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**Kiwanis**  
Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch  
[www.kcrobsonranch.org](http://www.kcrobsonranch.org)

## Happy Leap Year!

### Trivia Night February 15th

Thanks to all the Kiwanis Club volunteers helping the Trivia Club, the first Trivia Night of 2024 was a success! The Club House Ballroom was filled with 300 fun-loving, competitive Robson Ranch residents competed for almost \$2,000 in Grill gift cards and Visa gift cards.

Congratulations to Marvin Daniel who was on one of the winning teams!

The next Trivia Night will be May 2nd. We'll need volunteers to help again.

### Upcoming Meeting Speakers

- March 15th - Northlake Town Mayor David Rettig will provide an update on the economic, roadway, and development activities in Northlake. These are of special interest since so much of the activity is just across the road from Robson.
- April 5th - Trish Brooks, from Our Daily Bread will update on their activities and volunteer opportunities
- April 19th – Christine Mann, from Refuge for Women will update on freedom from drugs and sex trafficking.





## Camino de Santiago Speakers



At our Kiwanis Club meeting on February 16, we were reminded of the diversity of our community at Robson Ranch. Speakers, Lonnie Gisi and Kathy Bailey, shared their experiences walking 500 miles on the ancient path, from Saint Jean Pied de Port, France, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. We learned the rich history associated with the Camino de Santiago, how these ladies approached their journeys, and the lessons they brought home.

Camino de Santiago, in English, means the Way of St. James. James, one of the 12 apostles, was martyred in Jerusalem in 44 AD. After his death, tradition says his remains were carried to Spain. In the 9th Century, a church was built to honor him. Construction of the Cathedral was begun in 1075. From the 9th Century to the present, millions have made their way to Santiago de Compostela.

While the Camino de Santiago may ostensibly be a Christian pilgrimage, many people of other faiths (or no faith) have walked this path for a myriad of reasons. Whatever the motivation, the Camino is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you may feel compelled to do more than once.

Medieval villages, Roman bridges, century old monasteries and churches, art, and varied cuisines and cultures abound. The landscape is beautiful and diverse. The trail traverses 3 mountain ranges and 200 kilometers of high plains. You walk through vineyards, valleys, forests, cities, medieval villages, and hamlets.

Kathy shared how walking in silence for hours awakens your senses. You see things you would have never noticed in the hurry of life. However, when we leave the solitude and come back together with others, we find that the time we spend in community is richer because of the time we spent in solitude.

Lonnie shared how she came to love humanity. She discussed the beauty of entering into another person's life, as she interacted with other pilgrims on the way, and how she brought the people she met home with her. Kathy quoted the proverb, "joy shared is joy doubled; and sorrow shared is sorrow halved." As these ladies walked their Camino, they took the time to bear others' burdens. But they also had the opportunity to enter into others' joys.

Lonnie reminded us that we can have the Camino experience right here in our community. We need only to take the time to interact with the people all around us. The Camino, as is true with life, is whatever you want to make it.



## Children Advocacy Center Presentation to the Kiwanis Club



At a recent Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch meeting, the members heard an inspiring message from Suzann Woodard, Director of Development at the Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas.

Suzann presented a comprehensive review of the structure and operation of the Children's Advocacy Center. As residents of Robson Ranch, a lot of us have grandchildren that could be exposed to abuse. We feel sharing Suzann's message in this article with our Robson community is important.

"The Children's Advocacy Center movement started in the 1980s to create a place where children and their families come for help, to tell their truth once, and to receive support towards justice and healing. By the 1990s, the movement became part of the Texas Family Code, which mandates that certain criminal cases of child abuse, including sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, child trafficking, or witness to death or severe violence, are investigated at a CAC. Since 1997, we have coordinated the investigation and prosecution of severe child abuse cases for law enforcement, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and prosecutorial offices in our service area through a multi-disciplinary team response for children aged 0-17, regardless of racial, gender or sexual identity, family language, or socio-economic background.

Children served by a CAC are surrounded by a team of caring professionals in an environment designed with kids in mind. Since 1997, we have coordinated more than 27,000 cases, ensuring stronger outcomes by offering six core services: Multi-disciplinary Team Coordination, Forensic Interviews, Mental Health Services, Family Advocacy Services, Forensic Medical Exams, and MDT Case Review. As a multi-county advocacy center, we receive and read statewide intake reports of child abuse concurrently with investigators, ensuring that no child and no investigation "falls through the cracks" or receives less than our best-in-class service. For 26 years, we have been the place where investigations are conducted and where healing and restoration happen.

Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas and our 67 partner agencies across our three counties (Denton, Wise, and Jack) provide critical, no-cost victim services to child victims and their families to facilitate the healing process and reduce the trauma of abuse. We know that child victims of severe abuse are at high risk for continued trauma and deserve strong and proven interventions that promote resilience and allow victims to overcome the impact of abuse. That is why we exist: to eliminate the negative outcomes associated with child abuse and to restore the full potential of the child. We pledge to break the cycle of child abuse by educating families and our community to protect children".

Please see the Children's Advocacy Center website for more information – [cacnorthtexas.org](http://cacnorthtexas.org)





## New Members!

John and Marion Napurano



### Upcoming Kiwanis District and International Events

- April 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> - Texas-Oklahoma District of Key Club International Leadership Education District Conference (LEDCON) LEDCON is the district convention where around 500 -1000 Key Club members attend to celebrate the year of service, learn how to improve their club, and attend forums to develop and learn valuable skills. Will be held at the Embassy Suites in Denton.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> - Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. This is the annual convention.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> - Texas-Oklahoma District Convention. Held this year in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.



## Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars

General Membership Meeting – March 1st at 8:30 am in Bluebonnet Room at CAC

Kiwanis Board Meeting – March 6th at 3:30 pm

Robson Ranch Clubs Open House - March 9th

Volunteering at Our Daily Bread - March 12th and 13th

General Membership Meeting – March 15th at 8:30 am in Bluebonnet Room at CAC

Comfort Dolls on March 27th from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Bluebonnet Room at the CAC

Taste of North Texas Denton Noon Club - March 28th

Bring Hygiene products to the meetings for Interfaith Ministries program

Spread the word to friends and neighbors about the great speakers at upcoming  
2024 meetings

**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 February/March 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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