

Mansfield Kiwanis Newsletter

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Update from the President

By Todd Simmons

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I can't believe the speed of the passage of time. The first four months of our Kiwanis year is already gone. Before we know it, spring will be here.

We have dealt with a few unusual occurrences this year. Some vacancies on the Board of Directors that resulted in one special election and another one scheduled. Our fund raisers have been somewhat lackluster, but the Magic Show is coming up and should help shore up our service budget. We have added two new members and hope to add more as the year progresses.

Another exciting development is the formation of our Community Service Committee. Darryl Haynes, Bill Lodal, and Steve Standefer have been busy gathering information and meeting with some folks outside the club so that we can get back to our roots with boots on the ground helping make some minor repairs and cleaning up some property for those who might not be able to do it themselves.

Attendance has been very good at our weekly meetings and we have

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D/FW Mid-Winter Conference Service Project

By Greg Barberee

The T/O District has requested all Clubs in the D/FW Area to participate in a service project for this weekend's Mid-Winter Conference in Terrell, TX. All Clubs are asked to bring new, unopened **travel sized**:

- Dental floss;
- Shampoo;
- Hand lotion;
- Deodorant;
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste;
- Conditioner;
- Bar Soap; and,
- Hand Sanitizers.

All items are being collected to assist Division 2 with their new program to assist the homeless. If you wish to participate in the Service Project, please bring any items you wish to donate to the meeting on Friday.

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Mansfield – Serving the
Children of Mansfield
and the World since
1973*

Kiwanis International Foundation Recognized by Charity Navigator

From Kiwanis International Foundation

The Kiwanis International Foundation received another top rating from Charity Navigator, the gold standard in providing donors with essential information needed to give greater confidence in charitable choices. The latest recognition announced the Kiwanis International Foundation as one of the "10 Charities Expanding in a Hurry."

(<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=topten.detail&listid=11#.VrKFo2f2aUk>)

During the past three years, the Kiwanis International Foundation has expanded programs and services by more than 35 percent each year. Our foundation continues to grow thanks to the generosity of the Kiwanis family. Your support has helped us achieve this honor and will help us move forward as we continue to build our legacy.

In November, our foundation received the highest rating from Charity Navigator. The "Four Star Charity" designation was awarded for sound fiscal management and a proven commitment to accountability and transparency.

(<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=3972#.VrKGEWf2aUm>)

Charity Navigator is the largest charity evaluator in America. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the financial health, accountability and transparency of more than 8,000 charities.



Community Service Opportunities:

- Please join the Club to read donated books to the children at Mansfield Head Start on Wednesday, February 9, 2016 at 2:00 PM.
- **Habitat for Humanity** needs volunteers to work on the house on Friday afternoons. If you are interested please contact Phil Stover.
- **Nursing Home Bingo** is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016, for 7:00 PM at the Mansfield Nursing Center. Please come out and be a part of their game night.

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enjoyed some interesting programs. Thank you for continuing to support the club. We all benefit when attendance is good.

Finally, we have implemented the Get It or Give It Program. Members are encouraged to contribute at least \$250 to the service budget either by soliciting donations or making personal contributions. As we go through the middle trimester of the year, I am asking you to do three things. 1) Continue to attend meetings every week and participate when you can with our extracurricular activities. 2) Make a concerted effort to raise at least \$250 for our Get It or Give It program. Every dollar will help us help the kids in Mansfield. 3) Ask at least three people over the next four months to attend a meeting. Let them know we will provide breakfast. We have invitation business cards available with all the relevant information.

Thanks for all you do to be a Kiwanian and please let me know if you have ideas that you feel will improve our club.

Calendar of Events

Thu Feb 4, 2016

10am Meals on Wheels

3pm Mansfield HS Key Club Meeting

Where: Mansfield High School, 3001 East Broad Street, Mansfield, TX 76063

Fri Feb 5, 2016

6:45am Weekly Club Meeting

Where: Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, 2700 East Broad Street, Mansfield, TX 76063,

