

Minutes of the General Meeting April 19th, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 20 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 "America"
- Program Barbara introduced guest speaker, Helen Kendall, District Director for the Boy Scouts, Longhorn Scouting Council, Frontier Trails District.
 - Helen provided an overview of the Boy Scouts. She pointed out common ground in our Kiwanis mission and that of the Boy Scouts of preparing youth and addressing their needs to improve their lives.
 - She highlighted the components of "Boy Scouts" which includes Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Exploring, and Sea Scouts and how each functions.
 - Helen provided lots of statistics of the Longhorn Council and the 12 districts located in North Texas, primarily west of Ft Worth and up to Gainesville. There are over 8,000 youth currently involved and over 4,500 adult volunteers to support the youth activities.
 - Helen explained the branding issues with the name "Boy Scouts" when 20% of the membership is girls. While they would like to find a better way of identifying the organization to include both boys and girls, there are just so many legal issues to deal with to do a potential name change.
 - There are several way members can volunteer. Members could volunteer to work on the District Committee on activities such as Eagle Scout Boards and others. Being a merit badge counselor is also a good way to use our life experiences to help scouts with their projects.
 - Helen encouraged members to support the scouts in their local fundraising activities and Eagle Scout fundraisers. There are also fundraising functions and a general giving program members can participate in.
 - A copy Helen's presentation is attached.
- Club Business Items
 - Barbara Leurig updated the members on the May 2nd Trivia Night. The Trivia Night was very successful and she thanked the members who worked last night to make it so successful.
 - Ed Ahrens updated the members on the next volunteer days of May 7th, 8th, and 9th at Our Daily Bread in Denton. We will staff the 11:00 to 1:30 Kitchen Lunch Server time slot.



- Roy Meyer reported on the Craft Bazaar held on Saturday, April 27th. There were 22 vendors who were very pleased with the turnout of residents. The Craft Bazaar was successful for the club and plans are in motion for next year.
- Barbara announced to the members that nominations for President-Elect are still open.
 She asked all the members to consider this role. Elections will be at the May 17th meeting.
- > Announcements and Reminders
 - Barbara reminded the members of the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention that will be held in Denver, CO on July 3rd to 5th and the 2024 TX-OK District Convention that will be in Tahlequah, OK on July 25th to 27th. Members were invited to express their interest in attending.
 - Bill Wilson continues to ask for members to recommend speakers for our meetings.
 - Members were reminded to bring hygiene items for the Interfaith Ministries program.
 - Comfort Dolls will meet May 22nd at 10:00 am in the Bluebonnet Room at the CATA.
 - The next meeting will be May 17th in the Bandera/Medina Rooms
 - Bingo will be held on Sunday, May 19th. Tickets sales will start on Monday, May 6th and follow on Monday-Wednesday-Friday for the week of May 6th and May 13th. Roy Meyer has signup sheets for members to sell the tickets.
- Club Member Updates
 - Birthdays Charles Wobbeking May 4th
- Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.