

**Kiwanis Club of
Harker Heights**
P O Box 2309
Harker Heights, TX 76548



Speaker Roster

Nov 29 – A Barrett
Dec 6 – P Brunson
Dec 13 – S Carpenter
Dec 20-27 –No Meetings

Please notify Bill Griffith prior to your program as to your speaker and topic or if you need assistance obtaining a speaker.

2016-17 Officers

President: David McClure
President Elect: William Griffith
Vice President: Jody Nicholas
Treasurer: Randy Stone
Secretary: Vivian Marschik
Outgoing President: Charles Sweeney

Board of Directors

Patty Brunson
Steve Carpenter
Darrel Charlton
Mariko Cross
Richard Dinwiddie
Norm Dunbar
Jos Portmann
Esabell Zellmar

Raffle

Winner: Patty Brunson
Amount: \$ 17.00
Jackpot: \$ 150.00 (not won)
Next Jackpot: \$ 155.00 😊



Harker Heights Kiwanis Club Meeting 11-29-16

Speaker: Paul Sims, Harker Heights Fire Chief

Topic: Update on Fire Dept – Harker Heights started off as a volunteer dept but for some time now it is a career dept. They have 45 full time employees for the 2 stations. Personnel are fire and paramedic qualified. Each station has a fire truck and mobile medical vehicle. They have handled about 4000 calls in the last 2 years. Most of which are medical issues. They will be presenting to the city council the request for upgrades to the Central Fire Station. Admin, living quarters and a Wellness Center are part of the future plans. Also a 3rd fire station will eventually be needed to adequately serve the growing city. A good Emergency Management Plan is on the new chief's radar as well. The Santa Pal program has begun on Monday. Toys and donations can be dropped off now. They have a very close relationship with the police department and support each other on calls. For more information visit city website: www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us click on Departments/Fire Dept.



Kiwanis Motto

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

Club Business:

Prayer: Paul Loughran
Pledges: Jos Portmann
Song: Dick Dinwiddie

Christmas tree lighting will be Wed. Nov 30th at 6 pm in front of City Hall in Harker Heights

Christmas baskets for Indian Oaks – Dec 13th is the tentative date, the Key Club will be the SLP for this project

Randy Stone made a motion to allow up to \$250 for food, Charles Sweeney 2nd the motion, it was voted on and approved.

Frost Fest – Dec 9th, Market Heights at 5:30 pm

Christmas Parade – Dec 10th at 4:30 pm in Killeen

Prayers: Keep member Allie Krebs in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Esabell Zellmar will have surgery and have about 4 weeks recovery time. Keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery also.

Birthdays: None

Lunch: Schlotzsky's sandwiches, chips, pickle, cookie & tea

Guests: None

Brags: Jos Portmann bought a Trump book on line. It was only \$4 but the size what not what he was expecting. 😊



Joke: James Hoyle – “Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about!”

FYI: Winter Education
Submitted by: Jos Portmann

Winter solstice (or hibernal solstice) is an [astronomical](#) phenomenon marking the shortest day and the longest night of the year. In the [Northern Hemisphere](#) this is the [December solstice](#) and in the [Southern Hemisphere](#) this is the [June solstice](#).

The [axial tilt](#) of Earth and [gyroscopic effects](#) of its daily rotation mean that the two opposite points in the sky to which the Earth's [axis of rotation](#) points ([axial precession](#)) change very slowly (making a complete circle approximately every 26,000 years). As the Earth follows its [orbit](#) around the Sun, the polar hemisphere that faced away from the Sun, experiencing winter, will, in half a year, face towards the Sun and experience summer. This is because the two hemispheres face opposite directions along Earth's axis, and so as one polar hemisphere experiences [winter](#), the other experiences [summer](#). The winter solstice is considered by some to mark the end of [autumn](#) and the start of winter.^[1]

In [meteorology](#), winter in the Northern Hemisphere spans the entire period of December through February. The seasonal significance of the winter solstice is in the reversal of the gradual lengthening of nights and shortening of days. The earliest sunset and latest sunrise dates differ from winter solstice, however, and these depend on latitude, due to the variation in the solar day throughout the year caused by the Earth's elliptical orbit (see [earliest and latest sunrise and sunset](#)).

