

# Mansfield Kiwanis Newsletter

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Club of Mansfield Foundation

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

## Feed the Kids for Summer Already Going Strong & Needing More Support

By: Greg Barberee

On Wednesday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>, my wife and I plus our 3 kids joined the other hundred or so volunteers to pack and prepare bags of food for MISD children at the Mansfield Cares Warehouse located at 150 South 6th Avenue just west of downtown Mansfield.

After a prayer for the group, Phil Stover, a Director for the Feed the Kids Program and fellow Kiwanian, requested my family man the tables to assist the volunteers with packing the cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, and ramen noodles. This job required us to remind the other volunteers packing the bags how much of each item to pack, ensure that all items remained well stocked, and remove empty boxes from the tables to be broken down for recycling.

My wife, Janet, showed

great skill and took charge of my girls, Sadie (8) and Kinsley (4), to watch over the crackers and ramen while my son, Jax (7), and I assumed the responsibilities for cereal, oatmeal and granola bars.

The whole process was simple and efficient as the volunteers waited to receive Kiwanis bags for filling. The volunteers then walked through the line of tables grabbing and bagging the appropriated number of each items before depositing the bag on another table surrounded by even more volunteers to be carefully tied to prevent the food from falling out. From the "tie table" the bags were then carried out for counting and inspection by another Kiwanian (and Region 7 Key Club Advisor) Corey Nieman before the eventual distribution of the completed bags to the waiting food bank vehicles.



Phil Stover giving directions at Feed the Kids

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## Mansfield Kiwanis Family Social A Huge Success

By: Greg Barberee

On Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> members of the Mansfield Kiwanis and their families gathered for a great evening of fun and fellowship on Gary Mill's back patio.

All who attended were treated to a great evening of getting to know not only our members better but also meeting the families of our members. Once again, I believe this year proved that we don't really know our fellow members until we've given a

member's spouse and/or child the opportunity to tell us who that member truly is when not attending a Kiwanis function. ☺

The evening was made even more incredible by all the delicious food prepared and brought by our members to share. Plus, we should all give Steve Hallford a huge thank you for braving the heat of the grill to prepare the burgers and hot dogs.

Every year we say those who

miss our family socials really miss out on an opportunity to have a good time and get to know your fellow Club members.

Frankly, this year, I was having so much fun and enjoying the great food that I forgot to take any photos!

Thank you Gary for letting us use your patio for the event and thanks to all members and their families that attended!



Mansfield Kiwanis Family Social - 2016



## Are you Looking for some Inspiration?

By: Christine Curtis-Carr, 2017 DCON Chair

Are you looking for some inspiration, fresh ideas and family fun? Join members from across the States of Texas and Oklahoma for the TX-OK District Convention (DCON) scheduled for the first weekend in August (3rd-5th) in Abilene, Texas. Visit the website [www.txokkiwanisconvention.org](http://www.txokkiwanisconvention.org) and register today. We have some amazing forums planned. Below are a few of the inspirational highlights and a description list of all the forums is attached.

Bring your kids and grandkids to DCON too. We have a full (and affordable) two days of fun scheduled for them so they can enjoy

Abilene while you have fun at the Convention.

See you soon in Abilene. We can't wait for y'all to get here!

### Other thing to expect at DCON:

- Motivational speakers at the breakfasts, lunches and Governor's banquet. Low meal prices too. So come hungry, but leave full and inspired!

- Lots of forums with fresh ideas on how to promote your club to attract new and younger members.

- Attend one of the many trainings being offered personally by Kiwanis International President-Elect Jim Rochford. He has

sponsored over 1,000 Kiwanis members. WOW!

- Enjoy live music at Thursday night's opening reception, the family fun night at the Abilene Zoo and also at the Governor's banquet.

- There are regional meeting on the schedule so you can connect with the members in your region as well as with your Lt. Governor and Trustee.

Visit the website [www.txokkiwanisconvention.org](http://www.txokkiwanisconvention.org) for the full convention agenda, awesome event information and of course to register!



## Getting to Know Michael Crippen

By: Greg Barberee

On Friday, June 9, 2017, Todd Simmons continued his series of interviews of the newest members of Mansfield Kiwanis by sitting down with Michael Crippen.

Mike moved to the Mansfield area in January 2015 with his wife, Beth, and grandson, Aiden, from Florida as a result of Beth's new job. Mike is fortunate that his work with AT&T allows him to work from home.

