



Kiwanis
CLUB OF HARKER HEIGHTS

Harker Heights Kiwanis Club Meeting 07-14-26

Speaker: Cyd West

**Topic: Friends of the Central Texas State
Veterans Cemetery**

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



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Speaker Roster

June 23 - Randy Stone
July 14 - Charles Sweeney
July 28 - Diane Thompson
August 11 - Bobby Whitson
Aug - 25 Lisa Youngblood
September 8 - Darrel Charlton
September 22 - TBA

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The cemetery opened in 2005 after a decade of work and planning. They expect to need 20,000 wreaths this Christmas. Wreaths are prepared on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, laid on the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year, retrieval is the 2nd Saturday in January. Laying holiday wreaths began in 2007, when the Wreaths Across America organization sent six wreaths to our cemetery and to every other veteran cemetery in the United States, to be laid in honor of each military service branch and POW/MIA. An individual believed that there should be a wreath laid at each grave, and within three days, she had gathered enough wreaths and volunteers to make it happen. (Jean Shine and Cyd West) Shine purchased 400 wreaths at Garden Ridge in Round Rock for the 396 graves, gathered enough volunteers and started the amazing program. Other veterans cemeteries have contacted them to see how to start their own program. The program is totally supported by volunteers and community donations. It is a 501 (c)3 organization so totally deductible on your income tax. Donate online at wreathsforvets.org or mail to Friends of Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, P O Box 2790, Harker Heights, TX 76548

We Pledge to NEVER FORGET the sacrifices of our military and their families.

American Flag Program

Next Delivery will be on
Monday, Sept 7, 2026
Labor Day



Club Business

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Loughran at 12:08 pm

Prayer: Paul Loughran

Pledges: Jeanette McNiesh

Song: Paul Loughran

Guests: None

Lunch: Zum Edelweiss German Restaurant

Birthdays: None

Board Meeting: To be conducted by email

Flag Program: Next Delivery is Monday, Sept 7, 2026 Labor Day

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30 to readjust the flag routes.

TX/OK Convention: July 23-25 in Texarkana

Braggs: None

Prayers: All those in need

Community Event: Kern Park Dedication. July 18, 10 am - 1:00 pm. We will have a booth and put together gift bags for Foster Love kids in Belton TX

Adjournment: Vivian Marschik 12:58 pm

Motto: Kiwanis is a global organization dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Next Meeting

Date: July 28, 2026 Time: Noon

Zum Edelweiss German Restaurant, 708 Edwards Dr. HH

Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

