

The 2004-2005 Board Meeting  
Texas/Oklahoma District Convention-Tyler, Texas  
August 4, 2005

Gene Jantzen, Governor, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

John Curlee, District Treasurer, gave the invocation and the pledge was led by Don Muir, Div. 24 Lt. Gov. Div. 34 Lt. Gov., Richard Kuna, led us in a song.

Governor Gene then introduced our new TX/OK District International Trustee/Counselor, Mark B. Rabaut, from Washington, MI.

District Secretary, Jackie Wyatt, called the roll. Divisions 3, 6, 13, 15, 17, 22, and 32 were absent. There was a quorum present.

Jackie Wyatt then asked for a motion for approval of the minutes from the International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii. There was a correction in the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 5<sup>th</sup> line. The word expenses should replace the word revenues. The motion to approve as corrected was made by Lt. Gov. Div 14 and seconded by Lt. Gov. Div 7. The motion passed.

District Treasurer, John Curlee, presented the treasurer's report. He asked for the vouchers that each Lt. Gov. has be reviewed, signed and returned to him at the end of this meeting. He then handed out copies of the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Budget as of August 2, 2005. He indicated the money situation was fine and the next large money to the District will be in March when the annual dues start coming in. The motion to file the budget report for audit was made by Lt. Gov. Div. 39 and seconded by Lt. Gov. Div. 27. The motion passed.

Gary Hicks, Ki-Notes Editor, said they are on schedule and on budget. He also asked that articles be sent to him for publication in the Ki-Notes. Gov. Gene then complimented Gary on his dedication to providing this award winning publication to this District. Those present thanked Gary by applause.

Richard Witte, President of the Past Lt. Governors' Association, passed out forms for each Lt. Gov. to fill out to become a member of the PLGA. He said 75% of the money collected goes into the endowment fund and 25% is for their operating budget. \$5600 was raised at the Mid-Winter roast of Darrell Booth and 4 C.T. Bush awards will be made at the PLGA breakfast Friday morning. A \$1,000 donation was made to the TX/OK Foundation for a sponsored youth scholarship. These are a few things the PLGA is doing and he thanked Governor Gene and the Board for their support of the PLGA. Governor Gene followed up with remarks encouraging membership in the PLGA and participating in the Division PLGAs. If your Division does not have an active PLGA then he asked that one be started.

John Swyers, Membership Chair for the state of Texas, expressed thanks for the opportunity to be the Membership Chair for Texas. He has had the opportunity to visit several Divisions in the District and said Division 5 again has had an increase in membership. He thanked the Lt. Governors for their support.

Governor Gene spoke on the distinguished criteria for Lt. Gov. He added, by executive privilege, a couple of electives to allow for clubs who have members or representatives here at this convention to use that as a make up for having attended two conventions and/or conferences during the year. Also, clubs working on the First Lady's program, Project Linus, get elective points for that.

Governor Gene called Brenda Allums, Lt. Gov. Div. 14, to the podium. He indicated the TX/OK District has the potential for 10 new clubs – that is the number he gave International when he was at Governor's training a year ago. There are at present 11 clubs in some kind of "embryonic" state. One of those clubs has now been completed. The Kilgore Oil Patch Breakfast Club in Division 14 will soon receive its charter. He expressed thanks to Lt. Gov. Brenda for following through on her promise to build a new club in her division. He encouraged the Board to participate and get involved in building membership by being involved and showing that they care.

Governor Gene called Terry Wilson to the podium. Terry promised Gov. Gene, at the beginning of this Kiwanis year, that he would communicate information from his Div 11 to Gene and Board members. Gov. Gene thanked Terry for keeping his promise and doing his job.

