

Minutes of the General Meeting, June 6^{th,} 2025

Bill Wilson, President, called the meeting to order. There were 18 members, two guests, and a guest speaker present.

Bill Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Barbara Leurig led the members in prayer.

Bill Wilson led the group in singing "Meet Me in St. Louie, Louie."

Program

Bill Wilson introduced Dawn Cobb, the Denton County Community Relations Director. Dawn joined Denton County as a highly experienced journalist, having spent most of her career in Denton County. She was assigned to organize a small group of employees to establish all channels of communication with Denton County residents regarding the County Government's activities. Before Dawn's arrival, there was no coordinated approach to community relations.

Denton County Community Relations now provides -

- Newsletters from the County Commissioners, either weekly or biweekly.
- News releases on a wide range of subjects
- Live coverage of Commissioner Court Meetings on YouTube and other sources
- Aerial coverage of nonresidential/parks, etc., events, using a sophisticated Drone
- Coverage on social media sites with over 85,000 followers
- Weather Watch notifications for dangerous weather conditions
- Improving and managing the Denton County Government website
- Adding Podcasts soon with items of interest in the county
- Coordinating the recognition of employees with Service Awards. These functions have been recognized with the Texas Association of Counties Best Practices Award
- Coordinating a social service program with an emphasis on fresh food for those in need
- Hosting a website designed to find help for residents with a wide range of services
- Amazing statistic Denton County now has 1.4 million residents with another 90 added daily!

A copy of Dawn's presentation is attached.

Vote to Consider Approval of New Kiwanis International Bylaws

 Bill Wilson reviewed the need to approve the newly revised Kiwanis International Bylaws for our club. Members received an email copy of the redline version along with the recommended local changes over the past month. Ed Ahrens discussed the local club changes that the Club Board approved at their last meeting. Bruce Walker moved, and Jim Galbraith seconded the motion to approve the changes. The motion passed.



Kiwanian of the Year

• Bill Wilson announced the selection of Susan Galbraith as the Kiwanian of the Year. Bill reviewed Susan's background in Kiwanis and her leadership roles. Susan has been steadfast in supporting our club.

Club Business Items

- Ed Ahrens reported that June's Our Daily Bread volunteer days will be Wednesday, June 11th, and Friday, June 13th.
- Comfort Dolls will meet on June 25th at the CATC.
- Janice Quick reported on the June 22nd Bingo. Ticket sales start on Monday and will continue for two weeks. She thanked everyone for volunteering for ticket sales and working at the Bingo event.
- Jim Galbraith reported that progress is being made in establishing a K-Kids Club at the Jane Ruestmann Elementary School, located just south of the Robson gate on Cleveland-Gibbs. He requested volunteers to assist with this process.
- Bruce Walker reported on the donation of money and the Kiwanis ramp-building tools to Hearts for Homes. They were very excited to receive both and have already used some of the tools. He also provided information on their fundraiser coming up this month and passed around the information.
- Roy Meyer updated the members on the upcoming Robson Ranch Source Book delivery. There still isn't an exact date for the arrival of all the books and community maps. The possible date might be late next week, but he'll supply updates. He also asked for volunteers to fill the open delivery routes and passed around a signup sheet.

Announcements and Reminders

- Bill Wilson reported on the upcoming donations for May
 - CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) \$1,000
 - Rainbow Room \$1,000
 - Dental Bags for DISD students \$1,500
 - New Hope Assisted Equine Therapy Center \$1,000

Club Member Updates

Birthdays for June – Karen Simpson, 1st, Kinda Munz 8th, Tim Munz 9th, and Randy Blackburn 22nd.

Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted – Ed Ahrens







Bill Wilson with Dawn Cobb



Susan Galbraith – Kiwanian of the Year