Mike is also a veteran having served 6 years on active duty with the Navy. Years after leaving the Navy, Mike felt the call to again serve his country and joined the

Coast Guard Reserve until his retirement 15 years later as a Lieutenant Commander. Mike's reserve service included multiple deployments overseas mostly as a Weapons Officer.

Mike decided to seek out a service organization once he felt settled in the Mansfield area and found the Mansfield Kiwanis through a Google search that directed him to our website.

While residing in Florida Mike was a member of another service organization and wanted to find a service organization here to meet new people and give back

to his community.

Mike would like to see our Club continue to grow and wants to continue to learn more about our Club's fundraisers and activities to prepare him for future leadership roles. He has also volunteered to assist with the Club's website.

We are very thankful that Mike selected the Mansfield Kiwanis and look forward to his friendship, service and leadership.

If you haven't had the chance to welcome Mike the Club yet, please be sure to say hello to him at our next meeting.

## The Origins of Father's Day

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/fathers-day>

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children

raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson

honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2017 occurs on June 18; the following year, Father's Day 2018 falls on June 17.



## Calendar of Events

**Thu Jun 15, 2017**

10am Meals on Wheels

5pm Third Thursday: Red, White, and You

Where: Historic Downtown Mansfield, TX

**Fri Jun 16, 2017**

6:45am Weekly Club Meeting

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

2:30pm Communications Committee Meeting

Where: Starbucks, 3240 E Broad St, Mansfield, TX 76063, USA

**Sat Jun 17, 2017**

8am Mansfield Farmer's Market

**Sun Jun 18, 2017**

**All day Father's Day**

**Wed Jun 21, 2017**

10am Feed the Kids for Summer Volunteer

Opportunity: Unload Food Truck

Where: Mansfield Cares Warehouse, Northside; 150 South 6th Avenue, Mansfield, TX 76063

6pm Feed the Kids Volunteer Opportunity: Pack the Bags

Where: Mansfield Cares Warehouse, Northside; 150 South 6th Avenue, Mansfield, TX 76063

**Thu Jun 22, 2017**

10am Meals on Wheels

12pm Methodist Mansfield New Professional Building "Topping-Out" Ceremony

Where: Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, 2700 E Broad St, Mansfield, TX 76063, USA

**Fri Jun 23, 2017**

6:45am Weekly Club Meeting

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

7am Club Special Election - Vacant Director Position

Where: Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, 2700 E Broad St, Mansfield, TX 76063, USA

**Sat Jun 24, 2017**

8am Mansfield Farmer's Market

**Wed Jun 28, 2017**

10am Feed the Kids for Summer Volunteer Opportunity: Unload Food Truck

Where: Mansfield Cares Warehouse, Northside; 150 South 6th Avenue, Mansfield, TX 76063

## Member News:

•Please continue to keep former Club member **Carol Stokes** and her husband **Dan** in your thoughts and prayers as Dan recovers from a recent medical emergency.

•June Birthdays: **Jerry Cloud** (6/16) and **Todd Omer** (6/19).

June Anniversaries: **Greg and Janet Barberee** (6/7), **Jerry and Carlon Cloud** (6/12), and **Miloe and Sherry Brown** (6/15).

•June Kiwanis Anniversaries: **Todd Omer** (8 years on 6/19).

*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. 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.

**July – Milo Brown**  
**August – Todd Omer**  
**September – Danny Bover**



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**Help Wanted:  
Freelance,  
Contributing  
Writer**

## 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

The Mansfield Kiwanis Newsletter is looking for an individual willing to contribute articles from time to time concerning (1) the service activities of Kiwanis and Key Clubs in Mansfield or (2) Mansfield community activities and organizations. Anyone interested in submitting articles most submit said article to the Editor at [greg@imsi-usa.com](mailto:greg@imsi-usa.com). This is a volunteer position. All article submissions will be considered but publication is not guaranteed.

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person fully understands the concept of learning by helping others, he or she begins to grow personally as a leader.

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### 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.



### 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!

### How do you serve? (Continued)

In only 30 minutes the volunteers were able to fill the hundreds of bags necessary for that week's distribution of food to the Mansfield area food banks. The designated food banks will hand out the bags to MISD children this week that qualify for the free or reduced cost lunch program during the school year.



Corey Nieman at Feed the Kids

I was amazed to see volunteers of all ages and walks of life participate to help Mansfield children. Volunteers from Key

Clubs, area churches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, City employees, MISD employees, and neighbors not affiliated with a group but with big hearts all participated. Watching all those amazing volunteers reminded me of how blessed my family and I are to live in such a loving and caring community.

