

## "Doc" curator of the Dyess Museum Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, May 29th, 2013



In an office that could rival the museum just outside its door, sits a man who has kept the Dyess legacy alive for nearly 15 years. Retired Master Sgt. Richard Warner, who just goes by the name "Doc" to most, has been the curator of the Dyess Museum since the City of Abilene built and donated the base museum in 1997 for the Air Force's 50th anniversary. Doc joined the Air Force in 1973 at the age of 18. He began his career doing heavy maintenance on RC-135s – reconnaissance aircraft – at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. For three years he worked as a maintainer before he was able to get his flying status and became a flying crew chief on VC-135s. That's when the journey around the world began for this airman. "We hauled anyone who needed air transportation – any military VIPs, from inspectors to civic leaders, Congressmen and even Senators," he said. For five years, he traveled all over the world, to 34 different countries and 49 of the 50 states. In 1985, Strategic Air Command was looking for new people to work on the B-1 so he was sent to Dyess under the new B-1 program but he was able to finagle a position as flight chief and flightline production superintendent on KC-135s. In 1990, the United States engaged in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and he left for Turkey on December 26th where he

worked 14 to 16 hour days putting out three combat packages per day. After just 90 days, he returned to Dyess, and the last year before he retired he was called upon to help set up the linear air park which visitors soon flocked to the base to see. One year after he retired, in 1993, the base retired the KC-135s. Six months later, he was hired to be the air park director and a base ops specialist, and in 1997, the base called on Doc to become the curator to set up the artifacts and memorabilia. His love of history and aviation finally came together in the perfect job title when he took over as wing historian in August 2008. "I'm going to be here as long as the Air Force will keep me here," he said. "I want to be here till they roll up the runway."

In honor of Memorial Day, Doc will tell the story of Colonel Dyess, the base's namesake, and his escape from a POC camp after having marched in the Bataan Death March.



**Dr. Christina Wilson**  
presented our program.

**Marty Anderson** was  
named our club's  
Layperson of the Year.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**May 22nd, 2013**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Dennis Laster
Music.....	Jamie Breed
Piano.....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Bill Hoogstra
Guests.....	Royce Manning
Cup Money.....	\$30.01
Brag Money (Marty Anderson).....	\$9.00

**In our prayers**

Our men and women in the military who serve to protect our freedoms.

Remember to pray for graduating students (high school and college) as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Remember Kelly Jones who had surgery on his shoulder recently.

Families from Moore, Ok, Granbury, Cleburne and other areas affected by the recent storms.

Remember in prayer Melvin Martin's mother in law who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Jimmie and Lake Monhollon

Linda, wife of Jud Powell, and Joan, wife of George Knight

Continue to remember: Henry McGinty, Van Booser, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson, Jarrell Young

**Guests**

Students, parents and school administrators from AISD

**Program**

Mark Hoover led our second student recognition event of the year and one that has been carried out for many years by our club. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene was honored to have each student, parent, and school representative there. Each of them is a partner in the education and success of our young people. The job of our schools is to equip students with the tools to function in the adult world.

The honor students recognized have demonstrated they are exceptionally competent in their academic achievements. They have reached the pinnacle of their High School years. It is an achievement they will never forget for the rest of their lives. Mark introduced the school administrators, valedictorians, salutatorians and their parents.



**Foundation scholarships were awarded to four students.**

Abilene ISD

Superintendent: Dr. Heath Burns

Abilene High School

Valedictorian

Meg Patton

Parents: Charles & Amy Patton

Salutatorian

Carolyn Casada

Parents: John & Carrie Casada

Cooper High School

Valedictorian

Liz West

Parents: Steve & Janet West

Salutatorian

Ian Moffatt

Parents: Bryan & Linda Moffatt

Atems

Principal: John Martinez

Valedictorian

Madelline Weidanz

Parent: Jon Weidanz

Salutatorian

Alexandra Weidanz

Parent: Jon Weidanz

Wylie ISD

Assistant Superintendent: Craig Bessent

Wylie High School

Principal: Mitch Davis

Valedictorian

Bethany Dempsey

Parents: Robert & Tracy Dempsey

Salutatorian

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Caleb Perkins  
Parents: Russell & Rebecca Perkins

### Abilene Christian High School

Principal: Mark Coley

Valedictorian

Callie Houston

Parents: Duwain & Carole Houston

Salutatorian

Janey Rampy

Parents: Karen Rampy & Grant Rampy

### Premier High School

Principal: Sue Pond

Valedictorian

Tammie Halfacer

Parents: Jerry & Rebecca Halfacer

Salutatorian

Patricia Blalock

Parents: Terry & Sharon Blalock

We also awarded four \$1,000 Foundation Scholarships to selected applicants who impressed our Foundation Committee.

