



“The Spirit of Excellence” Newsletter

Salute for Excellence Award

A special membership salute goes to Southlake, Southwest, and Six Flags for posting membership gains over last month and last year. This has required a solid team effort by your clubs and bodes well for your service to your communities!

The Division View on Distinguished Clubs

by Lt. Governor Jim Walther

I have always been very proud of both the leaders and the dedicated members in our Division. They provide the framework for service to the community and success for Kiwanis. During the last administrative year, we had some excellent outcomes lead by a now Distinguished Lt. Governor, Linda Isbell. Additionally, our division had 10 of its clubs listed as distinguished by the TO District. This is quite a feat that every Division 39 Kiwanian should stop and celebrate. Congratulations to every member who helped achieve this.

We are now half way through another year of pursuing the “spirit of excellence,” and need to stop and consider what needs to be done to achieve our goals. I would encourage each Kiwanian to visit the T-O website and see your distinguished club standing for the 05-06 administrative year <http://www.txok-kiwanis.org/>. Membership, service, education, and growth are the areas where you can gain

points for your excellence. The T-O website (menu on left) provides an explanation of the Distinguished Club program, outlining the specific actions needed to gain excellence points. Your club can gain **40 points** for supporting both the KI and TO foundations. However, you must also support Children's Miracle Network—Young Children Priority One, and complete a joint project with each of our K-family clubs.

You can gain **50 points** for education through orientation of new members, interclubs, and by having your club represented at both Mid-winter and the TO convention at sea.

You can gain **30 growth** points by improving your club's membership over last year and completing one of three listed growth projects. If you can gain additional bonus points by completing the other growth projects.

Every member of your club's board of directors should know these requirements and **pursue the 100 points needed to be a distinguished club.**

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Deadlines/Events:

- **Mar 31-Apr 2: Key Club Convention**
- **Apr 1st: New Key Club Officers take Office**
- **Apr 10: Monthly reports due to Lt. Gov. and District**
- **Apr 17: Layperson of year nominations due.**
- **Apr 27: Division Council Meeting Flower Mound—Bring new Key Club President and Advisor**
- **Apr 28: Reservations for Prayer Breakfast**
- **May 6: Division Prayer Breakfast**

The Kiwanis/Key Club Partnership:

Build Your Key Club Communications Plan Prior to Summer

By Miranda Faubion, Key Club Area Advisor

The best way for Kiwanis Clubs to maintain contacts with their Key Club officers during the summer months is by having an up-to-date, listing of the new officers with phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Also make sure that before the school year is over, that your Kiwanis Club has approached the new officers about attending your meetings during the summer months. This is a great way to keep your sponsored youth involved during the school break.

Another way to involve your Key Club is to plan several events for both Kiwanis and sponsored youth alike. Some examples might be, to do a group service project, fundraiser or

picnic at the local park.

Also since convention does come around every year and each year it seems to sneak up on everyone, I suggest that the Kiwanis clubs help their key clubbers raise money during the summer to help with Convention costs. This way funds are raised all year rather than just a few months in advance of the convention.

Key Club Advisor Notes:

1. New Key Club officers take office April 1st
2. Club Officer Certification Report Forms need to be turned in ASAP
3. District Key Club Convention March 31-April 2nd
4. Key Club International Convention in Boston July 1-5

Excellence Events: Montreal offers great entertainment and new ideas to help move your club forward. By Don Leatherman

President Steve Siemens is urging service-minded Kiwanians to make a difference by attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Montreal, Canada, June 28 – July 2, 2006. He emphasizes that there will be opportunity to obtain new ideas and to learn how to use new tools. Hopefully, each Division 39 club will respond by encouraging key members of their clubs to attend.

An entire convention session seeks to accomplish President Siemens’ goal and is entitled “Kiwanis Resource Exchange.” The session is broken down into educational and informational forums. Included are, such topics as Kiwanis service, leadership skills, membership growth, membership retention, reenergizing your club and new member orientation.

Still other forum topics are successful club meetings, membership diversity, youth service and leadership programs, club governance, liability insurance and more.



Fortunately, the “Kiwanis Resource Exchange” is scheduled on three different days, thus enabling the members to go to the session more than once and avail themselves of more of the forum topics offered. Convention goers should also make an effort to attend the sessions featuring inspirational speakers, highlighted by Art Linkletter. Finally, enjoy an evening’s entertainment with the “Spotlight on Broadway” stage show. There’s magic in Montreal!

ART LINKLETTER



Bowie Key Club Project to Support Youth in Sudan

by Rebecca Lu, president of James Bowie's Key Club

The James Bowie High School’s Key Club and other student organizations are hosting an event at the Hugh Smith Recreation Center, 1815 New York Ave, on Saturday March 25th from 1:pm to 4 pm to raise awareness of the modern day genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The Sudanese government is persecuting its people in the Darfur region through massive “cleansing.” They send out their Janjaweed (which is the equivalent of Hitler’s Gestapo or SS storm troopers) to murder their citizens by using the crudest weapons.

