



## Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club

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**Meeting at  
7:00 a.m. at Rudy's Barbeque**  
We will be on a "hybrid" mode until  
further notice.

**And by Zoom: suspended)**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86584445015>  
passkey: 11111  
**Meeting ID: 8658 444 5015**

**No meetings when schools close  
because of inclement weather**

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**Song: Bill Watson  
Pledges: Bill Johnson  
Prayer: Betty Roberts  
Objects: Jerry Eastup**



Brenda Barrio

**Program 07/17 Rusty Reeves, Health Services at UNT  
Program 07/10: Brenda Barrio, Special Programs at UNT  
Brenda Barrio, UNT Elevar Program**

Thanks to the Elevar Program, intellectually disabled students can attend UNT for four years and receive a certificate, allowing them to get a job in their field of interest.  
Brenda Barrio, assistant vice president for research and innovation, explained the program to our group on July 10. UNT's Elevar has two goals: to get the students a job they want and to teach skills so they can live independently.  
Students in the program range in age from 18 to 28. Currently, 29 students are in Elevar, and there is capacity for 48. All students live in the Legends Hall dorm for their first two years.

They are required to take two regular classes and two Elevar classes a semester. “Our students do all the things that traditional students do,” Barrio said. Assignments are adjusted for the students. For example, if a five-page paper is assigned, Elevar students are allowed to put the information in a PowerPoint presentation.

Elevar students are required to have a job, and those jobs are usually on campus. Barrio said Elevar partners with Denton businesses, such as banks, the Denton Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Denton sports camps and city leagues.

Texas Workforce Commission pays the salaries of the students in Elevar.

According to the website [elevar.unt.edu](http://elevar.unt.edu), ELEVAR stands for Empower, Learn EnVision, Advance and Rise. Elevar means lift, soar and rise in Spanish.

To help the students and parents of the students, Elevar has monthly parent or family meetings and activities.

Barrio said UNT’s Elevar program received national recognition recently by getting an award from the Texas Higher Education Board. Fourteen colleges in Texas have programs for the intellectually disabled, but only three are similar to UNT’s, she said.

Texas A&M was the first university with a program like Elevar, but Barrio said UNT’s program is “the most inclusive,” adding that at A&M intellectually disabled students can only take a few classes.

*Reported by Betty Roberts*

**a. July 25-27 – TX/OK District Convention, Tahlequah, Okla.**

Send program suggestions to: Ken Reedy [kreedy989@gmail.com](mailto:kreedy989@gmail.com) and Betty Roberts [bjrjournal@aol.com](mailto:bjrjournal@aol.com)

Send agenda items to Fritz for inclusion in the Newsletter and to Daniel, [danielclanton.dc@gmail.com](mailto:danielclanton.dc@gmail.com) for posting at the meeting. Deadline is Sunday noon night.

**Guests** 😞 (this may be incomplete)

Members: Anderson, Chrissie & Daniel Clanton, Eastup, Holland, Johnson, McIntyre, Reedy, Roberts, Watson, Wise

***Every member invite a guest***