

ETERNAL THREADS **LINDA EGLE**

Noon, Wednesday, March 11
Abilene Country Club

Linda Egle is the Founder and Director of Eternal Threads. Eternal Threads is dedicated to improving the lives of women and children most at risk of extreme poverty, trafficking and other forms of exploitation by providing sustainable livelihoods through income generating projects. Linda founded Eternal Threads in 2000, after early retirement from a 27 year career with United Airlines. She moved to the Abilene area in 2003. In 2008 Eternal Threads expanded to include projects in Afghanistan, Madagascar, Thailand and Nepal.

Linda will be speaking primarily about the project in Nepal, which is directly preventing the trafficking of Nepali girls into brothels across the Indian border. Linda returned from a trip to Nepal in January and is anxious to share about this project.

CAMP COURAGE **March 4**

President **Russell Berry** presided. **James Shields** led the prayer, **Ken Poynor** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Kirk Hancock** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chris Carnohan** introduced our guests.

Words of Wisdom today: "Don't let the day go by without doing something for somebody else."

Part 1: Mark Young introduced Taylor Hamil recently awarded Youth of the Year for Boys and Girls Club for Abilene. Taylor will travel next to Austin to compete for Youth of the Year for the State of Texas. She shared her story and her passion to help children.



*Nadene Smith, **Russell Berry** and Melissa Wooten*

Taylor grew up in a small town in Vermont. When she was an 8th grader, her family situation took a dramatic change and she had to leave Vermont and was placed in Hendrick Home.

Transitioning into Cooper High School was extremely traumatic. She did not want to go to the Boys and Girls Club but had no choice. Over time she was compelled to volunteer. Now Taylor is in a staff position and coordinates art activities for kids. She uses her gift to help children work through their pain and struggles. She has a desire to work with kids and closed by saying she wanted to help every child to believe in themselves. Taylor's presentation was incredible and touched the hearts of many in the room.

Part 2: Nadine Smith-Camp Courage. Nadine praised Kiwanians for doing something significant for others by changing lives in this community. She shared numerous stories of children and families who had been impacted positively from attending Camp Courage and Club Courage. Camp Courage is a one week program and Club Courage is 6 weeks in length.

Children coming into these programs are dealing with different stages of grief. These are troubled kids often coming from families in desperate situations. The kids can be divided into two groups: 1) Gotta go—Camp serves as seed planters for them; and 2) Wanna be there—Ready for results

The job of this team is to help the kids work through the stages of grief and to provide the tools for success. She praised Kiwanians for our impact, acknowledging **Lynda Forgeson** and her involvement. There is always a need for volunteers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Tony McMillon** and his recent surgery. Pray for **Roy Dent's** wife, Linda, who continues treatment at M.D. Anderson. They also had a car accident last week while traveling for her treatment. Pray for **Bud Coke** and his wife Ruby.

Spiritual Aims Message: "Duty"

As Nadine described the Camp Courage project I could not help being glad that the Kiwanis Club of Abilene had been a founding and continuing support for this project. As she described the 4, 5, and 6 year old children traumatized by death, divorce, and other separations, I could not help hearing the voice of Jesus saying "as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:40) However, other words of Jesus made their way from the back of my mind that caused me to pause; "...Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required;" (Luke 12:48) We set ourselves the task of helping one child at a time and this response requires our time, our energy and our resources.



Sam Curry, candidate for the T-O District Governor-Elect addressed the club. Sam challenged us to "Step Up – One Step" and to keep sharing our story. Taylor Hamel spoke about what the Boys and Girls Club has meant to her.

Ken Poyner led the singing.

