

July 2024



# Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

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

## July Weather had some Pleasant Surprises!



### Summer Social

Club Members enjoyed a summer social at the Robson Ranch Grill. A burger buffet was followed by fellowship and a couple of enthusiastic games of Bingo and Trivia!

### Upcoming Meeting Speakers

- August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cumberland Youth and Family
- August 16<sup>th</sup> - Hearts for Homes
- September 6<sup>th</sup> - Denton Mayor Hudspeth
- September 20<sup>th</sup> - End of Kiwanis Year meeting

### July 4th Parade at Robson Ranch!

Breakfast tacos were a hit again thanks to Dave Riddle, Bill Wilson, and Jeff Frick. Thanks to John Derry for driving his car in the parade!



### There's a Poet in the Club!

Jeff Frick shared how his career led him to enjoy writing poetry as a part of his daily activities. Jeff has written over 3,000 poems and has published many. Jeff provided an overview of how he goes through the writing process in preparation to convert thoughts and feelings into words in a poem.







## Great Information at a July Meeting



Keri Caruthers, Executive Director of Interfaith Ministries presented Barbara Leurig with a wooden plaque recognizing the Kiwanis Club for their continuing support of Interfaith Ministries. The club also provided a donation to Interfaith. Club members bring hygiene products to meetings for delivery to Interfaith Ministries for their clients.

As the primary resource for short-term emergency assistance in Northern Denton County, IFM serves over 486 households and 3,000 people a year. IFM's goal is to help individuals maintain financial stability and prevent homelessness. They are supported by several area faith-based organizations, individual donors, contracts, grant funding, and special events.

Please see their website at [www.ifmdenton.org](http://www.ifmdenton.org) for more information about this very important organization in our community.



## Speaker at a July Meeting

Barbara Leurig, President, introduced Andrea Jones, Director, Business Development for Ranch Hands Rescue, Bob's House of Hope, at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. Andrea provided an enlightening overview of Bob's House of Hope and its mission.

Founded in 2021, Bob's House of Hope is a comprehensive, four-year program at Ranch Hands Rescue in Argyle, Texas. It is also the nation's driving force to educate the public that young men and boys are sex trafficked, too, and endure horrific, traumatic conditions. The goal is to empower these young men with the skills and trades they need to rebuild their lives, sustain themselves, and reach independence after years of trauma.

The residential facility at Bob's House of Hope is built on a foundation of safety and community. It has the distinction of being the nation's first and only safe house for young male survivors of sex trafficking, ages 18 and up. Another first: As part of the 40 acre campus expansion, they will be opening a specialized second safe house for boy ages 12-17 who have been sex trafficked.

Andrea provided some alarming statistics about youth sex trafficking. Up to 50% of sex trafficked youth are young men and boys. In Texas alone, there are 60,000 missing young kids. These at-risk young males often have backgrounds of abuse and neglect and are provided street drugs. Most victims are lured into trafficking by somebody they know who preys on their vulnerabilities. Additionally, the exploitation of these young males cuts across every socioeconomic boundary- urban, suburban, rural, wealthy, and poor.

Please see their website at – [Ranchhandsrescue.org](https://Ranchhandsrescue.org) for more information about Bob's House of Hope.





## Meaning of the Name "Kiwanis"

The name "Kiwanis" has an interesting origin rooted in Native American language:

The word "Kiwanis" is derived from an expression used by the American Indian tribe that lived in the Detroit area, where Kiwanis was founded.

The original phrase in the Otchipew (also known as Ojibwe or Chippewa) language was "Nun Kee-wanis".

Initially, it was thought to mean "we trade," which aligned with the organization's original purpose of business networking.

However, the true meaning was later discovered to be "self-expression" or "to express one's self."

The phrase was shortened and modified to become "Kiwanis."

Some sources suggest that the name can also be interpreted as "we make ourselves known."

It's worth noting that the interpretation of the name has evolved over time, along with the organization's purpose:

In 1920, Kiwanis adopted the motto "We Build," which remained in use until 2005.

The current motto, adopted in 2005, is "Serving the children of the world," reflecting the organization's focus on service, particularly to children.

This evolution in the interpretation and use of the name "Kiwanis" reflects the organization's shift from its initial business networking focus to its current emphasis on community service and global volunteerism.



## Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars

General Membership Meeting – Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room at the Clubhouse.

Kiwanis Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at the Clubhouse

Trivia Club Ticket Sales—Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the Clubhouse

Volunteering at Our Daily Bread - August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>.

General Membership Meeting – Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room at the Clubhouse

Trivia Night— August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse

Comfort Dolls on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00 in the Bluebonnet Room

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 April post for her message to the District Clubs.

[https://pub.marq.com/KINotes\\_April2024/#\\_0](https://pub.marq.com/KINotes_April2024/#_0)

Our Division is Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District Division 8.

<https://www.facebook.com/kiwanistxokd8>

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>
- This newsletter is not an official communication of the Robson Ranch Denton Homeowners Association.

## 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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