April is Membership Month!

How Will You Grow Your Club?
Hello, T-O Kiwanians! I thought I would share some news with you.

**First – The Formula!** We are currently up 151 in membership from October 1, 2014. Good progress, and we can do even more! We’ve lost five clubs this year, but I’m hearing more and more of the clubs who are asking for assistance from the Club Counselors. That’s a positive! Rex is doing a GREAT job on his presentations at the Mid-Year conferences and Governor’s visits. I love the incorporation of the pictures from his Galapagos trip. And we have word of possibly three new clubs in the works!

**Second – Eliminate!** Randy was on our recent Governor’s call, and we are over $76 million towards our goal! T-O still leads the WORLD in model clubs with 61 at last count, but the Florida District is closing in. The Centennial Awards are available THIS YEAR ONLY for a $1,500 donation to the KI Foundation for ELIMINATE. You know me – I HAD to have another pin! Jereme Grinslade from the Kiwanis International Foundation was at the San Antonio Mid-Year Conference and awarded four Centennial Awards: one to me, one to Governor-Elect Erby, and one each to Charlet and Skip Little. Wow...thanks to all! Let’s see how many more we can get in T-O!

**Third – ICON – better known as the International Convention in Indianapolis!** One of the other districts is advertising attendance to the convention as ‘The Indianapolis 500,’ trying to get five hundred of their members to attend. And another is shooting for one thousand! How many can we get in T-O? Early registration for discounts is up April 1st and I have received notification that the Platinum Package is already sold out, so hurry and make your reservations! FYI – the Platinum Package only includes one meal, the Fireworks display and the Saturday evening show. All other meals are on your own. There will be a pancake breakfast that is open to the public and is FREE -- can’t wait to see that! Encourage the clubs in your divisions to provide assistance for registration, hotel and travel for those who may be attending, especially the delegates. And, by the way, did you know that if a new club charters prior to the Indianapolis Convention, they are entitled to one free registration? Great incentive! We are in the throes of making plans for our District dinner with the Alabama District on Thursday evening, so watch for details on that. It will be a separate sign up.

**Fourth – info regarding the amendments and elections are on the Kiwanis One website, so be sure to check them out!** Recently, I sent out a sheet that included ‘frequently asked questions’ regarding the dues increase that will be on the ballot in Indy. It should help you answer any questions your clubs may have.

I have been so very pleased with the Mid-Year conferences in Midwest City, OK, Arlington, TX and San Antonio, TX. We have surpassed attendance at those three events over both K-Family and Mid-Year last year, and we had many of our SLPs in attendance as well. Thank you all for wonderful events! If you have any feedback on any of them, please forward them to me so I can share with Governor-elect Erby for next year.

Registration for the District Convention in Texarkana should be ready by May 1st – at least that’s our target date! Keith Burns and his committee are meeting regularly to make plans, and they have asked to send any video clips or photos from past events to Lt. Governor Joanna Pridgen for use in the registration website.

The CKI District Convention was recently held in Irving, and we have a new CKI Governor – Jennifer Tuggle! Congratulations, Jennifer and all the new board and committee members! We wish you much success over the upcoming year. Don’t forget the Key Club District convention is coming up next month, April 9 – 10 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas. Walt says they may exceed prior year’s attendance record! I’ll be there – will you?

I guess that’s it for now. Hope to see you all soon!

**Governor Colleen**
Mid-Year Conferences Set Record Attendance!

Governor Colleen with the San Antonio Alamo Club. This club was selected to be honored at the White House this year for their contributions to the city of San Antonio. Congratulations!!

Well over 130 Kiwanis and Key Club members gathered in Arlington for number 2 of the Mid-Year Conferences.

