

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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Donald R. May, MD, FACS: One Nation Under God Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 22nd



Dr. Donald May from Lubbock will be our guest speaker this week. Dr. May is a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. A member of numerous professional societies including The Retina Society, The Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, Dr. May frequently lectures on terrorism, medical economics, politics, religious issues, and other current topics. He will present to our club a portion of the speech he made in 2007 at the Pachyderm National Convention in Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. May has taught vitreoretinal and ocular trauma surgery throughout the United States, Canada, Japan, China, India, and Western Europe, serving for 25 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the World Eye Foundation. He was a Major in the United States Air Force from 1977-1979 and founded the Retina/Vitreous/Ocular Trauma Service at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio while stationed there, receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Dr. May is a member of the Lubbock Board of Health and also served as President of the Board of the Lubbock International Cultural Center, Inc. (Center for Global Understanding). Dr. May wrote a daily Conservative political column as "Mr. Conservative" and also debated Arnold Loewy, the George Killiam Professor of Law at Texas Tech University School of Law, on issues relating to the US Constitution. The debates appeared every other week as the "It's Debatable" series on the Sunday op-ed page of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Dr. May and his wife Jane reside in Lubbock, Texas and are members of First United Methodist Church there.



Guinn Smith led the opening prayer.



Gary Poynor led the singing.



Nancy Miller introduced our guests.



Lora Lynn Christensen introduced the program.



Francine Eikner presented a program about the Eliminate Project.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

January 15th, 2014

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Guinn Smith
Music.....	Gary Poynor
Piano.....	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Carl Lockett
Guests.....	Nancy Miller
Cup Money.....	\$44.77
Brag Money (Dennis Laster).....	\$2.00

In our prayers

Remember Club Satellite member and wife of Lt. Governor Will Smith, Edith who was hospitalized on Tuesday. At the time of this writing, Edith is still in the hospital but doing better.

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.

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

Guests

From Greater Abilene Club: Gene Linder and Richard Melton

New Club Treasurer

A meeting with Tim Adcock, Ken Poynor, Faye Dodson, and Mark Hoover occurred on December 20th to discuss Tim's willingness to assume the responsibilities of Treasurer due to Ricki Brown's passing and to review the materials recovered from Ricki Brown's home for our Club. Tim enthusiastically agreed to accept the position, if approved by the Board, and began working with the materials to take over. In fact, Tim presented a financial statement during the January Board meeting. At that Board meeting on January 16th at the recommendation of the President, the Board unanimously approved Tim Adcock to be the new Treasurer for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Please congratulate Tim on being our new Club Treasurer!

Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Francine Eikner,

TX-OK District Coordinator for the Eliminate Project as the speaker on January 15th. Francine spoke from her heart as she reminded us that our Kiwanis theme is "Serving the Children of the World". We took on the Eliminate Project as our International Project, partnering with UNICEF in 2010. The goal of \$46 Million worldwide is a huge undertaking. Kiwanis is seeking model clubs and while the Kiwanis Club of Abilene has donated \$5,500 thus far, we have the opportunity to do more. TX-Ok District currently has 39 Model Clubs who have committed to contributing \$750.00 per member to this project over a 5 year period of time. It is about hope for the future and it is about us caring, sharing and giving. Together we can Eliminate Neo-Natal Tetanus.

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!

President Hoover thanked Francine for her service and communicated the board will continue to focus on efforts to support this challenge.

He closed with the following thought:

Theodore Roosevelt once said, it is hard to fail but it is much worse to never have tried to succeed. As Kiwanians we are all about succeeding and today we were challenged in that regard. So Kiwanians let's go out and figure out a way to do so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Opportunity

From Boy Scouts: Since the passing of Mr. McGinty, there is an opening on our charter for an Institutional Head/Charter Organization Representative. Contact Alan Eggleston or President Mark Hoover for additional information.

Get Your Tickets!

