiwanis, he has been a club president, Lt. Gov. (distinguished), District Website chair, Technology Chair, Disaster Relief Chair and is now the Marketing Chair for the district until August of 2019. He lives in Frisco, Texas, with his wife Connie and remains a 15 year member of the Richardson Kiwanis Club.

Mark Jones - Mark is a 20-year veteran television journalist. He worked at stations across Texas as a photographer, editor, reporter, and newscast producer before moving into management as an Executive Producer. He's received numerous awards throughout his career including a National Press Club award, 5 EMMY Awards, and an Edward R. Murrow award for newscast excellence. Mark is a former U.S. Navy officer and Key Club member and lives in Dallas with his wife, a municipal judge and criminal defense attorney.



Tom Brehm - Tom has been in Kiwanis for six years. Originally, he was a member of the Richardson club but he's recently transferred his membership to the newly formed SWM (Sachse-Wylie-Murphy) Club where he'll be serving as Treasurer for the 2018-2019 year. He has thirty years of technical experience working at such companies as Cisco, Ericsson, Alcatel, and MCI. He is now retired and has been spending his time learning various content management systems for the web.

Introducing the Marketing Team

Chris Pierce - Chris joined Kiwanis in 2003 and soon became an active member of his club. Chris is very proud of his involvement and experiences in Kiwanis including numerous club and leadership accolades. As a new Lt. Governor, Chris plans to help in any way possible to better each of the clubs and the division as a whole. Together we can learn from one another, and carry on the great traditions that have made Kiwanis the great organization that it is today!



Sean Dempsey - Sean is currently serving as the District Secretary of the Texas-Oklahoma district of Circle K International and is currently serving as the KiNotes editor. Sean is a senior management major from Texas A&M University. With 7 years of involvement with the Kiwanis family, Sean is looking to serve Kiwanis by providing the best version of KiNotes there has ever been!



*Susan Hennum is a 32-year member of the Garland Kiwanis Club and a charter member of SWM Kiwanis club. Susan is Executive Director of Counseling Institute of Texas in Garland, a non-profit family counseling center. Susan is a past Distinguished Governor of the Texas Oklahoma District (2011/2012) and current chair of the **Growth Team**. Susan has served as Kiwanis International Central Regional Chair for the Formula, International Chair of K-Kids and is a certified new club builder and club counselor. Susan was also honored in 2012 as a Whitehouse Champion of Change.*





Susan Hennum

It's Time For the Membership Corner

IS IT TIME FOR A MEMBERSHIP BLITZ?

Are you suffering from a lack of members???

Have you gotten so small you are afraid to invite guests??

Unfortunately, many of our clubs suffer from this dilemma. How about a Membership Blitz then - A one time big event inviting community-minded people just like you to come hear about Kiwanis.

Go to the District website at www.txokkiwanis.org and click on the member resources button. You will see membership....there you will find everything you need to launch a successful campaign. Want to know how to get started?

- 1. First, you need a leader to chair this effort.*
- 2. Order your supplies from Kiwanis International. Membership brochures, information on Sponsored Leadership Programs and Corporate Membership handouts.*
- 3. Then, contact your local chamber and see if they have weekly coffee meetings which are usually free to anyone. Assign one or two members to attend.*
- 4. But before you start inviting.....*

DO YOU HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE? WEBSITE?? If your answer to that is NO you need to contact our Marketing Department. Marshall Kregel and his team can build you a website and a Facebook Page for a small fee. This will be money well spent and you must have a social media presence if this is to be a successful campaign.

There is a how to step by step book in the resources tab for membership. Download it, print it out and give your members a copy. Examples of all the ad invitations are also right there.

Need help??? Call me and let's talk.



The Path of Least Resistance

Mark Jones

We're all busy people. Work. School. Life. Even the simple things can add up to a lot of work. Now put yourself in the editor/producer chair at a news organization, trying to deliver the news with fewer people and fewer resources.

That's good news for Kiwanis. Here are a few recommendations for helping them help you.

First, plan like they do. Unless it's a major holiday, a day of remembrance like 9/11, or a sports season, the news industry is not really planning months in advance for anything. Don't try to change them. A week's notice is about as far in advance as you'll get. Check back a couple of days before. Don't get discouraged. Be persistent but also be helpful.

Second, often the easiest way to tell your story is to do it yourself. If a reporter and photographer cover your event, great. If they don't, that's not a problem. Shoot video or still photos yourself and share it with them. Give written answers to the questions they'll likely ask. Provide them a contact person - with that person's mobile phone number! And don't think you have to have an expensive camera. Your smartphone is perfect for the job. Just make sure you hold it side-to-side and not up-and-down. Hold your phone the way your TV is oriented and you'll be just fine.