Midwest City fills the house for the Oklahoma Mid-Year Conference.
The CKI chapter at UTD took home fifteen awards at Saturday night’s banquet:

1. Walt Parker Outstanding K-Family Relations
2. Outstanding Traditional and Non-Traditional Scrapbooks
3. Outstanding T-Shirt
4. Outstanding Web Site
5. Patrick Simms Outstanding Newsletter
6. Outstanding Editor - Nirali Govind
7. Scott Kimball Outstanding Treasurer - Ian LaMarsh
8. Howard H. Hendrick Outstanding President - Miti Patel
9. Most Improved Chapter
10. Outstanding Chapter Video
11. Plus 5 Award
12. Membership Development Education
13. Outstanding Committee Chair - Samhita Swaminathan
14. Outstanding Vice President - Mariana Garay
15. Don Wilson Scholarship ($1500) - Miti Patel

Congratulations to UTD and to Governor Colleen, who leads by example with her work in our SLP Programs!
Convention News

Kiwanis International 2015 Convention

If ever there was a Kiwanis event not to miss, this is it! Kiwanians from around the world will celebrate our 100th anniversary in Indianapolis, June 25-28. And we won’t be alone -- members of Circle K, Key Club and Aktion Club will join us! Exchange and engage with fellow Kiwanians and other members of the Kiwanis family. Gather tools to use once you’re back with your club. Come make history. And years from now, you’ll be able to say, I was there!

2015 T/O District Convention

International President Dr. John Button to be Keynote Speaker at District Convention

Preparations are underway for the 2015 T/O DCON, to be held August 6-9 in the ‘Piney Woods’ of East Texas!

Texarkana, Texas will be hosting the convention for the first time, and there are many unique events lining up to make this an exciting and memorable convention. The facilities for the event will be the sparkling new Hilton Garden Inn and the brand new Texarkana Convention Center. Both offer state of the art technology, atmosphere and comfort.

We will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis in style, with several events designed to honor this accomplishment. There will be birthday cake and a formal toast to our past and future. Also, the Eliminate Project will be celebrated as our efforts to fight neonatal tetanus come to a close -- we will recognize our victory in this fight, a victory won for children everywhere affected by this disease!

The registration page will be up and on the T/O website soon. The Hilton Garden is already accepting reservations (call 844-299-8590 & ask for Kiwanis rate), so start making your plans now to attend. Texarkana is ready to greet you at the 2015 T/O District Convention! Please be sure to see this excellent welcome video: http://conventions.txokkiwanis.org/
On January 28th, the Kiwanis Club of Arlington gathered at Rolling Hills Country Club for a celebration of Kiwanis’ 100th birthday. It was a night to remember, with special awards going to a few notable Kiwanians, a live pianist, a delicious catered dinner and even an opera singer!
District 20 Commemorates the Centennial in Style!

In honor and celebration of the centennial, Division 20 (comprised of two Sulphur clubs, and one in Ardmore, Lone Grove, Pauls Valley, Lindsay, Duncan and Davis) came together at the historic Artesian Hotel and Spa located in scenic Sulphur. The dinner took place on January 20th, with over seventy members celebrating the honor of being a Kiwanian. The event was hosted by the Sulphur Kiwanis Club.

The current Division 20 Lt. Governor Rogelio Trevino was present, and was honored with a Lifetime Membership. He was excited and grateful, and made mention of his enthusiasm for the months to come during his leadership term. The night was packed with exciting occasions that were honored, including the 95th anniversary of the Ardmore club! That is a milestone to be celebrated in and of itself. To honor the accomplishment, a donation was made in the name of the Ardmore club to the Children’s Miracle Network Foundation.

David Allen, a member of the Sulphur club who is known for his ability to bring fun and laughter to any occasion, hosted a trivia game. At the end of the night, the winning table was awarded a deluxe gourmet chocolate basket filled with Bedre chocolate, donated by Chickasaw Telephone Company.

Long-time member Sonny Bright summed up the night best: “We reminded one another of joy that comes from service; the fun that can be had, and the friendships that can be made. It was a centennial well celebrated, and a past well honored.”
**Ask the Candidates**

Do you have a question about Kiwanis that you would like to see answered? If so, please send it to Susan Hennum at susan.hennum@hotmail.com. We will select two questions from the submissions for each newsletter up until the elections. It is important to be informed about your choices.

