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57 Members A/O Mar. 5, 2020, 41 Members A/O Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lost 16!

February 3, 2022

**Guest Speaker Last Meeting:**

**Stacy Kelley**, Marketing & Development Director, **CASA** of the South Plains (6 counties), gave an informative and educational presentation on how all the foster kids (1,400+) in our region are handled! Virtually 100% of foster children have experienced abuse of some kind: physical, emotional, mental. Child Protective Services (CPS) starts a case for each child or sibling set with an attorney & a paid case worker (with 75-100 cases!). A **CASA Volunteer Advocate** is then 'legally' appointed to each foster child/sibling set. **Volunteer Advocates** speak for the best interest of children in the foster care system.

Court appointed **Advocates** are community members just like **you** who ensure the needs of each child in foster care remain a priority in an over-burdened child welfare system while working to find safe, permanent homes for these most vulnerable children.

**Volunteer Advocates** have access to ALL records pertaining to each child/sibling set. **Volunteer Advocates** are given 20-40 hrs. of training, and will usually spend 10-15 hrs. a month per case. Two **Family Court** judges oversee the 1,400+ foster kids. An **Advocacy Coordinator** is available whenever you visit with any child, parent, or foster parent, IF you need them. 52% are boys, but only 22% of **Advocates** are men. 50+% are Hispanic, but only 25% of **Advocates** are; they need you

**You** can learn more about how **you** can be a voice for the well-being of a foster child at [casaofthesouthplains.org/volunteer](http://casaofthesouthplains.org/volunteer). Attend a **CASA 101 Informational Session**, contact **Tabitha Mayo-Rendon**, Recruitment Director, at [tabithar@casaofthesouthplains.org](mailto:tabithar@casaofthesouthplains.org), or call (806) 763-2272. *You must commit to a minimum of 18 mos. as a consistent Advocate.*

**They Need Your Help!.....**

**Debby Conn** is Chairperson for our club's "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" celebration! **Dianah Ascencio** is her Vice-Chair, and **Charles Zecek**, former Kiwanis Lt. Governor, is the club's 'Historian'. Door prizes!!

**Please contact Debby or Dianah if you would like to help them with this historic event, coming Wednesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022!**

**Board Meeting 'Mentionings':**

Members who attend meetings but buy, or bring, their own lunches, are entitled to pay just \$15 a month dues. This amount covers our cost of Kiwanis International and Texas/Oklahoma District dues. Members who are not coming due to COVID still need to pay the \$15 dues each month to maintain their membership and good standing. Anyone behind in their dues needs to call Tim or Cindy.

Our website and Flag Order Form is being updated to reflect what organizations, benefitting kids, we are donating our Flag proceeds to. So go on site and see our updated form, and to find out who our hard-earned flag money goes to!

A local nurse, (and former Key Club member!) will be taking pictures at our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Look sharp! Check teeth!

John Paul hopes HEB will fly flags!

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**Bits & Pieces**

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there!

They say every piece of bacon eaten shortens your life by two minutes. I've done the math. Seems I died in 1537.

Mimi told me to grow my own food. I told her I tried, but I couldn't find any bacon seeds!

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I've missed my exit!

**"Happy Birthday" To:**

**James Dugger – 2/1  
Steve Jones – 2/23 \***

**OFFICERS 2021-2022:**

**Tim Upp**, President  
**Jimmy Moore**, President-Elect  
**Deborah Conn**, Vice President  
**Cindy Ham**, Treasurer  
**Paul Rostad**, Secretary  
**John Paul Batrice**, Past Pres.

**Board Members:**

**2020-2022:** David Cook, Richard Lee, Mary Wallace, Charles Zecek

**2021-2023:** Tom Andrews, James Dugger, Reed Hitch, David S. Reid.

**Flag Days for 2022 Calendar:**

**Memorial Day.....** Monday, 5/30  
**Flag Day.....** Tuesday, 6/14  
**Independence Day.** Monday, 7/4  
**Labor Day.....** Monday, 9/5  
**Veterans' Day.....** Friday, 11/11

**TODAY**

**Thurs. Feb 3:** Mark Brown, Director of Field Services, Plains Cotton Growers Assoc.

**ALSO...COMING SOON:**

**Thurs. Feb. 10:** Pete Christy, KCBD Sports Reporter, tentatively!

**Thurs. Feb. 17:** Lisa Gilliland, Executive Director, Lubbock Meals on Wheels

