

March 2025



Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

www.kcrobsonranch.org

A Great Month of Giving!

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

- April 4th - Dr. Susannah Holbert
O'Bara, Denton ISD Superintendent
- April 18th - Dawn Cobb, Community
Relations Denton County
- May 2nd - Mary King, Metroport -
Meals on Wheels

Member Kindness!

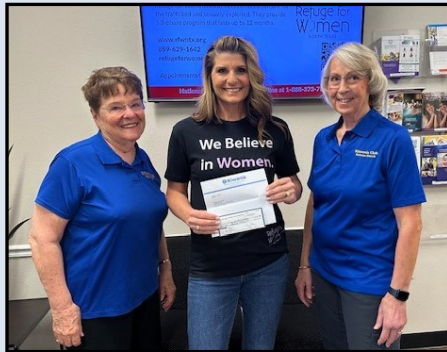
While Gwynn Rucker and Barbara Leurig were delivering the donation to Bob's House of Hope, they were told that the basketball goal used by the kids had been totally destroyed by the recent high winds. Thanks to member's personal contributions, over \$625 was raised for Bob's House of Hope to replace the basketball goal!

WALL OF HOPE



Barbara Leurig and Gwynn Rucker delivered a donation to Bob's House of Hope in Justin.

Susan Galbraith and Gwynn Rucker delivered a donation to the Refuge for Women in Denton.



Bill Wright presented a donation to Habitat for Humanity in Denton. Bill also serves on the Board of Directors for Habitat.



A donation was presented to Our Daily Bread by member volunteers. Members are scheduled to work each month to serve the noon meal. Our Daily Bread serves over 700 meals daily to the homeless and provides shelter and support.

Greg Laffey and Jeff Frick delivered a donation to Freedom House to a thankful group.



**Key Club's 100th Anniversary!**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On March 23, Key Club International will celebrate an incredible milestone — its 100th anniversary! For a century, Key Club has empowered young leaders to serve their schools and communities with compassion, creativity, and dedication.

Founded in 1925, Key Club International is the oldest and largest student-led service organization in the world. With over 225,000 members across 47 nations, Key Club demonstrates a global commitment to service and leadership. Each year, members collectively contribute millions of volunteer hours to their schools and communities. From fundraising initiatives like Start Strong: Zambia with UNICEF USA to educational resources such as the Global Leadership Certificate, Key Club prepares members with the tools to lead effectively and make a difference.

I had the opportunity to witness firsthand these high school student leaders in action when I attended the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District's Winter Board Training Conference in Santa Maria, California, U.S., in January. The Key Club governor and lieutenant governors demonstrated a high degree of competence in their leadership skills.

As we reflect on our legacy, let's also look ahead to the future we're building together. The impact we make today paves the way for generations of servant leaders to come. I invite you to join the celebration and share your stories, plan a special service project, sponsor a Key Club (if you haven't already), donate to the Centennial Fund or simply help spread the word about this incredible organization.

Together, we can honor 100 years of service and inspire the next 100.

Happy centennial!

Lee Kuan Yong

2024-25 Kiwanis International President



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Texas Department of
Family and Protective Services

**Child Abuse
Prevention
Month**

GO BLUE

#ChildAbusePrevention



**April is nationally recognized as
Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

We encourage your business to participate in "Go Blue," an initiative to show support in the prevention of child abuse. By going blue and taking a stand with us, you will raise awareness in your community and help keep Texas children safe.

**Denton
Goes
Blue on
April 4th**



Service Leadership Programs Presentation



Bill Wilson, President, introduced Jackie deMontmollin from the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club to speak about Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). Arianna Raich and Aidan Layman from the UNT CKI Club in Denton also attended and participated in the presentation.

Jackie reviewed the various club levels sponsored by Kiwanis for children. She highlighted the two clubs the Noon Club supports, for which she serves as the club liaison. The Builder's Club (elementary level) is very active; Jackie presented some of their projects and the community leaders who assist the club. Jackie introduced the CKI Club (college level), and Arianna Raich presented an overview of their activities and role at UNT. Arianna will soon graduate and become a member of the Noon Kiwanis Club, where she will take on the liaison role. Aidan Layman discussed the organization of the CKI Club and is currently the president.





Presentation from Foster Village DFW

Bill Wilson, Kiwanis Club President, introduced Alix Ker, from Foster Village DFW. Alix shared an emotional story of how she and her husband began their journey of hosting a foster child in their home.

Foster Village DFW, located in Denton, works to ensure that foster families and children have their basic needs met, connect foster families to resources and each other, and advocate for change in the system, creating a better future for our community, our children, and the caregivers who raise them.

Foster Village DFW has three missions – Equip, Connect, and Advocate.

Equip - When a child is placed with a family, they often arrive with just the clothes on their backs. Foster and kinship families receive little notice before a child is placed with them and must quickly turn their house into a home for a child they have just met. They help equip caregivers by delivering a welcome pack with necessities and resources so they can focus on helping the children in their care thrive.

Connect - One of the most important but often overlooked goals of parenting children from hard places is for them to feel a sense of connection. As caregivers work to meet the emotional needs of the children in their care, they need support of their own, whether it's a night out or someone to call when they are feeling overwhelmed or lonely. The goal is to create opportunities for foster families – both the children and the parents – to connect with each other.

Advocate - They understand the root causes of why a child ends up in the foster care system, facilitate relationships between foster and biological families, and replicate community support around the nation. To build a “community beyond the system,” they present honest and accurate information about our vulnerable neighbors, their challenges, and the need for a supportive community.





Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars

Kiwanis Board Meeting – April 2nd at 3:30 pm at the Clubhouse

Flower Mound New Club Organization Meeting - April 2nd - 6:00 pm in Flower Mound

General Membership Meeting – Friday, April 4th at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room

Kiwanis Craft Bazaar - April 5th from 9:30 to 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse

Volunteering at Our Daily Bread - April 7th, 9th, and 11th.

Robson Ranch Garage Sale - April 12th Clubhouse Parking Lot

General Membership Meeting – Friday, April 18th at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room

Comfort Dolls - April 25th (onetime date change) at 10:00 am at the CATC Building

Trivia Night - May 1st at 7:00 pm

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_FEB2025/#_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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