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KIWANIS BUILDER



A Publication of the Kiwanis Club of McKinney

Texas/Oklahoma District

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Our meetings are every Thursday at Noon at St. Peters Episcopal Church 400 N. College Street/P.O. Box 667

Page One "2015 marks 100 years of Kiwanians worldwide "Serving the Children of the World"

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS DELIVERY

Our annual Christmas Food Drive was a BOX-OFFICE SMASH!

Special Thanks to Shannon, Payton, Brian H., Dennis Williams, Tom Day and all the Kiwanians that joined in the fun.

Here's a picture of our delivery group



SALVATION ARMY KETTLE

Now through December 24th

Well, we are almost finished with our Service Project for this year. Thanks to everyone that has stepped up to fill in empty spaces and those that will ring until Christmas Eve. Remember, every hour we volunteer to ring means the Salvation Army does not have to pay someone to ring. That means all the money in the Kettle goes to help our community. Our assigned days are 1/2 day on December 21st and December 24th until 3:00.



RAMP/MODULE BUILDS

We had a good turn out on our last module build, thanks to Dub, Rob, Bob, John Minnis, Varsh, Todd, Jim Cairo, and of course me, Kirk. Bob Brown with Dallas Ramps sent me the module build schedule for 2016, so be ready for a new year of module builds, next build is 01/14/16. We meet at 5:45 in front of Party City. Hwy 380 & 75 near Lowes. We will leave promptly at 6pm. All tools are furnished (but bring your own gloves). Thanks to everyone that went last week. OJT, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. **Contact: Kirk Saxon.**

*Weird Thursday ah Tuesday!

January 29th - Tuesday Meeting this week only for New Years.

Whenever we have 5 weeks in a month we have a weird Thursday meeting. Bring in an item that could be considered a White Elephant item or bring in something wonderful. We have a live auction and the money goes to our administrative account. FUN!

PANCAKE 2016 MEETING

Tuesday Dec 29th

Anyone that would like to help with the Pancake Fundraiser please stay after the noon meeting for a short planning meeting on this event.

Holiday meeting Schedule:

-No meeting Christmas week
- Meet Tuesday New Year week, December 29th at noon. This is the 5th week, so weird Tuesday. An opportunity to Sell off...I mean show off some of your Christmas gifts.



TERRIFIC KIDS

At three Elementary Schools
Caldwell: Contact Dub Norrid
Finch: Contact is Bob Cole
Webb: Reading every Thursday morning. To Sign up contact: Jim Smith

3 Terrific Kids from Webb picked out their new bikes Saturday morning at Wal-Mart



KEY CLUBS

A student run service organization mirroring Kiwanis. These young people are enthusiastic and fun to be around. We have clubs at Four High Schools

Boyd: Dan Trahan
Faculty Advisor: Harriet Bergman

McKinney: Margaret Harsch
Faculty Advisor: Laura Smith

North Contact: Payton Brooks.
Faculty Advisor: Whitney Williams

Lovejoy: Justin Beller
Faculty Advisor: Amanda Beller



MEALS ON WHEELS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pick-up at 10:45 a.m.

Interested in doing meals on wheels? Call Sandra Williams

-WEDNESDAY

- Dec 23:** Jared Cole/Ron Cole
- Dec 30:** Durinda Fisher/Connie Gibson
- Jan 6:** Dennis Wms/Angie Swanner
- Jan 13:** Henry Myrick
- Jan 20:** Jared Cole/Ron Cole
- Jan 27:** Durinda Fisher/Connie Gibson

THURSDAY

- Jan 7:** Dub Norrid/John Moore
- Jan 14:** Henry Myrick
- Jan 21:** John Moore/Jerry White
- Jan 28:** Mary Minnis/Dennis Williams

Get your own sub if needed, call: Henry Myrick 972-562-8269 or Dennis Williams 972-562-7219 John Moore for Thursdays only.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Ron Cole	12/05
Jim Cairo	12/10
Roger Dickey	12/11
Mary Minnis	12/17
Tom Day	12/25
Suzanne Davis	12/28

