

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## THE MEMORY MEN CHORUS

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July 9th



The Memory Men Chorus is the oldest choral group in Abilene having been founded in 1948. The group takes its days all the way back to when Mr. V.C. Perini brought the idea back from a business trip in the Chicago area where he heard a similar group perform this unique singing style.

The group is an all-male chorus located in Abilene and they sing both traditional as well as modern 4-part a cappella harmony music. There is hardly any style or type of music that sounds more inspiring or moving than male voices singing in harmony. The group performs traditional, gospel, patriotic and modern harmonies.

Harmony music is one of the few uniquely American art forms. The earliest reports of this style of a cappella

music involved African Americans. The earliest documented quartets all began in barbershops. The first formal men's barbershop style singing organization was formed in 1938. That organization has since changed its name to the Barbershop Harmony Society. Many people sometimes think that the group basically sings only music that was common around the turn of the century. In the beginning that was somewhat true as those songs allowed for 4-part harmony singing. Furthermore, most of those original "performances" were done where men congregated which was at the barbershop. However within the last twenty years, the organization has moved in other directions and performs all styles of music that lends itself to 4-part harmony in a cappella style.

The group has taken on several ventures over the years to raise money for its non-profit efforts. The group currently offers a singing Valentine every year on Valentine's Day. A quartet will sing a love song to that very special valentine of your request. Also the group is offering to "Christmas Carol" that special Christmas party during the festive season.

The group has been very popular in performing the National Anthem for the Cooper High boys' basketball home district games for the last two years. This event was so popular that the group has also performed the National Anthem for the Abilene High boys' baseball team home district games. The group has also been asked to perform at one of the football games located at P. E. Shotwell stadium this coming fall. The group has performed for the Chamber of Commerce, Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, Buffalo Gap Historical Village, at Dyess Air Force base functions as well as at the Expo Center.

The local group has gentlemen that come from as far away as Stamford to perform with the group. The group is constantly looking to find other men that would love to sing with the group in a cappella style. The group is under the direction of Mr. Sam Carter and gets together usually every Tuesday evening at about 7 pm. The group generally gathers to rehearse their music in the education building at Calvary Baptist church located at N. 12th and Minter Lane.



**Bobbie Wolfe led the singing.**



**Kristen Carnohan led the opening prayer.**



**John Ruiz welcomed our guests.**



**Melvin Martin introduced the Program.**



**Dr. Paul Piersall presented the program.**



**Nate Johnson was a guest of Bill Hoogstra.**

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**July 2nd, 2014**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Kristen Carnohan
Music.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano.....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Ronny Mason
Guests.....	John Ruiz
Cup Money.....	\$40.38
Brag Money(Lew Lewis).....	\$13.00

**In our prayers**

Remember to pray for the Fred Ewing family. Fred passed away this past week. Also remember those dealing with the aftermath of the hail storm that occurred on June 12th.

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

Keep David Jones Mother-in-law in your prayers.

Remember to pray for Faye Dodson and her family as they deal with some care issues for Faye's mother. Pray for the Kiwanis Club of Comanche and the loss of their leader, Dr. Russell Reynolds, in a terrible fireworks explosion that also injured other Kiwanis members. The Kiwanis Club of Comanche has been the proud sponsor of the annual event for many years.

**Guests**

Guest.....	Member
Shawna Hutchins.....	Club
Paul and Mariam Piersall.....	Club
Lori Thornton .....	Ronny Mason
Megan Tolle .....	Donna King
Mary Ann Martin.....	Melvin Martin
Nate Johnson.....	Bill Hoogstra

Visiting from Greater Abilene Club:

James Estes, Joe Scraggs, George Woodfin and Roma Howard

**Program**

Melvin Martin introduced Dr. Paul Piersall as the speaker on July 2nd. Dr. Piersall began the patriotic program with a stirring rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". He shared the Preamble to the Constitution and the Preamble to the Declaration



