

The KIB NEWSLETTER



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KIB AND PARTNERS HONORED AT 46TH ANNUAL KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL STATE CONFERENCE



Keep Irving Beautiful was recently honored at the 46th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference, held in San Antonio from June 17 – 20. KIB received second place in the largest population category for the Governor's Community Achievement Award, a partnership with TxDOT and KTB which honors communities with the best grassroots environmental programs in the state. KIB also received the award of Sustained Excellence for the sixth consecutive year and achieved Gold Star Affiliate status. Long-time KIB partner, VHA, Inc., was awarded first place in the Ebby Halliday and Maurice Acers Business and Industry Category for their outstanding work in improving the community environment. The City of Irving Public Works Department received 3rd place in the Government category, and Margie Stipes was recognized with a 3rd place in the O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Category for her lifetime of service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 1 - Keep America Beautiful begins its new fiscal year, which means that we will be working on our KAB annual report. This gives us the opportunity to look back on 2012-2013 and let our national affiliate know about all the things we have accomplished.
- July 4 - KIB office will be closed for the holiday.
- July 12 - The City of Irving's quarterly shredding event, held in the KIB parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 17 - Monthly KIB Board meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- August 12 - Annual Mayor and KIB Proud Partner Awards Reception at the First Baptist Church of Irving. The planning committee has been working hard to make this event the best ever. We have received some outstanding nominations, and will be announcing the winners soon.

JUNE RECAP

- June 6-9: KIB helped the Friends of the Irving Library make their very popular annual book sale a Green Event by providing recycling for the attendees.
- June 18-20: KIB was well represented at the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference in San Antonio, with Rick Hose, Julie Schmitt and Margie Stipes in attendance.
- June 29: KIB partnered with Dallas Telugu Samithi for a cleanup of T.W. Richardson Grove Park. The 35 adult and youth volunteers worked for a combined 105 hours to help make the park more beautiful for others to enjoy. Thanks to all who participated, and welcome to this new partner.

Right: (R to L) Rick Hose, Margie Stipes, KTB Executive Director Cathie Gail, and Julie Schmitt with the Gold Star Award



Left: Members of Dallas Telugu Samithi before the cleanup at TW Richardson Grove

THOUGHTS FROM THE KIB BOARD

This month's contributor is Julie Schmitt :
Rick, Margie and I are back in Irving after attending the Keep Texas Beautiful State Conference. It's always nice to be honored by our state organization for our efforts throughout the year, and we in turn like to nominate our partners so that they can also be recognized for what they do. In addition to receiving the awards, the KTB conference offers us an opportunity to attend educational sessions, share ideas and learn from other affiliates across the state so that we can implement new ideas into our programming."