**Question 1 - What is something that you would like the members of Texas/Oklahoma to know about you?**

**John:** T/O members may be interested to learn about my ability to select schools that have really strong mascots. My high school mascot was Zippy because we had lots of zip. Local newspaper write ups of the Friday night games always referred to us as the Zippers. As you can imagine, the JV team was the Buttons, and the frosh team the Snaps. You can’t make this kind of thing up. I did go on to college, where the mascot was a kangaroo. And yes, on the sidelines was some poor student frolicking in a kangaroo suit. What a kangaroo from Australia has to do with a Texas college is beyond me.

**Richard:** Joyce and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this year. We have four children (three living) and five grandchildren. I have a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oklahoma and 30 hours towards my masters at Oklahoma City University. I have sold business insurance for thirty-five years. I am very active in the music department at our church. I look forward to serving the Texas/Oklahoma District.

**Question 2 - What is the biggest issue you see facing our District today? (You may use one word or give me a sentence.)**

**Richard:** Revitalizing our clubs through the Formula (for success).

**John:** The biggest issue that I think is facing the T/O District today is the numerous service opportunities available in T/O and the lack of organizational strength to meet those needs; for example, there is more demand for Key Clubs in our high schools than Kiwanis can support.
Long Range Planning Committee News

Proposed Changes in Governing T/O Gets the Nod from District Board

In the latest session of the Texas-Oklahoma District Board, the Long Range Planning Committee presented its study reports and proposed amendments to the bylaws that would change the system of governing and managing the district.

The Board took two actions at the Mid-Year Board meeting in February, leading the way to membership approval in August. First, the Board voted unanimously to send the proposed bylaw amendments to the House of Delegates in Texarkana. Second, the Board voted overwhelmingly to support the new plan. There was only one vote not in favor of support among the entire Board. Last year’s very close vote on the same plan fell just short of passage, requiring a two-thirds vote of support, and even though almost two out of three delegates were in favor it fell short by seven votes. Those who had issues or questions about the new proposal found their concerns answered since that date.

The proposal is universally called a Trustee Plan, and is patterned after how Kiwanis International structures its own governance -- instead of thirty-five Lt. Governors and five district officers serving as the governing board, it calls for trustees to represent three or four divisions in new areas called ‘regions.’ The proposal would begin with the zone structure commonly used for the past four years, reducing the operating board from forty members to fifteen. This number would include ten elected trustees from each of the regions and the five district officers. Each trustee would serve three-year terms, with a limit of two terms served, would be elected within his/her region, and must have served as a past Lt. Governor.

Districts we interviewed have stated that this smaller and experienced team of planners create better continuity from year to year. It also has proven to be a cost-savings approach, for most.

Among those working on the Long Range Planning Committee is Governor-elect Erby Eikner, who has strongly supported the new plan and is prepared to launch the new system in the coming year if approved by voting delegates. Governor Colleen Biggerstaff also has endorsed the measure.
Come join us for the 97th Annual T-O Convention, at the beautiful new Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center in Texarkana, Texas! Come help us celebrate one hundred years of service to our communities and the culmination of the ELIMINATE project, and hear our International President Dr. Button speak about the way ahead in Kiwanis.

Ask for Kiwanis convention rate - Hotel # 844-299-8590!

Mark Your Calendar Now!

Texas / Oklahoma District Convention
August 6-9, 2015
Texarkana Convention Center
Texarkana, Texas

We Need Your Help…

We would like to put together a video celebrating the centennial of Kiwanis! We need short video clips (cellphone or other) of Kiwanians or famous people saying “Happy Birthday, Kiwanis!” We also need (a) still photos of Kiwanians in action doing service projects; and (b) any old photos you might have of your club around its inception or through the years. For questions, please contact Joanna Pridgen at 903-276-1873 or at wisprid@aol.com. Videos and/or photos must be received by email no later than May 1st. Thanks from all of us on the 2015 Convention committee, and we hope to see you in Texarkana!
Upcoming Events

2015

March
Governor’s Visit March 28 – Bayou Bunch (Div 3, 9, 10 & 28)

April
Key Club Convention April 9-12 - Sheraton Dallas

May
Kiwanis Lt. Governor Training May 29-31 - DFW Marriott

June
KI 100th Anniversary Convention June 25-28, 2015 – Indianapolis, IN

August
Kiwanis District Convention August 6-9 - Texarkana, TX
(14-15 Board Meeting on Friday, August 7)