Third, know your media. Look for the outlets and shows that have the time to devote to a positive subject. Getting a local TV morning show interested is far more likely than appearing in an evening newscast. Radio is also extremely valuable and there are various stations and shows to fit the Kiwanis need. We do big things. Look for opportunities to spend the most time talking about them!

Fourth, find charity events in which the media themselves are involved. You'll often find that Kiwanis projects are a great fit. For example, the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots have media partners all over the country. A charity that helps kids has a natural connection with Kiwanis. Use that as your calling card. Make a connection.

Fifth, it's okay to be direct and personal. Journalists tend to have more trust in people they know, even if that connection is through social media. There's a person attached to that account, in other words. Use that to your advantage. You'll often have more luck pitching a story to a journalist directly than going to the person who assigns their story. You'll also get more more engaged journalist if they're telling the story that they themselves have found. Keep in mind that, although most journalists have a presence on Facebook, their preferred platform is Twitter. Also remember that blasting all of the reporters at a newspaper or at a TV station at one time will have the exact opposite effect. Reporters who realize they're all pitching the same story from the same person tend to feel a bit, well, exploited.

A wise news director once told me that "We are not our audience." He meant that you need to take your own likes and opinions out of the equation if you want to get your message across. Find out what journalists need to tell your story and give it to them. Be that "path of least resistance". Help them help you.



A Visit By Harvey

John Sheridan - Past Governor

This is a small story about a small Kiwanis Club caught up in an extraordinary disaster. It is not worthy of a video, nor fund raising, nor publicity for there are no pictures of large Kiwanis groups in Kiwanis tee shirts working together, nor is there soaring rhetoric of great service deeds. There is this small story worthy of a small read.

Kingwood, Texas, a Houston suburb, gained national attention in 2017 with hurricane Harvey's arrival. National television newsmen were shown at Town Center while reporting on rapidly rising water and huge devastation. The extent of Harvey's wrath would only be revealed well after the national media's move to the next big story. Later the National Weather Bureau would define new colors for depicting rainfall totals; the 49 inches Harvey dropped exceeded the then existing scales.

Kingwood is home to the 27-year-old Kingwood Kiwanis Club whose membership role totaled 13 at the time Harvey decided to drop in for a visit. Six members were flooded out of their homes. Those six were part of 13,000 homes and over 1,000 businesses that were flooded.

What to do in the face of such a disaster? One Kiwanis member was out of town and it was quickly determined that the other Kiwanis members had family, friends, church or other support and the Club would focus on helping the one member. Once the water receded and streets were passable, four Kingwood Kiwanis members along with family and friends went to the out of town member's house. This would be the largest gathering of Kingwood Kiwanis members during the Harvey event.

During this recovery phase, one-way driving was set up and enforced as teams of people and pickups loaded with cleaning supplies, tools and generators snaked their way to their target house. Whole neighborhoods of large houses on small lots were inundated. Our member's house, sitting a little higher than most of his neighbors, recorded 28 inches of water. Determining the water height was very easy, it was clearly marked on the walls and doors and even the double paned glass retained the flood water.

For a flooded house, the key issue is to prevent mold. If an inundated house is left unattended, mold will grow in every nook and cranny touched by flood water. The process for dealing with a flooded house is the same in almost every case. As the procedure is described, imagine it occurring in thousands of houses.

We were a day or two behind many in attacking our target house, but ahead of others such as the next-door neighbor who was also out of town. A group from his church arrived the following day. The process starts with gaining entry to the house. The first person in is armed with a camera and starts in the garage. After thoroughly photographing the garage contents, the cameraman enters the house and its almost unbearable odor. As the photographer controls his desire to throw up, and while slogging thru slippery mud and sopping wet carpeting, he continues to snap pictures of everything. The pictures were invaluable for insurance claims. As soon as the photographer is finished with the garage and moves to the main house, the rest of the team starts clearing out the garage. Due to the flood water's high toxicity level, if it has been touched by water and is not cleanable, it is thrown out. Thrown out means carry it to the curb and pile it up. Every trip to the curb includes noticing the ever-increasing similar debris piles for as far as one can see. A truly sad side that drives home the sad impact on people's lives.

The garage is cleaned first as it becomes the repository for salvageable items. About 10% of the content will be saved.



A Visit By Harvey

John Sheridan - Past Governor

One friend later discovered that her grandmother's sterling silverware was tossed out by one of her sons. As the team moves into the house, doors and windows are opened to provide fresh air. Furniture is removed first and hauled to the curb. Wet soggy and smelly carpet and pad are removed. Soon the curb is full, and piles are started by the driveway, eventually all the yard will be covered with debris.

