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Ellis Langston Memorial Service Scholarship

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On Friday, March 17, 2016, the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield welcomed a special guest, Dorothy Langston, to announce the creation of the Ellis Langston Memorial Service Scholarship. Ellis was an integral part of the Mansfield Kiwanis for many years including 2 terms as the Club President, multiple years as a Club Director, and an active Club/Community Volunteer with Feed the Kids for Summer, Meals on Wheels, and the Alzheimer's Association of North Texas, to name a few.

Ellis' unexpected passing on February 15, 2013, was difficult on our Club and we knew we wanted to find a proper way to honor our friend.

A primary focus of the Mansfield Kiwanis is to provide assistance to

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Dorothy Langston and Todd Simmons

The President's Message

By Todd Simmons

Well it looks like spring is here for sure. Easter is right around the corner. Flowers, grass, and trees are all starting to bud and grow. The time has changed. I love this time of year!

Our club is growing as well. We have had three applications turned in this year and we need to keep up the growth. Please continue to ask your friends, neighbors, and business partners to join you for breakfast.

Rona and I traveled out to San Francisco to visit our daughter and new son in law last week. That trip really drove home how diverse our country is. The temperature out there never got above 70. We took a trip to the beach and the wind was blowing about 40 mph with temperatures in the 50s. It was really awesome to see how different the weather is in another state.

People are the same way. What motivates one may not even spark an interest in another. And that is what makes our club and Kiwanis such a great

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

A Chance Encounter (Part 1)

By Carlon Cloud

The following article is the first of a three part series based on excerpts from Carlon Clouds' short story "A Chance Encounter."

During the years Jerry was assigned to AAFES Pacific in Honolulu (1980-1985), I was employed at The Outdoor Circle Hawaii (TOC). Established in 1912, TOC is an Environmental Group—active in lobbying and legislation—to protect the natural resources and beauty of Hawaii. The Headquarters is located in Honolulu with branches on 4 of the other main islands.

My office was located on N. Vineyard Blvd. near Nuuanu Stream, a Buddhist Temple, and Foster Gardens. Each morning as I walked from the parking area to my office I passed a bus stop where quite often stood a petit older woman dressed in a muumuu waiting to board the bus. I would smile and say "good morning." She would give me a slight nod. As time went on and I continued with my morning greeting, she gradually became more friendly. I discovered that her name was Mrs. Sawyer and that she was waiting for the bus to take her to the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii where she was a volunteer docent. Our brief morning exchanges continued for some time.

In late 1983 I booked a trip to Southeast Asia and Mainland China planned for May-June 1984 with a group from Hickam AFB. I was extremely excited about this opportunity and one morning I mentioned the upcoming trip to Mrs. Sawyer. She then said to me that she had been a war correspondent in Burma, China, and India during WWII and would I be interested in seeing some of her journals and artifacts from there. Of course I jumped at the chance!

She lived in a high rise apartment building directly behind my office building. Over the course of several visits to her apartment for lunch or tea, I learned about the amazing life of Gene Sawyer!

Gene was born on Sept. 10, 1910, in Danvers, Massachusetts. She attended Cushing Academy and Syracuse University where she majored in Journalism. She married a Boston attorney and, together on a business trip, they arrived by ship in Hawaii in 1937. Gene was 27 years old at the time. Once in the Islands it did not take her long to decide that she wasn't returning to Boston....she was captivated by life and the diverse cultures in the Pacific. She and her husband divorced and she never remarried.

Since she was staying in Hawaii, she needed a job. Friends introduced her to the President of the Chamber of Commerce who in turn introduced her to the station manager at KGMB Radio in Honolulu. Radio was still fairly new in Hawaii so she was the only woman on the staff! In addition to writing commercials, Gene hosted a daily radio show called "Round the Town with Gene." Since she was new in Hawaii, she interviewed local people who knew the history of the Islands. Gene's program ran for four years....until the attack on Pearl Harbor. *(to be continued)*

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children in Mansfield ISD which is why our Club is a partner with the Feed the Kids for Summer Program, sponsors Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (*i.e.*, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, etc.) at 5 MISD campuses, and provides multiple scholarships to graduating MISD seniors. To honor the legacy of service of Ellis, the Mansfield Kiwanis were pleased to share the announcement of the creation of the Ellis Langston Memorial Service Scholarship with Dorothy, Ellis' wife.

Dorothy always supported Ellis's Kiwanis duties and attended numerous District Conventions and Division Council meetings with Ellis. The Mansfield Kiwanis thanks Dorothy for her support of Ellis and Kiwanis and is proud that Ellis' memory and legacy of service will be paid forward with the award of this scholarship in his memory beginning with the MISD graduating class of 2016.

Calendar of Events

Thu Mar 24, 2016

10am Meals on Wheels

3pm Mansfield HS Key Club Board Meeting

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

6:30pm Division 39 Council Meeting

Where: Catfish Sam's, 2735 W Division St, Arlington, TX 76012, United States

Fri Mar 25, 2016

8am Kiwanis Round Table Meeting

Where: Joe's Family Restaurant, 310 N Mitchell Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063

Sun Mar 27, 2016

All day Easter Sunday

Wed Mar 30, 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

Fri Apr 1, 2016

6:45am Weekly Club Meeting

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

12pm Habitat Work Day

Wed Apr 6, 2016

3pm Summit HS Key Club Meeting

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

Thu Apr 7, 2016

10am Meals on Wheels - Darryl Haynes

3pm Mansfield HS Key Club Meeting

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

Fri Apr 8, 2016

6:45am Weekly Club Meeting

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



***Reminder: Round Table
Friday: 8 AM @ Joe's in lieu
of Weekly Meeting.***

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organization. We have male and female. Some of us are employees, business owners, and retirees. There are younger members, experienced and veterans (I like that better than OLD). It takes us all to make our club successful. Thank you for being who you are and bringing your ideas to the club. Let's keep working to make the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield the best club it can be. The Magic Show is behind us and we need to concentrate on the Cornhole Tournament on June 10th. I think this can be a great addition to our fund raising efforts if we all get behind it and work to get support through sponsorships. Keep up the great work.

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

Our Club (and Kiwanis International) requires that all members 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.

Please contact Greg Barberee at greg@imsi-usa.com if you have any Member news or concerns to share with the Club.

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.

- March: Jerry Grey
- April: Darryl Haynes
- May: Steve Grammar

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.