2016

Circle K Convention March (Location TBD)
Key Club Convention April 14-17 - Sheraton Dallas
KI Convention June 25-28 – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Growing Your Club with SLP Graduates

As we head into graduation season for our Key Club and CKI Seniors, is your club ready to actively solicit these young adults for membership? If you sponsor a Key Club or CKI, here are a few simple ways to reach out to these graduates:

1. As Club President, set aside a special time to honor them. It can be as simple as a dessert reception or as involved as a special dinner. Do what your budget allows, and be sure the event is held at a time they can attend. If your club meets at noon, consider an evening or Sunday afternoon.

2. Ask your Faculty Advisor to send an email inviting these seniors to your event.

3. Have membership applications on hand. Show a video on Kiwanis. (Our 100-year video is a perfect example: http://vimeo.com/117959317)

4. Talk about your service projects. Include a video on ELIMINATE. You can get wonderful videos off of you tube or at www.theEliminateProject.org

5. Be prepared to offer scholarships to help the graduates cover new member fees. Remember, these seniors are considered associate members by Kiwanis International. The T/O board waived all new member fees for graduating seniors, and Kiwanis International waived all costs except for magazine and insurance. They can join your club for only $24.00! The first two years of dues are also discounted. Our PLGA has a scholarship fund set up to help with new member costs if your club is unable to.

6. The most important thing to remember -- they will not come to you. Don’t wait for them to join another organization five years down the road. The Growth Team is actively getting info to these students at their conventions. We had a reception at the recent CKI DCON and will be partnering with the CKI Board to host a reception at Key Club DCON.

The rest is up to you. AS AN ORGANIZATION WE MUST BE PROACTIVE.

For any questions regarding the T/O Bridge the Gap program, contact Susan Hennum at susan.hennum@hotmail.com
Growth Team Reaches Out to Seniors at Recent CKI DCON

A ‘Candy Bar Reception’ designed by our own Margaret Davis was held on March 7 at the CKI DCON. Governor Colleen and Growth Chair Susan Hennum were on hand to talk with CKI members about the benefits of Kiwanis membership.

Past Governor and Growth Chair Susan Hennum gave a presentation at the recent CKI DCON on March 7 entitled Kiwanis Wants You! All Clubs are encouraged to actively reach out to their Key Club and CKI sponsored clubs and their graduates

Kiwanis International and the Formula Team has developed a special recognition program to honor people in four categories:

1. The Gift of Kiwanis Award for Member/Sponsor
2. Impact Circle for Clubs
3. Mentor’s’ Circle for Club Counselors
4. Legacy Circle for Club Openers

Rex Howard, District Chair, The Formula rhoward943@tx.rr.com

Go to www.kiwanis.org/FormulaRecognition for more information

To celebrate our 100th anniversary, Kiwanis International will be offering special Centennial editions of these awards in 2014-15!
Story Elementary K-Kids Receive UNICEF Award

On January 30th, the K-Kids of Story Elementary School in Palestine, having raised over $1000 for the cause, were presented with a UNICEF Award for Project ELIMINATE. Francine Eikner, Project ELIMINATE representative, Kristi Evans, Faculty Advisor at Story, and David Bratz, president of the Kiwanis Club of Palestine, made the presentation.

“It was cool,” said Kasie Weston, Kiwanis club member, “to see what they were about and that they got their whole school involved in something bigger than just themselves.”

She hopes to start a K-Kids program at Westwood Elementary. “I think it’s a genuinely awesome thing for kids to get involved in.”

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Kiwanis Kollege: Updated as an Orientation Feature

Sam Curry, Orientation Chair

Kiwanis Kollege has a new look on the Texas/Oklahoma website. Clubs are invited to check out a 30-minute presentation designed to give new or prospective members an overview of Kiwanis. It can also serve as something of a refresher course for any member. Beginning with the founding of Kiwanis one hundred years ago, it includes an interesting five-minute video on how we began, then provides the basic structure, principles, objectives and traditions of Kiwanis at the international, local and personal levels. It also features a variety of service opportunities available through Kiwanis clubs and concludes by inviting members to consider exploring leadership positions.

