

## Guest Speaker for June 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Brandi Couch**, College Success Advisor, Talkington School for Young Women, brought us a comprehensive description of what this school is all about! Brandi spent 25 yrs as an educator, and 10 yrs as a college advisor. She said she really wanted to make a difference in motivating young girls to become all they hope to be.

Talkington is a Magnet School for LISD & has 430-440 girls in 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It functions as a 'no fee' private school in a public-school setting. Girls must wear uniforms and conform to dress codes/behavior standards.

Unfortunately, there is a high drop-out rate between 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grades, due to peer pressures to attend regular high school...for boys! Only 11 graduated last May but 100% went on to college. Brandi hopes 14 will graduate this May.

STEM courses are provided as well as a STEM Camp at TTU for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, for just \$25. Courses in Advanced Programs, Digital Art, Robotics, Theater, Fine Arts. Veteran teachers are on staff and Spanish is taught starting 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Athletics: only Middle School competes; HS competes with Home School league.

Brandi emphasized that ALL LISD girls can apply f/Talkington.

June 27, 2024

## Our June Birthdays! WOW!

Reed Hitch – 6/1  
Jill Ramsey – 6/6  
Marjorie Manning – 6/13  
Joel Howard – 6/22  
Paul Rostad – 6/22  
Wayne Kohout – 6/23

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**I obtained 6 more new Kiwanis Safety Vests. If you need one, I have them! Will have Route Sheets & Items 7/4!**  
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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AFP

**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>.**

Volunteer Center: **Christian Curtis** said he would help again, and **Ryver Baynqs** also will help on July 4<sup>th</sup>!

We had 3 Junior League volunteers for Flag Day!

**PLEASE volunteer if you possibly can!**  
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### Flag Route Captain Responsibilities

**CPTS.** contact route members before each flag event and contact **alternate** club members to fill absences. **CPTS.** ensure their Route has a truck/trailer for their flags.

**Wayne Kohout** is the liaison for **route lists, material, tools, vests and complaints!**

**HEB just told us they only want 43 flags!**

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

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

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


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

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

**Route 6:** CPT: Luke Mason-Trk., 2. David Mallard, 3. Mary Hernandez, Altr.: \_\_\_?

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 **Bits & Pieces**

**Lequice** told me she saw these witty sayings on kitchen towels and wall plaques being sold in her sister's store, **Blue Willow**, near Fredericksburg:

'My credit card is starting to feel more like a gift card!'

'Not sure how much is on it, but we'll give it a try!'

'Wicked chickens lay deviled eggs!'

'Never cook bacon naked!'

'**LIFE IS LIKE A CAMERA**'

Focus on what is important,  
Capture the good times,  
Develop from the negatives,  
...and, if things don't work out,  
Take another shot!

'**Being cremated is my last chance for a 'smokin' hot body!**

'People **my** age climbs mountains??'

I'm lucky getting my legs through my underwear without losing my balance!!'

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**PLEASE** bring any historical Kiwanis Stuff to our meetings so it can be placed in our new Kiwanis storeroom for safe keeping & 'posterity'. See **Debby Conn** for explanation of 'Historical!'  
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Lequice Kohout, Treasurer  
Paul Rostad, Secretary  
Debby Conn, Immed. Past Pres.

### BOARD MEMBERS:

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

## TODAY

**Thur. June 27:** FBI Agent, Keith Quigley & Asst. U.S. Atty, Callie Woolam

## ALSO...COMING SOON:

**Thur. July 4<sup>th</sup> – we'll be putting up/taking down our flags! Then we're going to watch the fireworks!!**

**Thur. July 11<sup>th</sup> – July Birthday Celebrations Cake; Committee updates and Board Meeting! BE THERE!!**