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# Kiwanis®

Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

[www.kcrobsonranch.org](http://www.kcrobsonranch.org)

## 2024 Off and Running!



### Looking Forward

- Each year, the Kiwanis family of clubs devote more than 7.3 million hours to service.
- Kiwanis clubs sponsor adult and youth leadership programs, and conduct more than 241,000 projects.
- Kiwanis Clubs raise almost \$340 million.
- The average Kiwanian impacts the lives of 106 children

### Trivia Night Sold Out!

Robson residents arrived before 5:30 am to get in line to buy Trivia tickets! Tickets sold out in 35 minutes for the February 15th Trivia Night!

A huge thanks to Gwynn Rucker, Joann Horst, Linda Munz, and Barbara for working the fast paced ticket sales process.

The founders of the Trivia Club, Linda Smith and Erminja Maganja have been incredibly helpful in shepherding the program.

Trivia Night is an important project for the club to help with.

### Upcoming Meeting Speakers

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Suzann Woodard from the Child Advocacy Center of North Texas. Suzann will highlight the united effort in fighting child abuse in Denton County and also find means to provide healing to young victims and their families.

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Lonnie Gisi and friends to review a 500 mile Camino de Santiago hike in Spain. This is a long-distance pilgrimage trail with a legendary history.

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Northlake Town Mayor David Rettig will provide an update on the economic development activities in Northlake. These are of special interest since so much of the activity is just across the road from Robson.

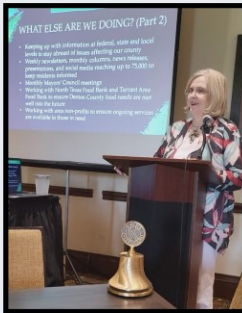


## This Article will be in the February Edition of the Pioneer Press

### Thanks Chris and Greg!

#### "WHY ROBSON RANCH RESIDENTS JOIN KIWANIS"

##### "Serving One Child at a Time"



Fun, enthusiastic, lively, and very informative Meetings - held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month from 9 AM to 10 AM at the Clubhouse.

Examples of our Exceptional Speakers include individuals from numerous local Charitable Organizations.

Also, individuals from our Local Government, such as Denton Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Precinct 4 Commissioner Dianne Edmondson, and District 4 Council Member Joe Holland. Closer to home, HOA General Manager Rhett Hubbard and Vice President of Robson Ranch Texas Sales Gabe Schmid have made presentations. We have also had Financial Planners, Master Gardeners, Denton Recycling, a retired engineer from NASA (a Robson Ranch Resident), and SO MUCH MORE!!!

Robson Ranch Kiwanis donates to a wide variety of Organizations for those in need throughout Denton County: The Rainbow Room, Community Clothes Closet of Justin, Cumberland Family and Youth Center, Freedom House, Habitat for Humanity, Refuge for Women, Our Daily Bread - to name a few.

Also, Kiwanis has donated to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and St. Jude's.

Members decide their individual level of Volunteering for fundraisers and projects they enjoy, which makes our part of North Texas a better place.

Please join our Community of Friendly and Energetic Robson Ranch Residents - for new friendships, some laughs, and knowing you are contributing to the Greater Good.

This is an Open Invitation to attend a Kiwanis Meeting. No Commitment - simply check us out for yourself.

If you are interested - it's easy to join...

Please contact - Greg Laffey - Membership Chair

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Check out our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/kcrobsonranch>





## Volunteer Updates

### Thanks Dave!

Dave Riddle was very active in the Coats for Kids drive in December. Dave collected a total of 64 coats with the most coming from Kiwanis Club members. This is an annual event held to collect much needed coats for kids in Denton County.

### Our Daily Bread Update

We're in the final stage toward getting set up to do team volunteering at Our Daily Bread. We have a few more signup issues to overcome and then Our Daily Bread will coordinate the volunteer days and activities that 18 members signed up for at the last meeting.

### Update on Cumberland Youth & Family

Last week, Cumberland Youth & Family Services celebrated the launch of its newest program — a foster care and adoption program to recruit, train and license community-based foster homes.

“Denton County has more children in foster care that need a safe place to call home than we have actual homes for kids,” said Courtney Banatoski, Cumberland’s president and CEO. “In fact, in Denton County, there are about 150-170 kids in care each month who need placement, and only about 25 licensed family-based foster home placements and about 25 licensed group residential placements in our county. We end up sending kids outside of our community when we can’t meet the need. Our new Foster Care & Adoption Program will help build capacity for our community. We hope to be able to recruit, train, license and support family-based foster homes for an additional 30+ kids in 2024.”

Cumberland is currently hosting two information sessions each month that are designed to educate and answer questions about community-based foster care, for people interested in adopting or becoming a foster parent. The team of experts will provide valuable insights, answer your questions, and guide you through the process. For more information about Cumberland, visit - [cumberlandservices.org](http://cumberlandservices.org).





## **Refresher on Kiwanis Int'l Organization**

### **Kiwanis International**

There are seven regions in Kiwanis: Africa; Asia-Pacific; Canada and Caribbean; Europe; Latin America; Middle East; and the United States and Pacific Canada. The United States and Pacific Canada Region incorporates the 50 states of the United States as well as British Columbia and the Yukon Territory of Canada. This covers 82 nations and geographic areas around the world.

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP at end of 2023**

**438,087 Members**

**183,470 adult members    254,617 youth members**

**CLUBS**

**7,860 adult clubs    7,989 youth clubs**

Within Kiwanis International there are forty-nine administrative areas called Districts. We are in the TX-OK District where there are 10 Regions. TX-OK District including all 10 Regions -

**5,066 Members and 208 Clubs**

**We are within Region 5. There are -**

**784 Members and 23 Clubs**

**Within the Region 5 there are 35 Divisions. We are part of Division 8**

**431 Members and 13 Clubs**

**Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch**

**35 members**



## Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars

General Membership Meeting – February 2nd at 8:30 am

Kiwanis Board Meeting – February 7th at 3:30 pm

General Membership Meeting – February 16th at 8:30 am

Trivia Night on February 15th at 6:30 pm

Comfort Dolls on February 28th from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Bluebonnet Room at the CAC

Bring Hygiene products to the meetings for Interfaith Ministries program

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

**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 December post for her message to the District Clubs.

<https://www.txokkiwanis.org/object-lessons-making-the-world-a-better-place-through-kiwanis/>

Our Division is Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Division 8.

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/](http://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](http://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>

## 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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