What else did I learn? I learned that Jax, when given a clear task, performs like an All American. The tub holding the individual packages of oatmeal didn't dip below ¾ full until all of the reserve boxes had been depleted. My oldest, Sadie, remained steady and true handing out the exact number of ramen packets no matter how many people were in line. I also learned that even at 4, Kinsley could still play a vital role and count-out 3 packages of crackers for grouping and

packing in bags. And, finally, I was reminded that a box cut still hurts way worse than a paper cut.

My family and I had a great time serving our community and volunteering at the Feed the Kids for Summer program. I encourage you to also volunteer one Wednesday this summer. Volunteers are always needed to unload the food truck on Wednesday mornings and pack the bags on Wednesday evenings. Don't have time to volunteer on Wednesday? You can also donate online at: <http://www.commongroundmansfield.org/feed-the-kids-.html> or make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Mansfield Foundation with a written directive that the funds be used to support Feed the Kids for Summer.

#KidsNeedKiwanis

## **2017 DCON Forums**

*The date and times are still to be determined. Please check program book at convention for details. Next to each title is the corresponding I-PLAN category (Inspiration, Impact, Image, and Investment).*

### **Presenter: Jim Rochford (KI President-Elect)**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Peoria

Title/Subject: Opening New Clubs (Inspiration)

Description: Jim has personally recruited over 1000 new members. Come learn how to successfully open and sustain new clubs.

### **Presenter: Emil E. "Swede" Nyberg**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Mansfield, Texas

Title/Subject: Help! We Can't Get Out! - Club Member Retention (Inspiration)

Description: How to make your club the club of choice-closing the back door and keeping your members. Emil Nyberg has held the International Growth Team position under three KI Presidents and has personally sponsored over 475 members.

### **Presenter: Joe Holland**

Club: Denton Breakfast Club

Title/Subject: Music & Your Kiwanis Meetings (Inspiration)

Description: Is your club a "singing" Kiwanis Club? If your Club is the best or the worst when it comes to staying in tune come join us in this Kiwanis tradition. This one is sure to be fun!

### **Presenter: Susan Hennem**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Garland

Title/Subject: Working with your Club Board (Inspiration)

Description: Is your club having trouble getting your message across the community? Do you need help getting organized to grow members? Is everyone on your board pulling in a different direction? Do you need younger members? If you answered YES to any of these than this workshop is for YOU!

**Presenter: Kim Osborne**

Club: Guest of Kiwanis Club of Abilene

Title/Subject: Social Media (Image)

Description: Social media tips and tricks to help clubs promote their service.

**Presenter: Sam Curry**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Mineola

Title/Subject: Apply the I-PLAN (All)

Description: How club leaders can use the I-PLAN to inspire and increase awareness of club activities while fully engaging every single member.

**Presenter: CKI/Circle K-Panel**

Club: Various CKI Club Members

Title/Subject: What would attract CKI to Kiwanis? (Impact & Inspiration)

Description: A moderated panel of CKI members will discuss what does/would attract them to a Kiwanis Club? Do they plan to join Kiwanis after college?

**Presenter: Christine Curtis-Carr**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Abilene

Title/Subject: Public Relations Resources for Clubs (Image)

Description: There are so many resources for clubs to help promote their service projects, raise awareness and even attract more members. Come and learn about just a few of them (including Kiwanis International FREE logo design).

**Presenter: Greg Barbee**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Mansfield

Title/Subject: Club Communication (Image)

Description: Learn some tips and tricks to help improve club communication including newsletter, smartphone apps, computer programs and more.

**Presenter: Margaret Davis & Dennis Hogan**

Club: Terrell Kiwanis Club

Title/Subject: K-Kids & Builders Clubs (Impact)

Description: What are K-Kids and Builders Club? How can my Kiwanis Club start and maintain a Service Leadership Program for elementary and middle school age children?

**Presenter: Don Ables**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Allen

Title/Subject: Risk Management (Investment)

Description: Learn about the hidden and unhidden risks that clubs face and strategies for mitigating those risks.

**Presenter: Sam Curry**

Club: Kiwanis Club of Mineola

Title/Subject: Treasurer Training (Investment)

Description: Official club leadership training for club treasurers.

**Presenter: Dennis Hogan**

Club: Terrell Kiwanis Club

Title/Subject: Youth Protection (Impact)

Description: To be provided.

**Presenter: Frederick Case**

Title/Subject: The Formula (Inspiration)

Description: To be provided.

**Presenter: Kenyon Black**

Title/Subject: Service Leadership Program Education – Update (Impact)

Description: To be provided.