

May 23, 2024

## Guest Speaker for Last Meeting

**Kelly Rowe**, Lubbock County Sheriff, Status and Goals of the Sheriff's Department. **Kelly** grew up in Ft. Worth, attended N.M. Military Institute, and then served in the Army. He and his wife **Nola** moved to Lubbock in 1999 when **Kelly** was hired as a Lt. in the Sheriff's Dept. He was promoted to Cpt. Then to Chief Administrator. In 2009 he was appointed Sheriff and was elected to that position in 2010.

**Kelly** said he wanted to see Prop. A defeated, as it was, substantially. He went on to say that the Border Issue hasn't affected Lubbock much directly, but it has taken too many Border Patrol agents off their normal task of searching vehicles for drugs and other contraband. Interior Border Stations have been undermanned. Fentanyl is the biggest threat to our young people and anyone taking pills that don't come from a pharmacy. 33 Kilos of Crystal Meth was confiscated, and millions of pills laced with fentanyl. **Kelly** said about 90% of theft and mugging crimes, for the last 40 years, have been committed by drug addicts trying to support their addictions. **Kelly** surprised us when he said that about 85 different gangs with over 2,000 documented gang members in Texas.

**Kelly** said the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency in Lubbock is doing fine, and the Sheriff's Dept. has a 98% clearance on homicides.

## Our Only May Birthday!

**Luke Mason – 5/19**

We need more Kiwanis Safety Vests so if you are not going to use yours, please let Wayne know so he can pick it up at your house.

**KIWANIS KUDOS TO FLAG WORK DAY VOLUNTEERS LAST SATURDAY!**

**Tom Anderson, David Cook, Lequice & Wayne, David Mallard, and Tim Upp**

We barely had enough help to do the 19<sup>th</sup> St. wagon, but hopefully the majority of the bad flags were replaced!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AFP**

**Memorial Day-Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>;  
Flag Day-Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>;  
Independence Day-Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>;  
Labor Day-Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>; and  
Veterans Day-Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

We may NOT have volunteers from the Volunteer Center of Lubbock to help us! We need at least 3 volunteers on each route (18) to make it less challenging!

**Who are our Flag Route Captains and what are their responsibilities?**

Everyone needs to know! **Flag Route Captains/Co-Captains** are truly dedicated Club members that make sure Route flags are installed and taken down each of the five flag holidays. **Captains** ensure clients' flag poles are installed in PVC pipes correctly identified, free of debris/grass cover, so route members can install the flags as efficiently as possible. **Captains** contact Route members before each flag event and contact **Alternate** club members in the event of absences. **Captains** ensure their Route has a truck/trailer to haul all their Route's flags. **Captains** can contact any club member to see if they can assist in an emergency situation. **Wayne Kohout** is the liaison for **Route lists, material, tools, and vests.**

John Paul Batrice's

 **Bits & Pieces**

On **Mothers' Day** I asked **Mimi** what she thought about *Motherhood*?

**Mimi** said "You know you're a mom when you understand, on a deep level, why Mama Bear's porridge was too cold"

And then she said: "If I ever go missing, just follow my kids. They can find me wherever I try to hide!"

Mimi also told me: "Good moms let you lick the beaters after making brownies." Our son **Remi** shouted: "Great moms turn them off first!!"

Well, **Mimi** then said: "My 'mom superpower' is being the **only** person in the house who can see an empty toilet roll!" "Why is that!" We both shrugged.

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### BOARD MEMBERS:

**2022-2024:** David Cook, Kim Davis, Wayne Kohout, Luke Mason  
**2023-2025:** Sandra Andrews, Cindy Ham, David Medrano, Carmen Vige

**Route 1:** CPT: Cindy Ham-Trk., 2. Tim Upp; 3. Mary Wallace; Altr. \_\_?

**Route 2:** Co-CPTS: Tom Andrews, Steve Jones-Trk. 3. David Cook, 4. Paul Rostad-Trk. Alters.: Jill Ramsey, Cheryl Jones.

**Route 3:** CPT: Wayne Kohout, 2. Roger Mahan-Trk.; 3. Lequice; Alt.: Paige Kohout

**Route 4:** CPT: James Dugger, 2. David Medrano; 3. John Gast, Alt.?

**Route 5:** CPT: Dianah Ascencio-Trk, 2. Debbie Conn, 3. Ashley Torrez; Alter. Raul A.

**Route 6:** (HEB) Cpt: Luke Mason-Trk., 2. David Mallard, Alter.: \_\_?

## TODAY

**Thur. May 23:** Brent Harrison, Alpha Tax Solutions, Specializing in Property Tax Valuations/Tax Savings

## ALSO...COMING SOON:

**Thur. May 30:** Vanessa Wood, Founder, Ag Women Connect, America's Platform for Women in Agriculture

**Thur. June 6:** June Birthdays, Committee Updates, and Board Meeting