P. – Civic Opportunities

Civic Clubs and Organizations

The Chandler Lions Club

The Lions Club meets at the Chandler Community Center twice a month and is very active in the community:

- Assist the blind and visually impaired with preventive screenings and eye glasses
- Support the Meals on Wheels and God's Open Hands food bank program to help those in our community unable to help themselves.
- Raise awareness of health care issues, such as diabetes, hearing loss and vision impairment
- Provide disaster relief, including food, supplies and healthcare screenings
- Provide support to local nursing homes and facilities for the mentally and physically disabled.

Lion's activities:

The Chandler Lions Club annually supports numerous local projects with fund-raising and community activities.

- Recognize students in grades 6-12 for good citizenship
- Participation in Pow Wow parade and festival.
- Serve community spaghetti and pancake suppers
- Conduct White Cane collections for blindness prevention.
- Recycle aluminum cans collections year around.
- Recycle used eye glasses for redistribution.
- Provide eyeglasses for local adults who may be in need.
- Support the Lions Club youth camp for physically and mentally challenged children

Red Hats Society

There are (2) chapters of the Red Hats society in Chandler These are over 50 Ladies who spend time helping others and have fun doing it. Many are at a time in life where families are grown and they have time to band together to support the community and fellow Red Hatters.

Underneath the frivolity, they share a bond of affection forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes them.

Chandler Masonic Lodge

Freemasonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization. It is based on the belief that each man can make a difference in the world. There are approximately 5 million Masons worldwide, including 2 million in the United States.

AARP

AARP, formerly the **American Association of Retired Persons**, is a United States-based Organization 1958. According to its mission statement, it is "a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people age 50 and over ... dedicated to enhancing quality of life for all as we age," which "provides a wide range of unique benefits, special products, and services for our members."

Kickapoo Tea Party

Kickapoo Tea Party is a conservative political organization, meets every third Monday night at 7 p.m. at Wildwood Community Center. It is a grass roots group organized to educate and instill an understanding and love for our Constitution ensuring the right to pursue life, liberty and happiness. It has a core values limited government, fiscal responsibility, free markets, U.S. sovereignty, and personal responsibility. Meetings – 3rd Monday night 7pm at Wildewood Community Center.

Chandler Historical Society

The Historical Society meets on the second Monday of each month. The organization is dedicated to the preservation of local history and archiving items of interest at the Chandler Museum.

Kickapoo Literary Society and Book Club

The Book Club meets the first Monday of each month at the library. The reading list is posted on the library website.

Keep Chandler Beautiful

KCB meets every third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Chandler Community Center. One of their major projects is to operate the Recycle Center and assist in unloading your recyclables. These volunteers purchased and put up flags for patriotic holidays and helped with Christmas lighting for the City.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

With 2 chapters- Iota Delta, and Kappa Pi, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is an honorary professional society for women educators. Kappa Pi Chapter was chartered for retired women educators.

The Master Gardeners of Smith County

They are specially trained volunteers who provide horticultural information and help to the citizens of Smith County, working through the Smith County Extension office. After 72 hours of instruction in botany, soil science, entomology, plant pathology, landscape, fruit and vegetable gardening. Master Gardener interns volunteer an equivalent amount of time within a year to further AgriLife Extension's mission of delivering educational programs to the citizens of Smith County. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service – Smith County - 1517 West Front St., Suite 116, Tyler, TX 75702. Telephone 903-590-2980.

The Master Gardeners of Henderson County

The group is an educational and volunteer program offered by the AgriLife Extension of the Texas A&M University System. The program is designed to increase the availability of horticultural information and extend horticultural projects throughout the community. These goals are implemented through the training and employment of local volunteers known as Master Gardeners. Henderson County Master Gardeners, 101 E Tyler, Athens, Texas 75751 903-675-6130 Fax 903-677-7222

West Lake Quilting Club

The club meets on Thursdays at 10:00 at West Lake Baptist Church, 5 miles south of Chandler on FM 315.

Chandler Art Club

Club meets at the Chandler Community center- every Tuesday,

The Quilters' Guild of East Texas (Tyler)

The Guild meets at 9:30 on the second Thursday of each month. The morning meeting is at the South Campus of First Baptist Church. Night meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. at A Nimble Thimble, 1813 Capital Drive #300 Tyler, TX 75703. They sponsor the Azalea Quilt Show held on the third or fourth weekend of March to coincide with Tyler's Annual Azalea & Spring Flower Festival. The event is held at the Harvey Convention Center.

East Texas Embroiderers' Guild (Tyler)

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9:30 AM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4900 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas. The Special Interest group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:30 AM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4900 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas.

Volunteer Opportunities in Chandler:

Chandler Public Library, Chandler Historical Museum, Chandler Volunteer Fire Department, God's Open Hands Food Pantry and Thrift Store, Chandler Nursing Center, Boy Scout Troops, Police Explorer Scouts, Glad-timers – Sing Weekly at the Nursing Home, Breckenridge Village of Tyler – home for mentally challenged adults, Meals on Wheels, Chandler Elementary & Intermediate Schools, local churches, Canton Genealogical Research Center