

# **K** *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* **KIWANIGRAM**



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## **BIOTECHNOLOGY IN ABILENE**

**Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

Would You Believe It?!!!!.  
.. Biotech in Abilene!!!!

Yes, you better believe it, and you may not know too much about “biotech” because it is “flying under the radar,” but becoming a vital economic booster to the Abilene economy. So.. do you want to know more?

We have invited David Sougstad to visit with us this week. He has been an Abilene citizen for two and a half years, and is the Executive Director of the Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator. It is a business located at 1325 Pine Street and is a cooperative venture of private and public monies.

As its name implies, the Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator is a technology based incubator/accelerator dedicated to life science technologies that came into existence as part of a major initiative to build a vibrant



biotech industry in the region diversifying the economy of Abilene and the West Texas region.

With state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and a service orientation, ALSA is designed to provide support for early stage life sciences companies through a combination of business development services including business incubation/acceleration and strategic planning.

Mr. Sougstad has an extensive background of experience with healthcare organizations as well as experience in the banking and commercial real estate industries.

Prior to joining the ALSA, he served as the President and CEO of Harrington Regional Medical Center in Amarillo for 7 years. He also spent 14 years in administration in academic medicine with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Come to the meeting Wednesday and be amazed, and thankful, at what is happening right here under our noses!!!



## **When time is short, no act is small**

Maternal and neonatal tetanus isn't just a fatal disease—it makes every moment of a baby's short life painful. That pain robs a mother of the chance to provide even the comfort of her touch.

In countries where people lack healthcare education and services, a baby can be infected during birth.

Infection brings a disease that kills within days. That short lifetime is marked by stiffness, difficult breathing and convulsions triggered by the slightest sound or contact.

To eliminate MNT, more than 100 million women and their future

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**‘Walk The Talk’**  
**Weekly Meeting February 22, 2012**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Royce Manning
Music .....	Clinton Nix
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge .....	Zach Briley
Guests .....	Van Boozer
Photography.....	David Jones
Brag Basket.....	\$5.00
Cup Money .....	\$34.14

**In our prayers**

- Guinn Smith’s wife, Janice, had surgery at M.D. Anderson in Houston
- Van Boozer
- Leonard Brock
- James Cassle is at Hendrick
- George Knight’s wife, Joan
- Kirby Leeson
- LuGene Lewis
- Henry McGinty
- Jarrell Young
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Praise for recent rains

**The program**

Price Brock introduced Nancy Estes, Executive Director for Cancer Services Network as the speaker today.

Nancy began her presentation by asking the audience to share some of the warning signs of cancer. A few of those signs were: persistent cough, skin turning yellow, fatigue, fever, unexplained weight loss and a sore that will not heal.

Cancer Services Network covers a 19-county area and serves adults and children, providing resources to cancer patients.

Nancy shared many statistics and communicated some of the services they provide. Not only do they facilitate support groups, other services are to help with prescriptions, transportation, insurance reimbursement, nutritional supplements, medical supplies, and emergency funds.

This small agency assisted more than 400 clients in 2011!

This was certainly an interesting and enlightening program.



**Nancy Miller given special recognition as the first woman member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**So glad you’re a member, Nancy**

President Charles Kirkpatrick recognized Nancy Miller who was the first female to become a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Nancy was honored at the Tx-Ok Mid-Winter Conference, celebrating 25 years of Women in Kiwanis. In addition, Nancy was awarded the Walter Zeller award for her commitment to the Eliminate Project.

**Silent auction items needed**

Bring items or money to weekly meeting. Contact Marty Anderson or Christine Curtis-Carr for additional information.

**Green eggs & volunteers**

Tori Morris with the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council spoke briefly about the upcoming Dr. Seuss Festival scheduled for June 14-17th, 2012. This will be a fantastic event for the City of Abilene.

Lots of volunteers are needed and even though it will occur in June they are seeking volunteers now. Sign up sheets will be on the tables, or you can contact the Abilene Cultural Affairs office at 677-1161.

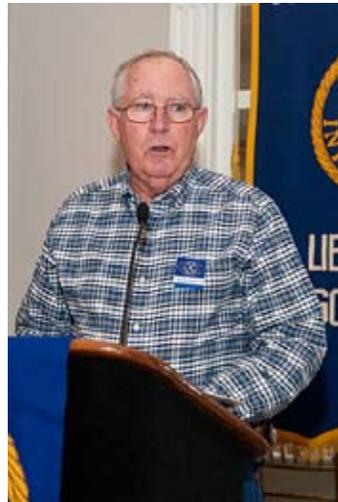
Learn more about this fun event at [www.abilenecac.org/calf](http://www.abilenecac.org/calf).

**Did You Know?**

Cup Money collected from week to week is donated to various youth organizations at the end of the year? Your dollars can stretch a long way and add up to make a big difference.

Brag Basket money is designated for membership growth and development.

# The sights of Kiwanis



Left to right,

**Tori Morris of the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council made a presentation to the club**

**Royce Manning led the opening prayer**

**Roy Dent joins in the singing**

**Nancy Estes presented our program**

**Lynda Fogerson listened intently to Nancy Miller talk about the Eliminate Project**

**Jamie Breed reciting the Pledge of Allegiance**



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### Guests = Potential New Members

President Kirkpatrick announced we would begin a Membership Campaign on March 7th.

We will track guests brought to each meeting and present a "Go Getter" award to the Kiwanian bringing the most guests each month. The Kiwanian bringing the most guests (potential members) for the year will be awarded special recognition at the end of the year celebration.

In addition, a member who sponsors a new member into the club will receive a \$50.00 gift card or if the members prefers, the club will make a \$50.00 donation to a charity of the members choosing.

So Get Ready Everyone! New Members are Needed! More Members equal more hands and feet to serve others! "Just Ask" and "Walk the Talk!"

### Dues increase approved

Those present at the meeting on Feb. 8th unanimously voted to approve the proposed dues increase. New rates effective Mar. 1st are as follows:

Regular Member	\$60.00 per month
Sr. Member	\$25.50 per month
Associate Member	\$25.50 per month
Leave of Absence	\$13.00 per month (no change)
Guest Meal	\$10.00 per meal (no change)

See the Feb. 1st Kiwanigram for additional details regarding this increase.

### Calendar

- Mar. 13: Division Council Meeting
- Mar. 15: Board Meeting
- Apr. 28: PANCAKE DAY - Mark your calendar
- Jun. 27-July 1: KI Convention – New Orleans, Louisiana
- Aug. 8-12: Kiwanis District Convention – Killeen

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babies must be protected. This comes at a cost of roughly \$240 million. Millions have already been committed. But a \$110 million funding gap remains. With The Eliminate Project, our goal is to raise \$110 million by 2015, filling the funding gap and becoming the world's largest single donor.

Our work will make a historic impact. On average, \$1.80 can protect a woman and her future children from this horrific disease. We will save and protect more than 61 million mothers and their future babies.

After all, there are times when something as simple as a mother's touch requires a group effort. The worldwide Kiwanis family has the power to protect that connection.

## History of Kiwanis

The first clubs were organized to promote the exchange of business among the members.

However the members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor.

A lively debate ensued between those who supported community service as the Kiwanis mission and those who supported the exchange of business.

By 1919, the service advocates won the debate.

- Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915.
- In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor.
- By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service.
- Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario.
- Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962 when worldwide expansion was approved.
- Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only organization. But after years of debate and growing support, women's membership was received overwhelmingly.

# Kiwanis is

**A global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time**

# Walk the Talk!

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