



Linda Egle

LINDA EGLE **Abilene Country Club, Noon,** **Wednesday, September 7, 2011**

Linda Egle will update us on the work of Eternal Threads, an organization that the Kiwanis Club of Abilene has been supporting.

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.

Eternal Threads establishes sustainable methods of helping women and their families, who live in poverty to increase their income enabling them to educate their children, buy nutritious food and medicine and other basic necessities.

Increased livelihood will also help mitigate the risk of trafficking and exploitation that women and children in extreme poverty face.

The vision for Eternal Threads began with the Sofi tote project in rural villages of south India to provide income to women who were so industrious and hardworking, but also limited to help their families with any additional income except to work in the rice fields once or twice a year during harvest time.

This initial project with 20 women ultimately resulted in employing 250 women full time.

From the beginning this project was envisioned as a model to help women in many parts of the world.

In 2008 this vision became a reality as Eternal Threads added four new projects in Nepal, Thailand, Madagascar and Afghanistan.

Bring a guest to the informative and inspiring program this Wednesday.

PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE

by Lora Lynn Christensen

Thank you Alan Eggleston for an outstanding program. Such a great talent! Who would have imagined that we could hear great opera at a Kiwanis meeting? Our programs offer something for everyone, eventually. It is one of the reasons we can modestly claim we are the greatest club in this or any other universe.

Report on Texas-Oklahoma Convention Cruise

- 255 Kiwanians attended representing 150 clubs.
- Ann Wilkins was elected as Governor-Elect.
- By-laws proposals which passed: background

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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting August 31, 2011

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Prayer.....	Curtis Blackburn
Music	Don Scargall
Piano	Tim Adcock
Guests	John Snapp
Photographs	Charles Kirkpatrick & Russell Berry
Brag Basket by Russell Berry.....	\$4.00
Cup Money	\$59.63

In our prayers

- H.B. Terry, Van Boozer, Don Riddle and LuGene Lewis – Health issues
- Jarrell Young – is home now. Remember to keep Jarrell in your prayers.
- Remember Bill and Ginger Zavatson and health issues for them- Remember Leonard Brock who is at the Oaks at Radford Hills, room 40
- Remember Clarence Presswood
- Remember Ron Carroll’s grandson who is in Afghanistan and as Carl expressed in his prayer, pray for a shield of protection for our families serving to protect our freedom.

Guests

Guest.....	Guest of Member
Diane Martin (See By 3 team leader).....	Glen Hammons
Cassie Torres	Faye Dodson
Bart Craig (new HSU golf coach).....	Jeff Goodin

Meet our new members

New Member.....	Sponsor
Ronnie Laurance	Faye Dodson
John Ruiz	Bill Hoogstra
Roy Cloud	Russell Berry
T-Roy Dodson	Faye Dodson
Christine Curtis-Carr.....	Faye Dodson
Tim Adcock	Lora Lynn Christensen



Alan Eggleston, accompanied by Lora Lynn Christensen, presented a program of operatic arias.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interclubs last Week:

August 30 - Downtown Kiwanis Club: Bill Hoogstra, Glyn Hammons, John Ruiz and Ken Poynor. Ken presented the program on the Kiwanis Medical Fund for Abilene students.

Ramped up

Kelly Jones reported that a Ramp Project was completed 8.27.11. Those working on the new ramp were:

- Dennis Laster
- Curtis Blackwell
- Jerry Carter
- Don Paige
- Kelly Jones
- Randy Williams

This ramp was built for a lady living on North 2nd street who is currently in the hospital and will come home to learn she has an easier entrance into her home. Thanks to Randy Williams for arranging this project and to the team for making a difference in another persons life.

T-O Districtwide recognition

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene was cited with two significant honors during the District convention a week ago.

Our Kiwanigram under editor Doug Williamson received the first place award in the District Bulletin Contest. Weekly contributors to the newsletter include Faye Dodson, Charles Kirkpatrick, Lora Lynn Christensen, Jamie Breed and Randy Williams.

Charles Kirkpatrick the webmaster of our club’s website received the second place plaque in the Website Contest.

In addition, we were awarded an “extension” for our success in the Step-up program for the year.

