

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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Sidney Levesque and Lt. Mike Miller Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, March 12th



Sidney Levesque, Director of Marketing for the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, an affiliate of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, will make a presentation about the Children's Art & Literacy Festival coming up in June.

Sidney is a 1999 graduate of Abilene Christian University with a degree in journalism. She spent 10 years at the Abilene Reporter-News as a reporter and later editor. Her freelance writing has appeared in Abilene Scene, Big Country Magazine and Abilene Living magazines. In July 2013, Sidney started work for the Abilene Cultural Council as the marketing director. Her job is to promote the arts in Abilene and the cultural council's many programs.



Lt. Mike Miller with the Abilene Fire Department will talk about the City of Abilene being among one of eighteen communities in Texas that has the best property insurance rates and how the City attained it. Around 90% of insurance companies base their rates through the Insurance Services Office. The nationwide company rates cities across the country based on how accessible and updated their dispatch center, water services, and fire department are. The better the rating, the lower the insurance rates. Come hear how your Fire Department has been working and continues to work toward the best fire safety environment on your behalf.



Guy Lucas led the opening prayer.



Russell Berry led the singing.



Mark Hoover presided over the meeting.



Pancake Day Chair, Jamie Breed, introduced the program.



Kimberley Cole announced the Pancake Day Sales Team Leaders.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
March 5th, 2014
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....Mark Hoover
 Prayer.....Guy Lucas
 Music.....Russell Berry
 Piano.....Lora Lynn Christensen
 Pledge.....Zach Briley
 Guests.....Marty Anderson
 Cup Money.....\$39.00

In our prayers

Nancy Miller had hip replacement surgery on March 3rd and came home on Wednesday. She said she does fine when sitting or lying down, but walking hurts. The recent heart catheterization was in preparation for her hip surgery.

Keith Garner expressed appreciation to Kiwanians for their prayers for his 4-month old grandson, Emlen Garner, who was in ICU with respiratory problems. He is very much improved and out of the hospital now!

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
 Reflect on the love of Jesus.

Guests

Guest.....Member
 Marcus AndersonJamie Breed

Program

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME PANCAKES! President Elect/Pancake Chair Jamie Breed and Kimberley Cole introduced the 66th Annual Pancake Day in style on March 5th!

Jamie gave us lots of historical facts and communicated this was actually the 66th Annual Pancake Day instead of the 65th. It was during her review of Pancake Day history that she found the Pancake Day song re-introduced by Russell Berry.

Kimberley announced team leaders and members were assigned to each group. Our theme this year is Classic Hollywood Productions and team leaders are:
 Lora Lynn Christensen -Gone With the Wind –
 Roy Dent -Casa Blanca –



Amanda Hothan and Key Gantt represented Club Satellite at today's Pancake Day Kickoff.

Christine Curtis- Carr -The Little Rascals-
 Lew Lewis -True Grit -

Sell Tickets! The goal for ticket sells is \$30,000.00 this year. We can do it but it will take everyone doing their part!

It was great to hear from Bill Hoogstra that IHOP will help us this year and will cover the cost of food. This will help tremendously! It was also terrific to see Club Satellite members Amanda Hothan and LaQuiera Gantt.

Marty Anderson communicated the goal for the silent auction is \$13,000.00! She needs your help more than ever! Money and items are welcome! Marty and her committee will be glad to shop for you.

Sell Tickets, Sell the Cause, the Idea, What We Do!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Positions

President Hoover announced the board voted to fill the two vacant positions on the board during the March board meeting. Edith Smith will serve the remaining 1 year vacancy and Ashley Larry will fill the 2 year vacancy. Edith and Ashley are Club Satellite members. Thank you both for your willingness to serve in this important role.

