

**Kiwanis Club of
Harker Heights**
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Speaker Roster 2021
Mar 8 – Alice Krebs

Please notify Ron Dalton if you know of a speaker that will do a program either in person or on ZOOM.

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Bluebonnet Indian Blanket



Indian Paintbrush Foxglove



Sunflower Prickly Pear



Harker Heights Kiwanis Club Meeting 03-08-22

Speakers: Marlene Gillman

Topic: Texas Wildflowers Legend and Lore - From the Louisiana border to the mountains of West Texas, from the Red River to the Rio Grande—Texas’ six native bluebonnet species can be found throughout most of the state. Jerry Parsons, a retired Texas A&M University professor from San Antonio, have been researching and developing variants of the bluebonnet’s color for decades—“I’ve been fooling around with them for more than 40 years,” Parsons says. Parsons is perhaps best known for developing a maroon variety of the flower in honor of his alma mater. Also known as firewheels, Indian blankets thrive in heat and bloom sporadically across the state’s dry plains, open areas, and calcareous prairies in the western two-thirds of the state. Native to East Texas, Indian paintbrush grow in prairies, plains, meadows, pastures, savannas, the edges of the woodlands, and along roadsides. Penstemon cobaea, or “false foxglove,” grows best in sandy or rocky open hillsides, limestone outcrops, and loamy soils across the rolling plains and Blackland Prairie south to the Gulf of Mexico. The prickly pear is widespread across the state, hence its official state designation. Of the approximately 30 species in Texas, Engelmann’s prickly pear—known for growing in dense clumps—is one of the most common. More than 15 different sunflower species are native to Texas, but most people tend to think of the annual sunflower: helianthus annuus. It grows best in dry, open areas and in disturbed soil. For all the interesting Lore about the Texas wildflowers can be found in the Texas Highways magazine April 2017, “Stories of the Wild”. It is worth the read. <https://texashighways.com/travel/stories-of-the-wild-texas-wildflowers/>



SOTY- Paul Loughran picked up the application from Harker Heights HS for the student we will submit **Anahi Hernandez Martinez Casts for Kids – David McClure** told us about the tournament teaching kids to fish. Suggested we could be a sponsor on a similar event here in Harker Heights **Darrel Charlton** received the approval from Dr Craft's office to have the pancake supper on May 14th at HHES.

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

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Club Business

Prayer: Darrel Charlton

Pledges: Charles Sweeney

Song: Paul Loughran

Brags: Norm Dunbar had a visit from his sister and brother-in-law from Colorado and made a visit to Fredericksburg

A scary story from Jeanette McNiesh about their last visit at Harker Heights H S and a lockdown because of a possible student with a weapon. Then the next day a weapon at Ellison High School

Birthdays: Gary Honaker 3-27

Jokes: Paul Loughran

Board Meeting: After the regular meeting

Lunch: Zum Edelweiss German Restaurant

Next Meeting March 22, 2022

Children's Miracle Network: Jar passed

Easter Sunrise Service: David McClure will check with the city

Texas Spring