The event’s objectives are to build community awareness of this situation and raise money in support of a new camp and High School for youth. Darfur Peace and Development Organization, a refugee-run NGO, will manage funds and start the schools. The funds will pay for books, other school supplies, and the salaries of the teachers, who are refugees themselves. In this simple way, you can enable 400-800 youth to go back school and build a future for themselves.

The following website (<http://www.standnow.org/act/sponsor.html>) will help you learn more about this effort.



“Students Taking Action Now: Darfur”(STAND has partnered with Darfur Peace and Development Organization on the “Sponsor a Camp” initiative. They are also working with the World Food Programme to expand and promote this project.

On March 25th you can learn more about the above initiatives and what is really happening in Sudan and the severity of the genocide. When you hear about this problem you will want to help connect our community to a village or camp in the Darfur area! See you Saturday.



Tip on Leadership Through Collaborative Partnerships

by Joyce Myers, UNT

Collaborative projects at a local level can provide organizations with opportunities to combine resources to find solutions to the challenges they face in their local areas. Through its tradition of serving children of the world, Kiwanis has worked to solve the complex, comprehensive, and interconnected problems of our world right in our local communities. Begin your club’s journey with partnerships, by conducting a community analysis as described on page 36 in the Kiwanis Leadership Guide.

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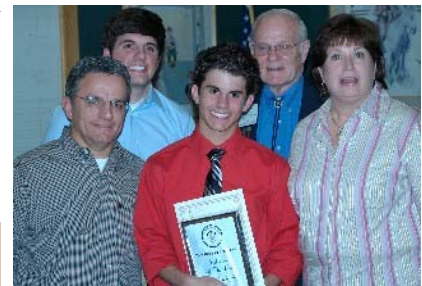
Spirit Builders: “Sophomore of the Year” Scholarship Winner Honored

Kiwanis Division 39’s “Sophomore of the Year,” Ryan Guadagnolo from Martin High School, was one of 20 scholarship winners selected in January by the Texas Oklahoma District Foundation. Ryan was selected based upon his commitment to academic excellence, effective leadership, community involvement, and clear goals for his life.

Ryan and his family were honored by his sponsoring Arlington Sundown Kiwanis Club at their meeting on March 14, 2006. After a welcome by Thurman Jasper, Division Chairperson for the scholarship, Ryan was presented a plaque, certificate, and letter of congratulations by Lt. Governor Jim Walther.

Ryan is ranked fifth in his class and a sophomore representative on the student council. He is a member of Key Club, the Martin High Baseball Team, and the Spanish Club. Past leadership positions have included President of the National Junior Honor Society, President of the Student Council, Vice President of Choir, and Patrol Leader for the Boy Scouts. Because of his leadership experience, he was elected by the Martin HS faculty to attend the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Program this summer.

The “Sophomore of the Year” program is designed to encourage youth early in their high school studies to think about pursuing scholarships to attend college. With the cost for a college education increasing at a rapid rate, scholarships are becoming a key factor in who goes to college. Through this sophomore contest, students learn the skills needed to apply for scholarships and what factors are important for selection. Over 500 outstanding sophomores in Texas and Oklahoma participated in this contest and benefited from the program.



Ryan, center, is surrounded by his father Tony Guadagnolo, brother Gary, and mother Beverly.

Spirit Builders: Prior Key Clubber Speaks of its Value

Dave Lieber Fort Worth Star-Telegram Columnist

When I was growing up in New York City in the 1960’s, volunteering and helping others wasn’t part of the upbringing. No, we worried about survival instead. You couldn’t help others if you couldn’t walk down the street without getting your wallet picked.

Truth be told, the development of my charity and volunteering skills didn’t happen until I moved to Texas in the mid 1990’s and took a job at one of the most caring newspapers in America, the Star-Telegram — which has a century of experience as a company that gives back to the community.

But there was one exception.

In high school, the only service organization offered was the Key Club. At first, I wasn’t exactly sure what the Key Club did, but I heard from the older classmen that this was a club worth joining. So I did.

Turns out my Key Club membership was my only real exposure as a teenager to volunteering.



In what was my first taste of charity event organizing, I was lead organizer in my senior year in high school of a carnival that benefited the American Cancer Society. The event was held in memory of one of our classmates, Joey Leeds, who died of cancer when he was in the 11th grade.

I’ll always cherish that experience because it eventually led me on the road to helping others, a skill that fully developed as an adult once I moved to Texas.

Looking back, I wish I could have had more experiences earlier on like my Key Club involvement. But I’m glad that, at least, I had that one!

Dave loves to bring his message of humor and inspiration to North Texas Kiwanis Clubs. If you’d like to talk to him about speaking at your club, contact him at speeches@yankeecowboy.com or at 817-685-3830.

Do you know a prior K-family member who has a story to tell about their K-family experience? If so, ask them to submit their story to our editor.

