



Kiwaniis
Sun City Georgetown

KIWANIS NOTES

Editor: Bob Barnes

JANUARY 2012 — Volume 15, Issue 4

Meeting: Tuesdays 10:00 am
Sun City Social Center Ballroom
2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX 78633
<http://www.suncitykiwanisgt.org>

Sun City Kiwanis Club Shares Christmas Joy with Georgetown Veteran's Family

The Kiwanis Club Social Committee of Kim Moran, Jo Muir, Susan Mathis and Paula Kish decided to do away with the usual gift exchange during the annual gala Holiday Dinner and instead adopt a military family.

Having heard a presentation from the *Heroes Night Out* founders, Wes and Judy Pierce, They contacted them regarding helping a family with children and were directed to a Marine hero on disability. This Marine, who served as an active Marine in Operation Iraq Freedom, and in Kuwait, was a husband and father of two boys, nine and ten.

They began collecting donations from our Kiwanis members and were overwhelmed with the generosity shared for this hero's family. Kim Moran's daughter, knowing that she was a JB&Sandy 94.7fm listener, encouraged her to nominate the family and two boys for the radio shows Bikes for Kids Christmas Give-away. Kim was elated, and like a kid jumping up and down, when she received the call that our family had been chosen. In fact the caller said: "this was just the type of family they were looking for when selecting those who would be chosen." While listening to the caller, Kim could imagine the looks on the boys' faces when they saw the two new bikes.

(continued on Page 2)



Adopt a Family organizer **Kim Moran** along with President **Paul Golay** are on hand to share the holidays with **Dav and Nicolle Corridine** and sons, **Bowin and Gunner**. Smiles all around !!



KIWANIS' ADOPT A VETERAN'S FAMILY

(continued from Page 1)

On Friday, December 16, at the early hour of 5:30 am, Kim, husband Bill and her son-in-law were in Austin to pick up the bikes, helmets and locks. JB, Sandy and Lance Armstrong were broadcasting and handing out the bikes. The Bikes for Kids was well organized and gave away over 800 bikes, making Christmas very special for many children.

In addition to the bikes Kiwanis was able to provide additional toys, clothes, gift cards for the parents and a substantial HEB gift card.



The real joy came on Christmas Eve when Kim and Paul meet with the family. When the boys saw the bikes, it was laughter and joy for everyone. The family was extremely thankful and repeatedly thanked the Club. The Club reached out and gave a family in need a Christmas that Dav described as "the best Christmas ever". This is a gift that keeps on giving.



**PAUL GOLAY,
PRESIDENT**

December was a very active month for the club with the Holiday Home Tour, the Salvation Army Red Kettle, our Club party and the Adopt a Veteran's

Family. The Holiday Home Tour was a great success even though the weather did not cooperate on the tour days. We had a great turnout and our club members worked hard and filled the docent positions. A great "Big" thank you to all our members that worked to make it a success. If a friend of yours worked with you as a docent, let them know how grateful we are to them for their help. We could not do this without them.

The Salvation Army Kettle drive was a success because our members supported it. Thank you to all who gave of their holiday time to ring the bell. We will never know how many needy people benefit from our dedication. A report on the funds raised will be provided soon.

Kim Moran and her committee put on an excellent holiday party, and we thank them for all the work they put into it. The support our club gave to the Adopt a Veteran's Family was beyond imagination. This family is very deserving and dedicated to the freedom of all Americans. They have sacrificed to preserve our freedom and have paid a very high price, so we can be free.

Several members of our club will be departing on the fundraiser cruise on January 15 and will return on January 22. We will miss the meeting on January 17 which will include an excellent program presented by the Texas Water Development Board. This is a topic of interest to our neighbors, and I hope you will contact your friends and invite them to this meeting

The club has experienced a great 2011, and, I know we have much to do to complete the projects we have began. I hope each member will find their place and promote the work with the Children in the coming year.

Happy New Year and may 2012 be a great year for all.



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

OFFICERS

President: Paul Golay
President Elect: Larry Allison
Secretary: Pat Cole
Treasurer: Alexis Powell
Past President: Gayle Noble

BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Barnes, Ginger Beavers,
 Brad Bradford, Joe Kish,
 Marshall Pearlstein, Barbara White

Board meets at 3:00 P.M.
 3rd Wednesday
 Sun City Activities Center

*Newsletter Award Winner
 Texas-Oklahoma District*

2002-2003 2003-2004
 2004-2005 2005-2006
 2006-2007 2007-2008
 2008-2009 2009-2010
 2010-2011

Distinguished Club



1997-1998 1998-1999
 1999-2000 2000-2001
 2001-2002 2002-2003
 2003-2004 2004-2005
 2005-2006 2006-2007
 2007-2008 2008-2009
 2009-2010 2010-2011

**The Kiwanis Club of
 Sun City Georgetown**

**Proudly Sponsors the
 Kiwanis Key Clubs at**

**Georgetown H. S.
 Richarte H. S.
 Jarrell H. S.**

**and the CKI Club of
 Southwestern University**

**JANUARY
 BIRTHDAYS**



- January 5 Paul Mathis
- January 9 Whitey Stephenson
- January 10 Cleo Ramsey
- January 13 Dick Miller
- January 14 Gene Cole
- January 16 Jack Davis
- January 16 Ron Trapp
- January 18 Norma Hetzel
- January 25 Martha Lawlor
- January 25 Bill White
- January 31 Randy Lesseps

**IN OUR THOUGHTS
 AND PRAYERS**

Some of our members have been dealing with health issues, and you are encouraged to remember them in appropriate ways. Those known to us at this time are as follows:

**Whitey Stephenson
 Congestion, at home**

If you know of anyone that should be brought to our attention, please notify

Barbara Picone.



