

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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Project Eliminate and Being a Model Club; Mandatory Bylaws Revisions Discussion
Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, May 28th



Join us this Wednesday to hear presentations by our club President, Mark Hoover, as he discusses Project Eliminate and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene being a Model Club in the campaign to stamp out Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) throughout the world. Our club has been given an anonymous \$5,000 grant as seed money to encourage the commitment to this very worthy project. Hear how this grant can be used by the club to meet its model club commitment. Information will be provided on various options members will have to become a part of this effort. Our club has been called upon again to be a leader in showing support for the world-wide goal to eliminate MNT. It was no accident that our Club because of its strong history of involvement with previous projects was singled out to show leadership yet again.

President Hoover will also brief the Club on Kiwanis International's mandated requirement that all clubs adopt new Bylaws. There are required provisions that all clubs must adopt. There are also some optional provisions. Come be prepared to provide your input on the optional ones and be informed as to all the changes so that you can vote on ratification of the new bylaws.



Will Smith led the opening prayer.



Don Paige introduced the guests.



Earl Williams gave a gumball report.



Mark Hoover recognized the Valedictorians and Salutatorians.



Sandra Harper, McMurry University President, gave the keynote address.



Gayla Gill was a guest of Cynthia Laster.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
May 21st, 2014
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....Mark Hoover
 Prayer.....Lt. Governor William A. Smith
 Music.....Charles Kirkpatrick
 Piano.....Jamie Breed
 Pledge.....Cynthia Laster
 Guests..... Don Paige
 Cup Money.....\$47.00

In our prayers

Remember to pray for Price Brock, Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.
 Continue to remember: Edith Smith, Jarrell Young, and Bill Zavatson
 Remember graduating students as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Pray for our first responders.
 Continue to Pray for RAIN.

Guests

Guest..... Member
 Gayla Gill.....Cynthia Laster

Program



The Valedictorians and Salutatorians.

It was exciting to recognize Valedictorians and Salutatorians from each of our local high schools on May 21st. President Mark Hoover assisted by Ken Poynor, recognized each student, their parents and school administrators and presented certificates to the students.

ABILENE HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN – LAURA CHURCHILL
 SALUTATORIAN – HOUSTON MARTINEZ

COOPER HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN – KIMERY HANKINS
 SALUTATORIAN – WYATT THOMPSON

ATEMS

VALEDICTORIAN – BRIANNA BOND
 SALUTATORIAN – CHRISTOPHER BARTLETT

WYLIE HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN – NOOR AL-SAYYAD
 SALUTATORIAN – MARY ENGELKER

ABILENE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN – REUBEN BYRD
 SALUTATORIAN – MADISON PAMPLIN

PREMIER HIGH SCHOOL

VALEDICTORIAN – ABIYGAL HELTON
 SALUTATORIAN – TREVOR DAY



Tanner Swinford, Jessica Weeden, and Victoria Garza were awarded scholarships.

In addition, Foundation Scholarships were presented by Randy Williams to four outstanding students. Recipients of the scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each were:

Victoria Garza - Senior AHS Lives in Abilene – plans to attend McMurry
 Jessica Weeden - Senior ACU- Lives in Monroe, Louisiana - intends on graduate school at ACU
 Tanner Swinford – Sophomore at McMurry, Lives in Oakalla, Tx - intends to transfer to Hardin-Simmons
 Cristina Tovar - Junior at McMurry Lives in Somerset, Tx- Major- Business Education

Randy introduced Dr. Sandra Harper, President of McMurry University, as the speaker. Dr. Harper focused on Choices, Questions and Patterns. As an English major in college, she recalled a Robert Frost poem, "The Road Not Taken". This poem focuses on choices and determining the path to take. Her message was of value to students and each person present. How we make choices today affects our future. What will the impact of those choices be in the short term and more importantly long term? Her example of celebrating her 20th birthday or preparing for an important exam led us to question the choices in life and recognize the long term impact of those choices. Do we have a singleness of purpose that gives focus to our lives that allows us to excel beyond our imaginings? How do we spend our time? Who do we run around with? What are our habits? Habits create character and character is really our destiny. Thus if we want our future to be different from our past, we must change our habits. Habits may make us the best version of ourselves or do they drag us down? She closed with a reminder from another author, Raynor Maria Wilke. "Be patient to all that is unresolved in your heart.... Live the questions in your life now.... Perhaps you will then, gradually without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer".

President Hoover congratulated the students and thanked Dr. Harper for her timely message.

The closing thought for the day: "Yesterday is already a memory, tomorrow is only a vision, but today, well lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope." To the young people in the room who were honored and recognized; Live each and every day well and you will be happy and you will be hopeful all the days of your life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members

John Snapp introduced James Floyd as a new member on May 21st. James is the Music Librarian at Hardin Simmons University, is married to Kelly and has a 17 year old daughter, Erica.



James Floyd was inducted as a new member.



Phit P. Kaikratoke was inducted as a new member.

