



Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

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Minutes of the General Meeting June 7th, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 21 members and a guest speaker present.
- Barbara Leurig led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Barbara Leurig led the members in prayer.
- Barbara Leurig led the group in singing “Grand Old Flag”
- Program - Barbara welcomed Taffy Olszewski, Community Engagement Manager, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star. Taffy presented an engaging overview of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Some highlights and see attached PowerPoint presentation -
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) works to clear the path to a child's brightest possible future by matching them with a caring, adult mentor in a one-to-one friendship. BBBS provides children (aka Littles) with volunteer adult mentors (aka Bigs) who serve as a consistent presence in their Little's lives.
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of America was founded 125 years ago as a prevention to youth from entering the juvenile justice system.
 - The Greater Tarrant Market is a part of BBBS Lone Star, the largest affiliate agency of BBBSA.
 - They made 1,784 new matches and served 4,926 youth in 2023.
 - For kids involved with BBBS –
 - 97% improved self confidence
 - 92% less likely to get in trouble
 - 86% performed better in school
 - There are great outcomes for kids involved with BBBS - 98% enrolled, enlisted, or employed.
 - Taffy asked the members to reflect on their early lives and who might have been a mentor who helped them successfully develop toward adulthood. It's these success stories that make BBBS so vital to our society.
 - There is a huge need for mentors (Bigs) for the programs. Mentors are matched with a child one-to-one. The matching process is designed to find the best ways to use the Bigs' experience to help the child. The application process for Bigs is comprehensive. There are currently 20 kids on the waiting list in our area.
 - The ways our community can volunteer are divided into three areas, each suited to an individual's time and commitment level.
 - Community-Based
 - Meet 2-4 times per month in person at the child's home or other activity location
 - free/low-cost activities



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- 1-year commitment
- Site Based
 - Meet weekly during school hours at the school
 - partnerships with local school districts such as Argyle and Northwest
 - 2 semester commitment
- Mentor 2.0
 - College/career focus
 - chat weekly online
 - monthly in-person event

For more information, please see their website at - bbbstx.org

➤ Club Business Items

- Greg Laffey, Membership Chairman, introduced Vicki Rawles as a new member. Greg reviewed Vicki's journey getting to Robson Ranch and her family and interests. We welcome Vicki!
- Roy Meyer updated the members on the Robson Ranch Source Book delivery program. This is a major fundraiser for the club but requires lots of help from the members. Roy reviewed the steps to get the bags ready on Thursday, June 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Roy and Bill Wilson are signing up members for delivery routes. We will also ask for some volunteers from non-Kiwanian members to help our members who need a little help in the delivery of the books. Members are asked to deliver the books from June 13th thru June 21st to accommodate schedules and Texas heat.
- Ed Ahrens updated the members on the next volunteer days of June 11th, 12th, and 13th at Our Daily Bread in Denton. There is a conflict for a couple of the members for June 13th now that the source books have taken priority.
- Ed Ahrens reported on the Bingo game on Sunday, May 19th. There were 131 tickets sold. The event went well and the players enjoyed the time. We made about \$1,112 and the next events will be more profitable if we can get more players. The next Bingo will be September 29th. We'll look forward to 4 Bingo events next year.
- Barbara reviewed the July 4th parade and did the last call to see 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.

➤ Announcements and Reminders

- 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.



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- Comfort Dolls will meet June 26th 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. There were forms available for members to complete.
- The next meeting will be June 21th in the Bandera/Medina Rooms

➤ Club Member Updates

- Birthdays – Randy Blackburn – June 22nd

➤ Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00 AM.

