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Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

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Hang On! The Summer Heat is "almost" Over!

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

- September 6th - Denton Mayor Hudspeth
- September 20th - End of Kiwanis Year meeting
- October 4th - Installation of new Officers and Board members
- October 18th - Rainbow Room

What We Do

The Kiwanis Motto

Serving the Children of the World

The Kiwanis Mission

Kiwanis is a Global Organization of Volunteers dedicated to improving the World one Child and one Community at a time.

Another Great Trivia Night!

Kiwanis Club members again volunteered to work at the Trivia Night. 300 Robson Ranch residents came to play Trivia and enjoy the competition to win prizes and enjoy the fellowship. Thanks to all the Club members for the hard work to make this a fun evening!

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Serving the Children and Families of Denton County so that one day, all Children will wake up in Communities that Believe in them, Nurture them and Provide the Support they need to Thrive.





Denton Kiwanis Children's Dental Bags

The Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch partners with the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club to provide Dental Bags to students in Denton Elementary Schools. In addition to some dental supplies, these bags provide information for the students to learn about the Children's Clinic in Denton operated by the Noon Kiwanis Club.

Established in 1921, the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club gave out Christmas Stockings to children in need in Denton. Members noticed many of the children had medical needs.

In 1925 the club started the Children's Clinic. Throughout the years the clinic was located in rented buildings all over Denton. In 2010 the Club was able to buy a building and now have a permanent site for the Children's Clinic located at 1001 N. Elm St. in Denton.

The Clinic provides children in need with dental, medical services, and prescription drugs. Now the Clinic also provides Vision Services (exams and eyeglasses). About 4 years ago the Club partnered with Denton ISD to provide Mental Health Services for the children in the District.

Most of the referrals are from School Nurses. The majority of the services are for dental problems. By the time the children come to the clinic their mouths are in bad shape. There have been times when children have needed various types of help. One of the children had Cerebral Palsy and was given a wheel chair. Another child was provided with a scooter to help with their broken foot.

During COVID, 2,250 children, from the second grade at Denton Elementary Schools were provided with Dental Bags. This year the Club recognized Hodge Elementary as the school that was in need in Denton. The Robson Ranch Kiwanis Club provided 750 Dental Bags to all the students, pre-k through 5th grade. Thanks to John Derry for assembling the 750 bags in his garage!





Cumberland Youth and Family Services Activities in Denton

Barbara Leurig, President, introduced Jennifer Jenkinson, Development Director, Cumberland Youth and Family Services. The Club provided a donation.

Cumberland Youth and Family Services is "Committed to keeping Youth Safe and Families Together." The Campus has 17 acres. There are 3 Residential programs: Children's Residential Program, Supervised Independent Living Program, and Family Residential Program. In addition to the residential programs, Cumberland's Foster Care and Adoption Program serves community-based foster homes. Cumberland also provides Community Counseling which works to provide uninsured, underfunded members of our community with specialized counseling services.

The Children's Residential Program offers comprehensive care and therapeutic support for youth facing immediate crisis in Shelter Services and those with emotional disorders due to severe trauma in Treatment Services. Cumberland is licensed to serve children and youth ages 5-17 but focuses primarily on meeting the needs of sibling groups and middle and high school-age students. All residents are placed by the Texas Department of Family Protective Services.

The Supervised Independent Living Program offers an extended foster care option to help young adults, ages 18-22. The program is designed to ease the transition into adulthood for those aging out of care. During their stay, education and career goals are set and achieved, they learn independent living skills, manage finances and build healthy relationships. For those who want and need a Spiritual component, it is available.

The Family Residential Program is for the family with a single adult, a mother, a father, or a grandparent. The program provides stable, affordable, and safe housing for families who cannot afford housing, and those with a history of abuse, domestic violence, and/or trauma. While there, the families receive supportive services to equip and empower them to be self-reliant and identify lasting strategies that will address the family's unique needs.

Cumberland's newest program is their Foster Care and Adoption Program. The goal is to recruit, license, and support foster and adoptive families to ensure that we provide safe homes for children in our own community who have experienced trauma. Each month, in Denton County, there are approximately 170 children awaiting placement and less than 30 licensed Foster Homes available. Cumberland is actively working to address this great need in our community.