Governor Gene then asked Richard Melton, Chairman of Risk Management, to come forward. Richard reminded the Board they have a handout regarding Background Investigations. He stated that the biggest claims (dollar wise) in our Kiwanis insurance are for sexual abuse. He urged those who are involved with kids to always have TWO ADULTS with each child when working with kids in their activities. Regarding Background Checks – he suggested using the Internet to check out not only new members, but those who express a willingness to join. The search is free and does not require SS# or other personal information. It was further suggested that if that member is involved with youth, then a more thorough background check be done. The committee, which consisted of Past Governor's Joe Marshall, Nancy Miller, Darrel Booth and Joe Stillwell, recommended not conducting background checks on all members.

Governor Gene said a big thank you to the Lt. Governors for making the Official Governor's Visits a delight for him and the First Lady. He expressed a heartfelt thank you for making them feel welcome.

Governor Gene then asked the Lt. Gov's to speak for 2 minutes on the highlights of their year. Those reports started with Division 1.

Past Governor Nancy Miller came in to report on Children's Miracle Network. She thanked those 8 Divisions for responding to her request for money for CMN. She asked

that each Division try to give \$1,000 more than last year. Over \$50,000 already has been reported. She encouraged the Lt. Governors to support CMN.

The Division reports continued.

Governor Gene gave a special thank you to the Board for their involvement in the First Lady's Project. Over 3000 blankets have been donated to our communities. Money and coats have been donated for Coats for Kids.

The 2005-2006 Board then joined the 2004-2005 Board.

Governor Gene welcomed the 2005-2006 Board for a combined Board meeting.

Marellie Robinson handed out a list for both boards to complete and return for the Governor's Dinner Saturday night.

Dan Hamiter, Human & Spiritual Values Chair, instructed the current Lt. Gov's on their participation in the Memorial Service on Saturday morning to be held at First Baptist Church.

Governor Gene introduced Mark Rabaut, Kiwanis International Trustee/Counselor.

Counselor Rabaut greeted the combined Boards. He asked for input to take back to Kiwanis International. He thanked the Boards for their involvement and dedication to their positions and promised assistance when asked and needed. He said he and his wife, Claudia, looked forward to this convention.

Harvey Wilson spoke on behalf of Caring Corner. The Caring Corner is now open and ready for business at the Convention Center. There will be a raffle for an oil painting and a handmade girl's baby quilt. There is also a silent auction which includes prints of the Twin Towers in New York City.

Sam Curry, Convention Chair for Tyler, 2005, said he expected the registration to reach over 1000. He expressed thanks to Division 34 and surrounding clubs for their support and help in putting this convention together. Refer to your programs for details and maps.

Jerry Ward, President of the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation, talked to the Boards for a few minutes. He specifically talked about District Pins. The District "black" pin is now a rare pin and hard to get. Division 13 incoming Lt. Gov. signed over his Lt. Gov. expense check to the Foundation to be credited toward a Century 21 honor and Jerry presented him with a "black" district pin.

Governor Gene introduced Governor-Elect Jack Carlton. He expressed thanks to Governor Gene and talked about the Lt. Gov. Training. He asked the current board to be involved with the 05-06 Board. He commented that this will not be a "my year" and

“your year,” it will be an “our year.” He asked Div. 23 Lt. Gov. Pearl Fellingham to introduce her mascot, “Billy Bob.” She told about the inspiration the membership muppet has brought to her clubs and now plans to share him with the TAG Team. There are 9 members on the TAG team headed by Chuck Rager. We need to grow this District. We also have a Public Relations team, which is comprised of Gary Hicks, Bob Bruce, and Ed Komandosky. We’ll be hearing about these groups in the near future.

Darrel Booth spoke about the ongoing involvement of CASA. He asked that we continue to be involved with this organization. He also spoke about the Sophomore of the Year program and asked that we have good participation this year. Updated information will be provided soon.

Thanks were expressed to Governor Gene on behalf of the 2004-2005 Lt. Governors.

Jackie Wyatt then made announcements pertaining to the upcoming events at the Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Jackie Wyatt  
District Secretary