**UPCOMING
 INTERCLUBS
 JOIN US !!**

- January 26 Austin, N.E.
- February 8 Taylor
- February 28 Shady Hollow
- March 13 San Gabriel
- March 28 Cedar Park

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL "Serving the Children of the World"

We invite you to join us each Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Sun City Ballroom to enjoy interesting and informative speakers touching on issues that affect your Sun City community. For more information see our website www.suncitykiwanisgt.org.

**KIWANIANS SUPPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL
READING PROGRAM**



On November 7th our club presented a check for \$1200 to Bethni King, Teen Librarian at the Georgetown Public Library, and Mary Beth Huba, Librarian at Benold Middle School to underwrite the cost of the books for the 2012 **Read it Forward program**.

Read it Forward is a collaborative, fun reading experience between the GISD middle schools and the Georgetown Public Library. One book is chosen to be read by students at all three middle schools. One hundred copies of the chosen book are scattered around each of the three campuses. When a student finds a copy of the book, he or she reads the book, and then passes it on to another student to read. After the book has been read, each student logs into a special website and writes a review. At the end of *Read it Forward* a party is held at the library with prizes and fun activities to reward the kids who participated.

This adds another dimension to our focus on Literacy for Georgetown children and youth:

The Literacy Initiative, which provides free books to GISD school children in grades Pre-K through 2nd

The Young Children-Priority One (YCPO) program, which provides a child's first book to new parents at the Georgetown Community Clinic, part of the Lonestar Circle of Care

Read it Forward, which is aimed at middle-school students

The Read it Forward program will begin in the middle-schools in January 2012.



**Coaches ROB DAVIES and DAVE WALLA
WELCOME TO THE PATRIOTS
EASTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

Georgetown's second high school is off and running. The Club was treated to a presentation from two of Eastview High School coaches. Rob Davies is the football coach, and Dave Walla heads up the women's basketball program. They are working hard with limited student enrollment to establish traditions and goals at the new school.

We wish them success and hope for strong community support of all the Eastview programs.

THE FUTURE OF NEWSPAPERS

Ken Herman of the Austin American Statesman discussed his experiences and predictions for the future of the newspaper industry. "The printed word is losing in today's technologies and the newspapers have not been able to figure out how to make money on the internet." He stated that each day there are 2 million minutes spent on the internet and various websites. He began his career as the Austin bureau chief in 1975.



Foundation Facts

Representative of your Foundation met with the Kiwanis Club Board at their December 21 meeting. The main purpose the Foundation Trustees had was to update the Club’s Board on changes that have been made to the Foundation’s bylaws.

Kent Buikema informed the Board that the name and purpose of the Foundation, now form Articles I and II of the bylaws. In addition nine sections have been changed or added and Articles VIII, IX, and X have also been added. The bylaws are on the club’s website. Bill White, Chairman of the Foundation’s Corpus Growth Committee, presented information and ideas relative to that standing committee. Bill also told the Board that the Corpus has been re-titled “The Gift” fund.

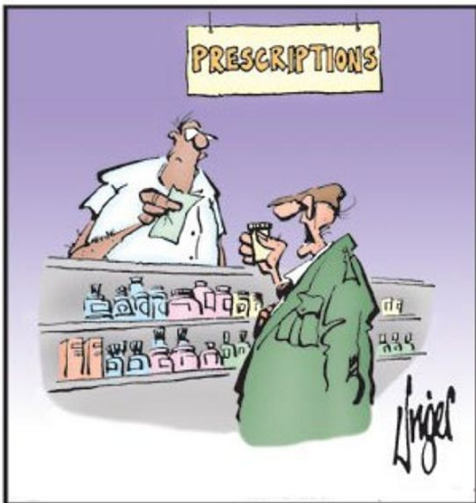
The Club’s Board requested that the Foundation Trustees make brief presentations to the members at the February 21 and 28 and the March 20 and 27 meetings.



We wish all our Club Members going on the Fundraising Cruise smooth sailing and lots of fun.



This is your Club, it is only with “YOUR” participation that we get the job done for the Children of Williamson County. Find out where your *special skills* can make a difference.



“Are there any side effects to these pills apart from bankruptcy?”

Happy New Year!



JANUARY SPEAKERS

- January 3 John Stock, Caring Place
- January 10 James Wilson, Williamson County Sheriff
- January 17 Lann Bookout, Texas Water Development Board
- January 24 To Be Determined
- January 31 Cecelia Prieto, Tax Preparation for low to moderate income citizens