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L Left to Right: KAB representatives Julie Schmitt, Rick Hose and Margie Stipes, KAB President and CEO Matt McKenna, and KIB Board President Scott Wilson at KAB Conference in New Orleans.

KIB RECEIVES HONORS AT KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL'S 58TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

Keep Irving Beautiful was recognized with two awards at the Keep America Beautiful National Conference, held November 30 - December 2 in New Orleans. KIB received the President's Circle Award, the highest level an affiliate can attain, and placed second in the National Affiliate Awards in the 200,000+ population category.

To achieve the President's Circle Award, and affiliate must demonstrate excellence by fulfilling numerous requirements, including performing an annual 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 also include the cost/benefit ratio for the city.

To be considered for a National Affiliate Award, an affiliate must prepare a detailed application which includes a narrative of their activities over the course of the year and supplemental materials such as photos, brochures and fliers. KIB competed in the largest of three population categories and were honored to receive second place this year, after finishing third in 2010.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Nov 30-Dec 2: KIB had four representatives at the Keep America Beautiful Conference in New Orleans. The group enjoyed the educational sessions as well as networking with other affiliates from across the nation. They came back with ideas to make 2012 the best year yet for KIB!
- Dec 6: The annual KIB Holiday Party was held at the home of President Emeritus Sharon Barbosa-Crain.
- Dec 9: Rick Hose and Julie Schmitt attended Austin Middle School's Career Day for their 8th Graders.



Coordinator Rick Hose speaks with Austin M.S. students



FROM THE KIB BOARD PRESIDENT:

Scott Wilson, newly elected Board President, had these thoughts to share: "2011 was a great year for Keep Irving Beautiful. We had many successful events, continued our work with long-time partners and formed new partnerships with businesses, faith groups and schools. This year saw the construction of two new gateway entrance signs and landscaping on the east and west ends of Irving Boulevard, the results of our 2010 First Place Governor's Community Achievement Award. The partnership of KIB, the City of Irving and TXDoT is noted on permanent signs at both locations, and is a reminder of what we can accomplish by working together. On behalf of the board and staff of Keep Irving Beautiful, I thank all of you for your support, and we look forward to another great year in 2012."

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