

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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E'Lisa Smetana: Executive Director for the Abilene MPO Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 19th



E'Lisa Smetana received her BBA & Master of Public Administration from Angelo State University followed by her Texas Certified Public Manager designation from Texas Tech. She is a graduate of the United Way of the Concho Valley Multicultural Leadership Program and has served on the Texas Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Committee, Concho Valley Crisis Center Board of Directors, the San Angelo Rodeo Association Silver Spur Circuit Committee, and the San Angelo Downtown Lions' Club. From February 2001 to April 2011, E'Lisa was the Transportation Planning Coordinator for San Angelo and the Director of the San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). In April of 2011, she became the Executive Director

for the Abilene MPO. Currently she is an active volunteer with the Expo Center of Taylor County, the Secretary for Keep Abilene Beautiful, active member with the Southwest Rotary Club of Abilene, and a member of the Abilene Local Emergency Planning Committee. Ms. Smetana will explain the role of the MPO and how it provides continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning that benefits our communities in ways that facilitates the efficient and economic movement of people and goods.



Jerry Carter led the opening prayer.



Nancy Miller led the singing.



Lora Lynn Christensen introduced the program.



Elizabeth Ducey Moss presented the program.



Paul Rotenberry was a guest.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 February 12th, 2014
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....Mark Hoover
 Prayer..... Jerry Carter
 Music.....Nancy Miller
 Piano.....Cynthia Laster
 Pledge.....Donald McDonald
 Guests..... Keith Garner
 Cup Money.....\$42.92

In our prayers

Remember to pray for Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.

Continue to remember: Edith Smith, James Shields, Jarrell Young, and Bill Zavatson

Let us be mindful of those who are less fortunate than us.

Remember to pray for our country and our leaders

Guests

Guest.....Member
 Elaine Kirkpatrick.....Charles Kirkpatrick
 Betty HammonsGlyn Hammons
 Paul RotenberryNancy Miller
 Elizabeth and John MossClub
 Bob Hale from Greater Abilene Club

Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Elizabeth Ducey Moss of McMurry University who performed beautiful "Love Songs Throughout the Ages" as the program on February 12th. As Elizabeth began the program she shared that Kiwanis was very dear to her heart. The local Kiwanis Club in her home town in Canada held an annual Kiwanis Music Festival of which she participated. Dr. Ducey Moss serenaded us through the centuries beginning with the 16th century with lovely music. Accompanied by Lora Lynn, she sang love songs in Italian, French, and German then moved to a very lovely presentation of the song "Love", previously sung by late, great Nat King Cole. She closed with "Someone to Watch over Me". From the first song, "Come Again Sweet Love" to the finale, she captivated the audience.

President Mark Hoover said it well as he stated, "That was an awesome program" and thanked Dr.



Div. 35 Lt. Governor Will Smith presented Randy Smith with a Tom Duncan Memorial Plaque for his outstanding contribution to the Eliminate Project.

Ducey Moss for coming. He communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor to help fund scholarships for students.

Closing Thought:

"Let us be grateful for people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." Whether it is singing or it is Kiwanians out in the community, taking care of the needs, be happy in what you do!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Satellite Call for Help

Club Satellite Call for Help: Club Satellite member Michelle Brasher sent an email they are looking for help to make Kiwanis dolls for Hendrick Hospital. Please let Faye know if you are interested.

Tom Duncan Memorial Award

Lt. Governor Will Smith had the distinct honor of presenting the Tom Duncan Memorial award to Immediate Past President Randy Williams. The award was announced at the recent Mid-Winter Conference. Mid-Winter Conference attendees from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene were Lt. Governor Will Smith, Edith Smith and Nancy Miller.

Lt. Governor Smith also announced that the TX-OK District Sophomore of the Year winner was from Tuscola. Her application was submitted by the Greater Abilene Club and will be announced at their club meeting on February 13th.

Calendar

- February 17th— Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- February 27th (tentative) – Board Meeting 12:00 noon – Bogie's Sandwich shop
- March 4th – Club Satellite Meeting 6:00pm – Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- March 11th Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill

Other Important Dates for Division 35 and Kiwanis International:

- 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: 1972

- New officers for 1971-72 were installed by Lt. Gov. Bill Haley of Sweetwater on October 6, 1971. The Gum Ball Project has earned the club over \$25,000 in its 18 years of operation.
- President Vannoy says, "Let's have 200 members at the end of this Kiwanis year." Statistics show that there must be two inductions to realize a net gain of one member.
- Seven couples attended the Kiwanis Education program held at Mack's Cafeteria on November 11.
- Raymond Thomason, Sr. here for many years, has donated to the club a nice lot across from the Boy Scout building at 2334 Jackson Street on November 17, 1971.
- The program on Dec. 1 was to gain insight on what the young first time voters are thinking as to their privileges, opportunities and responsibilities regarding the 18 year olds who will be allowed to vote for the first time. Speaking were Mike Hughes, Cooper High, Johnny Collins, Abilene High, Rodney Dunn, A.C.C., Gus Taylor, McMurry, Nat Haas, H.S.U. They all believed that the 18 year old voter would attempt to vote conscientiously on questions and candidates involved in elections.
- The Support of Churches Committee arranged for a Christmas Season Project on December



Roy Dent serenades Nancy Miller.

16th. for local nursing homes. The first part is for a musical program at all of the homes by groups from local schools. The second involves Kiwanians taking ambulatory residents on a tour of the city to see the homes that are lighted for the season. About 25 Kiwanians with cars picked up 70 nursing home residents and took them through out the city.

- This year a Christmas Banquet was held A.C.C. Campus Center. Because of the late arrival of the speaker, Pres. Vannoy arranged for V.P. Brad Helbert to proceed with the meeting. Reed Ingalsby was the M.C. Legion of Honor Awards were presented to Bert Chapman 5 years, James Cassle and Neil Daniel 25 years. Nib Shaw was recognized as Kiwanian of the year. Bob Hitt, Immediate Past President was given a pair of suitcases. The speaker was Wayne Philpott who made a very humorous presentation. One hundred and eighty seven were in attendance.
- Jim Jennings reported that 3,820 miles were traveled by our club members in three Inter club trips out of town during January.



Betty Hammons was Glyn's guest.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

—Galatians 5:25

Weekly Quote

"God is God. Because He is God, He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will, a will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what He is up to."

—Elisabeth Elliot

Weekly Thought

What goes into living the Christian life? Many traditions of the faith have answered that question with certain emphases and nuances, but three common traits have always been part of the Christian walk: faith, trust, and obedience.

Faith is a belief in the reality of God, the goodness and love of God, and the relationship God desires to have with us. "Now faith is being sure of what we

hope for and certain of what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

Trust is an ongoing expression of faith; it is placing our confidence in God and depending on Him every step of the way. It is our basis for assurance that God is with us in all circumstances of life. "Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him" (Job 13:15).

Obedience is when we acknowledge that Jesus is not only our Savior—but our Lord. It is the full expression of faith, where we trust God so much we submit to His commands, His ways, His will. "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Lord, I want to keep in step with the Spirit. Give me the faith and trust to obey Your commands and will in all my steps. Amen.

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