Cleaning out closets and cabinets continues. The homeowner has no secrets as the team sweeps through every space. While the item removal continues, some of the team start cutting the sheetrock. Ours is cut at a four-foot level, thinking replacement will be easier as that is a standard width. The sheetrock must be removed to prevent mold from growing on the studs and back of the sheetrock. Disinfectant and mold killing chemicals are applied.

Our Kiwanis member had driven one car to the airport for his travels. The airport parking lot flooded so one car lost. His other car, his pride and joy, a red Corvette convertible with 2,700 miles on it, was in his garage at home, another total loss.

After two long, hard days, our team decided we had done as much as we could. When the club member returned the shock on his face when he saw the shell of his once comfortable home was evident in both his face and body language.

Later the homeowner would hire a contractor to complete the work. He would sell his damaged house to an investor and move to Dallas to be near his son and family. He is currently a member of a Dallas Kiwanis Club.

From a Kiwanis perspective there were no Kiwanis tee shirts, nor pictures of the crew in action. The focus was to get it done and move on to the next challenge.

During the Harvey recovery, Kingwood Kiwanis participated in clothing, shoe, food and other distributions, usually one or two members at a time. Later focus moved to providing school supplies to the local school district. There was a dramatic need for school supplies as the family purchases were flooded away. The Texas – Oklahoma District provided the supplies and club members delivered them to the school district. Numerous pickup loads were delivered. Clothes and shoes were also delivered to the school district.

Kingwood Kiwanis hosts a Christmas party for select middle schoolers that would not otherwise have a Christmas. The 2017 attendees included several that were flood victims. It was very moving to hear their stories. Without realizing it, this concluded the Kingwood Kiwanis Harvey recovery actions.

For most of its history the Kingwood Kiwanis Club held its meetings at Kingwood Country Club which was flooded and is scheduled to reopen in the Spring of 2019. We currently meet at various restaurants. Attendance is typically one to three members and we only meet once per month. We are hoping to start the new administrative year with 9 or 10 members. One high school was flooded as was the faculty Key Club advisor's house. No Key Club for them in 2017-18. We are hopeful 2018 will find them with a Key Club.

This small story is not a request for donations (The Texas Oklahoma District Harvey recovery continues, and donations are appreciated). This small story will hopefully help people understand the far-reaching impacts of epic size natural disasters and the positive impact even a few Kiwanis members can have.



Media Quick Tips: Photos

Mark Jones



There's more than one way to take a photo. You don't have to use two hands to take a photo with your phone. When the camera is open on your smartphone, pressing either of the volume buttons will take a photo. This goes for iPhones and Android devices.

Look up. *There is an easy way to make everyone in a photo look better: hold your phone or your camera up higher. That forces people to look up. Extra chins disappear. Everyone looks thinner. You'll be amazed at how many compliments you'll get. Conversely, don't ever make anyone look down at your camera.*

Windows: *your best friend and your worst enemy. It all depends on where you are in relation to the people or things you're photographing. Never, ever put your subject in front of a window where light is coming through. The subject will be so dark, they'll be unrecognizable. And if you do have enough light to have the subject visible, the rest of it will be so bright, the photo will be useless. Keep windows behind you.*

Focus and Exposure Lock. *Your camera is programmed to take the best picture it can. But, sometimes, you really do know better. If you want to override the focus and exposure (light) settings, tap and hold the point on the screen until you see the indicator on screen that (on an iPhone) has a yellow box with AF/AE. Now the phones will ignore any movement in what you're photographing. You can also tap, hold and slide your finger up and down on the screen to change the exposure (how light or dark it is). To go back to automatic, just tap once on the screen.*

Landscape is your friend. *We're talking about photos that are up-and-down (portrait) instead of side-to-side (landscape). If you are taking video or shooting still pictures, always hold the phone in landscape - just like your TV. If vertical photos or video are going to be used by a TV station, an editor will usually have to go back and add something to the wasted space on the sides of a vertical image (usually a blurred version of the video itself) if it's going to be shown. That's time and money out the window.*

Fly on the Wall. *The best photographers are rarely seen. They find ways to be in the middle of the action, get their photo and be gone before anyone notices. Don't pose your photos, show the action. Someone cooking a pancake is a lot more interesting than someone posing with the finished product. Someone building a Habitat for Humanity House is more interesting than getting a group photo of everyone standing in front of it. As a wise Chief Photographer once told me: "Action-Reaction. The story happens all around you."*

Ashland Kiwanis Club member has 65 years of perfect attendance

HANOVER COUNTY, Va. -- Area schools have been in session for just a few weeks and there are students who are making it a point to try to attend every single day.

