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Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

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Minutes of the General Meeting May 17th, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 23 members and a guest speaker present.
- Barbara Leurig led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Roy Meyer led the members in prayer.
- Barbara Leurig led the group in singing “Show your K”
- Greg Laffey, Membership Chairman, introduced Angie and Adrian Graber as new members. Greg reviewed both Angie and Adrian’s journey getting to Robson Ranch and their families and interests. We welcome Angie and Adrian!
- Program - Barbara welcomed Bill Wright, a Kiwanis Club member and Lora Blakeslee Atkinson from Habitat for Humanity Denton. Bill is a Board Member and Lora is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Denton.
 - Bill introduced Lora and they provided a question and answer presentation about Habitat for Humanity. Some highlights –
 - Habitat for Humanity Denton was established in 1994 by Ruth’s Room. From this small start, Habitat was able to purchase property on W. University in Denton. This site accommodates the offices for the staff and the “Barn” which is the ReStore Shop.
 - Habitat has a Christian based mission that states – “Everyone should have a decent place to live.”
 - Habitat Denton is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International.
 - They are working on the 108th house to be built in Denton or surrounding towns. Habitat struggles to find lots at reasonable prices to build new homes
 - The average house is approximately 1,300 sq. feet with a value of \$160,000. Most are 3 or 4 bedroom depending on family size.
 - Applicants for homes are evaluated by need and income levels. If selected, they must be working to pay for a mortgage (30 year at 0% and low tax rates), help build (300 hours), and sign a promissory note for 10 years to not sell the house.
 - Habitat is very excited about a new project called Habitat Village. This will include up to 35 homes with 16 in the first phase of construction. Current outlook is for work to start early 2025 in the Southeast Denton location. Habitat raised \$1.2 million so far and needs another \$650,000 for the project.
 - Habitat Denton is always in need of volunteers, donations, and support for the ReStore Shop from the community.
 - Please see their website at - <http://habitatdentoncounty.org>
 - A copy of the overhead slides is attached.



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➤ Club Business Items

- Ed Ahrens updated the members on the next volunteer days of June 11th, 12th, and 13th at Our Daily Bread in Denton. We will staff the 11:00 to 1:30 Kitchen – Lunch Server time slot again and have two open slots for the Thursday, June 13th time.
- Roy Meyer reported on the Bingo game for Sunday, May 19th. There are currently 127 tickets sold and tickets will be available at the door. Roy invited all members to play or help with the Bingo.
- Barbara reviewed the July 4th parade and asked if any members were interested in walking and carrying the Kiwanis Banner or driving their decorated golf carts in the parade. Members were asked to consider.
- Barbara announced to the members that there were volunteers to stay on as officers and two as new board members. No one volunteered for the President-Elect role at this time. The returning officers for consideration are Greg Laffey, Vice President, Roy Meyer, Treasurer and Ed Ahrens, Secretary. The volunteers for the two open Board member roles are Gwynn Rucker and Jeff Frick. There were no other volunteers for the openings. Bill Wilson moved to approve Greg Laffey as Vice President, Roy Meyer as Treasurer, Ed Ahrens as Secretary, and Gwynn Rucker and Jeff Frick as Board Members. Kimo Sutton seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. We'll keep the President-Elect role open so members can consider volunteering after gaining more experience with the Kiwanis Club. The officers for 2024-2025 will be Bill Wilson, President, Barbara Leurig, Past President, Greg Laffey, Vice President, Roy Meyer, Treasurer, and Ed Ahrens, Secretary. Board Members in addition to the Officers will be Chris Laffey, Jim Ryerson, and Timothy Munz as returning members and Gwynn Rucker and Jeff Frick as new members.

➤ Announcements and Reminders

- Barbara reminded the members of the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention that will be held in Denver, CO on July 3rd to 5th and the 2024 TX-OK District Convention that will be in Tahlequah, OK on July 25th to 27th. Members were invited to express their interest in attending.
- Bill Wilson continues to ask for members to recommend speakers for our meetings. Speakers are scheduled through the 2023-2024 year and Bill is working on next year.
- Members were reminded to bring hygiene items for the Interfaith Ministries program. A speaker from Interfaith will be at our June 21st meeting and Susan requests members to bring items to fill up a basket for the speaker to take back to Interfaith.
- Comfort Dolls will meet May 22nd at 10:00 am in the Bluebonnet Room at the CATA. Barbara reminded members to fill out the new form that will be required in the future to enter the rooms at the CATC. She can supply forms.



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- The next meeting will be June 7th in the Bandera/Medina Rooms

➤ Club Member Updates

- Birthdays – Charles Wobbeking – May 4th

➤ Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00 AM.

