



## “The Spirit of Excellence” Newsletter

### Salute for Excellence Award

I want to give special recognition to the Denton Kiwanis Club for their outstanding board meeting lead by President Nancy Millichamp. Committee chairs as well as board members were in attendance and gave great reports. Additionally, they have a special process that helps protect their board members from litigation. Read about it on page 2 in the article by Virginia Hammerle.

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#### Dates & Deadlines:

Mar. 10: Submit monthly report, interclub report, and list of new members and sponsors.

Mar 4: K-University in Dallas

Mar 31-Apr 2: District Key Club Convention in Dallas

Apr 15: First registration deadline for KI Montreal Convention

Apr 17: Layperson of Year nominations are due to Milton Glenn

April 27: Division Council and Key Club Roundup

May 6: Div. 39 Saturday Prayer Breakfast

Jun 15 Second registration deadline for KI Montreal Convention

## ***The Division View: Wearing Key Lapel Pins to Show that One can Make a Difference***

by Lt. Governor Jim Walther

I was impressed with the number of people at the Mid-winter Conference who had “Key Lapel Pins”, signifying that they had recruited at least one new members for Kiwanis. When I returned home after the conference, my Saturday mail included an envelope from Kiwanis International containing both my bronze and silver pins. It was with great pride that I immediately put them both on my Kiwanis blazer so others could see that “I Believe” in Kiwanis and one can make a difference.

Recruiting —It’s as Easy as 1-2-3! Check out the Kiwanis International program at the following link before you read the rest of the story: <http://www.kiwanis.org/resources/benefits/incentives.asp>.

The First step in recruiting is sharing the Kiwanis Story with people that you meet. When they hear how Kiwanis is helping our youth,, they will normally want to join the conversation and express their views. During the Mid-winter Conference I met a Sophomore of the Year Scholarship winner and his family. I was

pleased to share with them some of the benefits of Key Club that their son would gain by joining a Key Club. When they expressed interest in hearing more about Kiwanis, I was ready. Governor Jack Carlton also invited the parents to visit a Kiwanis Club Meeting in the Houston area. They said they would, thus starting the recruiting process.

Arranging a visit to your club meeting is a helpful step. Most individuals are delighted to see what we do --and enjoy a free meal. The club secretary or membership chair should always help you at this point by providing information about your club and Kiwanis (includes a membership application).

The third step is a prompt and friendly follow-up phone call to discuss their visit and answer any questions. Before asking them to join, you may want to invite them for a second visit. If they join, then it is as easy as 1-2-3! You can have your Club Secretary request your lapel pin. I hope that you feel that sense of pride in Kiwanis when you get and wear it.



## **Required Kiwanis Support for Key Club Elections**

By Miranda Faubion, Area Key Club Advisor

Key Club elections are a very important event in the Key club year. Each year, at least 2 weeks prior to convention, each club is required to elect officers for the following key club year. The key club year runs from April 1-March 31. At these elections there are to be at least 2 Kiwanis Members in attendance. Why, you might ask? The sponsoring Kiwanis club is responsible for their sponsored youth, and making sure elections are handled correctly. It is requested that the Kiwanis members in attendance count the ballots for each candidate, as they are the non-bias party. A simply majority is needed when electing a candidate for of-

fice.

After elections have been held, each club is required to submit a Current Officer Certification Report Form (C.O.C.R.F.). This can be done on the TO Key Club website, [www.tokeyclub.com](http://www.tokeyclub.com), under COCRF Center. If unable to complete the process this way, they may submit their new officer information to either Miranda Faubion, Area Advisor, or their respective Lt. Governor. Please feel free to contact Miranda at [Miranda\\_faubion@hotmail.com](mailto:Miranda_faubion@hotmail.com) or by phone at 254-592-3895. She looks forward to working with both Kiwanis and Key Clubs though-out the year.

## Tip for Annual Board Meetings: Ratifying Prior Board Actions

By Virginia Hammerle, Kiwanis Club of Denton

Building further on the Spirit of Excellence, the Denton “Noon” Kiwanis Club adheres to both Kiwanis and Corporate Non-Profit “Best Practices” guidelines. Each member of the Board of Directors individually reviews Kiwanis International materials (such as the insurance coverage and fund-raising guidelines), and Articles and Bylaws for the Club and its Foundation.

The Club members know it is important to maintain corporate formalities - which provide members, officers and directors with an additional layer of protection from liability. They are happy to share the following tip with other clubs:

Once a year, the Club has a formal annual meeting of its Directors where it takes care of housekeeping matters. Minutes are taken of the meeting and entered into the Corporate Book. The Minutes include the following language:

“The President then reported to the meeting the activities of the Board of Directors, and proposed that the Directors ratify those ac-

tions. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that all proceedings of the Board of Directors since the last annual meeting of the Directors, and all acts taken by members of the Board of Directors or by officers of this corporation, are hereby ratified and approved in all respects.”

The purpose of this clause is to formally approve any actions taken by the Board that were not previously approved by the proper corporate formality. This precludes an argument that the offices or board members are individually liable for their actions because the actions weren’t authorized by the Board.

With the formalities out of the way, the Club members are free to focus their attention on the most important Kiwanis goal: Helping Children.