**Megan Tolle was a guest of Donna King.**

of Independence communicating that while we may be familiar with the words, we may know little about the signers. We learned Benjamin Franklin was the oldest signer and 18 were under the age of forty, three even in their twenties. These men were "movers and shakers" of the time who were actively engaged in their countries business. They were thoughtful men who were concerned about the welfare of others, and actively engaged in their countries business. There were two of the signers who became presidents, seven state governors, several who became senators, one who died serving as Vice-President of the United States, and one who founded the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. One signor was a poet and musician. This document had deep meaning for them for their future. A reality that followed was hardship. Dr. Piersall shared information about those hardships helping listeners grasp the reality of their lives and the sacrifices made. They proved, by their every deed, that they made no idle boast when they composed the closing statement: "And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor". He closed by leading the group in singing "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America".

President Mark Hoover thanked Dr. Piersall for the outstanding program and communicated we would make a donation in his honor to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for students.

The closing thought for the day was from Winston Churchill: "Excellence is caring more than others think is wise; risking more than others think is safe; dreaming more than others think is practical, and

expecting more than others think is possible." Just as our forefathers 238 years ago, cared, risked, dreamed and expected a better life, and a better way; so also do we as Kiwanians today emulate many of those same traits as we work to change the world one community and one child at a time. Go out and be Kiwanians.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Project Eliminate

Project Eliminate – Forms are available to commit to the Model Club goal. Let's get those pledges in and seriously work on meeting that goal.

### State 4-H Horse Show

State 4-H Horse Show is scheduled for July 20-26th and your help is needed. Volunteer on-line at <http://taylor.agrilife.org/> where you will find a link to the State 4-H Horse Show Volunteer site. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the upcoming Wednesday meetings. Contact Donald McDonald, Robert Pritz, or Royce Manning for more information.

### Congratulations

President Mark Hoover presented a Governors Sponsorship pin to Lt. Governor William A Smith for sponsoring new member, Nikesha McHugh.

### Information Online

Club Directory and Membership List are available online. The documents are password protected. Contact Faye Dodson, Mark Hoover or Charles Kirkpatrick if you have trouble logging in.



### Pancake Dollars

John Snapp presented \$100.00 to Shawna Higgins for "A World for Children". Shawna shared that the non-profit child placement agency licenses foster parents and assists with adoptions. The funds



Marian Piersall and Maryann Martin were guests.

received will be used to help teens attend summer camp.

## CALENDAR

- July 8th – Club Satellite Meeting combined with the Division 35 Council Meeting at 6:00pm to 8:00pm - Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Clinton – Come and Go Cook Out – Bring salad or dessert and come join the fun!
- July 17 – 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](http://www.heartland2014.com)  
Club Delegates will be Mark Hoover, Jamie Breed and Christine Curtis-Carr  
All Kiwanians are encouraged to attend.
- 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!

## SUCCESS!

The World Health Organization conducted a validation survey in Madagascar, and the results show the country has eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). More newborns and mothers' lives are now free from the anguish of tetanus.

"It gives me much joy knowing the families I met while in Madagascar will not have to suffer the terrible fate of MNT," says Gunter Gasser, Kiwanis International President.



"I speak often about a little Malagasy girl in pink pants that I met during November's journey to Madagascar. She giggled the entire time we played a clapping game together," adds Gunter. "Her mother went to great lengths to make sure the little girl was protected from tetanus. I have much pride in the work of Kiwanis International knowing that girl will not have to watch family members or friends deal with the sadness and grief caused by MNT."

Since 1999, UNICEF and its partners have eliminated the disease in 35 countries, including Laos, Sierra Leone, Gabon, Cote d'Ivoire, Iraq, Cameroon and China. While this is great progress, 24 countries and millions of lives are still at risk.

"Thank you, Kiwanis, for continuing your extraordinary commitment to the mothers, babies and families served by The Eliminate Project," says Caryl M. Stern, President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. "Progress is made possible by the passion and purpose you bring every day to this incredible project."

