

## Minutes of General Meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- ➤ The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 25 members and 2 guest speakers present.
- ➤ Barbara Leurig led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Gwynn Rucker led the members in prayer.
- Barbara Leurig led the group in singing "Take me out to the ball game"
- > Roy Meyer introduced the guests at the meeting.
- Greg Laffey introduced Pam Hitch as the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch. Greg provided a recap of Pam's life venture to get to Robson and her current activities. Welcome Pam!
- Program Barbara introduced Helen Kendall from the Boy Scouts of America, Longhorn Council.
  - Helen will be our speaker at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting but came by for a quick announcement.
    The Longhorn Council will sponsor a luncheon on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will honor Frank Dixon,
    Assistant City Manager and former Police Chief, for his community service. Members were
    invited to attend the luncheon either as a group or individually. See attached Invitation.
- Program Barbara introduced guest speaker, Trish Brooks, Development Director for Our Daily Bread in Denton.
  - Trish provided a comprehensive review of Our Daily Bread and its service to our community's homeless population. In addition to her role as a Director, Trish actively helps at Our Daily Bread in daily routines alongside volunteers and residents. She noted some very inspiring success stories of some individuals who are or have been guests at Our Daily Bread and how they are now progressing in our Denton community. The staff at Our Daily Bread offers such compassionate care for the guests to even include a Memorial Service for guests that have passed away during the year.
  - Our Daily Bread does not receive financial support from County, State, or Federal
    agencies. They rely on contributions from the community. They ask for support for food,
    clothing, and other items for the center to function. A major need is for volunteers from the
    community to work at the center each day. Check their website at <a href="https://www.ourdailybreaddenton.org/">https://www.ourdailybreaddenton.org/</a> for updates on their needs.
  - Our Daily Bread is a model organization here in Denton as they provide the only Low Barrier Shelter in all of North Texas.
  - Attached are several articles about Our Daily Bread that provide lots of details.



## Club Business Items

- Ed Ahrens updated the members on the next volunteer days of April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Our Daily Bread in Denton. We'll have 12 members volunteer on those two days.
- Roy Meyer reported there are currently 22 vendors signed up for the Craft Bazaar. We are
  posting on the HOA announcements, Facebook pages, and NextDoor sites and submitted
  an article to the Pioneer Press. He asked for volunteers sign up to help on the April 27<sup>th</sup>
  event to assist vendors in set-up and takedown.
- Barbara announced to the members that nominations for Officers and two Board Members for the upcoming 2024-2025 year are open. She encouraged everyone to consider serving in any of these capacities. Elections will be at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- Barbara announced the opportunity to recognize one of our members as the "Layperson of the Year". This is part of the TX-OK District program to recognize Kiwanis members for their role in their religious organizations and activities in their community. Barbara asked for members to consider who might be considered for this recognition.
- Barbara announced the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Denver, CO on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Members were invited to express their interest in attending.
- Barbara announced the 2024 TX-OK District Convention will be in Tahlequah, OK on July 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Members were invited to express their interest in attending.

## Announcements/Reminders

- Bill Wilson continues to ask for members to recommend speakers for our meetings.
- Members were reminded to bring hygiene items for the Interfaith Ministries program.
- Comfort Dolls will meet April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Bluebonnet Room at the CATA.
- The next meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Bandera/Medina Rooms at the Clubhouse.

## Club Member Updates

- Birthdays Jim Galbraith April 21<sup>st</sup> and Chris Laffey on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.



Trish Brooks of Our Daily Bread



Our newest member – Pam Hitch