

# Mansfield Kiwanis Newsletter

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## Project Eliminate Update: Transforming Dollars into Saved Lives

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As of February 23, 2016, The Eliminate Project has raised more than US\$52.3 million in paid gifts—nearly half of our goal. These funds will help save or protect more than 29 million women and their future babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus. That’s almost the population of the entire country of Nepal. But we need to finish what we started.

Mothers and babies in 21 countries are depending on Kiwanis to fulfill our pledges—so we can turn promises into funding, and funding into lifesaving vaccines.

During the last five years, 19 countries have eliminated MNT. And this year, Equatorial Guinea and Niger plan to conduct MNT elimination validation surveys. If successful, these countries could be the next to eliminate this cruel disease.

UNICEF plans to implement additional Tetanus Toxoid Supplemental Immunization Activities (TT SIAs) this year—if funding is available. Here’s a preview of the possibilities:

- Ethiopia is planning an additional round of TT SIAs in the Somali region, per the recommendations of the MNT elimination validation assessment conducted in December 2015.
- Indonesia is implementing additional TT SIAs in four districts of the Papua Province, based on recommendations from the MNT elimination assessment

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## Habit for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities

*By Greg Barberee; Photo by Bill Lodal*



No, Mansfield Kiwanis Member Todd Omer isn’t waiting on the Indian Chief, the Police Officer and the rest of the band in this picture; Todd spent the afternoon of Friday, March 25, 2016, volunteering his time along with fellow Club Member Bill Lodal working on the newest Habitat for Humanity house being built in Mansfield.

The newest home is being built alongside prior Habitat builds at 234 Billingslea Drive on the west side of Mansfield.

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*The Kiwanis Club of  
Mansfield – Serving the  
Children of Mansfield  
and the World since  
1973*

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## A Chance Encounter (Part 2)

By Carlon Cloud

*The following article is the second of a three part series based on excerpts from Carlon Clouds' short story "A Chance Encounter." Part 1 can be found in 3/24/16 Newsletter.*

On the morning of December 7, 1941, Gene was on duty at Radio Station KGMB in Honolulu.....where from the windows.....they could see bellowing smoke in the distance. Soon, a message appeared on the teletype machine that Pearl Harbor was being bombed! Gene got the tape from the machine and announced the bombing of Pearl Harbor to Hawaii that Sunday morning!

She stayed on at KGMB actively broadcasting for 6 months after the bombing, then headed to New York to work for the British Information Service at Rockefeller Center for nearly three years during the war. In June 1945, at the age of 35, Gene joined the Overseas Red Cross as a war correspondent. For 6 weeks she dodged Japanese submarines in a Liberty Troop Ship in route to India. From there she flew over the Himalayan Hump into China, and then convoyed 500 miles on the Burma Road (the only female) to the remote Red Cross station in Kweiyang. During her year in China she served in Tienstin, Tsingtao, and Shanghai.

During one of our visits Gene loaned a book to me that she had written detailing her life and service in the Pacific. She mentioned the book in passing, stating that she was sure I would not be interested in reading it....as none of her family had wanted to read it! You see, Gene was a "woman before her time" having decided at an early age to leave her family in Boston and live permanently in Hawaii. She had basically become disowned by her family.

I finally persuaded Gene that I was definitely interested in reading her book about her life journey. In the book she wrote about her Burmese interpreter who had traveled with her while she was in Burma and China. They developed a close friendship and when Gene left China to return to Hawaii in 1946, the interpreter gave her a gift that she had made. It was a carved mother-of-pearl belt held together by rolled palm frond fibers. Gene stated in her book that she would forever treasure the belt.

When I returned the book to Gene, I mentioned the belt and asked if I might see it. She was vague and said she would look for it. Each time I would ask her about the belt she would put me off with some vague excuse. I finally decided that she no longer had it.

Our family left Honolulu, returning to Dallas, in June 1985. Friends gathered with us at the airport to wish us Aloha. One of the friends was Gene Sawyer. She carried a lei and a small box, saying "do not open this box until you are airborne". After our plane had taken off and we could look back to see the "Honolulu City Lights," and the special place that is Hawaii, I opened the box. Inside was the mother-of-pearl belt! I was overwhelmed! **(to be continued)**

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conducted in August 2015.

- Kenya plans to conduct its final round of TT SIAs in 21 districts in May 2016.
- Mali plans to conduct its third round of TT SIAs in 2016.
- Nigeria is planning its second round of TT SIAs in March 2016, aiming to reach 2.3 million women in March 2016.
- Pakistan plans to initiate tetanus immunizations in 12 high-risk districts of Sindh Province (containing 23 percent of the total population) in the second and third quarters of 2016.
- South Sudan will conduct the final round of TT SIAs in the Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Western Bahr el Ghazal states in the first quarter of 2016.

## Calendar of Events

**Thu Mar 31, 2016**

6:30pm Division 39 Council Meeting

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

**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

**Mon Apr 11, 2016**

5:30pm Club Board Meeting

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

**Tue Apr 12, 2016**

2:45pm Frontier HS Key Club Meeting

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

**Wed Apr 13, 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 Apr 14, 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



***Friday's Meeting: Please join us in welcoming a former Club member, the famous (or infamous?) Swede Nyberg, as our Guest Speaker on Friday.***

### ***"Habitat" Continued from Page 1***

The following members of our Club have volunteered to work this Friday afternoon from noon until 5:00 PM: Chuck Cunningham, Bill Lodal, Bryan Adkison, and Greg Barberee. Habitat could use additional volunteers so please consider joining you fellow Club members.

What to wear: Comfortable clothing which you don't mind getting dirty, and close-toed shoes. NO sandals or flip-flops.

What to bring: If you have gloves or tools, you may bring them along; otherwise Habitat has everything you need including hard hats and safety glasses! NO POWER TOOLS PLEASE. Water is provided, but a water bottle is suggested.

Age restrictions: The minimum age is 16 and anyone under 18 years of age needs to complete a Minor Liability Waiver.

**Questions?** [www.trinityhabitat.org/volunteer](http://www.trinityhabitat.org/volunteer)

Please contact Greg Barberee at [greg@imsi-usa.com](mailto: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.

- April: Darryl Haynes
- May: Steve Grammar
- June: Bill Lodal

## 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.