BIRTHDAY'S

March 12
March 14
March 14

Kelly Jones
Kimberley Jones
W.R. Hawkin



INTERCLUBS:

Division 35 Council

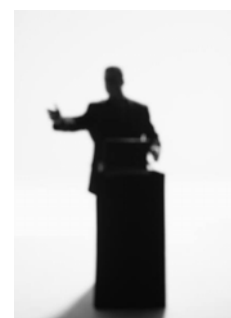
Tuesday, March 3

Russell Berry
Gordon Dowell
Bill Hoogstra
Margaret Hoogstra
Bobbie Wolfe

This brings our total Interclubs for 2008-2009 to 48, with 83 individual club members participating in at least one interclub.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 18 – Pancake Kickoff, Mark Young
March 25 – Henderson Skydiver
April 1 – Dr. Ralph McClesky, Heart Healthy – No Salt Diet
April 8 – Easter, Spiritual Aims
April 15 – Tami Baxter, Pediatric Rehabilitation
April 22 – Rob Sledge, Author



RECENT GUESTS – March 4, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Sam Curry	Bill Hoogstra	Sarah Camp	Mark Young
Joyce Curry	Bill Hoogstra	Melissa Wooten	Club Guest
Taylor Hamel	Club Guest	Lydia Long	Greater Abilene Club
Nadene Smith	Club Guest	Ray Holder	Greater Abilene Club

Cup Money - \$40.25



Brag Basket – \$4.00

NEW MEMBERS

Jud Powell, 11/12/08, Former club President (1988-89)!

Jennifer Kent, 12/3/08, Transfer from Greater Abilene Club

Jimmie Monhollon, 1/28/09, Former member

Kirk Hancock, 1/28/09

Pete Oldham, 3/4/09, Sponsor – **Guinn Smith**

CLUB REMINDERS & NOTES



April 25th is Pancake Day – Only **45** more days!

Background Checks! The few who have not completed a form have received one with their March statement. Are you one of the 19 who have not submitted your form?

Jeff Goodin and **Keith Garner** will present an African Safari program for the Greater Abilene Club on Thursday, March 12th at the Beehive at noon. We encourage our members to attend to ensure an interclub.

It is time for committee reports again. Thank you to those of you who have already sent your reports to **Faye**. **Charles Kirkpatrick** has added the committee report form to our web site - www.abilenekiwanis.org. Select "Forms and Reports" and select "Committee Chair Monthly Report". The report can be completed and faxed to **Faye** at 627-7352, mailed to 1442 Lowden, Abilene, TX 79601 or emailed to Kiwanis@abilenekiwanis.org. **Reports are due Tuesday, March 10th (Board Meeting Day).**

Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing

Goal \$50,000

48 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

Approximate money pledged to date

\$19,200.00

Amount collected to date

\$16,348.12

Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal

\$30,800.00



T-O Governor **Nancy Miller** with Sam Curry and his wife Joyce. **Guinn Smith** introduced **Pete Oldham**, our newest member. Pete is the Branch Manager of ASCO.

Check out our website!
www.abilenekiwanis.org

Charles Kirkpatrick has added a FORMS link on our website. Charles is doing great things by adding the commonly used forms for members' use.



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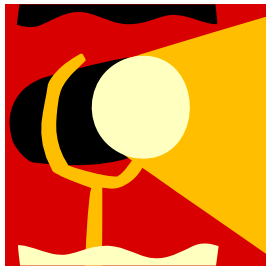
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Welcome

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene serves the children of the world and Abilene.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Proceeds from Kiwanis Club of Abilene events go to more than 50 local organizations benefiting the youth of our community



SPOTLIGHT ON THE "ELECTIONS" COMMITTEE!

The Elections Committee is chaired by **Clinton Nix**. The committee administers the election of officers. They process and count the votes, then report the results to the club. They also function as the counters for other issues that require a club vote. Members include **Gary Bomar, Leonard Brock, Margaret Hoogstra, and J.C. McCurdy**.

2008-2009 OFFICERS

Russell Berry	President	Mark Young	President-Elect
Jamie Breed	Vice-President	Ricki Brown	Treasurer/Foundation Treasurer
Randy Williams	Vice President	Faye Dodson	Secretary
Charles Kirkpatrick	Vice President	Henry McGinty	Assistant Secretary
Carl Lockett	Immediate Past-President		

2008-2009 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS		ONE YEAR	
Ty Purcell	Mac Sipe	Sharon Jones	J.R. Velasco
Shirley Velasco	Kelly Jones	Jerry Carter	John Thomas
Mark Hoover		Lora Lynn Christensen	

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