The awards were presented at the Tx-Ok Convention to President Lora Lynn Christensen who presented the awards to Doug and Charles at the meeting on 8/31/11.

Reaching ‘Distinguished’

Kirk Hancock announced at the last board meeting that the September focus on membership will be 3D. At least 3 members needed by September 30th for “Distinguished” status.

Aktion Club website

The new Aktion Club website is up and running! You can access the site from our homepage at www.volunteeratdads.org, or the direct link is www.dads.state.tx.us/volunteer/aktion.



Bart Craig was the guest of Jeff Goodin.



Dianne Martin was a guest of the club.



Doug Williamson was presented with the 1st Place award in the T-O District newsletter contest.



Cassie Torres was a guest of Faye Dodson.



Jamie Breed introduced the program.



Charles Kirkpatrick was presented the 2nd Place award in the T-O District web site contest.

Presidential Pause continued

checks on District officers and chairmen will now be required; official Kiwanis materials will be sold only by designated Kiwanis groups at future conventions; Ki-Notes going online, with the per member Ki-notes fees going toward helping clubs and districts get web sites up and running.

- A new headquarters for T-O District was purchased by the T-O Foundation, with the district expecting to repay the foundation within five years.
- Thank you Nancy Miller for being the other delegate representing our club.
- Once again, our outstanding club members “stepped up” and did their jobs throughout the year and we were awarded the “Extension Ladder” of success by Governor Sam Curry.
- Congratulations to Charles Kirkpatrick on our Second Place Award for best web site!
- Congratulations to Doug Williamson on our First Place Award for best club newsletter!
- We really do have top-notch communication

through these two media.

Historical Moment

Within 3 years of the founding of Kiwanis in Detroit in late 1915, the Ft Worth Club was begun; 1921 this club sponsored the “Abilene Club”. By 1920 there were 267 clubs and almost 29,000 members nationwide. Because of the growth, districts were formed in 1918.

The plan: Kiwanians would take a special pride in district affairs as well as club and International activities. The Texas-Oklahoma District was formed at that time. The Wisconsin Upper Michigan district undertook a five year project to assess factory dumping pollution and planting living snow fences. The Kiwanians did what the state government had not been able to do. This historical information comes from The Widening Path, An Interpretive Record of Kiwanis, Oren Arnold, 1972 edition. There are 3 copies in our club office. Interested members are welcome to check one out.

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

After 32 yrs. in law enforcement, I have seen much of the depravity of man.

It has been hard to come into an understanding of how God could possibly love the Jeffrey Dahmers, Ted Bundys, David Berkowitz', and Adolf Hitlers of the world.

We often ask, "Is one sin worse than another?" All sin is bad in that it separates us from God.

But the scriptures clearly teach that the consequence of some sins are more severe than others.

The Apostle Paul said that sexual sin was against the temple of the Holy Spirit and that all other sin was outside the body.

Jesus said, "Woe to you teachers, Pharisees, you hypocrites." Let's face it, we live in a fallen world. In

Romans 12:2, Paul says to not be conformed to the world.

Well known writer, Max Lucado said, "Lower your expectations of earth. This isn't Heaven, so don't expect it to be."

Our struggle is in loving the unlovely. And yet this is exactly what Jesus did throughout his ministry.

He loved the sinner but hated the sin. Dahmer, Bundy, Berkowitz, Randy Williams, all sinners and yet Jesus loved us enough to give his life so that we might live.

You want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time"? Love the sinner but hate the sin.

CALENDAR

September 6: New Board Orientation – noon @ Cotton Patch Café

September 13: Division Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ Cotton Patch Restaurant.

Incoming Vice Presidents, this would be a great opportunity for you to attend and learn more about the "bigger picture." All Kiwanians are encouraged to attend, especially new members.

September 14: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club. Kim Vickers, Director of Texas

Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. We also will present our annual First Responders Award.

September 21: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club. Dr. Sandy Hazelip speaks to us on senior citizen health issues.

September 28: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club Final meeting of 2010-2011 year This will be a time of celebration and recognition of accomplishments during the year. Make plans now to bring your spouse or another potential member.

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