Oldie But Goodie

Russell Berry introduced a song written in 1957 by Kiwanian Joe Smith's wife, sung to the tune of School Days. We will sing this each week to celebrate the annual Pancake Day event:

PANCAKE SONG TUNE – SCHOOL DAYS
 BY Mrs. Joe Smith – 1957
 Pancakes Pancakes
 Good old golden pancakes
 Bacon and syrup and butter too
 Will more than delight each one of you
 Now it is dear old pancake time
 When all the folks will stand in line
 There's music and fun and a real good time
 As we all on pancakes will dine

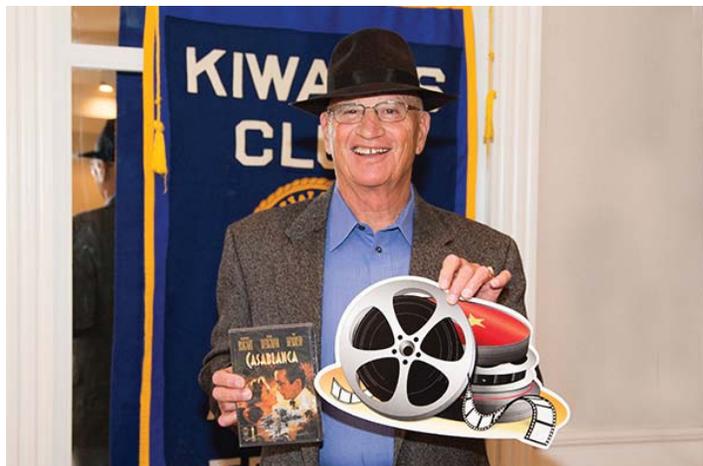
Calendar

- March 11th Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- March 20th – Board Meeting, Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- April 2 – Club Satellite Meeting 6:00pm – Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- April 26th – PANCAKE DAY - 2014

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!



Casa Blanca team leader, Roy "Bogie" Dent.



Little Rascals team leader, Christine "Spanky" Curtis-Carr.



Gone with the Wind team leader, Lora Lynn "Scarlet" Christensen.



True Grit team leader, Marion "The Duke" Lewis.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

—2 Corinthians 9:8

Weekly Quote

"We are never more like God than when we give."

—Charles Swindoll

Weekly Thought

Along with many others, the Litt family suffered lean times during the Great Depression. In order to keep food on the table, Mr. Litt opened a charge account with the neighborhood grocer. Having an unpaid grocery bill pained and worried the proud father.

When she turned sixteen, Kathryn Litt went to work at the five and dime store to help with family expenses. And out of admiration for the many

sacrifices he had made, she also wanted to give her dad a great birthday present, something he hadn't received in several years.

After receiving her first paycheck, she burst through the front door in excitement and handed her father a carefully wrapped present. He couldn't hide his tears when he found inside a neat stack of receipts from the grocery store, all marked "paid in full."

During times of trouble, it's tempting to draw inward in fearful selfishness. But when we react to difficulties with unselfish acts, we make life beautiful—for ourselves and for others, even in the worst of times.

Lord, help me to trust You so much that I am able to give freely to others even in the midst of my own troubles. Amen.

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Walk the Talk!

2013-2014 OFFICERS

Mark Hoover - President
Randy Williams - Immediate Past President
Jamie Breed - President-Elect
Ken Poynor - Vice President
Kelly Jones - Vice President
Marion "Lew" Lewis - Vice President
Tim Adcock - Treasurer
Faye Dodson - Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2013-2014 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Cynthia Laster	Christine Curtis-Carr
Gary Poynor	Pam McGrew
John Snapp	John Ruiz
Marty Anderson	Brice West
Ashley Larry	Edith Smith

From Kiwanis International Foundation:

Skip-a-Meal starts in April and the Kiwanis International Foundation is gearing up for a great month!

This year, we've set a goal of US\$125,000 for our Skip-a-Meal campaign. That's an ambitious goal. Together we can reach it—and make a huge impact on children's lives.

That's why we're asking you to start planning your Skip-a-Meal activities now. Skip your morning coffee, take your lunch to work, eat in instead of out, skip your club meeting lunch—or invite friends over for a dinner and use that opportunity to tell them about Skip-a-Meal and Kiwanis. Then donate the equivalent cost of that meal to our foundation. It's never too early—or too late—to participate.

Join the Kiwanis International Foundation in April by skipping at least one meal. With Skip-a-Meal, you support Kiwanis International's mission of serving the children of the world—by helping to fund grants from our foundation to Kiwanis clubs and districts. It's another way to extend your Kiwanis impact and help change children's lives today.



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