### **Victoria Cortes - Abilene High School**

Victoria is in the top ten of her class of 437 with a grade-point average of 101.1. She has also been active in the Upward Bound program and Health Occupations Students of America where she was a state qualifier in Dental Terminology. Victoria is a member of the National Honor Society and has been running Track and Cross Country Track throughout high school. She was a four time regional qualifier in Cross Country and a two time regional qualifier in track.

### **Bethany Dempsey - Wylie High School**

Bethany has earned an academic letter all four years of high school for maintaining an average of 94 or higher. She is the valedictorian of the 2013 graduating class with a 99.6 grade-point average.

### **Christine Musonera - Abilene High School**

Miss Musonera has received considerable recognition for her academic accomplishments. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, the Aerospace Education Foundation Academic Society, and the Kitty Hawk Air Society. Christine is active in extracurricular activities, church activities, and is currently the Deputy Corps Commander of the AFJROTC program at Abilene High School.



**Valedictorians and Salutatorians from local high schools were recognized.**

### **Mary Cathryn Walker - Abilene High School**

Mary Cathryn Walker is the daughter of Paul and Kathryn Walker. She is in the top twenty of her graduating class at Abilene High School with a 99.4 grade-point average and plans to attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee where she will major in Music Business.

Charles Kirkpatrick introduced Dr. Christine Wilson as the speaker for the May 22nd meeting. Dr. Wilson expressed congratulations to the students and challenged them to write their own story, live their own story, to tell it effectively and to reinvent their own story as needed. She gave them great words of advice and closed by saying that when she looked out into the group she saw lots of possibility and hope for our future.

President Randy Williams thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting with the following quote:

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I May not remember. Involve me and I'll understand."

Go out and get involved!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAVE THE DATE

Tx-Ok District Convention will be held in Rockwall Tx August 9-11th. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Kiwanians and to learn more about the far reaching efforts of Kiwanis. Check out the Tx-Ok web site for more information at <http://www.txok-kiwanis.org>. You will find lots of great information on this site.

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## 2013-2014 Officer Elections

The nominating committee presented the following to serve as two year board members beginning October 2013:

Cynthia Laster, Gary Poynor, Jerry Carter, John Snapp, Marty Anderson.

There were no other nominations from the floor and the above nominees were elected by acclamation.

### **Your new board for 2013–2014 is as follows:**

President Elect – Jamie Breed

Vice Presidents – Ken Poynor, Kelly Jones, Lew Lewis

### **Two Year Board Members:**

Cynthia Laster, Gary Poynor, Jerry Carter, John Snapp, Marty Anderson

### **One Year Board Members:**

Tim Adcock, Christine Curtis-Carr, Pam McGrew, John Ruiz and Brice West

## Note from Lt. Governor Kelly Jones

As you may already know the 2013 Kiwanis Division 35 prayer breakfast will be held on the 6th of June at Abilene Kiwanis Club member, Bobbie Wolfe's home at 24 Avenida de Silva, just South of Abilene. The program will begin at 7:00 A.M., but please plan to arrive a little early to have breakfast. Division 35 is funding the prayer breakfast so there will be no cost to attendees.

Directions to Bobbie Wolfe's home follow: Proceed on 83/84 south of Abilene Regional Hospital. Take Clark Rd (FM 204) Go one mile to Avenida de Silva, turn to right (south). Bobbie Wolfe's home is 24 Avenida de Silva, the second on the right -- big barn in the back white fence surrounds the property.

## Division 35 News

June 1st is a special day for Division 35. The Division will present a check in the amount of \$12,133.07 to Hendrick Childrens Hospital. Congratulations!

