

Noon every
Wednesday
First United
Methodist Church
313 N. Center St
Arlington, TX 76011

**AUGUST &
SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

DAVID DAMRON.....AUGUST 1ST
DAVE TURNEY.....AUGUST 3RD
MICHELLE BARLEN.....
.....AUGUST 3RD
HERMAN VESELKA.AUGUST 6TH
BILL ZEDLER.....AUGUST 19TH
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JANNETTE WORKMAN  
.....SEPT 24TH

**UPCOMING  
ASSIGNMENTS &  
PROGRAMS**

*Prayer, Pledge & Song:*

*Bailey Ruff for August &*

*Dave Turney for Sept.*

*Interclubs:*

*Kent Rasmussen for  
August &*

*Mary Sprouse for Sept.*

**Upcoming Programs:**

**September 5th**

AISD Volleyball Coaches

**September 12th**

AISD Football Coaches

**September 19th**

Jim Baker, UTA Athletic  
Director

**September 26th**

Tom Denny, Div 39 Lt.  
Governor-designate.  
Officer Installation

# KIWANIGRAM

PASSING OF THE BANNER – "The New" Division 8 & 39

SAVE THE DATE— Evening of September 27th

**THE 94TH ANNUAL TEXAS OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CONVENTION**

**By Innocent Ugochukwu**

The 94th TX-OK District Convention was held in Killeen, TX from Thursday, August 9 - Sunday, August 12, 2012.

**WEDNESDAY AUG 8**

Although the Convention started on Thursday, the advance party made up of District Office staff and the Governor's team moved all the necessary items and equipment to Killeen on Wednesday to get the Convention materials ready for Thursday morning. A number of trucks were engaged to undertake this exercise. They had rain showers, a blessing, as they traveled to Killeen during this hot weather.

**THURSDAY AUG 9**

Delegates started arriving for registration and accreditation. The first engagement was the Golf Tournament and it was only members who registered for it that took part in the event. It took place as early as 7:00 a.m. Registration went on from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. By 11:30 a.m. the Past Governors and their Spouses had lunch and this was by invitation only. This was followed by District Board Meetings for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 trustees. This was closely followed by the Spouses Reception hosted by First Dude & First Doc. It was by invitation only.

**WELCOME RECEPTION** The welcome ceremony was kicked off by Bill Herron, District Convention Co-Chair, with Governor Susan Hennum and First Dude Tom and other principal officers well seated at the high table. Bill, on behalf of Division 23, welcomed all to Killeen, Texas, hometown to Ft. Hood, the largest active Army duty post in the United States. He was confident that with the level of preparations done by them, that Kiwanians are bound to have a wonderful time throughout their stay. He urged members to visit the waterpark, wine tours, shopping and above all, interact with the people and have a feel of their warmth and friendship.

**REGISTRATION – CREDENTIALS - SETTING UP OF BOOTHS BY VENDORS** The host Division 23 made adequate preparations for the Convention. Set up inside the Convention Center was everything to take care of every aspect of the programme that was lined up for each day. They did an outstanding job. There were sections for registration and accreditation of delegates. Vendors had wide spaces where they displayed their Kiwanis materials ranging from T- Shirts, Shirts of all sizes and colours and other Kiwanis materials. There were so many commemorative materials honouring 25 years of Women in Kiwanis. The proceeds from all Women in Kiwanis merchandise is to go to support the TX-OK Foundation Scholarship for low income students. The District Headquarters had their own Kiwanis materials and items displayed for sale. There were enough rooms and spaces for all the scheduled meetings, workshops and forums/demonstrations. The two clubs, Allen, TX and Midwest City, OK, who vied for the Host position of the 2014 District Convention, mounted boards and displayed lots of materials to showcase their various cities, its beauty and preparedness to host 2014 convention, however, Midwest City won the hosting right, after the votes were cast and counted. Sales were on, all through the period of the Convention.

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**FRIDAY AUG 10** The registration and accreditation of members and Delegates continued. Governor Susan and the host clubs called the House to order. All other opening formalities followed. Governor Susan recognized and introduced special guests, including the candidate for Governor-elect and Governor-designate. This was followed by a series of recognitions including the TX-OK K-Kids District Speech Contest Winner (2011-2012), Builders Club Administrator, the Key Club & CKI Governors. An update on the Governor's Shoe Project was presented by Jay Macaulay, while Molly Cash presented that of Buckner International Shoes for Orphan Souls. There was an all Kiwanis Luncheon. The Women in Kiwanis activity was given a pride of place which is well deserved. There was a reception and awards given to them in an impressive ceremony. There were workshops and forums in various marked rooms for them. Among the ones I attended was the presentation by Suetta Albin and Pearl Fellingham who are carrying out a Kiwanis project in Shillong, India, called "Shillong Children's Center (SCC)." They are doing a great job there helping children in various ways, among them the orphaned and homeless ones. Friday Night Fun was presented by Big Hoss & entertainment by Dr. Bill Rauhauser's "Daja Vu" Band with music from the 50's and 60's.

**PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS** There were a number of Kiwanians who distinguished themselves in various club activities. These individuals were duly recommended and were rewarded with Presidential awards.

**GOVERNOR'S AWARDS** Governor Susan also took note of Kiwanians who went the extra mile to work hard to make the District move forward. She also recognized such individuals and rewarded them with Awards. One of the recipients is Laura Lammons, the District Administrative Supervisor. This presentation attracted a standing loud ovation.

Presentations were made about Key Club, Aktion Club, Risk Management for You and Your Club, The Next 60 Days, K-Kids & Bug/Terrific Kids, New Club Building and Builders Club. ELIMINATE - How to Touch Lives and Improve Life through The ELIMINATE Project. This Topic was given real attention and delegates took active part in the discussions. It was a very busy day as there were activities all through the day.

**SATURDAY AUG 11** Greg Samford, Human & Spiritual Values Chair, conducted the Prayer Service where many members, who have gone before us, were honored by having their name read allowed in remembrance. One from our club was remembers: Samuel E. West.

Governor Susan presided. Host clubs called the House to Order, followed by other opening formalities. There were reports from the District Treasurer, Erby Eikner, District Secretary, David Ross, Election/Credentials Report by Ray Beall, Eliminate Presentation was done by Randy DeLay, Kiwanis International Chair and Convention Report by Becky Herron.

**LUNCHEON SPEAKER** The Convention Chair, Becky Herron introduced the Guest Speaker, TaNeika N. Driver. She is the President of the Killeen Branch of the NAACP. Ms. Driver received her B.A. in radio/TV from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She worked at KCEN-TV, Channel 6 and at Cumulus Broadcasting. She is currently employed at First National Bank Texas as the Quality Assurance Officer. Although she is not a Kiwanian, her community involvement extends to a great degree. She is like the Eveready bunny; she keeps going and going, "I love being a servant because I enjoy seeing others face when you give unselfishly from the heart," is her answer to why she stays so busy. Her presentation was centered on 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis. She gave an Overview of the work and the role women have played in the growth and development of Kiwanis since 1987. They have held and are still holding various offices including that of club President, Secretary, Governor and Lt Governor among others. According to her, the sky is the limit of the women in Kiwanis. She said that women play several roles in the family, in the community and society at large. She urged women not to relent but to continue to work hard as they have been very well endowed by nature to be great achievers.

**CLOSING SESSION** Two members of CKI, Donnesh Amrollah and Lauren Perkins, were appointed Masters of Ceremonies. The House was called to Order by the Host Clubs, followed by other opening formalities. Recognition of Past Governors was made by Sam Curry. Lauren Perkins introduced the Governor-designate, Ann Wilkins, and the presentation of 2011- 2012 Lt. Governors and the 2012-2013 Lt. Governors. Governor Susan Hennem introduced Randy DeLay, KI Foundation Eliminate Chair. He announced the retirement of the 2011-2012 Board. He carried out the installation of 2012-2013 Lt. Governors and that of 2012-2013 Staff/Officers. Presentation of Governor's Gift was presented by the Chairman of Past Governors, Bill Bishop. This was followed by remarks by Governor-designate Ann Wilkins. Passing of banners was performed by Governor Susan's Garland Kiwanis Club to the Tahlequah Kiwanis Club of incoming Governor-designate, Ann Wilkins.

**COMEDY SHOW** John Branyan Comedy Show took the center stage and entertained the audience. He was very good at his Show that people laughed, jaws ached and sides cramped due to continuous laughing.

**SUNDAY AUG 12** There was an early morning ELIMINATE Walk performed members. This was followed by departure by members.

Although the Convention has come and gone, the sweet memories live on. The Host clubs did a great job preparing and ensuring that everything worked out perfectly well. The organization was simply superb. You can't beat it. The environment was quite conducive. When people start feeling quite cold inside the Convention Hall, they came outside to catch a bit of the sunshine and get back to the Hall. There was cooperation and coordination among the host clubs, that nothing was left to chance and everything worked out very well. Congratulations to the Host clubs. Congratulations to the Delegates and members who were in attendance. The Convention was very well attended and delegates participated actively in all the scheduled programmes.

Tanisha and I are very grateful to you, our club members, that nominated us to represent you and participate in all the activities. We enjoyed the convention, enjoyed the fellowship, met old friends and made new ones. Governor Susan's tenure has been a great one with innovations and achievements.

**Congratulations Governor Susan and First Dude Tom.**