

# Minutes of the General Meeting March 7th, 2025

Bill Wilson, President, called the meeting to order. 24 members, three speakers, and one guest were present.

Bill Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Barbara Leurig led the members in prayer.

Bill Wilson led the group in singing "We of Kiwanis."

### Program

- Bill Wilson, President, introduced Jackie deMontmollin from the Denton Noon Kiwanis Club to speak about Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). Arianna Raich and Aidan Layman from the UNT CKI Club in Denton also attended and participated in the presentation.
- Jackie reviewed the various club levels sponsored by Kiwanis for children. She highlighted the
  two clubs the Noon Club supports, for which she serves as the club liaison. The Builder's Club
  (elementary level) is very active; Jackie presented some of their projects and the community
  leaders who assist the club. Jackie introduced the CKI Club (college level), and Arianna Raich
  presented an overview of their activities and role at UNT. Arianna will soon graduate and
  become a member of the Noon Kiwanis Club, where she will take on the liaison role. Aidan
  Layman discussed the organization of the CKI Club and is currently the president. A copy of
  their PowerPoint presentation is attached for more information.

### **Club Business Items**

- Roy Meyer reported that Bingo ticket sales are underway, with 70 tickets already purchased. Bingo will be on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Ed Ahrens reported that March's Our Daily Bread volunteer days will be March 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th,</sup> with four volunteers on both days. He'll work to set up an additional day for April.
- Comfort Dolls will meet on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the CATC.

### **Announcements and Reminders**

- Ed Ahrens reported that the Robson Ranch Club Open House was well attended by residents, and several people expressed interest in attending a meeting.
- The Robson Ranch After Schoolers garage sale will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Susan Galbraith will lead the effort.
- Chris Laffey updated the members on the Craft Bazaar on April 5<sup>th</sup>. She has 22 vendors so far. She is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the Craft Bazaar for a shift in the morning and one at closing in the afternoon.
- Bill Wilson reported on the delivery of donations -



- Freedom House Gregg Laffey and Jeff Frick will deliver
- Refuge for Women Susan Galbraith and Gwynn Rucker delivered
- Bob's House of Hope Gwynn Rucker and Barbara Leurig delivered
- o Our Daily Bread The Wednesday, March 12th volunteers will deliver
- Habitat for Humanity Bill Wright will deliver
- The donation delivery by members to the charity location is going very well, with great feedback on the experience and learning opportunities about the organization's needs. Several organizations are excited to return to our meetings for updates on their progress.
- Gwynne Rucker and Barbara Leurig reported on their experience visiting Bob's House of Hope in Justin and the work that the organization is doing to help young boys recovering from sex trafficking. The recent high winds damaged the basketball goal, and Gwynn and Barbara are collecting donations to help replace it. Members are responding to this need.

## **Club Member Updates**

- Birthdays for March Bill Wilson 8<sup>th</sup>, Jim Ryerson 12<sup>th</sup>, and Pam Hitch 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Kiwanis Cares forms were provided.

## Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

## Submitted – Ed Ahrens



Aidan Layman, Arianna Raich, Jackie, and Bill



Arianna Raich and Jackie