ANNIVERSARY'S FOR DECEMBER

Dick & Sue Horn	12/10
Justin & Amanda Beller	12/27
Keith & Debbie Reeder	12/27
Jim & Nancy Harmon	12/28
Brian & Kathy Cunningham	12/29



**101st International Convention
June 23-26 2016**

Canadian culture, International influence. That's Toronto. And that's where we'll be in 2016. Join other Kiwanians for next year's convention- in a city that blends traditions and passions for more than 100 cultures. It's the perfect place to celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis in Canada. Kiwanis.org/convention

CLEAN UP OUR MEETING ROOM!!!

Please clean your own table!

The following members will be responsible for making sure the room is clean and all items put away.

- Dec 29:** Angie Swanner, Sara Thomas, Ronnie Thomason
 - Jan 7:** Michelle Beatty, Payton Brooks, Dennis Burt
 - Jan 14:** Paula Ator, Kent Van Meter, Rachel Weinmann
 - Jan 21:** Margaret Harsch, Sandy Hart, Brian Hazelwood
 - Jan 28:** Henry Myrick, Rob Nelson, Dub Norrid
- If everyone takes their turn the burden does not go to the few. Thanks!!!!

PROGRAMS: Please help with suggestions!!

- Dec 24:** No Meeting – Merry Christmas
 - Dec 29:** Tuesday Meeting – New Years' Week is Weird Thursday, uh Tuesday*
 - Jan 7:** John Valencia MEDC
 - Jan 14:** Boyd HS engineering students
 - Jan 21:** Juli Smith Playground w/Rotary
 - Jan 28:** Amanda O'Neal, Aging Gracefully
- If you have suggestions for a program, please don't hesitate to **contact Michelle Beatty or Jim Smith.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 24:** Club Bell Ringing–Sam's - Hwy 380
- Dec 29:** Tuesday meeting – Weird Tuesday
- Jan 5:** Bingo at Park Manor Nursing Home
- Jan 9:** Division Council Meeting in Terrell
- Jan 11:** Board Meeting at Jim Smith's Home
- Feb 6:** Mid-Winter Conference North Dallas
- Feb 20:** Pancake Day - Fundraiser
- Apr 3:** Triathlon – Fund Raiser

KIWANIS EDUCATION



The first Kiwanis headquarters, a two-room office, was opened in Chicago in 1918. Kiwanis continued to rent larger and larger offices in the "Windy City" until 1957, when the first Kiwanis International building was dedicated. This building served Kiwanis for 25 years, until the organization outgrew the space. In 1982, the sale of the property allowed construction of a larger building in Indianapolis—a site with lower costs and greater convenience than downtown Chicago.



CLUB OFFICERS:

- President:** Jim Smith smith.jim1956@gmail.com
- Pres-Elect:** Michelle Beatty
- V-Pres:** Dennis Burt
- Past President:** Jim Cairo
- Secretary:** Sandra Williams dscustomwood@gmail.com
- Treasurer:** Margaret Harsch
- Directors:** Beth Hensley, Dave Hinman, Tressie Johnsen, Rob Nelson, Kirk Saxon, Bill Rosnett

This is your newsletter; please submit any articles & ideas by Monday afternoon of each week to Sandra Williams at: dscustomwood@gmail.com

KIWANIS WEB SITES:

- Check out our club on:** www.mckinneykiwanis.org, Mark Burns – Web Master. And on **Face Book**
- District:** www.txok-kiwanis.org
- Division:** <http://kiwanis2.wordpress.com> and
- Kiwanis International:** www.kiwanis.org

Our Web site was awarded 2nd best in our District. Take a tour, on the first page on the right drop down menu, Resources, click on Log in and follow directions.

Texas Oklahoma District Convention

Allen, TX August 11-14, 2016

Our club will be responsible for the Memorial Breakfast and Memorial Service. This is a great opportunity to attend a convention nearby. We will need everyone's support. Contact Jim Smith