There is also an organization that makes a point of doing all they can to help kids be all they can -- and that group knows something about perfect attendance, as well.

This is a story about commitment. The kind of impact one group or one person can make with a little or a lot of commitment. Students at Hanover's Kersey Creek Elementary School celebrate commitment at the end of each school year when they call out the names of children with perfect attendance. "The boys were yelling the name 'Bekah,' because that's what they call me," student Rebekah Turner said. "And my friend already kept on pointing at me, and I got really nervous, because I didn't know I was going to go up there by myself. But then it felt really good, because everyone kept on smiling at me."

And when that happens at Kersey Creek and at several other schools, the members of the Ashland Kiwanis are there. "Seeing the kids' reaction when they win a bike and all the other kids cheering them on...and happy for the winners, as well," Kyle Hendricks with Ashland Kiwanis said. "It's a great experience."

And Kiwanis bring bicycles to help reinforce the message that commitment matters.

"When you grow up, you're expected to come to work every day, so it's time to instill that value and ability as early as possible," Hendricks explained.

Route 1 before Ashland Kiwanis got involved. (VDOT)

The Kiwanis know a thing or two about commitment. Kiwanis International got its start in 1915. And the Ashland chapter has been around for nearly 100 years. You may not be that familiar with them, but you can see the results of their commitment in the form of playgrounds built like Pufferbelly Park in Ashland.

They get scholarships funded and even pave roads. Route 1 between Ashland and Richmond in 1915, the year Kiwanis was founded, was a muddy tract. But by the early 1920s, a brand new Ashland Kiwanis had committed to turning it into a smoothly paved road.

It was around that same time that Joe Stiles, born in 1921 and raised in Hanover County, served his country and served his Kiwanis. Like his father, he joined as a young man. And he committed himself to the greater good of his neighbors, building playgrounds and giving scholarships to pave the way for young and old throughout his community. And making memories his sons won't soon forget. "And I remember going down to the Wigwam on Route 1...do you remember that?" Eddie Stiles, an Ashland Kiwanis Club member, said. "We'd go down to the Wigwam on Route 1, and for some reason, that was kind of an exciting night, because it was just the children...you know, the mothers didn't go. We don't do that anymore. And I guess that's the earliest memory I have of my father in Kiwanis."

Eddie and Andy Stiles are now Kiwanis themselves, having learned about commitment from their father, a man who elevated commitment to devotion by continuing to work at the family car dealership, Luck Chevrolet in Ashland, and by persevering as a presence in the Kiwanis Club well into his 90s.

Eddie and Andy Stiles

"He role modeled it. I don't ever remember any conversation about it... other than the idea that when you say you're going to do something, you do it," Andy Stiles said. "In this day and time, folks would rather blend in than step out. And Kiwanians, as a whole, I think, still step out."

Every 1st and 3rd Friday Joe Stiles would pick up his dad to go to the bi-monthly Kiwanis meeting. But eventually it was Joe Stiles' sons who were picking up their dad to go to those meetings for a total of 65 years of Kiwanis meetings.

"And even in his later years, he would show up and just be a presence and I think... but it was important to be there," Andy Stiles said. "So he carried that right on through to the end."



Joe Stiles



Joe Stiles

Joe Stiles passed away in the fall of 2017. He was 95 years old. He had earned the admiration of his sons, inspired his fellow Kiwanians and impacted scores of others in the community, including those just learning the importance of showing up for your responsibilities and your opportunities. Joe Stiles had also set a record that is unlikely to be broken ever because Joe Stiles had perfect attendance. Not just one year. Not even one decade. But six and a half decades. Joe Stiles holds the record of more than 65 years of perfect attendance at his Kiwanis Club meetings.

As Kiwanis continue into a new century of building, serving and celebrating area children, they have a shining example to follow. And that is the spirit of service and devotion of Joe Stiles, who pledged his commitment to the Ashland Kiwanis and kept his promise for 65 years.

Support CKI's Fall Retreat

T-O CKI's Fall Retreat is the first district sponsored of the academic school year. The focus of Fall Retreat has always been centered on the fellowship tenet of CKI. This event is the perfect opportunity for new and returning members to meet one another and to reunite with friends. With almost 100 attendees on average each year, this event is one that is considered by many students to be a "must attend" because of the opportunities to interact with each other before end of the semester exams.

