



Texas Ramp Project Newsletter Article

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Covid was a real disaster for lots of folks, and GGK was no exception. Our meeting place closed down, so we had no meetings for 5.5 months. Since membership is in that age group most negatively affected by the disease, most of our members hunkered down in our foxholes and waited for an all-clear. We started with some virtual meetings and resumed physical meetings (twice monthly) at an interim location in September of last year. Covid cancelled all the summer programs we normally worked, so we stayed dormant. We are now back to meeting every week.

The one exception was the brave souls on our Ramp Team. After a one-month suspension of operations by the Texas Ramp Project, our team got the go-ahead to resume work and they did, finishing 20 ramps by the end of our Kiwanis (K) 19/20 year (30 Sep 2020). Despite Covid and some serious weather issues, they have continued their stellar performance during the first 7 months of K 20/21 year (1 Oct to date - see link below) with 19 ramps as of EOM April 2021.

The cost of lumber has become a serious issue as in a one-month time frame (as shown in the chart in the second link below), current funding can only finance the building of one-half as many ramps as previously expected, and the situation will probably get worse. We are frantically looking for ways to get more funds to build ramps for folks that desperately need and can't pay for a ramp. To see a plethora of their builds, go to:

https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOXIDzKKoTe9Ls3SDVcRZVdc4b2X_vXAzigK5VUZlcZrYYNwojXgm_Od0966Jsagg?key=Nm9laUx4b1JTVU11cE5oN3FmM3VxeGU5aFpyQVhB