



Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch

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Minutes of the General Meeting August 16th, 2024

- The meeting was called to order by Barbara Leurig, President. There were 23 members, 1 guest, and a guest speaker present.
- Barbara Leurig led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- Jim Galbraith led the members in prayer.
- Barbara Leurig led the group in singing “America”
- Program: Barbara Leurig introduced Susan Frank, Founder and Executive Director of Hearts for Homes. The club provided a donation.

Susan provided an overview of the history and operations of Hearts for Homes. Their mission is “Improving the living conditions of low-income senior homeowners in Denton County.”

Established in 2006, Hearts for Homes coordinates with local agencies, churches, elderly service providers, and community groups to identify low-income elderly homeowners needing assistance. Hearts for Homes is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Christian outreach ministry that provides no-cost home repairs to low-income elderly homeowners in Denton County. It is a volunteer-driven organization that receives funding solely through private donations, foundation grants, and fundraising events.

Over the 18 years, Hearts for Homes has grown from assisting 14 households annually to currently over 100. Hearts establishes long-term relationships with senior residents who typically have incomes of \$1,000 per month and need extra help, particularly with the upkeep of their homes. It takes almost 3,000 hours of volunteer time annually to help these seniors.

Plumbing problems such as leaks, clogs, and tub-to-show conversions are at the top of the list of needed repairs. Air-conditioning and heating systems updates and repairs are vital to residents’ health, and thankfully, a local contractor donates most of the system repairs and updates. Roof repairs and occasional replacement are also provided; a local business donates most of this work. As many seniors live in mobile homes, the list of repairs includes many other items.

On a few occasions where the existing home was no longer repairable, Hearts for Homes has been able to build a new home with the help of the local community for donations of materials and funding. They are completing their 4th house now.

Hearts for Homes is fortunate to have the support of local businesses and the community for some of the major projects but needs private donations and help to continue to address the increasing needs of many elderly residents in Denton County. The ways our community can help are –



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- Volunteer on home repair projects
- Provide food for work days
- Donate \$\$\$ to purchase building materials
- Donate Lowes or Home Depot gift cards
- Adopt an entire project
- Work in the office
- Volunteer on a committee
- Promote Hearts for Homes within your church
- Host a fundraiser
- Mention Hearts for Homes on your website
- Accept the \$25 Challenge and pledge \$25 a month to support Hearts
- Join the prayer team to intercede for Hearts for Homes

Please see their website at – www.heartsforhomes.org for more information.

- Club Business Items
 - Trivia Night will be August 22nd and Club members will again volunteer to work.
 - Ed Ahrens updated the group on Our Daily Bread volunteering for September. There are still a few slots open and we will volunteer on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
 - The Robson Ranch Garage sale will be October 26th. Barbara and Susan requested that members start looking for items to donate to the garage sale.
- Announcements and Reminders
 - Barbara reminded everyone to register for the phone app or key fob for access to the CATC starting in September.
 - Barbara reminded everyone to think about speakers for the next year and let Bill Wilson know.
 - Members were reminded to bring hygiene items for the Interfaith Ministries program.
 - Comfort Dolls will meet on August 28th at 10:00 am in the Bluebonnet Room at the CATA.
 - The next meeting will be on September 6th in the Bandera/Medina Rooms
- Club Member Updates
 - Barbara provided an update on some of the members recovering from medical issues.
 - Birthdays – Happy Birthday was sung to Dale Brekke, August 6th



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- A reminder – Dates of birthdays are taken from the Kiwanis data base. If your date wasn't added to the data base (optional), let Barbara know if you wish to add your birthday to the agenda.
- Happy Dollars followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Submitted – Ed Ahrens



Susan Frank, Founder and Executive Director of Hearts for Homes