

# BAYLOR CIRCLE K

*Monthly Newsletter*

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## THREADS OF HOPE

November concludes our fall fundraiser with Threads of Hope. Over the course of the fundraiser, we sold 400 bracelets to the Baylor community! Wow! . p. 02

## STEPPIN' OUT

On November 10th our chapter participated in Fall 2018 Steppin' Out event. We served from 11 am to 3 pm at the Klaras Center. p. 02

## NEW LEADERSHIP

We have two new officers to mention this month! We welcomed Kieran Cunningham and Ethan Arredondo to our leadership team in November. p. 02

## FALL RETREAT

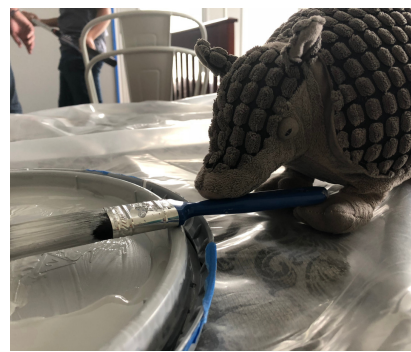
This month, Fall Retreat for the Texas-Oklahoma district of Circle K was hosted in Arlington, Texas from November 2 through November 4. Members from all over the district attended, including some from Baylor Circle K! Hunter Dentino, our Lieutenant Governor was one of those attendees and he wanted to share his experience with the rest of our members! The theme of this years fall retreat was Game of Thrones. Members attended lots of fun events and had the chance to participate in some great service opportunities. We even stole the district mascot, Tequila!

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## #SERVICE STEPPIN' OUT

The Klaras Center will soon open as a Youth Crisis Respite house that will allow youth from ages 13 to 17 to stay for a short period of time. During this time the youth will be able to take a break, recharge, and gain social and emotional skills. This will allow them to return to their homes feeling good. We helped paint two bedrooms, two bedrooms, and kitchen for the Klaras Center. Tequila even got to go and help out at her first ever service event for Texas-Oklahoma Circle K!

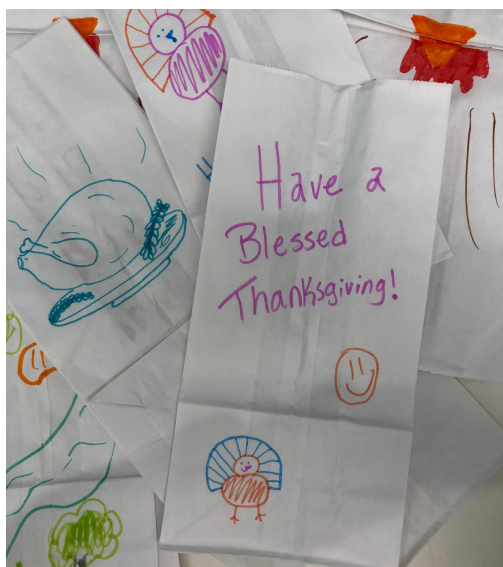


## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our newest members include Sophie Walker, Lex Peterson, and Stephen Chuba! All three are returning members from last year. We are excited to have them back and participating in service events next semester. This brings us to our Fall semester goal of 15 paid members! The executive team chose a goal of ten new members next semester, so start thinking about friends who may be interested in joining. Our goal is to have 25 official members by the end of next semester!

## #FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

For our last general meeting, we held a Thanksgiving potluck. Members were encouraged to bring a dish to share and a friend. We had so much good food including Turkey, Ham, green beans, two different pies, cheesecake, cookies, and macaroni and cheese! We ended the evening by decorating bags to send to Meals on Wheels. We had so much fun celebrating and serving.



## #LEADERSHIP NEW LEADERSHIP

Congrats to Kieran Cunningham, our new vice president for the 2019 Spring semester. Kieran has already been doing a great job serving with the executive board for our chapter since the election. Ethan Arredondo has also accepted the position of Membership Education and Leadership Chair. He will be working closely with Keiran and Morgan next semester to recruit new members and inform new members about the values of Circle K, our chapter, and the Kiwanis family.

## THREADS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER

After sending half of the proceeds back to Threads of Hope, we raised over \$500 for Baylor Circle K! These funds will go back to more service events in the future and promoting great causes around campus. Secretary Joseph Gomez comments on the project, "partnering with Threads of Hope turned out to be a fantastic project all-around. While raising funds for Circle K is important, it was more impactful for the families in the Philippines who made the bracelets. The funds raised will protect them from societal and economic dangers, giving them a chance at a lifestyle that would not have been possible without Threads of Hope. I was thrilled to sell these bracelets to family, friends and the Baylor community. I hope this can be a recurring fundraiser for Baylor Circle K so that we can provide more aid to the families in need."



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jonathan Gatlin

Dear Baylor Circle K,

As this semester comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to our organization. As finals season approaches I would like to wish y'all good luck. This semester has been one of the toughest of my Baylor career, but y'all are what made this semester my best at Baylor yet.

Steppin' Out was a success, and I hope everyone enjoyed painting as much as me. The Kiwanis Club of Waco wanted me to let y'all know that they appreciated our help and were all extremely impressed with our volunteering at their Food for Families event.

I would like to congratulate our Vice President, John Lovell, on graduating this semester and wish him all the best. I am excited to begin working with our incoming Vice President, Kieran Cunningham, and am excited to see what she will do for our organization this coming semester.

Next semester is going to be a blast, and I hope to get to know each and every one of you more. Don't take finals too seriously, just do your best, and remember that you made it to Baylor University in the first place. Have a Merry Christmas!

Sic 'Em Bears!  
Jonathan Gatlin



# FALL RETREAT

by Hunter Dentino

"Fall Retreat was a great time! This was the first Fall Retreat in my four years in Circle K that we have done a large scale service project as one of our primary activities during the event and it was great to see all that we could accomplish when you combined people from each of the clubs. We helped Mission Arlington move and organize an entire shipping container of food for families during thanksgiving. The event was also a great time to see so many of the other people from throughout Texas-Oklahoma. This Fall Retreat was the largest attended Fall Retreat in Texas-Oklahoma history at almost 130 people. We played games, served, ate, and bonded with each other throughout the weekend as we competed to see which team would be able to call themselves champion. I can proudly say that my team took home the gold! I can't wait to see how District Convention turns out in the Spring."

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH: NATE ROWAN

Nate Rowan is a freshman Statistics major from Pheonix, Arizona. When he's home he enjoys playing golf and his missed doing so since coming to Baylor. He is a huge baseball fan and enjoys watching any sport in which Baylor competes. Nate is thinking about pursuing a masters degree in Statistics after graduating. Nate was the president of his high school's Key club, so that drew him to Circle K here at Baylor. Nate loved helping paint during Steppin' Out. Great job, Nate!



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