Please see their website at -

<https://www.cumberlandservices.org/>





Hearts for Homes Speaker

Barbara Leurig introduced Susan Frank, Founder and Executive Director of Hearts for Homes. The club provided a donation.

Susan provided an overview of Hearts for Homes' history and operations. Their mission is "Improving the living conditions of low-income senior homeowners in Denton County."

Established in 2006, Hearts for Homes coordinates with local agencies, churches, elderly service providers, and community groups to identify low-income elderly homeowners needing assistance. Hearts for Homes is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Christian outreach ministry that provides no-cost home repairs to low-income elderly homeowners in Denton County. It is a volunteer-driven organization that receives funding solely through private donations, foundation grants, and fundraising events.

Over the 18 years, Hearts for Homes has grown from assisting 14 households annually to over 100. Hearts establishes long-term relationships with senior residents who typically have incomes of \$1,000 per month and need extra help, particularly with the upkeep of their homes. It takes almost 3,000 hours of volunteer time annually to help these seniors.

Plumbing problems such as leaks, clogs, and tub-to-show conversions are at the top of the list of needed repairs. Air-conditioning and heating systems updates and repairs are vital to residents' health, and thankfully, a local contractor donates most of the system repairs and updates. Roof repairs and occasional replacement are also provided; a local business donates most of this work. As many seniors live in mobile homes, the list of repairs includes many other items, all of which are urgent and necessary for their safety and well-being.

On a few occasions where the existing home was no longer repairable, Hearts for Homes has replaced two mobile homes and built one conventional home with the help of the local community for donations of materials and funding. They are about to finish a 4th home replacement, which is a mobile home.

Hearts for Homes is fortunate to have the support of local businesses and the community for some of the major projects, but it needs private donations and help to continue addressing the increasing needs of many elderly residents in Denton County.

Please see their website at – www.heartsforhomes.org for more information.





Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars

Kiwanis Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 4th at 3:30 pm at the Clubhouse

General Membership Meeting – Friday, September 6th at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room at the Clubhouse.

Volunteering at Our Daily Bread - September 11th, 12th, and 13th.

General Membership Meeting – Friday, September 20th at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room at the Clubhouse

Comfort Dolls on Wednesday, September 25th from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Bluebonnet Room

Bingo on Sunday, September 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Robson Ranch Clubhouse

Bring Hygiene products to the meetings for Interfaith Ministries program

Spread the word to friends and neighbors about the great speakers at upcoming 2024 meetings

Kiwanis Int'l Link—<https://www.kiwanis.org/>

TX-OK District News Links

The District Governor for 2023-2024 is Dr. Kathy Culbertson. Please see the link below to the August post for her message to the District Clubs.

https://pub.marq.com/KINotes_Aug2024/#_0

Our Division is Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Division 8.

<https://www.facebook.com/kiwanistxokd8>

The Noon Kiwanis Club of Denton, Texas meets every Tuesday at noon at Rudy's BBQ, 520 I-35 Frontage Rd, Denton, TX 76205

www.dentonkiwanis.org

The Breakfast Club of Denton meets every Wednesday from 7:00 am to 8:00 AM at Rudy's Bar-B-Q 520 S I-35 Frontage Rd E Denton, TX 76205

www.dentonbreakfastkiwanis.org



Robson Ranch Club Meeting Information

- Our meetings are held on the First and Third Friday of every month.
- The meetings are held in the Medina-Bandera Room at the Robson Ranch Club House
- The meeting has a social time at 8:30 AM and the meeting begins at 9:00 AM for an hour
- We try to have speakers at the meetings from organizations that we support or from individuals in our community with interesting topics.
- Board meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month.
- The Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch Facebook page is -
<https://www.facebook.com/kcrobsonranch>
- The Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch Website is -
<https://kcrobsonranch.org>
- This newsletter is not an official communication of the Robson Ranch Denton Homeowners Association.

The 2023-2024 Officers and Directors

We always encourage members or guests to contact one of the Officers or Board Members if you have questions or comments about our Club.

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