Bill Hoogstra introduced Phit (P P) Kaikratoke. P P co-manages China Star with her husband and is excited to be a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. She is interested in helping on the Ramp Committee. P P is co-sponsored by Bill Hoogstra and Kelly Jones. Help us welcome James and P P to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene!

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will be held at 6:00 pm on June 3rd, during the Club Satellite Meeting at Mezamiz Coffee Shop. All members are invited to attend, especially new members. This is a great time to learn more about Kiwanis and see a glimpse of the "bigger picture."

New members in 2013-2014 are:

Date Joined	Name
1/22/2014	Greg Fortson
5/21/2014	James M Floyd
2/27/2014	Phit P. Kaikratoke
5/21/2014	Becky Spargo
2/27/2014	Julie Wagner
5/21/2014	Nikesha McHugh
3/20/2014	Annette Collins

Project Eliminate

Continue to support this effort. We will have more information soon on ways you can be involved.

Annual Election results May 21st 2014

Your new officers for 2014-2015 are:

President – Jamie Breed

President Elect – Christine Curtis-Carr

Vice President – Guy Lucas and David Jones

Office of Treasurer – Tim Adcock

Board Members to serve 2 year terms- Charles Ellis, Roy Dent, Keith Garner and Clinton Nix

Gumball Report

Earl Williams (Gumball King Earl) reported there are currently 1,042 machines in operations. He presented a check in the amount of \$350.52 from April readings. The new total to date is \$261,511.08!

Annual Division 35 Prayer Breakfast June 5th, 2014

Make plans to attend this special time as we honor the Division 35 Layperson of the Year. Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe will host this event again this year in their "barn". Directions are as follows:

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.

REAGAN ELEMENTARY

Memorial Day Program at 1:30pm Monday May 26th
All Kiwanians are invited.

CALENDAR

- June 3 – Club Satellite Meeting – Mezamiz Coffee Club, 3909 South 7th, 6:00 pm.
Agenda-New Member Orientation
- June 5 –Division 35 Annual Pray Breakfast – 6:45am Bobbie Wolfe's, 24 Avenida de Silva
- June 10 - Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- June 19 – Board Meeting, Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon

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: 1983

- The new year started off with an Installation Banquet and Ladies Night at Briarstone Manor. Bedford Furr was the presiding officer. Lt. Gov. John Graham a member of South Abilene Club installed the officers and directors. Legion of Honor Awards were presented to 6 Kiwanians and Kirby Leeson was the Kiwanian of the Year honoree. The Kiwanis Club was asked to furnish personnel to handle parking at the LaJet Golf Classic at Fairway Oaks. Mel Coltharp, Henry McGinty and Jerome Vannoy served as Co-Chairmen. They used Henry's travel trailer complete with telephone as headquarters. A total of 90 Kiwanians donated in excess of 750 man hours. We were able to man the parking lot with 3 shifts of Kiwanians for the five day period. The club received \$1546 which was placed in the community service fund.
- Beginning the first of this Kiwanis year the Kiwanigram did not have the advertising section as part of it.
- Beginning Friday, October 29, 1982 the Kiwanis Club of Abilene began volunteer work with Meals on Wheels. The Club has been assigned Route 23 which covers the Northeast and East Abilene. Steve Hughes has volunteered to be the Project Coordinator. Bedford Furr and Jim Jennings are the first to volunteer for this service.
- Jim Jennings, Chairman of the Goodfellow Committee, presented a \$400 check to John Price and David Webb, Abilene Goodfellows Chairmen. It has been the custom for several years for our club to be the first donor to the Goodfellows.
- Sixteen Kiwanians and 6 Kiwaniqueens came and helped write script for the Goodfellows at the First Baptist Church.
- We gave \$1000 for Special Olympics and \$1300 to Girls Home.
- President Ron writes a column in the Kiwanigram in which he comments about the activities of the various committees and Kiwanians. He is recognizing a Kiwanian of the Week in each of his Keener's Komments column.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Weekly Verse

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land."

—Deuteronomy 15:11

Weekly Quote

"We cannot do great things on this earth, only small things with great love."

—Mother Teresa

Weekly Thought

The motto "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime," forms a foundation for the work of many charities and ministries as they strive to help the people they serve grow progressively self-sufficient. So many of the poor in our midst need not just food for today, but encouragement, compassion, and a

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mentor to help them meet their challenges for a brighter tomorrow. So, as we try to follow the Bible's command to look after the poor, it might be a good idea to pray for wisdom about ways we might best help someone move to a new level in life.

There's nothing wrong with giving money. Most service agencies rely on donations. But don't be afraid to get a little dirty, to get creative with your giving. Pick up a few extra groceries for a food pantry while you're at the store. Serve a few hours a week at a homeless shelter. Give your time to mentor a child at risk. Whatever you do, ask God to help you meet the deepest needs of those around you. Truly, be a Kiwanian!

Father, I'm in awe of Your compassion for the poor. Show me how to reach out to others with Your compassion and love. 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 Smth