

## Minutes of the General Meeting November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Bill Wilson, President. There were 23 members and two guest speakers present.

Bill Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

JoAnn Smith led the members in prayer.

Bill Wilson led the group in singing "On Kiwanis."

**Program:** Jim Galbraith introduced Shelby Gould, Associate Vice President, University Advancement Operations & Executive Director; COO, TWU Foundation, and Michelle Cummings, Director Donor Relations & Stewardship Programs. Shelby provided an update on the growth initiatives at TWU over the last year. A copy of her presentation will be included with the distribution of the minutes.

- The "Dream Big" goal of \$125 million in fundraising was exceeded with a current amount of \$153 million and it is ongoing.
- The Health Science Center is on schedule for opening in the Fall of 2025. Shelby shared pictures of the construction progress.
- The Bezos Academy is on schedule for opening in the Fall of 2025 with construction now in progress.
- The new School of Aeronautical Sciences received a \$15 million commitment. There are 23 students currently enrolled. One student received a \$140,000 scholarship from an aircraft owners and pilots group. This is the largest scholarship in TWU history.
- A new School of Business was established with a \$30 million gift from a TWU alumnus. This was the largest gift in TWU history. The school is scheduled to open in 2027.
- The Frontiers Program is active, with 202 students receiving year-round support for their tuition and housing needs.
- The FAST Academy provides a 3-week summer program for students from foster care to help with housing and support while they earn college credits. This is an unfunded program from the state and is open to kids from around the state.
- Shelby reviewed the current enrollment statistics for TWU.
- Michelle Cummings then provided information about each of the 6 students who are receiving scholarships from our Kiwanis Club. Michelle also provided information of the requirements that are used to evaluate all scholarship applicants.
- Over the years, the Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch has provided scholarships totaling \$43,000 to 47 students at TWU.



# Kiwanis

## Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

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### Club Business Items

- Randy Blackburn updated the members on the Salvation Army volunteer bell-ringing signup. There are many slots open, and Randy asked members to sign up and see if there are neighbors and friends who can help, as in previous years.
- Randy Blackburn reported on the ongoing sale of Wreaths Across America.
- Ed Ahrens updated on Our Daily Bread volunteering for December 11th, 12th, and 13th.
- Comfort Dolls will meet on November 27th at the CATC.
- Barbara Leurig reported on the Trivia Night. The evening went very well, and she thanked all the members who are so vital in making this Trivia Night so successful.
- Roy Meyer reported on getting ready for the Thanksgiving meal delivery to Cumberland Youth and Family.

### Announcements and Reminders

- Dave Riddle will continue to collect coats for the Winter Coat Drive, and members can drop off coats at his house.
- The Club Holiday Social is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grill from 5 to 8 pm.
- The December 6<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Toby Thompson, Principal of Fred Moore High School.
- The TX-OK Governor will visit the club meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- A \$500.00 contribution was made to the Kiwanis Children's Fund in honor of Gene Heathcoat.
- Toys are being collected for the Rainbow Room Christmas gifts for the kids.

### Club Member Updates

- John Derry introduced Megg Galloway, our newest member. He reviewed Megg's journey to get to Robson Ranch, her interests, and her excitement to help with our club activities. Welcome Megg.
- Linda Munz fell recently, resulting in a broken arm and follow-up surgery. Members expressed their greetings to Linda for a quick recovery.
- Birthdays –Kimo Sutton, November 23rd.

**Happy Dollars followed.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.**

**Submitted – Ed Ahrens**



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Michelle Cummings and Shelby Gould



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