Goal Busters: Building a Springtime Tradition: The Division 39 Prayer Breakfast By Milton Glenn, Human & Spiritual Values Chair

All clubs will celebrate their "Layperson of the Year" at the Division 39 Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, May 6, 2006, 8:30 AM, at the Rolling Hills Country Club, 401 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX. This event highlights the commitment Kiwanis has to human and spiritual values and emphasizes the great work done by our members. Every club should take great pride in supporting its honoree.

Your club's selection of a "Layperson of the Year" is a very important function based on the human and spiritual values embraced by the objects of Kiwanis. You have over three weeks to complete your club's selection and submit your nomination, carefully following the printed instructions. Please ensure your nomination includes letters of recommendation and is submitted to Milton Glen (1423 Kensington Ct., Southlake, TX 76092-9511) by the April 17th deadline. If you don't have Layperson of the Year Forms, please let Milton know now (miltglenn@msn.com).

This year we're asking each Club President to give a 1-2 minute introduction of their honoree at the Prayer Breakfast. The manner or method of introduction should highlight their qualities and activities--and is strictly at the discretion of the President. You may present a serious and/or humorous approach that you feel is appropriate. Let's make this a Prayer Breakfast one that is filled with tradition and one that will never be forgotten.

Each club is asked to submit its Prayer Breakfast reservations (list of names and check made out to Division 39 Kiwanis) to the Division Treasurer, Charles Burkins (801 Crowley Rd., Arlington TX 76012) by April 28. This courtesy will allow for excellence in the planning of this event.



Sixth Annual Mansfield Kiwanis "Youth First" Golf Tournament

by Phil Stover, Mansfield

The Kiwanis Clubs of Mansfield have scheduled the *Sixth Annual Mansfield Kiwanis "Youth First" Golf Tournament* for April 28, 2006, at Tierra Verde Golf Club. We will play a "scramble" format. Play begins at 1:00pm with a shotgun start.

Tierra Verde Golf Club is beautiful, challenging and recognized as one of the best courses in Texas by national golf publications. The course has also been awarded Audubon Signature Status for its conservation efforts and preservation of its natural habitat.

Registration and other festivities kick off at 11:00am with a hamburger lunch served for all entrants.

In addition to lunch, each participant's entry fee will include – green fee and cart rental, "goody bag" with an assortment of golf related items, promotional gifts from our sponsors, coupons for special offers from local business and restaurants. And, for the first time in the event's history, each golfer will receive a golf shirt with custom tournament logo designed by Mansfield ISD graphic arts students.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams, for longest drives and closest to the pin. Raffle tickets will be available for valuable prizes to be drawn at the conclusion of the tournament.

Entry fees are \$100 per person/ \$400 per team. Mulligans may be purchased for \$5 each.

Deadline for paid entries is April 15th, 2006. And don't forget to include your shirt size.

Submit all entries to Todd Simmons at 2851 Matlock, Suite 444, Mansfield, TX 76063 (Telephone 817-473-9645)

Proceeds from this event will be used by the Mansfield Kiwanis Club and the Mansfield Kiwanis Afternoon Club for the benefit of the children in our community through scholarships, sponsored Key Clubs at each of our high schools, the "Buster Book Program" providing new books for our elementary school libraries, installing bicycle racks at each of our elementary schools and many other activities.

Submit your entry using the form on page 5 of this newsletter

Division Treasurer Tips:



1. Clubs are encouraged to pay Division "new member" fees at the end of each month.
2. Clubs that submit their reservations for division events by the deadline are a great help.



6th Annual Kiwanis Youth First Golf Tourney

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006

TIERRA VERDE GOLF CLUB

*Recently achieved Audubon Signature Status for
efforts in conservation and preservation of natural habitat*

7005 Golf Club Drive (just west of 287 south, off Eden Road) Arlington, TX

817-572-1300

11:00a Check in & lunch; 12:30p Shotgun

Four person **Shamble**, Count two low scores on each hole

\$100 per player entry fee: Green fee, cart, range balls, lunch, goodie bag, and golf shirt

\$500 Corporate Sponsorship: One team entry, one hole sponsorship sign, special recognition in all literature, name on event banner and special mention during the event

Mulligans will be \$5 each (limit 4 four per player)

Raffle tickets will be \$5 each (quantity discounts will be available)

Hole in one & close to hole (all par 3s), and two Long drive prizes

Proceeds will be used to help children in the community thru scholarships, bicycle racks for elementary schools, books, and other related needs for MISD students!

	<u>Team Captain</u>	<u>Player 2</u>	<u>Player 3</u>	<u>Player 4</u>
Name	_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____	_____	_____
City, St, Zip	_____	_____	_____	_____
Daytime Ph	_____	_____	_____	_____
Email	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shirt Size	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please return to: Todd Simmons, 2851 Matlock, Suite 444, Mansfield, TX 76063, 817-473-9645

Indicate Amt Enclosed: Team \$400 _____ Hole Sponsor \$100 _____ Corporate Sponsor \$500 _____

Also, please indicate club affiliation, if any: Kiwanis Morning Club _____ or Afternoon Club _____

We look forward to seeing you! Deadline for entry is **April 14.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MANSFIELD KIWANIS CLUBS