It was a joy to work on this project with the assistance of good friend and fellow Kiwanis member, Ron Minatrea, who is in the business of video/audio production. We hope this new feature provides a valuable supplement to the local club’s orientation programs.

Kiwanis Kollege is accessible at www.txokkiwanis.org under the ‘Member Resources’ menu. Click ‘Member Education,’ then download the presentation by pressing the ‘Kiwanis Kollege’ button.
News From Around The District

Kiwanis Club of Allen

One million meals! Let’s put that into perspective -- that number would have fed Methuselah for his entire nine-hundred-plus years of life.

Kiwanis Club of Allen and the Allen High School Key Club hosted an interclub packaging event at the high school. Included were Key Clubs from Allen, Lovejoy, McKinney, McKinney North, Plano and Plano East, as well as Plano Noon Kiwanis. Over seventy volunteers participated, packaging a total of 28,182 meals!

Kids Against Hunger packages highly nutritious, life-saving meals for starving children and their families in developing countries and the United States. Over forty thousand children under the age of eighteen die each day due to starvation, and many of those deaths are preventable through programs like this.

Logistics, as well as educational support and medical/dental services are provided by Send Hope, a local non-profit organization founded by Tom and Sharon Brian.

For more information on how you can help, visit kidsagainsthunger.org or contact Kiwanis Club of Allen. This is a great service project for your local church, civic group or senior center. People of all ages are encouraged to participate, and children as young as eight are welcome with parents.
At a recent Kiwanis Family Reunion Birthday Party, the Kiwanis Club of Belton sponsored a silent auction for **ELIMINATE**. A poster explained what the program was and that it cost $1.80 to immunize each young woman. Participants were asked, instead of bidding in dollar amounts, to bid how many babies’ lives the item was worth to them. (A chart was displayed with various amounts; i.e. five babies = $9.00) Over $200 was raised to eliminate MNT!

Items not sold were offered at the Governor’s Visit for Hill Country. Over $200.00 was raised to support EMNT.

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### The Centennial Award

**Kiwanis International** is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It’s a rich history, and you’re a part of it. Now you can honor our past—while extending your impact into the future.

When you give US$1,500, you will save or protect more than 833 women and babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus. You will also be honored with a Centennial Award—complete with a lapel pin and also a medallion (shown above) and certificate framed together.

Donors may make gifts for the Centennial Award between October 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015. Presentation of the Centennial Award began in January during the Rose Parade activities. Your opportunity to leave a lasting legacy is here. Be part of the gift of life, help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, and celebrate our centennial.

Claim your place in history today. [http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/Recognition/CentennialAward.aspx](http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/theELIMINATEproject/Recognition/CentennialAward.aspx)
The Galveston Kiwanis Club sponsors two local student organizations: Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) Circle K (CKI) and Galveston Ball High Key Club. The two clubs joined forces when TAMUG CKI invited Galveston Ball High School Key Club to participate in their on-going service project at Seawolf Park, where they perform routine maintenance and housekeeping on the USS Cavella, a World War II submarine, and the USS Stewart, a World War II destroyer, that are part of the Cavella Historical Foundation Undersea Warfare Center. On a cool, cloudy day, they worked together to sweep, clean, and change out lightbulbs aboard both of the historical vessels. The two clubs enjoyed working together and plan to do so again (and again) in the near future.

The TAMUG CKI have also performed other services for the USS Cavella and the USS Stewart, including the joy of chipping paint and assisting with the Halloween adventure that is ‘the Ghost of the Cavella.’ In return, the staff at the park have come to look forward to their frequent service and allow them access to otherwise restricted areas, such as the submarine’s conning tower.
Arlington Southwest Kiwanis members Jimmie Redden and Lanier Wheelley present a program on financial planning for college.

Arlington Southwest Kiwanis recognizes long-time member Don Leatherman for contributions by he and his wife Nancy, and Don’s service as Lt. Governor (1997-98).

The Student of the Month Award was presented to Venture School student Ms. Keara Arnold and her teacher Ms. Frances Lampkin.
They call him *Tilt-A-Whirl Joe*.

