

July 2025



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Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

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The Dog Days of Summer are here!

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

August 1st - Youth Protection Training

August 15th - Kevin Klein, Director, Food & Beverage at Robson Ranch

September - 5th - Membership Plan

September - 19th - Year in Review

Thanks to Kathy Perry and her son Kelly Hendrickson for donating the Blackstone Griddle to the club for fundraising!



Welcome New Members



Carol Maguire



Karen Simpson



Larry Knutson

2024-2025 TX-OK District Convention

The 2025-2025 District Convention was held in Denton at the Embassy Suites from July 24th to 26th. Bill Wilson, Gwynn Rucker, and Roy Meyer attended as Delegates. Carol Maguire, Janice Quick, Barbara Leurig, and Ed Ahrens attended to volunteer to help with the convention. The convention included numerous workshops for the leadership roles and Kiwanis projects.





Kiwanis Classic Bingo



Our Kiwanis Club was awarded a Texas Charitable Bingo license in early 2024. With this license, we can host up to 12 events per year, with each event having its own license. We purchase licensed Bingo cards and conform to the Charitable Bingo regulations.

After starting in 2024, we were joined by Janice Quick, who brought skills and experience in Bingo events. Janice has been able to attract a large crowd by calling the games and keeping the attendees excited.

Many members work during the Bingo event to set up, sell tickets and daubers, hand out Bingo packages, and perform other support tasks. We especially appreciate Chris Hagen, Chris Laffey, Pam Hitch, Vicki Rawles, and Linda Munz for taking on the responsibility of verifying each potential Bingo winning card.

Bingo has become a major fundraiser for the club.





Life Works Community

Bill Wilson introduced WeBu Carroll and Dr. Randy Park from Life Works Community in Denton. Life Works Community was established to focus on assisting individuals with intellectual disabilities in our community.

WeBu, Dr. Park's grandson, introduced the Life Works Community and its activities. Dr. Park founded Life Works Community in 2016 as a family-focused organization, and it has since grown to serve 80 clients. In their early years, individuals with these disabilities are often cared for by their families or government-funded organizations. When they turn 21, new challenges emerge for them. Addressing these new needs is the primary focus of Life Works Community. Life Works offers a range of individual services to help clients with special needs find support services and navigate agencies that can provide them with assistance. The goal is to help these individuals develop essential life skills, pursue employment opportunities, and adapt to and enjoy their community. The program gives instruction and guidance to help clients achieve a personal level of independence in these key areas through their day care program:

Life

- Self-care
- Menu planning
- Food preparation
- Healthy exercise
- Positive entertainment choices
- LWC offers classes in daily living skills, meal preparation, laundry, exercise, art, and music

Works

- Enables clients to participate in the workplace
- Fosters independence
- Job coaching
- Skill set training

Community

- Enhance socialization.
- Going places in our community strengthens community
- Activities list includes bowling, attending movies, shopping, and swimming

Life Works also has group homes, one for males and one for females, to help clients enhance their life skills by taking responsibility for household chores and developing social skills needed to communicate with others. This learning environment is an important step for clients as they transition to new living arrangements or even independent living.

Life Works Community has numerous community partners that support the programs. There are many opportunities for Robson Ranch residents to volunteer time to help work with the clients on their craft projects, travel assistance, and funding to help offset the costs of daily operations.

Life Works Community is excited to return to its original office location in partnership with the city.

The Kiwanis Club appreciates WeBu and Dr. Park for taking the time to enlighten us about their incredible dedication to helping these clients live fulfilled and enriched lives.





TX-OK Kiwanis Disaster Backpack Program



First Delivery of Backpacks on July 5th to Kerrville flood victims. A second load was sent on July 12th.

The TX-OK Kiwanis District has run a successful Disaster Relief Program for over 14 years starting with the Joplin, Missouri tornado in 2011. Since this time, the TX-OK District has delivered over 2,500 backpacks and 5 million dollars in aid and support for people in need.

The backpacks are designed to supply relief items for the first 24 hours after the event. There are seven different backpacks addressing the needs of infants, 3 age levels of children, and adults. All are available with male or female items.

For example, an adult male backpack would include -

Male

1 3 in 1 Shampoo/body wash/conditioner
1 rain poncho
1 Shaving Cream (or gel)
1 deodorant
2 disposable razors
1 toothbrush
1 toothpaste
1 dental floss
2 pair of socks*size 10-12
1 lip balm
1 package cord or rope 25'

1 wash cloths and 2 bar soap (in baggie)
1 hand sanitizer
1 LED flashlight with batteries
1 Pliers + screw drivers
1 pen
2 Kleenex packs
1 comb & brush
1 spiral notebook (any size)
1 package moist wipes
1 first aid kit + 1 antibiotic ointment
1 package toilet paper (in gallon baggie)

Our club has partnered with the Valley View Kiwanis Club to assemble 100 backpacks. We contributed \$1,500 to buy the supplies toward the 100 backpack goal. It costs about \$30 to supply each backpack. Valley View experienced the tornado in 2024 that left so much destruction in their area. They had backpacks available to distribute to the tornado victims. Both the Valley View Club and the Gainesville Club are working to assemble more backpacks to have in stock if a natural disaster strikes.

TX-OK also has a Flood Bucket Program for distribution to victims of flooding during hurricanes, tornados and storms. These are mostly filled with cleanup items. Many have been distributed in the past to hurricane victims along our Texas/Louisiana coast.





Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars

General Membership Meeting – August 1st at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room

Kiwanis Board Meeting – August 6th at 3:30 pm at the Clubhouse

Volunteering at Our Daily Bread - August 4th, 6th and 8th

General Membership Meeting – Friday, August 15th at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room

Trivia Night - Thursday, August 21st at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse

Comfort Dolls - August 27th at the CATC Building

Spread the word to friends and neighbors about the great speakers at upcoming 2025 meetings

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

TX-OK District News Links

The District Governor for 2024-2025 is Bobby Quinten. Please see the link below to the post for his message to the Clubs in the KI-Notes.

https://pub.marq.com/KINotes_June25/#_0

Our Club is in the 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 2024-2025 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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