Sat Feb 6, 2016

9am Mid-Winter Conference & Governor's Visit

Where: Rockwall and Brin Church of Christ, 407 N Rockwall Ave, Terrell, TX 75160

Mon Feb 8, 2016

5:30pm Club Board Meeting

Where: 600 Strada Circle, Suite 106, Mansfield, TX, United States

Tue Feb 9, 2016

2pm Head Start Book Donation

Where: 800 E Broad St, Mansfield, TX 76063, USA

2:45pm Frontier HS Key Club Meeting

Where: Frontier High School, 1120 W Debbie Ln, Mansfield, TX 76063

Wed Feb 10, 2016

3pm Lake Ridge HS Key Club Meeting

Where: Lake Ridge High School, 101 Day Miar Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063

3pm Summit HS Key Club Meeting

Where: Summit High School, 1071 Turner Warnell Road, Arlington, TX 76001

Thu Feb 11, 2016

10am Meals on Wheels: Mansfield KAN

3pm Mansfield HS Key Club Board Meeting

Where: Mansfield High School, 3001 East Broad Street, Mansfield, TX 76063

7pm Nursing Home Bingo

Where: Mansfield Nursing Center, 1402 E. Broad ST, Mansfield, TX 76063

Fri Feb 12, 2016

6:45am Weekly Club Meeting

Where: Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, 2700 East Broad Street, Mansfield, TX 76063

Sun Feb 14, 2016

All day Valentine's Day



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Friday's Program: Jose Cuellas, Owner of MRJ Services.

Don't Forget! Update Your Criminal Background Investigation (CBI)

Our Club (and Kiwanis International) requires that all members working with youth must have a current CBI on file with the Texas-Oklahoma District Office. CBI's are good for only 2 years. If your CBI is expired please go to <https://kiwanis.quickapp.pro/positions> and complete the online application. *Please note that you will need to select "applicant pays" not "club pays" since our Club does not have an established account with the service.*

Member Program Schedule:

Years ago the Club adopted a rotating system that afforded each member the opportunity to schedule meeting programs for a month. The Club made this decision after realizing that the responsibility of scheduling programs for each meeting every month was too great for one member to have for an entire year. In order to assign this monthly opportunity, the Club, when necessary, will draw each member's name from a hat containing names of all Club members and assignments are determined

accordingly. As a reminder, below is the current program schedule assignment. The member next to the month is responsible for scheduling speakers/programs for the identified month. If you have any suggestions for speakers, please feel free to share with the members below or with the Club President.

- February: Steve Standefer
- March: Jerry Grey
- April: Darryl Haynes

Why Join Mansfield Kiwanis?

Our Passion: Serving Children

Our service to the children of the world starts in our hometown!

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield sponsors the following service leadership programs:

- Mansfield High School Key Club
- Summit High School Key Club
- Frontier High School Key Club
- Lake Ridge High School Key Club
- Mary Orr Intermediate School Builders Club

Through its Service Leadership Programs, Kiwanis teaches young leaders new ways to change the world by serving one child and one community at a time. Service Leadership is the next step beyond service learning. Once a young person fully understands the concept of learning by helping others, he or she begins to grow personally as a leader.



Club Meeting Information:

The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield meets every Friday morning at 6:45 AM at the Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, 2700 E. Broad ST, Mansfield, TX 76063. **Guests are always invited to join us for breakfast!**

FEED THE KIDS FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

In 2006 Common Ground created a way to help feed children during the summer that relied on the Federal free or reduced lunch program during the school year by creating the Feed the Kids Program.

Money for this program was in very short supply until The Kiwanis Club of Mansfield heard about the efforts of Common Ground and joined forces to meet the needs of these children. The following year The Mansfield Kiwanis provided substantial financial resources, volunteers and bags to support the Feed the Kids Program.

The number of children served has increased more than four fold since its inception. The Mansfield Kiwanis continue to support the Feed the Kids for Summer Program. Club Member Phil Stover is a Co-Chair of this program.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF MANSFIELD

- Annually award multiple scholarships to MISD Seniors.
- Monthly recognition of a MISD Teacher of the Month.
- Monthly recognition of MISD Guys of the Month.
- Nursing Home Bingo: Each month we, along with members of our Key Clubs, provide a night of "Bingo" at the Mansfield Care Center, on East Broad.
- Meals on Wheels: Kiwanis members deliver Meals on Wheels to home bound community members every Thursday.
- Beautification Days: Our members historically assist with Citywide Cleanup Days.
- Habit for Humanity: We help with volunteers and fund raising for Habitat projects in Mansfield.
- Financial Support to North Central Texas Alzheimer's Association.