This year's district board has decided to try something new for Fall Retreat. Instead of the traditional camp "Retreat" feeling of retreats past, Fall Retreat will be held at the University of Texas at Arlington. Students that attend Fall Retreat this year will volunteer six hours with Mission Arlington. With this new structure, there are some additional costs associated with the event. The district would greatly appreciate any support, whether monetary or donated items, to help make this event successful! There are three areas where your support will help us offset costs.

Meals: *With the new logistics of staying at a hotel instead of a campsite, breakfast will be provided at the hotel. We would like to provide students with two snacks (granola bars, trail mix, protein sticks) to take with them to Mission Arlington. Having snacks on hand will help fuel students during the three hour volunteer blocks between meals. We also would like to provide attendee T-O CKI's Fall Retreat is the first district sponsored event of the academic school year. The focus of Fall Retreat has always been centered on the fellowship tenet of CKI. This event is the perfect opportunity for new and returning members to meet one another and to reunite with friends. With almost 100 attendees on average each year, this event is one that is considered by many students to be a "must attend" because of the opportunities to interact with each other before end of the semester exams.*

Transportation to Mission Arlington: *With the students staying in a hotel this year, our activities we have planned for the event will take place at UT Arlington and Mission Arlington. The drive from the hotel to the site of these activities is about a 10 minute drive. In order to lessen the time students spend driving and help them save some money on gas, we would like to shuttle the students from the hotel to Mission Arlington on Saturday for the service portion of the event. Ideally, we would like to have busses take students to the project and bring them back to the hotel to shower and change clothes before dinner.*

Souvenir Items: *We would like to provide all attendees with one reusable 20 oz. water bottle, a drawstring backpack to keep snacks and other retreat items together while volunteering at Mission Arlington, and a T-Shirt to help identify Fall Retreat attendees apart from other volunteers at Mission Arlington. We are anticipating almost 100 attendees, so the items will be ordered and be on a "first registered, first served" basis if attendance.*

*Please make checks payable to: T-O CKI
In the memo line, please write CKI Fall
Retreat 2018*

*Please mail the checks to: T-O CKI
3010 W. Park Row Dr.
Pantego, TX 76013*

Collen Biggerstaff
T-O CKI District Administrator
Past Kiwanis Governor



Key Club Funds Hurricane Relief

I hope you all are doing well. I wanted to personally thank all of you for your support of the Carolinas District in our time of great need. I have received an update on the status of our District Project: The Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina. The damages sustained on campus are still being evaluated, but we have received an estimate of losses not covered by insurance, which exceeds \$80,000 and is expected to increase. These losses will significantly impact the resources on campus which is why covering the expenses is the greatest current need as a result of the storm.

With that being said, there are also other ways for your district to help out. As they lost power and electricity, all the frozen and refrigerated food has been spoiled and needs to be replaced, in addition to the following amenities:

*Cans of food
Housekeeping/cleaning supplies
Brooms and mops
Paper towels and cleaning cloths
Bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets)
Personal toiletries*

Physical and monetary donations can be sent to the same address as previously released which is:

*Hurricane Florence Relief
C/O J. Scott Johnson, Administrator
Carolinas District Key Club
2008 Pinecrest Drive
Greenville, NC 27858*

Kiwanis site link:

<http://www.txokkiwanis.org/carolinas-disaster-relief/>

Alternatively, you can send your donations directly to the Boys and Girls Homes, but be sure to note that they are for Hurricane Relief Efforts.

Many of their civic club cottages escaped damage, but many buildings also saw water damage, shingles blown off, and damage to ceiling tiles. They will be putting updates to their status on their website: <http://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/hurricaneflorence> so please check here for the latest news on campus.

Within our district we are working hard to support the needs of all affected areas, and our District Project is a cause that we are very passionate about, so it means so much that so many of you expressed interest in aiding us during this time.

If you have any questions, please let me know, and again I am so grateful for all that you have done and are doing for the Carolinas District.

Yours in Service,

*Isabelle Salzmann
Carolinas District Governor
Key Club International*



Hudson Middle School Food Drive

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Builders Club
Building Leaders

Members of the Hudson Middle School Builders Club had their first service project this year at Five Loaves Food Pantry in Sachse.

Students led by Kiwanis Advisor Fire Chief Marty Wade put together homeless bags for folks receiving services from the pantry. Executive Director, Audrey Wallace provided the students with a tour of the pantry and spoke with them about the needs of the community. Students were so moved they have decided to organize a food drive at their school! Hudson Middle School is sponsored by the SWM Kiwanis Club.



Northern Outpost Fall Rally



Teresa Keen, Joseph Pham, and Ralph Keen share in Oklahoma school pride



Kiwanis Governor Ralph Keen and CKI Governor Dylann Lowery

Kiwanis and Circle K unite at the Northern Outpost Fall Rally



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