Gene Linder from the Greater Abilene Club announced tickets were available for the annual TX-OK District of Kiwanis Raffle for the foundation scholarship program. This is a great thing and amazing to see the quality of students selected to receive the scholarship funds. The prize for the raffle winner is a \$4,000.00 travel voucher to any place you want to go. Tickets are \$20.00 and are also available at the TX-OK Mid-Winter Conference in February.



Gene Linder announced a T-O District fundraiser raffle.

Calendar

- 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 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

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1984

- The 1982-83 club year came to a halt on Sept. 30 with a RON KEENER DAY. Ron was honored by Mayor Elbert Hall, and a slide presentation showing the accomplishments of the club during Ron's administration, presenting him

with a bound volume of the year's Kiwanigrams, a plaque, a \$100 donation to Kiwanis International Foundation in his name and a suit of clothes. Walter Pfeifer was named the Kiwanian of the Year for 1982-83. Marvin Sapaugh, Texas-Oklahoma District Governor officially installed the new Officers and Directors on October 5.

- Len Johnson reported that the Board of Directors had voted to contribute \$5000 to the Clive Pierce Memorial Fund with \$2500 to be paid now and the balance to be paid after the next Pancake Supper.
- The Club sponsored a "Good Turn for Goodwill" where we conducted the first annual material drive for the program. An estimated 5500 bags were picked filled with items to be used.
- The Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation, Inc has been reactivated and applied for an amended Charter through the Secretary of State's office. The original Foundation was established to provide funds for the Minter Park Project in 1974. The Clive Pierce Memorial Fund is being administered by this Foundation with current assets at more than \$9000. A news conference promoting the Foundation was held on Nov. 4.
- The Annual Ladies Night Valentine Banquet was held Feb. 14, 1983 at Briarstone Manor. The program was a special recognition of our ladies with lots of music and drawing of gifts for more than 30 ladies. It was an outstanding social evening enjoyed by more than 251 Kiwanians and guests. Norman Nail honored as Kiwanian of Year 1983-84.
- Chuck Moser, legendary coach and former member of this club came back to be the guest speaker for the Annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper Ticket Sales Kick-off on March 7, 1984. April 10 is the big day. John Dunn is the Pancake Chairman. Norman Nail is the Ticket Sales Chairman. Each member received a packet of 47 tickets (7 green and 40 yellow). Members are to sell their green ones first for Clive and turn in the \$17.50 by March 14, then sell the other 40 for themselves. The second week reports showed \$10,226 had been turned in. Ruth Pierce sold tickets worth \$410. Total sales \$23,152.80. First time ever over \$20,000. Net profit over \$18,000.
- Earl Williams, Gum-ball Chairman, presented a check in the amount of \$293.34 for the month of April.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

*"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."
—Genesis 9:13*

Weekly Quote

"Today you will encounter God's creation. When you see the beauty around you, let each detail remind you to lift your head in praise." —Max Lucado

Weekly Thought

When you have an outdoor event or a big family-reunion picnic planned, a rainy day may feel like a disaster. But most of the time, there are lots of reasons to love rainy days!

- No yard work, and you don't have to clean the car.
- Things like youth soccer games get cancelled, removing them from an already too-busy schedule.

- They make for a great time to stay inside and read a book.
- The grass is going to be thick and green before the onset of summer heat.
- Newly planted flowers need the water.
- They make us appreciate a bright, sunny day even more.
- We might get to see a rainbow—God's own sign that He will never destroy the earth by water again.

Rainy days. They may or may not be your favorite. But here in West Texas, we sure could use some rainy days to replenish our lands. Like all other days, they offer something positive. And since all days are God's days, a blessing can always be found in a storm cloud!

Father, thank You for both rain and sunshine in our lives. We know that we need both experiences. Thank You that Your presence and blessings are found no matter the weather. But could you see your way to allowing us to have some real soon! Amen.

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