For many years, Joe Rogers ran Kiddieland, the children’s amusement park operated by the *Chisholm Trail Kiwanis Club*, working every day to maintain the rides, keeping them safe and operating them for all who wanted to enjoy them.

Last August, his fellow Kiwanians set aside one very special night and dedicated it to Joe. Now ninety years of age, and in the presence of two of his five children, he found himself the recipient of a plaque commemorating his decades of service, which began in 1987.

Joe loves life, and his quiet joy in making children happy shows with every moment he spends at the park. Though his hours spent there have dwindled, he still shows up for parties and special events, eagerly engaging in conversation with everyone he meets. “People like to be talked to,” he smiles, his eyes sparkling. “Always do your best and treat people right.”

A train conductor at Kiddieland, Clayton Pickard, said of Joe, “He knows all the kids. He may not know their names, but he knows them. He can tell if they’re having a good time. Joe is one of a kind.”
On Wednesday, January 28th the Cedar Park Kiwanis Club hosted a breakfast honoring the Sophomores of the Year winners at each of the five LISD High Schools. Attending were the honorees, the LISD Superintendent Dr Bret Champion, all five high school principals and Key Club sponsors, and parents and siblings of the winners. Each winner received a certificate and a $100 check. The program was emceed by Kiwanis member Barry Tripp.

The Sophomore of the Year program was initiated by the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation in the 1980s to seek out, recognize and develop leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores, and to encourage and prepare the next generation of civic and corporate leadership for America’s future. A second goal is to help sophomores gain experience in applying for scholarships. A third goal is to educate people in the schools and communities about the Kiwanis organization.

This year’s winners are:

Luke David Williamson, Cedar Park High School
Alyse Balderrama, Leander High School
Joshua Stephen Sanders, Rouse High School
Nidhi Pandya, Vandegrift High School
Maria Lynn Teleki, Vista Ridge High School
Kiwanis Night!
Frisco RoughRiders vs Corpus Christi Hooks
Friday, May 15th @ 7:00pm

All-You-Can-Eat tickets just $25 and include:
- Ticket in the all-you-can-eat section
- Tickets on the 3rd Bass, shaded side of the park
- Fireworks after the game
- Unlimited hot dogs, brats, nachos
- Unlimited Dr Pepper products
- Limited Edition RoughRiders hat
- Playball! game program
- $5 from every ticket sold goes to

Tickets sold on a first come, first served basis

Deadline to order is April 15
Online tickets can be purchased up to the week of the game (based upon availability)
Tickets will be emailed to you or will-called

ORDER ONLINE at www.tinyurl.com/Kiwanisnight2015 (Promo: ELIMINATE) or bring this order form to your local Kiwanis club by April 15th

Name:______________________________ Address:______________________________
City:______________________ State:_____ Zip:__________ Phone:_______________
Email:___________________________________________
No. of Tickets____ X $25 = ______ Parking Vouchers:__ X $5 = _____ Total:_____
Check#:________ Make payable to Frisco RoughRiders

Online tickets will be emailed. Order form tickets will be available at will-call.

For more information, please contact Bryan Henderson with the Frisco RoughRiders at (972)334-1934 or bhenderson@ridersbaseball.com
Richarte Key Club

Richarte Key Club, the alternative high school in Georgetown, helped sell over $330 in chocolate covered strawberries to Kiwanis members on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Each year, the money derived from this sale is used towards funding the high school’s April prom night.

Next up is an Appreciation Party for our Sun City Georgetown Kiwanis Club members for their Key Club assistance. That party will be held on, March 27, 2015, at 4:30p.m., at Richarte High School. All Kiwanis members are encouraged to attend. Please join in the festivities, win prizes and meet the kids and advisers who make the Richarte High School Key Club such a tremendous success.

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We are looking for good in-depth articles and pictures about projects your club supports. Please share your club’s passion for service -- and help inspire other clubs in the district to follow their passions and help the children all across Texas/Oklahoma!

*(Note: Please do not submit copies of newspaper or magazine articles and/or photos -- we cannot use these due to copyright laws.)*