



its ongoing effort to promote Charitable Bingo, the Texas Lottery Commission is currently developing a toll-free telephone number that allows access to information on bingo halls in Texas. the caller enters the zip code for the area in which they want information and will hear the name, address and telephone number of up to three bingo halls within the specified zip code. In zip codes that have more than three bingo halls the computer will provide the information



sequentially in groups of three. For example, the first caller gets information on three halls, the next caller gets information on the next three and so on until information on all halls within the requested zip code is provided and then the cycle starts over. If there are no bingo halls on the system, within the requested zip code, the caller has the option to reenter the zip code. If the zip code is reentered the computer will search for bingo halls located within a ten-mile radius of the originally requested



zip code. We hope, once the caller obtains the information, they will call the halls for information such as game times, prize payouts, directions, etc., ultimately increasing attendance. The 800 number will be made available to the public on the Lottery's upcoming Bingo scratch-off game and related promotional materials. Once implemented, bingo hall locator information will be updated weekly.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 1-800-BINGO-77 (246-4677).



Bingo Operator Training Programs

We are in the process of finalizing bingo operator training programs to be held throughout the state. The programs will be designed to familiarize bingo operators with the Bingo Enabling Act, Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules, forms, accounting and audit procedures and address any questions bingo operators may have. At right are proposed sites for the operator training programs.

We will announce the training sessions as they are scheduled. If your organization has space available and would like to host a training session please contact us at 1-800-BINGO-77 (246-4677).

- ▶ Dallas/Ft Worth
- ▶ Houston
- ▶ San Antonio
- ▶ Austin
- ▶ Midland/Odessa
- ▶ El Paso
- ▶ Lubbock
- ▶ Amarillo
- ▶ Wichita Falls
- ▶ Abilene
- ▶ Waco/Temple
- ▶ McAllen
- ▶ Corpus Christi
- ▶ Beaumont
- ▶ Tyler

In Remembrance

Elridge Robertson, October 18, 1926 – March 28, 1999

Elridge Robertson, a long-time friend and supporter of Charitable Bingo in Texas died March 28, 1999. The Texas Lottery Commission and the Charitable Bingo Operations Division extends sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Mr. Robertson. He is survived by his wife, Bertezell, 13 children, 31 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Robertson served as a charity representative on the Charitable Bingo Advisory Committee from March 25, 1995 to August 20, 1998. He began his association with Charitable Bingo in Texas in February 1989.

Mr. Robertson founded and operated the Texarkana Courier, established the Texarkana Youth Association, served as executive vice president of the African American Cultural Awareness Society, served as executive vice president of the Texarkana Black Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Texarkana Police Citizen's Advisory Board, and was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In addition, he worked on behalf of many local, state, and national organizations.

The Texas House of Representatives of the 76th Texas Legislature honored the memory of Mr. Robertson on April 28, 1999 with House Resolution 724 and adjourned in his memory.

Original Licenses Issued From November, 1998 Through March, 1999

Organization Name	License Type	Org. Location
Literacy Council of Bowie and Miller Counties, Inc.	Conductor	Texarkana
American Legion Post 639	Conductor	Everman
Amvets Post 45	Conductor	Dallas
VFW 2544 Aux C. L. Bridge Memorial	Conductor	Ft. Worth
American Legion Post 81	Conductor	Duncanville
Historic Brownsville Museum Association	Conductor	Brownsville
VFW Post 4146 Victoria	Conductor	Victoria
Pompeo Coppini Lodge Order Sons of Italy	Conductor	San Antonio
Sav-Baby	Conductor	San Antonio
Jewish Community Council of Corpus Christi	Conductor	Corpus Christi
Taylor 4-H FFA Booster Club	Conductor	Taylor
Victoria Preservation, Inc.	Conductor	Victoria
St. Gerard Catholic High School	Conductor	San Antonio
Holy Cross High School PTC	Conductor	San Antonio
Texas Police Institute	Conductor	Houston
Terra-Genesis of San Antonio	Conductor	San Antonio
Holy Cross High School	Conductor	San Antonio
Whitton Community Center Incorporated	Conductor	Canton
Westfest, Inc.	Conductor	West
Texas Friends of International Fencing	Conductor	Dallas
VFW Post 9171 Van Zandt	Conductor	Canton
Knights of Columbus 3204	Conductor	Ganado
Canton Volunteer Fire Department	Conductor	Canton
Whitton Rural Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.	Conductor	Canton
Park Cities Lions Club	Conductor	Dallas
East Dallas Counseling Center, Inc.	Conductor	Dallas
District #1 Daughters of America State Council	Conductor	Ft. Worth
Elks Lodge 1188 Twilight Temple	Conductor	Ft. Worth
Son of Herman Lodge 174 Anton Wenzel	Conductor	San Antonio
Oddfellows Lodge 64	Conductor	Balch Springs
Knights of Columbus Council 6658	Conductor	Copperas Cove
Voiture Locale No. 1031	Lessor	Killeen
Joel Ingram	Lessor	Cisco
Amvets Post 42 Aux	Lessor	Dallas
Texas Police Institute	Lessor	Houston
Union Star LLC	Lessor	Houston
Hilltop Lakes Community Improvement Assoc.	Lessor	Hilltop Lakes
Hilltop Lakes Lions Club	Lessor	Hilltop Lakes
San Antonio Assn. Of Catholic High Schools	Lessor	San Antonio

Phil Sanderson Appointed Charitable Bingo Operations Assistant Director

Phil Sanderson was recently appointed Assistant Director of the Charitable Bingo Operations Division. He was initially hired April 1994, as the Houston Region Audit Supervisor. In February 1995 he was appointed Audit Coordinator in Austin and was promoted to Senior Audit Manager in January 1998. He worked for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission from January 1981 to March 1994.

Phil was born in Amarillo and grew up in Waco. He graduated from Baylor University in 1979 with a B.B.A. in Quantitative Analysis. Phil is married and has one son and twin daughters. All of his children are active in sports. Phil enjoys attending his children's athletic events, coaching kids, working with youth programs and raising Dachshunds.

When asked what he looks forward to as Assistant Director of Charitable Bingo Phil said, "I look forward to ensuring the integrity and fairness of Charitable Bingo in Texas and to contributing to maintaining Charitable Bingo's status as a significant fund raising activity in Texas."

Texas Charitable Bingo - 1999 First Quarter Statistics

(As of 4-28-99)

1999 First Quarter	
Regular Receipts	\$101,980,253
Electronic Receipts	27,140,294
Instant Receipts	25,566,408
Total Receipts	\$154,686,955
Attendance	7,181,706
Regular/Electronic Prizes	\$ 89,292,500
Instant Prizes	17,774,173
Total Prizes	\$107,066,673
Distributions	\$ 10,583,771

Charitable Bingo Operations Division Celebrates 5 Years With The Texas Lottery Commission

April 1, 1999 marked Charitable Bingo's fifth year with the Texas Lottery Commission. The Bingo Operations Division celebrated with a potluck luncheon and afterwards hosted an open house attended by all divisions of the Lottery. Management and staff donated all food and refreshments. We all look forward to another five years with the Texas Lottery Commission and to making the next five years the best ever for Charitable Bingo in Texas!



Happy Birthdays



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