

December 2024



Kiwaniis
Kiwaniis Club of Robson Ranch
www.kcrobsonranch.org

What A Joyous Month!

Comfort Dolls



The club members are busy making many, creative Comfort Dolls each month! Over 200 have been delivered this year to numerous organizations that are excited to get them for the kids!

Cumberland Youth and Family Gifts



Food and Christmas Gifts for the families in residence at Cumberland Delivered!

Holiday Social - Fellowship - Christmas Songs - Games



Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread is always excited to have "those Kiwanis Club Volunteers" serve the food!



Rainbow Room Christmas Gifts

Thanks to Linda and Timothy Munz for Collecting and Delivering the gifts !





What A Joyous Month! Continued

Salvation Army Bell Ringing 2024

Members of the Club rang the bells for the first two weeks of December at the Kroger store on Teasley. There were some cold days and some warm, typical Texas weather. Thanks to all the members who participated, and some filled several time slots!

Jerry Waynant coordinated the Bell Ringing for many years and handed off the leadership to Randy Blackburn this year. We are grateful to Jerry and Randy for doing this!

This site is always one of the best for contributions, and the Kiwanis volunteers save the Salvation Army money by not having to pay someone to ring the bells.

It's always enjoyable to see the many shoppers coming to the store and greeting them!

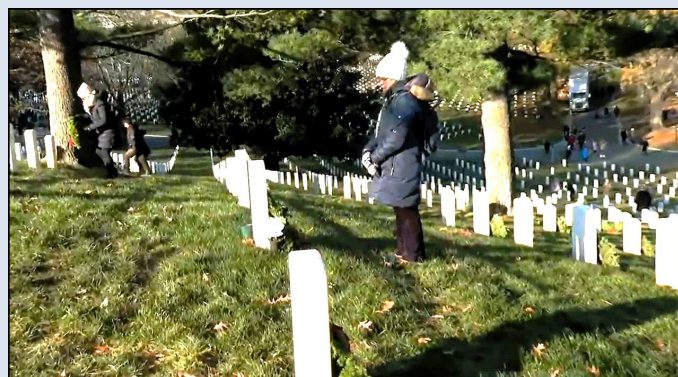


Wreaths Across America 2024

Randy Blackburn, a Club member and Army veteran, has led Wreaths Across America in community efforts for the past 15 years. The Kiwanis Club appreciates Randy's experience and dedication for making this a successful program.



On December 14, the Wreaths Across America Ceremony took place at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Veterans Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on 62,500 graves of our country's fallen heroes.



Every veteran's name was spoken that day!



Fred Moore High School

Bill Wilson, Club President, introduced Toby Thomason, Principle, Fred Moore High School and Kelly Fiore-Watson, Special Ed and Arts Teacher at Fred Moore.

Toby provided a history of Fred Moore High School. Originally established in 1909, Fred Moore High School was first named Fred Douglas High School, serving the African-American community. In 1950, the school was renamed after Fred Moore, a former teacher and principal at Douglas High who remained connected to the community. It is the legacy of Fred Moore and his rise from poverty to attain an advanced degree and become a community leader that inspires the work of the staff and students at Fred Moore High School.

Kelly provided heartwarming examples of several students who overcame major life challenges to receive their High School diploma. She highlighted the school staffing and the uniqueness of how each student works to attain their diploma.

Fred Moore High School provides a true alternative climate where students can graduate at an accelerated pace under the guidance of highly qualified classroom teachers. Fred Moore helps students to stay in school – especially those facing challenging circumstances. It is a great alternative for students who want a change from the traditional high school setting. To enhance that compassionate learning environment, Fred Moore offers small classes and flexible schedules within regular school hours, to assist students in accelerating their academic goals.

- Early graduation. There are two graduation ceremonies each year in the Fall and Spring.
- Recommended and distinguished diplomas. Fred Moore students receive the same high-school diplomas offered by the district's traditional campuses that are accepted at all accredited colleges and universities.
- Rigorous curriculum. Coursework is provided online, and each FMHS student is provided a device on which to work. Lessons are completed independently with teacher tutoring and support. The course work is accelerated to require 10 semester credits versus the normal 8.
- Accelerated pacing. Students are enrolled in the next course on their graduation plan as soon as they are ready, rather than at the end of the semester.
- Field trips. They offer outings that promote STEM enrichment, cultural awareness, and college and career readiness.



Chris Hagen and Roy Meyer presented scholarships to two students at the December Gradation!



TX-OK District Governor's Message

TX-OK District Governor, Bobby Quinten recently visited a Robson Ranch Kiwanis Club meeting. The Governor highlighted a part of the mission of Kiwanis – “One Child at a Time” with the examples of the Comfort Dolls and the message from Fred Moore High School of focusing on one child at a time to make a difference in their lives.

The Governor covered his Kiwanis history and responsibilities for the upcoming year. He will travel extensively and has ambitious goals for the 2024-2025 year.

- 6,000 total members - 4,830 currently
- 225 Kiwanis Clubs - 205 currently - 20 new Clubs
- Youth Protection Training compliance: 100%
- Club Leadership Education compliance: 100%
- 10 active Aktion Clubs
- Total donation to Kiwanis Children's Fund: \$60,000
- \$25,000 for Women in Kiwanis
- Every club supports an Service Leadership Program
- Disaster Recovery Backpacks available in every Division



The Governor presented Bill Wilson with a Governors Pin in recognition of Bill's role as the club President this year. He also presented Jim Galbraith with a Governors Pin in recognition of Jim's role as a past Governor of the Southwest District and Jim and Susan's unwavering support of Kiwanis.



Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars

Kiwanis Board Meeting – Thursday, January 2nd at 3:30 pm at the Clubhouse

General Membership Meeting – Friday, January 3rd at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room at the Clubhouse.

Volunteering at Our Daily Bread - January 8th, 9th, and 10th.

General Membership Meeting – Friday, January 17th at 8:30 am in the Bandera-Medina Room at the Clubhouse.

Comfort Dolls - January 22nd at the CATC Building

Bingo - January 26th at 2:00 pm at the Clubhouse Ballroom.

Spread the word to friends and neighbors about the great speakers at upcoming 2025 meetings

- January 3rd - Chaplain David Clements
- January 17th - Leslie Morris, R3 Wound Care/Hyperbaric
- February 7th - Charlotte Ivy, Mayberry Gardens

Kiwanis Int'l Link—<https://www.kiwanis.org/>

TX-OK District News Links

The District Governor for 2024-2025 is Bobby Quinten. Please see the link below to the post for his message to the Clubs.

https://pub.marq.com/KINotes_Oct24/#_0

Our Club is in the 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

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



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 2024-2025 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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