## 22nd Annual Arlington Girls Classic Basketball Tournament

By Steve Abell, Arlington North Star

The Arlington North Star Club hosted the 22nd edition of the Arlington Girl's Classic Basketball Tournament, Dec 9-10. While fund-raising activities take time and effort, they are also a lot of fun and help build club spirit and morale. This year’s Tournament experienced an ice storm, reducing this year's tournament to two instead of three days of basketball. In spite of the ice storm, the tournament had good crowds, enabling us to support our community charities as in the past.

North Star members would like to thank all the Division 39 Clubs that took out an ad in our program. One of the great things we do in our district is support each other in fund-raising efforts.



## A Collaborative Partnership: Kiwanis and a Key Club

by Adam Brunell, Martin Key Club Editor

The Arlington Sundown Kiwanis and Martin High School Key Club have something special going on. Together we work to assist and help our community in a variety of different ways. The sponsoring Sundown Club chartered our club in 1998, and that was the beginning of our collaboration.

Each summer for the last three years our two clubs have worked side-by-side running a concession stand at the Ranger baseball games at the Ballpark in Arlington. We have served barbecue, hotdogs, and turkey legs—and we don't mean ours-- to hungry baseball fans while weathering the withering heat in the concession booth. And, since there is no place to sit down, young Key Clubbers and older Kiwanis members both end up with not turkey legs but tired feet after six hours of serving the baseball fans.

However, as a result of our hard work together, both of our clubs have earned a substantial amount of respect for each other, and the money earned allows both clubs to fund their other projects and charities.

Most importantly, Martin High School Key Club members and Kiwanis Sundown Club members attend each other's meetings. This allows us all to come together and share ideas and offer advice. At a recent Kiwanis meeting, four Key Clubbers presented the program and shared information about one of their most important projects, the homeless holiday dinner. This collaboration between the members of our two clubs enhances the membership of both clubs.

## PR & Program Chairs: E-mail Communications to other Division 39 Clubs is now available!



**Here are the 7 easy steps for sending an E-mail using our Division 39 Web site (<http://www.tx-okdivision39.org/index.php>) :**

1. Click on Members Only in the left column after entering our web site.
2. Enter your ID and password (if you do not have one or cannot remember yours, Ron White at [Ronwfs@comcast.net](mailto:Ronwfs@comcast.net) can assign you another one. Let him know what ID and password you would like)  
  
After entering your ID and password, check out your personal info. At the top of your bio page, click there to make any changes and jump to the main Member page.
3. Go to the Member Roster. At the top right note the Member Options section.
4. Click on Send Group Mail.
5. Enter your E-address, your message and then choose what group that you want to send the message to. Step 2 on this page has groups that you can send your E-mail. Should you choose to send everyone, an individual or a

select group, go to the bottom and double click "Continue".

6. At the top right, you will see "Check All" or you can send to any member that you check.

7. After selecting the member or members, or everyone on the list, click the box "Send Mail" on the bottom left side of the page.

Your E-mail will be sent to those that you choose.

HAPPY E-MAILING!



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**Division 39 is on the web!**

<http://www.tx-okdivision39.org/>



**Words of Wisdom:**

- The ancient Greek definition of happiness was the full use of your powers along the lines of excellence (John F Kennedy)
- I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence I can reach for, perfection is God's business. (Michael J. Fox)
- Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better. (Pat Riley)
- The most splendid achievement of all is the constant striving to surpass yourself and to be worthy of your own approval. (Dennis Waitley)



Greetings Texas and Oklahoma Key Club Sponsors! I am pleased to announce the 57th Annual T-O District Convention. This year the convention will be held on March 30th – April 2nd at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas, the second largest hotel in Texas. The Adam's Mark is located in downtown Dallas, just 6 miles from Love Field, and all convention facilities are conveniently lo-

cated within the hotel itself. Connected to the hotel is Plaza of the Americas, an extensive shopping complex featuring an indoor ice skating rink and food court. We plan to have many fun and interesting forums, a great Early Bird Tour, and a whole lot of fun! I hope to see you all there. For more information go to [www.tokeyclub.com](http://www.tokeyclub.com). Make sure that your key clubs go!

**Spirit Builders:**

**Special Message From Kiwanis President Steve Siemens on Recruiting Members**

Our International President has a special message of encouragement for each club and Kiwanian in our Division. Please take a few minutes to hear his message and then think about how you can help us meet our membership goal prior to June 1st. You may hear his message by going to the following URL:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/video.asp?nom=010606>



You need a current version of Microsoft Media Player for this. If you do not see or hear any content, download and install Windows Media Player from [here](#), then return to this page after restarting your browser.

**Key Club Roundup to Launch the New North and South Key Club Divisions!**

**By Lt. Governor Jim Walther**

We need your help in preparing to launch the new Division 39 North and South Key Club Divisions. Please take a few minutes to visit the latest listing of Key Clubs in each division: <http://www.tx-okdivision39.org/news.php?cat=7&type=news> and then inform the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors for your Key Clubs of their assigned division.

Please invite each Key Club to send three people to our Division 39 Division Council Meeting and Key Club Roundup on April 27, at Salerno's Restaurant in Flower Mound. These three people should be the 2006-07 Key Club President, a faculty advisor, and your Kiwanis advisor. The purpose of the meeting is to help launch these new Divisions, foster supportive relations, and encourage joint activities in each division.

Miranda Faubion, Area Key Club Advisor, will provide an overview of responsibilities for Lt. Governors, Key Club Presidents, Sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs, and faculty/Kiwanis advisors.

**Key Club District Convention: Mar 30-Apr 2nd at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas**

**by Morgan Rine, Div. 39 Key Club Lt. Gov**