

The KIB NEWSLETTER



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KIB EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION



KIB was recently honored at the Keep America Beautiful Conference in Washington, D.C., placing second in the "previously recognized" 200,000+ population category. For the National Affiliate Award, KIB prepared a detailed application which included a narrative of activities over the course of the year and supplemental materials like photos, brochures and fliers. KIB also maintained the President's Circle status, by fulfilling requirements such as performing a Community Appearance Index, sponsoring events in the areas of litter abatement, beautification and waste reduction/recycling, and submitting annual and semi-annual reports to KAB which document volunteer activities and hours and the cost/benefit ratio for the city.

JANUARY RECAP

- Jan 9: KIB staff participated in a KAB Webinar, with the subject of Community Gardens
- Jan 11: First of four shred events in the KIB parking lot.
- Jan 16: Monthly KIB Board Meeting
- Jan 28-31: 60th Anniversary KAB National Conference in Washington, D.C. KIB was represented by Rick Hose and Julie Schmitt.
- KIB Board and staff worked together to prepare applications for Keep Texas Beautiful Awards, including the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) and 3 KTB State Awards. This is the first year we are eligible to win the GCAA since our 2010 award, which brought a \$310,000 TxDOT landscape grant to Irving.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 18 and 19: North Lake College Service Learning Fair. KIB staff and board members will be at the NLC Central Campus from 9:00 to 2:00, answering questions from prospective Service Learning students
- Feb 20: Monthly KIB Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m. at the KIB office
- Feb 22: DCCCD's "United We Serve" day of service for staff and students. KIB's group will be painting two rooms at Northwest Recreation Center.
- March 2: Great American Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. to noon. This will be a waterway cleanup at T.W. Richardson Grove Park, in partnership with Kayak Power and REI. Register online at www.rockthegreen.org, and join KIB and your fellow volunteers on the river!



FROM THE KIB BOARD PRESIDENT:

Scott Wilson reflected on his first year as Board President:

"As we look ahead to 2013 being the best year ever for Keep Irving Beautiful, we also reflect on a very successful 2012. We reached out to new partners and continued to build on relationships with groups from all areas of the community. KIB participated in educational events, cleanups, paint projects and tree plantings throughout the year, resulting in a cleaner, safer and more beautiful city. These efforts were recognized with state and national honors, and our thanks go out to all those who volunteered their time and energy to make that happen."

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