With The Eliminate Project, we're part of the final push to eliminate MNT off the face of the Earth. That will require US\$110 million, along with the participation of every Kiwanis family member and the continuing work of UNICEF. Gifts from you and your club provide much-needed funds to protect the connection between mothers and babies.

"Thanks to your hard work, we will continue this momentum and ensure no mother anywhere has to worry about losing her baby to tetanus," says Gunter. "I am confident we will fulfill our pledge to UNICEF by the time we celebrate our 100th anniversary in Indianapolis next June."

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1974

- The new officers for 1973-74 were installed by Lt. Gov Frank Reeves who presented Mrs Fogle and Mrs. Boozer with half dozen carnations. Lt.

Gov. Reeves is a member of Greater Abilene Club. New College Professors Day was again another highlight when the club welcomed these new citizens to the city.

- Work on the new Club in Anson is progressing with many Kiwanians working going there to meetings. Thirty five Kiwanians and wives went to the Anson Charter Night Banquet on Jan. 18 held at the 66 Sirloin Cafe.
- The Board voted to raise the dues from \$11.00 to \$12.50 per month effective November 1, 1973. This was necessary because of the increase in meal costs at the Windsor Hotel. The Hotel has agreed to serve lunch buffet style for a 3 week trial basis. On Dec. 1 it was decided to continue buffet indefinitely.
- Again, D. C. Musick, Fire Chief, has polished the Kiwanis Gong.
- Meeting on November 7th was held at lobby of the Civic Center where Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby was the speaker.
- Jack Shields, with the Highway Patrol Division, Department of Public Safety became the club's 200th member. He was inducted by Jim Jennings. This is the first time the Club's membership has reached this goal.
- December 11, 7 o'clock, A.C.C. Student Center, Annual Ladies Night Banquet. Brad Helbert, M.C., 44 new members introduced, Legion of Honor were presented, and Bob Hitt was named as the Kiwanian of the Year. A great evening was enjoyed by 205 Kiwanians and guests.
- Kiwanians serving on the West Texas Fair Board are: Sam Hill, President; Bob Hitt, Imm. Past Pres; Charlie Orren, Treasurer; Van Boozer, Bert Chapman, Roy Coffman, Glenn Beard, J. B. Jordan, Jr., Bynam Myers, George Ervin, and Nib Shaw.
- The Kiwanis Club of Abilene is involved in the sponsoring a new club in San Pablo City, Philippines. This project is handled through the International Relations Committee and Kiwanis International. Our club paid \$145 for new club's banner, gong, gavel, secretary's kit, and a set of international flags.
- Chuck Moser Day was a glad and sad day at the regular meeting. Chuck was recognized for the outstanding leadership he has given to Abilene and to the Club. He was honored as we are bidding him Farewell as he moves to A & M at Bryan-College Station.
- Roy Coffman, Pancake Supper Ticket Sales Chairman, kicked off the Pancake Supper activity on Mar. 6.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

### Weekly Verse

*"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."*  
—Jeremiah 33:3

### Weekly Quote

*"Surrender your mind to the Lord at the beginning of each day."*  
—Warren Wiersbe

### Weekly Thought

Waiting upon God is necessary in order to see Him, to have a vision of Him. The time element in vision is essential. Our hearts are like a sensitive

*By Mark Hoover*

photographer's plate; and in order to have God revealed there, we must sit at His feet a long time. The troubled surface of a lake will not reflect an object.

Our lives must be quiet and restful if we would see God. There is power in the sight of some things to affect one's life. A quiet sunset will bring peace to a troubled heart. Thus the vision of God always transforms human life.

Lord, teach me to be still before You and listen for Your voice. 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

Kiwanis Club-

Thank you so much for awarding me your ag Scholarship! It will help tremendously with the cost of tuition next year. Thanks for your support of 4H and FFA and for your generosity. I am so excited to attend college this fall, and this award means a lot to me.

-Liddy  
McBride