



Francine Eikner: The ELIMINATE Project Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 15th



With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. Francine Eikner will inform us of the progress we are making and what still needs to be accomplished.

Francine Eikner joined Kiwanis as a member of the Tyler Kiwanis Club in 1997. The club was in need of a secretary, and Francine stepped up to the challenge. She served as club secretary for the next 12 years, attaining the honor of distinguished secretary in 2008 when the Tyler Kiwanis Club and Rose City Kiwanis Club merged forming the Tyler-Rose City Kiwanis Club. She served as the 2010-2011 Lieutenant Governor of Division 34 of the Texas-Oklahoma District.

She eagerly joined The Eliminate Project campaign team in 2011 as a Multi-Division Coordinator, and in October of 2012 she accepted the opportunity to serve as the Eliminate Project District Coordinator.

Francine and her husband, Erby, who has served as the T-O District treasurer for four years, have been married for 43 years, and they have two children and five grandchildren.

**Every nine minutes, a baby dies from Tetanus in a developing country.
More than 100 million mothers need to be vaccinated to protect themselves and their future babies.
Three \$.60 vaccinations will save a mother, and her baby!**



Cathy Ashby presented the program.

Dennis Laster led the opening prayer.

Rob Allen, Greg Fortson, Jamie Breed and David Jones.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
January 8th, 2014
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....Mark Hoover
 Prayer.....Dennis Laster
 Music.....Randy Williams
 Piano.....Jamie Breed
 Pledge.....Allen Eggleston
 Guests.....David Jones
 Cup Money.....\$32.11

In our prayers

The family of Carl Lockett-Carl's sister, Lula Marie Lockett Royals passed away on January 3rd. Services were held on Saturday January 11th.

Remember to pray for Jud Powell's wife Linda, Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.

Give praise that Karen Snapp's heart surgery went well. Karen is the wife of John Snapp.

Continue to remember: James Shields, Jarrell Young, Van Boozer, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson

Guests

Guest.....Member
 John Thomas..... Club Guest
 Kathy Keane..... Margaret Hoogstra
 Greg Fortson Rob Allen
 Rob Allen (former member-recently resigned to attend culinary school)

Program

Melvin Martin introduced Dr. Cathy Ashby, CEO of the United Way as the speaker on January 8th. Cathy, having served 25 years in education, became the CEO for United Way just 5 months ago and as communicated, she is "hard wired" to serve others. Her presentation was exceptional as she shared the history of the organization whose purpose is to support non-profits in the local community. She communicated United Way helped three new agencies in 2013, CASA, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

In closing, Cathy shared a video from the Alzheimer's Association, one of the organizations who receives United Way funds. The powerful video clip was an interview with Libby Embry who has Alzheimers and who "several in the audience know. Libby related her story and stated it was so important to



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stay social. Her desire is to see a cure on the horizon.

To learn more about the United Way, call 325-677-1841. They are also on Facebook and the website is www.UnitedWayAbilene.org.

President Hoover thanked Cathy for coming and communicated we would make a donation in her honor to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for students.

He closed with the following quote: "With each new day be willing to learn something new. A day without learning something is wasted. Always be open to expanding your mind and your horizon. That's what we are about as Kiwanians. Go out and learn."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Eliminate

Money container at registration desk (\$25.22) has been collected through the money container thus far and other contributions received since October 2013 total \$961.00. Note that sign up forms for automatic payment of monthly contributions are available on each table or at the check in desk. We look forward to hearing from Francine Eikner, T-O District Coordinator for the Eliminate Project on January 15th. President Hoover encouraged everyone to attend to hear this valuable information.

Gumball Report!

Earl Williams presented Gumball funds for November and December. Currently there are 1057

machines in operation. For the month of November 391 machines were read and a check in the amount of \$336.12 was presented. In December, 243 machines were read with \$288.60 coming in from those machines. The new grand total is \$259,835.64! WOW!

Joseph Thomas Foundation

John Snapp, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to John Thomas for the Joseph Thomas Foundation. John accepted the funds and communicated a brief summary of the foundation which began in 2007 to help medically challenged children with much needed supplies to help them function. The foundation was created in honor of John's son, Joseph, who passed away in 2007. Since that time the foundation has given out almost \$30,000.00 in equipment. Every dime that comes in goes to help others. He reported that applications for assistance have doubled and that they are expanding the territory covered. John expressed his sincere appreciation for the help from Kiwanians.

Committee Highlight

Did you know we have ten Kiwanis Club of Abilene members who deliver meals each week for the Meals on Wheels program? For the month of December, this group spent approximately 43 hours delivering meals to 343 adults. Thank you Kiwanians for your faithful service. More help is always needed and appreciated. Contact committee chair, David Batson for additional information.

Volunteers Needed

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center needs volunteers on January 15th and 16th to help with their annual telethon. Contact Don Paige to sign up to help with this important event.

Calendar

- **January 14th— Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill**
- **January 15th - Program – Eliminate Project presented by Francine Eikner, T-O District Coordinator**
- **January 16th – Board Meeting 12:00 noon – Bogie's Sandwich shop**
- **January 29th – Program – C-Span Bus-Be here for a tour!**
- **February 4th – Club Satellite Meeting 6:00pm – Mezamiz Coffee Shop**
- **February 11th— Division Council Meeting at**



Kathy Keane was a guest of Margaret Hoogstra.

6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill

- **February 20th – Board Meeting 12:00 noon – Bogie's Sandwich shop**

Other Important Dates for Division 35 and Kiwanis International:

- **Mid-Winter Conference: February 7-8, 2014 at the DFW Marriot**
- **TX/OK District Convention: August 7-10, 2014 in Midwest City, OK 73140. Their website is: www.heartland2014.com**
- **International Convention 2014: July 17-20, 2014 in Chiaba, Japan**
- **International Convention 2015: June 25-28, 2015 in Indiana.**

This Convention will be the Kiwanis 100th year anniversary!



Jerry Carter loading up at the cobbler bar.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

"The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another."—Romans 14:17-19

Weekly Quote

"One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means."—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Weekly Thought

What does a peacemaker look like?

- Not self-absorbed and insistent on one's own way;
- Generous and happy to share;
- Doesn't hold grudges;
- Not envious of others' success and blessings;
- Doesn't criticize harshly;
- More focused on solutions than problems;
- Self-confident—doesn't get feelings hurt easily;
- Sees the big picture of life, not petty quarrels.

When others see you—and when you look in the mirror—do you see a peacemaker?

Lord, help me to bring peace into all my relationships and all areas of my own life. Amen.

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The time is now.

Make a gift.