## Layperson of the Year

Kiwanis Club of Abilene Lay Person of the Year was announced by Gordon Dowell, chairman of the Spiritual Aims Committee. Gordon introduced Mary Anderson who joined the Kiwanis Club of Abilene in 2007. She has served on the Kiwanis Club board for 5 years and as Chairman of the Silent Auction Committee for 3 years. Marty is not only involved in her church where she serves as a deacon and on several committees, she is involved with Love and Care Ministries, Noah Project, United Way and many other organizations in Abilene. Congratulations Marty on this well deserved honor!

## News from TX-OK Division

May 20, 2013. A huge EF5 tornado devastates the community of Moore, Ok., leaving hundreds of people homeless. Kiwanis is there to help immediately.

The Texas Oklahoma District has a disaster relief program that provides material relief to people who have lost their homes due to natural disasters. There are many thousands of children affected each year in Texas and Oklahoma due to tornados, floods, wild fires, and other causes. The Moore tornado on Monday, May 20th, destroyed hundreds of homes, businesses and schools leaving families struggling to cope with sudden loss. Kiwanis clubs and community members across the 2 states immediately stepped up to help folks in Moore by packing emergency disaster relief backpacks filled with toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo), medical packs, spare socks, toys, baby wipes, powders, t-shirts, etc. The backpacks are packed according to gender and age groups and will be delivered to the shelters. If you would like to donate to this program, we are collecting checks or credit card donations.

To donate with a credit card, we have set up a PayPal donation button on the Denton Kiwanis Club website here: <http://www.dentonkiwanisclub.org>. You do NOT have to have a paypal account to use your credit card. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and fill in the form online.

If you wish to donate with a check, please send checks to:

"Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis"  
TX-OK Kiwanis District Office  
3010 W. Park Row Dr.  
Suite #100  
Pantego, TX 76013

Why donate through Kiwanis? Because EVERY SINGLE DIME goes to the relief effort. We are all volunteers and we do NOT take any funds for our service efforts.

## Calendar

- June 6th – Division 35 Prayer Breakfast
- June 4th, - Club Satellite Meeting, 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- June 11th - Division Council Meeting, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- June Board Meeting Cancelled
- July 25th - Board Meeting, Thursday Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- August 9-11th TX-OK District Convention – Rockwall, TX

## SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

Our Spiritual Aims Thought last week dealt with priorities in life, a topic I would like to pursue a bit more this week.

After aligning our priorities at the macro level, it behooves us to be as efficient as possible with in managing our time. Yes, everyone has just 24 hours each day! How will we manage our time to be largely consistent with our macro priorities (prayerfully God, Spouse (if married), Children, Job, and Service (including worship and loving our neighbor as self) as mentioned last week). This requires a daily awareness of what's important in our lives...because the demands for our time will be bombarding us from all directions.

A book I have found very useful in this area is Stephens Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. In the book, Covey uses a four quadrant Time Management Matrix (page 151) that I find very useful. It has a vertical and a horizontal axis. On the vertical axis are the descriptors: Important and Not Important. On the horizontal axis are the descriptors: Urgent and Not Urgent. In combination, four quadrants are developed, namely, 1) Important and Urgent, 2) Important but Not Urgent, 3) Urgent but

Not Important and 4) Not Important and Not Urgent. I have found this a useful way to think about keeping priorities in balance.

One useful question may be, "Does this potential activity really contribute to my overall priorities?" And, I would suggest that if one has established positive relationships and good attitudes between spouse, children, boss, co-workers, friends and other significant people...that the juggling and balance will be much easier. For example, a spouse will be more willing to assume all the responsibility for the children and other things while you attend an out-of-town conference for several days IF his/her needs are properly considered and love prevails in the family. Likewise, you may not be able to attend every soccer game, or other activity with each child, but love and balance will help immensely. And, with the most efficient use of you time and your life, you will be able to Love God and Love Neighbor with Service. Most Important, Keep First Things First! Matt 6:33-34 states "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." If we do this, BALANCE will be made easier!

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Faye Dodson - Secretary  
Henry McGinty - Assistant Secretary  
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

### 2012-2013 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Tim Adcock	Marty Anderson
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Pam McGrew	Dennis Laster
John Ruiz	Clinton Nix
Brice West	Don Scargall